

PROPOSED REVISION OF THE ESTIMATES FOR THE REBUILDING OF SAINT AGNES
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BOLAHUN, LIBERIA 03.02.22

In 2019, the Project Committee of BWW submitted a proposal for the rebuilding of the Saint Agnes Elementary School in Bolahun, Liberia. In particular, the proposal recommended that instead of undertaking to rebuild Saint Agnes Elementary School anew, the focus should be to reinforce and strengthen the structural integrity of the current dilapidated walls. Estimates ranging from \$23,000 to \$72,000 were obtained from independent contractors for this purpose. At the time, it was assumed that with the availability of funds and barring any unforeseen circumstances, the time frame for the project completion would be 2022. This, however, is now an unrealistic proposition as BWW was unable to raise the necessary funds due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019, there was a lull in BWW's activities, which in effect halted all fundraising efforts and implementation of projects.

As the devastating effects of the pandemic is gradually easing to give way to normalcy, current assessment of the revised estimates indicates that it is no longer feasible and realistic to follow through with the previous plan. The builders have advised that the structural integrity of the current walls is no longer viable and sustainable, and may require considerable cost overrun for their reinforcement. It is against this background that the BWW Project Committee is recommending and proposing that we revert to the erstwhile estimates of \$312,321.30 (see attached estimates) to rebuild Saint Agnes Elementary School using the original designs approved during the BWW Convention in 2016.

It is further proposed that the implementation of the project be approached in stages; i. digging backfilling, block laying of foundation and casting of foundation trench and columns (\$44,652); ii. Casting of 4-inch concrete floor slab (\$41,292.50); iii. Super structure wall construction and concrete works columns (\$36,156.50); iv. Roof framing, sheeting & ceiling works (\$43,230); v. installation of doors & Colombo as window & plumbing works (\$24,873); vi. electrical fixture, generator house, tile laying, floor screening and painting works (\$25,200). It should be noted that for each stage or phase of the work to be done, the contractor is requesting 25% of material cost as his workmanship. To the extent possible and at every opportunity, the Project Committee will employ strategies to minimize the cost associated with the construction of the School. This will

include, but not limited to employing the services of the people of Bolahun who are ultimately the beneficiaries of the project.