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2016 International Peace Award Recipient

We are pleased to announce Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee (pronounced *beau we*) as the 2016 Community of Christ International Peace Award recipient. Ms. Gbowee will receive the award during World Conference at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2016, in the Auditorium Conference Chamber in Independence, Missouri. This service of “Celebrating Peace” also will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Children’s Peace Pavilion. Please join the award presentation and keynote address in person or by live webcast (www.CofChrist.org).

Ms. Gbowee is the founder and president of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa. Among her many accomplishments, she is the 2011 Nobel Peace laureate for her leadership of the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace. This nonviolent movement joined Christian and Muslim women, empowering them to speak against the war and join in prayer and public protest. Their actions played a pivotal role in ending the civil war in Liberia in 2003.

Learn more about Leymah Gbowee:

- www.leymahgbowee.com
- *Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer, and Sex Changed a Nation at War*, A Memoir by Leymah Gbowee and Carol Mithers, (Beast Books: New York, 2011)
- *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, the 2008 award-winning documentary features a group of brave and visionary women who demanded peace for Liberia (www.forkfilms.net/pray-the-devil-back-to-hell)
- www.ted.com/speakers/leymah_gbowee
- www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2011/gbowee-facts.html

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