

**Leymah Gbowee** (pronounced LAY–mah, BEAU-wee)

2011 Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee is a Liberian peace activist, trained social worker and women’s rights advocate.

Ms. Gbowee’s leadership of the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace – which brought together Christian and Muslim women in a nonviolent movement that played a pivotal role in ending Liberia’s civil war – is chronicled in her memoir, *Mighty Be Our Powers*, and in the award-winning documentary, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*.

After winning the Nobel Peace Prize, Ms. Gbowee established the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa. Ms. Gbowee also serves as the Executive Director of the Women, Peace and Security Program at the Earth Institute at Columbia University.

Ms. Gbowee advises numerous organizations working for peace, women’s rights, youth, and sustainable development, and she travels internationally to advocate for human rights and peace and security. She has been named as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy by *Apolitical* and one of the World’s 50 Greatest Leaders by *Fortune Magazine*.

Ms. Gbowee is the proud mother of eight children. She lives between Monrovia and New York – and the many airports in between!