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Subject: National President's 2012 New Year Message!

Dear Efik Community,

Afi and I wish each of you and your families a warm and safe Happy New Year, 2012. My appeal to everyone is to celebrate this New Year with a renewed spirit of optimism and grace in elevating our community in Diaspora.

This Year's calendar promises to be loaded with activities, and I will inform all of you as we go through the course of the year.

The 2012 National Convention in the DC Metro Area in July has achieved its first milestone. We have signed a contract with the **Hilton, Washington, DC/ Rockville, MD Executive Meeting Center** as the hosting hotel for the National Convention. This hotel will be the primary site for all the activities of the convention. Our National Secretary, Ette Essesien Offiong will provide the details for your hotel reservations in the coming days.

Since this is also an election year, the By-Laws mandate me to setup an Election Committee six months before the national convention. This committee will have to be ratified by the National Executive and will be in place by February 1, 2012.

Those active ENA members that are in good financial standing with their dues payments and interested in running for a national office, please be advised that there will be only two contested offices, which includes the office of the National President and that of the National Treasurer.

Finally, I am very humbled to announce that on December 24, 2011, **His Eminence, Edidem Ekpo Okon Abasi Otu V**, The Obong of Calabar and the Etuboms in Council conferred four Chieftaincy Titles of “**Ada Idaha Ke Efik Eburutu**” on Dr. & Prof. (Mrs.) Chris Effiong, Dr. Anne Edet Wagner and myself. Please, join me in congratulating each of our newest Chiefs in the Efik Kingdom. Our remaining two conferees will schedule their ceremonies when it is convenient to do so in the future. Happy New Year once again and may God bless all our families with good health and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Chief (Prince) Paul O. Basse-Duke  
National President, ENA