



CITY OF COLUMBIA

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City welcomes the first and only woman elected as President in Africa

President of Liberia to visit Columbia as speaker for Investiture Celebration for Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.

Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr., will be invested as President of the Council of Bishops of the Global African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Council of Bishops and General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will convene in Columbia SC to celebrate the Investiture of the Right Reverend David R. Daniels, Jr., first elected and consecrated Bishop from West Africa born in Liberia, as President of the Council of Bishops. The honored speaker for the Investiture Celebration is Her Excellency Madame Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, first and only female President on the continent of Africa, President of the Republic of Liberia, West Africa.

“We are honored to host President Sirleaf and the African Methodist Episcopal Church Council of Bishops on this wonderful occasion,” Mayor Steve Benjamin said. “I look forward to personally welcoming her and all those in attendance as we celebrate this exciting new chapter in the AME Church’s proud history together.”

Bishop Daniels chose Columbia SC for this celebration due to his roots established in 1978 while attending Allen University then later, the Lutheran Theological Seminary. Bishop Daniels pastored Turner Memorial AME Church in West Columbia and other churches in the state before returning to Liberia to pastor Eliza Turner AME Church. Bishop and Mrs. Irene Moifoi Daniels maintain a home in Columbia where their children attend school.

The Investiture Banquet Celebration will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, located at 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC, on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM. This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at the Township Auditorium box office.

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