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**ACCLAIMED DOCUMENTARY  
“PRAY THE DEVIL BACK TO HELL”  
BRINGS GLOBAL PEACE TOUR  
TO MICHIGAN ON *SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2009***

**The Beverly Hills United Methodist Church Screening will  
Celebrate the UN’s International Day of Peace  
Along with Hundreds of Communities Around the World**

(Beverly Hills, Michigan) --- In the award-winning documentary *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, Liberian women determined to bring dignity and peace back to their country stand up to Charles Taylor and the warlords, armed only with white t-shirts and courage. Their story has inspired legions of fans during the film’s nationwide theatrical run, multiple festival awards, and international screenings.

Now, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* brings its message of peace and inspiration directly to Michigan, sponsored by the Beverly Hills United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Union of Greater Detroit. This screening is part of a series of coordinated worldwide events taking place this fall during the Global Peace Tour, a celebration of the United Nations’ International Day of Peace. As of August 4th, the *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* Global Peace Tour has received more than 700 requests from community organizations, and has scheduled more than 200 screenings in the United States alone.

Other major public events during the tour will take place in New York City, Washington, DC and San Francisco, with international locations including Korea, The Republic of Georgia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, Germany, The Netherlands, and many more.

*Pray the Devil Back to Hell’s* appearance in Michigan continues its mission to bring a discussion about grassroots peace efforts to places big and small. The film opened last year to rave reviews in more than 80 cities and film festivals

around the world, and has also been part of events for war survivors and policymakers in conflict zones around the world. In May 2009 the women featured in *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* were awarded the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage award for their efforts.

"People who see this film are alternately surprised, startled, amazed and inspired. They immediately want to tell a friend, talk about the ideas in the film, and do something to contribute to peace," says Abigail Disney, producer of *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*. "*Pray* is a case study on how people can band together to take charge of their destiny. What better way to celebrate the UN's international Day of Peace?"

*Pray the Devil Back to Hell* is directed by Academy Award-nominated, Emmy-winning documentary filmmaker Gini Reticker and produced by Abigail Disney, who is also the Co-Founder and Co-President of the Daphne Foundation.

The screenings of *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* will be held at Beverly Hills United Methodist Church, 20000 West Thirteen Mile Road (at Evergreen), Beverly Hills, MI 48025 on (optional discussion afterwards, leaders listed below):

- Friday, September 25th at 7:30 pm – Rev. Charles Boayue
- Saturday, September 26th at 2:00 pm – Rev. Mel Leach
- Sunday, September 27th at 3:00 pm – Rev. Rich Peacock

There will be an optional opportunity for discussion after each screening. To get \$10 adult or \$5 youth tickets (group rates for 10 or more are available) please order online at <http://bhumc.com/ptdbth/>; proceeds will be sent to the Liberian United Methodist Church for education and microfinance loan support. For more information on the film, visit <http://www.praythediabacktohell.com>.

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