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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce on behalf of the Gathering Committee that our 2008 Gathering will be held at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, on Thursday, June 19 through Sunday, June 22, 2008. Our theme is "Africa: Our Homecoming," which reflects our plans to return to our ancestral homeland and to hold the Gathering in Ghana by 2010.

We have scheduled time on our agenda to hear from a native of Ghana and others who have studied the culture or have experienced Ghana through numerous visits. They will help us learn more about the country in preparation for our trip. The agenda also includes time for thorough discussions leading to decisions on the specifics of when we shall go and how to plan and coordinate with Hill House Meeting in Accra, Ghana.

This is a very exciting time in the life of the Fellowship and we invite all who have been associated with us over the nearly two decades to join us in Atlanta as we plan for this very special gathering. Please note on the registration form that early registration ends June 2, 2008. All persons attending the gathering must be registered.

Also note that although our meetings will be held at Morehouse College, we will not be housed there. Each person must make his/her own individual hotel reservations at the Baymont Inn. (See the registration form). We have asked the hotel to set aside a bank of two dozen double rooms for us at a discounted rate of \$ 99 plus 15% tax per room per night. You must make your reservation before June 2, 2008, in order to be guaranteed a room at Baymont Inn.

If you are traveling by air, shuttle service to the Baymont Inn is available for \$ 16.50 per person from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport (phone – 770/603-1510). Taxi fare is about \$ 32.

The Gathering Committee is hard at work trying to make sure we reach as many people as possible and that the gathering is successful in completing the planning for our historic trip to Africa. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

In peace,

Diane Rowley, Clerk