

# **SDG #6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**



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# REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

- ❖ Liberia shares boundaries with Sierra Leone in the West, Guinea in the North, Ivory Coast in the North/East and the Atlantic Ocean in the South;
- ❖ Liberia is a country blessed with waters from many sources (rivers, creeks, lakes, lagoons, ocean, and rain);
- ❖ Oldest Republic on the continent OF MAMA AFRICA;
- ❖ Estimated 2018 population is 4.85 million people;
- ❖ 85.5% of the population are Christians (2008 census);
- ❖ UMC is an active participant in the life of the nation;
- ❖ Women in particular are the touch bearers of ministry;
- ❖ Our presentation Clean Water & Sanitation will be done through Worship, Relationship, and Social Actions.

## WORSHIP

**JOHN 4: 13 – 14:** Jesus answered, everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give her will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give her will become in her a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

**What is Water?** Water is **LIFE**. It alleviates heat, quenches thirst, refreshes and revives the spirits for a while.

**What is Living Water?** Living water is **Eternal Life given only by Jesus Christ**. It gives spiritual rejuvenation that last for **all eternity**.

Our response to the Living Water determines our response to our community. Please join me and let us together pray for the Living Water from God that we will thirst no more.

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# RELATIONSHIP

- ❖ Firestone is the oldest company doing business in the Republic of Liberia (Since 1926);
- ❖ Major rivers and streams in Liberia are being polluted by Firestone;
- ❖ Villagers drink from the polluted waters and are suffering from skin diseases and other illnesses;
- ❖ United Methodist Women visited one of the affected villages to verify the situation; this is what we discovered:





PASTOR ROSE FARHAT INSPECTS THE POLLUTED ENVIRONMENT AND SPOKE WITH PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE

# CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH CHEMICAL WASTES FROM FIRESTONE COMPANY FLOW INTO RIVERS & STREAMS IN LIBERIA







THE EXTENT OF POLLUTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT



# POLLUTED RIVER







DAMAGED TREES DUE TO THE EFFECT OF THE POLLUTION FROM FIRESTONE













# SOCIAL ACTIONS



UMC COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES HAND PUMPS TO COMMUNITY



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UBUNTU JOURNEY TO DIECKE, GUINEA – A DAY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – CLEANING THE ENVIRONMENT.**



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CONSTRUCTED A WATER TOWER TO PROVIDE CLEAN WATER FOR CHILDREN IN THE DAY CARE**

# Our Christian Responsibilities

## WAY FORWARD

### PUT OUR FAITH IN ACTION BY DOING:

- Community education and sensitization focus on clean water and sanitation within communities;
- Advocacy to local & national government on the need to address water issues in communities;
- Clean up campaigns and community services/Ubuntu
- Radio talk shows to increase local and national awareness;
- Raising awareness among women at local, district & conference levels on clean water & sanitation issues.
- Mobilize resources & partner with NGOs to provide water reservoirs in targeted communities and support clean water and sanitation for communities.



THANK YOU VERY  
MUCH!