



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

In recent days, I have had the opportunity to engage in conversations with many of you and listen to your concerns and aspirations for the days and months ahead. The situation in our homeland has deeply affected all of us. The heartbreaking stories coming from Addis Ababa area, Wollo, Afar, Gojjam, Gonder, Showa, Gambella, Guarage, and Wolega reflect the ongoing conflict.



The Ethiopian Orthodox Church is once again in a state of turmoil, and Tigray continues to suffer under the control of the TPLF. Unless reason prevails swiftly, armed conflict threatens to tear Ethiopia apart. The individuals who stood against authoritarianism and oppression and chose the path of progress, democracy, and freedom are now filled with dismay.

The American Ethiopian Public Affairs Committee (AEPAC) and our partner organizations have tirelessly worked in the United States and around the world to garner international support for Ethiopia and its government during times of attack. Today, AEPAC remains steadfast on the same course, advancing a pro-Ethiopia agenda with a deep love for our homeland, friends, and family at the forefront of our minds. As part of its 2023 revised priorities, AEPAC has initiated active dialogues with legislators and the US government administration to fulfill

its responsibilities.

Unfortunately, we have become accustomed to the politics of war and are acutely aware of the United States and the international community's silence about atrocities and human rights violations in Ethiopia. I say it is the duty of all Ethiopian Americans to educate their elected officials as well as fellow citizens to create awareness and influence the immediate cessation of hostilities against civilians. It is imperative that the journey towards peace and reconciliation commence with a genuine pursuit of justice. Ethiopia has no future for ethnocentric, corrupt dictators or violent political organizations and rogue "liberation fronts" that fundamentally reject the idea of a united country.

Once again, all Ethiopian Americans and friends of Ethiopia are called to fulfill their responsibilities by coming together and diligently working on a constructive solution to support the motherland.

The 40th Annual Ethiopian Soccer Federation Festivities in Dallas, TX

AEPAC Texas warmly received friends from various parts of the country who gathered to attend the 40th tournament of the Annual Ethiopian Football Federation in Dallas (ESFNA) at our booth. Our team had the pleasure of spending time with many individuals who traveled from Ethiopia, including athlete Senbere Teferi and renowned artist Desalegn HAILU, known for his humanitarian work. The president of ESFNA joined the AEPAC crew to draw the lottery, where several electronic gadgets were awarded to lucky participants. Despite the sweltering summer heat, AEPAC Texas managed to spread its message and network with colleagues from across the USA and Ethiopia. Our Texas team deserves praise, with special appreciation extended to Ato Betru Gebreegziabher, Werzero Belaynesh, and Ato Henock.























Yours sincerely,

Mesfin Tegenu

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