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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH

PARISHIONERS PROGRAM

AT DEBRE MEHRET ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL
1106 N. JUPITER, GARLAND, (DALLAS), TX 75042, USA

(During November 23-25, 2006)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND LIST OF SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS

CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

Engineer Terrefe Raswork - Switzerland

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND DECLARATION DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Kegn./Dr. Solomon Abebe (Coordinator) - USA (Dallas)

Ato Mekuwanent M. Seifu – USA (Dallas)

MASTER OF CEREMONY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ato Addisu Abebe – USA (DC)

Ato Zewge Kagneu – USA (Dallas)

Ato Eyoel Nega – USA (Dallas)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2006

8:00-9:00 am Registration

9:00-10:30am Opening ceremony

2 Spiritual songs (Dallas)	10 minutes
Nibure-Id Gebrehiwot (prayer) (Ethiopia)	10 minutes
Ato Addisu Abebe (Master of ceremony)- USA (DC)	10 minutes
Kidane Alemayehu (statement of welcome)-USA (Dallas)	15 minutes
Engineer Terrefe Raswork - Switzerland	15 minutes
Dr. Fikre Tolosa -USA(San Fra)	15 minutes
Father David Jolly – USA (Tacoma)	15 minutes

COMMITTEE 1: STRENGTHENING EOTC PARISHES, MONASTERIES, EVANGELIZATION AND EDUCATION

10:30-10:45	Dej. Woldesemait G/Wold (Chairman)	15 minutes
	Dr. Fikre Tolosa (Co-chair)-USA (San Fra)	

10:45-11:05	Evangelization in Ethiopia	
	Dr. Mesfin Tegegn- (Ethiopia)	20 minutes
	Tsebate Yemaneberhan – USA (Atlanta) (in writing)	

11:05-12:15	Evangelization for Diaspora Ethiopians	
	Dr. Woldeamanuel Felleke- USA (Minn)	20 minutes
	W/o Guennet Wodajo - USA (Houston)	20 minutes
	Ato Nahom Minassie -USA (Dallas)	15 minutes
	W/t Bersabe Belay- USA (Dallas)	15 minutes

12:15-1:00pm Evangelization in English

	Kessis David Joli -USA (Tacoma)	15 minutes
	W/t Gelila Berhanu -USA (Dallas)	15 minutes
	Emmahoy Magdelawit Mariam – USA (Dallas)	15 minutes

1:00-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-3:00pm Discussion

3:00-3:20pm	Support to EOTC Parishes and Monasteries in Ethiopia	
	Dej. Woldesemait G/Wold- Ethiopia	20 minutes
	Tsebate Yemaneberhan – USA (Atlanta) (in writing)	

3:20-3:40pm	Support to the Monastery in Jerusalem	
	Ato Daniel Alemu -Israel	20 minutes
	Dr. Negussie Ayele – USA (Los Angeles) (in writing)	

3:40-4:40pm Discussion

4:40-5:55pm	Emerging Issues of concern to EOTC	
	Dr. Aklilu Habte- USA (DC)	15 minutes
	Dr. Mesfin Tegegn – Ethiopia	15 minutes
	Dr. Daniel Kendie – USA (Houston)	15 minutes
	Discussion	30 minutes

5:55pm Dinner

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2006

8:30-8:40am	Prayer	
	Nibure-Id Gebrehiwot - Ethiopia	10 minutes

8:40-8:45	Introduction by MC\	
	Ato Addisu Abebe – USA (DC)	5 minutes

8:45-9:15am	Church Schools (“Abennet”)	
	Nibure-Id Gebrehiwot - Ethiopia	15 minutes
	Dr. Aklilu Habte – USA (DC)	15 minutes

9:15-9:35am	Church Educaction/Training	
	Merigeta Tsehay Berhanu – USA (Boston)	20 minutes
	Dr. Ahungena Alemayehu – USA (San Diego) (in writing)	

9:35-10:35am Discussion

COMMITTEE 2: ASSISTANCE, COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

10:35-11:05am	Statements by Chairman and Co-chairman	
	Ato Shimelles Adugna - Ethiopia	20 minutes
	Dr. Erku Yimer – USA (Chicago)	10 minutes
11:05-11:25am	EOTC Based Development	
	W/o Alemtsehay Meseret - Ethiopia	20 minutes
11:25-12:25pm	Support to EOTC from Donors	
	Dr. Erku Yimer – USA (Chicago)	20 minutes
	Ato Betru G/Egziabher – USA (Dallas)	20 minutes
	Ato Mideksa Beyene – USA (Irving)	20 minutes
	Kess Berhanu Bekele – USA (Tampa) (in writing)	
12:25-1:25pm	Discussion	
1:25-2:25pm	<u>Lunch</u> and Presentation on “Financing for Churches”	
	Dr Wayne L. Thornhill, Wells-Fargo Consultant- USA	15 minutes
2:25-2:55pm	Church Fathers’ Situation	
	Dr. Fikre Tolosa – USA (San Francisco)	15 minutes
	Dr. Woldeamanuel Felleke – USA (Minn.)	15 minutes
2:55-3:55pm	Discussion	
3:55-4:10pm	Institutional Arrangement	
	Ato Kidane Alemayehu – USA (Dallas)	15 minutes
4:10-5:00pm	Discussion	
7:00- pm	<u>Dinner</u>	

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2006

8:30-10:30am	Meeting of Conference and Committee chairmen and co-chairs	
10:30-10:50am	Chairman of Committee 1 submits his report	20 minutes
10:50-11:50am	Discussion	
11:50-12:10pm	Chairman of Committee 2 submits his report	20 minutes
12:10-1:10pm	Discussion	
1:10-2:10pm	<u>Lunch</u>	
2:10-3:10pm	Preparation of the Conference’s Draft Declaration	
	Conference and Committee chairmen	
3:10-3:20pm	Presentation of draft by Conference chairman to the Plenary	
	Engineer Terrefe Raswork	10 minutes
3:20-4:00pm	Discussion	
4:00 -	Closing ceremony	

Conference Declaration reading by Eng. Terrefe Raswork	10 minutes
Presentation of certificates and plaques of appreciation	20 minutes
Ato Kidane Alemayehu (Farewell address)	10 minutes
Prayer (Nibure-Id Gebrehiwot)	10 minutes
<u>Dinner</u>	