



# Declaration of Independence and Emancipation by the Divine Imperial Throne of Ethiopia

*His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I the Conquering Lion  
of the Tribe of Judah , Elect of God*

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## Action of the International Executive Council of the EWF, INC the year 2023 and the Global body

**The unanimous Declaration of We the Black Peoples of the World, the  
Ethiopian World Federation , Incorporated ,** When in the Course of human  
events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have

connected them with another, and to assume  
among the powers of the earth, the separate and  
equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of  
Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to  
the opinions of mankind requires that they  
should declare the causes which impel them to  
the separation. **(Ref: United States of  
America's Declaration of Independence)**





We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, therefore We the Black Peoples of the World have never consented in mutuality to be govern by or under the authority of the Papal Bull Doctrine in whatever form

--Therefore, as in this instant matter, whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

--Such has been the patient sufferance of We the Black Peoples of the World under first the fraudulent claim of government under the right of God base on the Papal Bull Doctrine that they had jurisdiction to disregard our unalienable rights and to enslave us and take our indigenous lands; and , still today, we suffer a tyrannical oppression physically, mentally and spiritually around the world , and such is now the necessity which constrains us to alter these former Systems of Government. The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 15) states that everyone has the right to a nationality and that no one should be arbitrarily deprived of a nationality or denied the right to change nationality.



Whereas, We the Black Peoples of the World , hereby give notice to all governments of the World that have obtained and claim to this day there fraudulent and tyrannic jurisprudence in governmental and physical control over We the Black Peoples of the World by the Papal Bull Doctrine, your claim of authority base on the Papal Bull is a religious claim of authority that has no standing in law, as the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Lion of Judah, His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I has declared we the Black Peoples of the World are his people of divine heritage, and he has provided us with a government, constitution, land and a flag thereby Emancipating We the Black Peoples of the World from all claims of Papal Bull Doctrine jurisdiction held by all governments over We the Black Peoples of World.

Therefore, We the Black Peoples of the World, as history present that the governments of the world are ruling by an authority of the Papal Bull Doctrine, thereby upholding SLAVERY and the jurisdictions of Slavery/Colonialism and the repeated injuries of human rights continue , all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over We the Black Peoples of the World . To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

The governments of the world endeavoured to prevent the reorganizing of We the Black Peoples of the World as a government.

The governments of the world refuse to acknowledge the Black peoples' presence globally throughout the world prior to the Papal Bull Doctrine of discovery, establishing indigenous governmental existence.

The term governments of the world shall be understood to represent all such as the United States, United Kingdom, all Carribean governments, France, Spain, but not limited to who have acted as though Mutuality existed to their claims of government authority over We the Black Peoples of the World even after being contested on right of self determination and right to nationality and freedom from the slavery jurisdiction of the Papal Bull Doctrine..



The governments of the World are imposing Taxes on us without our Consent, while failing to acknowledge their debt to We the Black Peoples of the world as they possess our artifacts which are evidence of theft/robbery, as they hold control over our natural resources and sacred lands and devalue our currencies in Africa but not limited to causing war and poverty-- Depriving our peoples of the basic human rights and the protection of life. We the Black Peoples of the World have not only suffered social engineered instability by the world governments but also biological and chemical warfare attacks that threaten us with genetic extinction. We the Black Peoples of the World have suffered continuous policy and physical abuse by the governments of the world by their police and justice departments.

We, the Black Peoples of the World, attest to the constant failure of the governments of the world to properly protect our children from abuse within the governmental systems and without but not limited to. Thereby the creed of jurisdiction they hold under the Papal Bull of Doctrines has been found to be responsible for multiple crimes against children in which, We the Black Peoples of the World can not be a part in no form that endangers, abuses and has murdered children as we stand as protectors of human rights. Children have the right of freedom from oppression and abuse.

We the Black Peoples of the World have suffered the continuous disrecreation of our Ancestral burial lands and have long demanded the end of such acts without remedy and the return of ancestral bones and artifacts only to be shown by the governments of the world they do not give social equity and cultural respect without their right of intrusion under still the right of authority under the Papal Bull Doctrine.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of their settlement in what is termed illegal colonial occupation based on the Papal Bull



Doctrine . We have appealed to their justice systems exhausting domestic remedies . Only , too have the petitions of, We the Black Peoples of the World to fall on deaf ears to the voice for the call of the end of Slavery and all jurisdiction created based on it as held by the Papal Bull Doctrine . We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We the Black Peoples of the World , can not support governments that have continuously waged war in many forms upon We the Black Peoples of the World and even covert attacks upon civilian humanitarian organizations and no remedy or recourse provided in equity to indigenous peoples of the world. As a collective people who have suffered such acts which are attacks against humanity, we can not hold a allegiance to such government and therefore as His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia Empire declared he is the Emperor of all of Africa and King of all Negro/Black peoples around the world including the Black/Negro of the United States. Thus, as declared by His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, our Emancipation from the Papal Bull Doctrines is accepted by We the Black Peoples of the World.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the We the Black Peoples of the World , in our International Executive Council, and global body of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of We the Black Peoples of the World , solemnly publish and declare, That We the Black People of the World are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the jurisdictions and authorities of the Papal Bull Doctrine, and that all political connection between them and any government of the world, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, We the Black Peoples of the World, as ordained by His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I the government of the Ethiopian World Federation Incorporated have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm



reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor to protect the Circle of Life as held in the Treaty of the Circle of Life.

**FOR WE THE BLACK PEOPLES OF THE CIRCLE OF LIFE, IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION, FOR HUMAN LIFE, HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL JUSTICE, SUSTAINABILITY and the right to our indigenous cultures, Religions, and return of our sacred lands, under the first governing law of the Circle of Life which is Respect for the Spirit in all.**

The Treaty of the Circle of Life is a collective of nations, tribes, and people that have been enslaved, colonised and terrorized under the Papal Bull doctrines who now come together under collective security to protect the Circle of Life from such acts ever happening again in any form. This is a treaty of collective security to give a voice to the voiceless and unrepresented nations.

In the Carribean and the many Islands around the world there dwells a descendant of the Ethiopian Kushite family who are the Indigenous of those lands and therefore under right of self determination and nationality their Emancipation and right of self governing within their divine heritage and right ordained within the Constitution of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated hereby is a Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples , We Black Peoples of the World right to Assembly Resolution 1514(xv)UNITED NATIONS).

Let the standing of culture include the right of self-definition, and not the historical genocide committed under the era of slavery and colonialism against We the Black/indigenous peoples of the world. Let religion be a freedom of right that is operative, and not merely a right to choose. Let nationality be defined in alignment with Divine Right of Birth, thus Nationality is a part of Religious Freedom. This is a Declaration of Independence , social equity for cultural identity. (Ref: **Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples- Assembly Resolution 1514(xv)UNITED NATIONS)**



**Whereas held in The Universal Declaration of Human Rights the recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world, Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people, Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,**

**Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,**

**As held in the Montevideo Convention and Vienna Convention we as a person of International law a Nation of states of the Ancient Ethiopian Kushite Empire as held in our constitution We the Black Peoples of the World. Thus let no standing of this Declaration of International law of self determination and right to be free from all forms of slavery be construed as a waiver of any claims of reparations by we the Black/Indigenous peoples of the World.**

**Empirical authority is held in the Constitution of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated and the 1955 revised constitution of Ethiopia**

**CONQUERING LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH HAILE SELASSIE I ELECT OF GOD, EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA**

**WHEREAS, twenty-four years ago, at the beginning of Our Reign, We granted to Our faithful subjects and proclaimed a Constitution for the Empire of Ethiopia; and WHEREAS, AMIGHTY GOD, THE SOURCE OF**





**ALL BENEFITS, has strengthened and inspired Us to lead Our beloved People, during Our Reign, through the greatest of trials and hardships, to an era of great progress in all fields; and WHEREAS, being desirous of consolidating the progress achieved and of laying a solid basis for the happiness and prosperity of the present and future generations of Our People, We have prepared a Revised Constitution for Our Empire after many years of searching study and reflection; and WHEREAS, Our Parliament, after due examination and deliberation has submitted to Us its approval of this Revised Constitution; NOW THEREFORE, WE, HAILE SELASSIE I, EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA, do, on the occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Our Coronation, hereby proclaim and place into force and effect as of to-day, the Revised Constitution of the Empire of Ethiopia for the benefit, welfare and progress of Our beloved People. GIVEN in Our Imperial Capital, on this the 24th day of Tekemt, 1948 (Ethiopian Calandar), and on the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Our Coronation. Article 1 and 122 but not limited too.**

#### **ARTICLE 1**

**The Empire of Ethiopia comprises all the territories, including the islands and the territorial waters, under the sovereignty of the Ethiopian Crown. Its sovereignty and territory are indivisible. Its territories and the sovereign rights therein are inalienable. All Ethiopian subjects, whether living within or without the Empire, constitute the Ethiopian people.**

#### **ARTICLE 122**

**The present revised Constitution, together with those international treaties, conventions and obligations to which Ethiopian shall be party, shall be the supreme law of the Empire, and all future legislation, decrees, orders, judgments, decisions and acts inconsistent therewith shall be null and void.**





**WE THE BLACK PEOPLES OF THE WORLD HEREBY DECLARE OUR EMANCIPATION AND DAY OF INDEPENDENCE as August 25, 1937 the day, our Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I the Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah , Elect of God , ordained and gave We the Black Peoples of the World the constitutional government the Ethiopian World Federation , Incorporated as our government of Emancipation by divine heritage as ordained by the Imperial Throne of Ethiopia, His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I. Thus removing the jurisdiction of the null and void Papal Bull Doctrine of Discovery claim over We the Black Peoples of the World. The Imperial Ethiopian Throne is the Protectorate of the Sovereignty of We, the Black Peoples of the World. Owner and Administrator of the Shashemane Land Grant in Ethiopia. This Declaration is also ordain and bless by the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church**

**Attached are our seals of certification,  
Constitution and official treaty for records of  
notice.**


**Enacted , by the International Executive Council  
of The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated;**

**We, the undersigned do hereby certify that a quorum of the  
International Executive Council of the Ethiopian World  
Federation Incorporated was present at a meeting duly called,  
noticed and convened this 23rd day of January 2023,  
2023, and this foregoing Declaration of Emancipation is now**



hereby duly adopted as Declaration of Independence.

Let the said Declaration of Emancipation now be duly registered in the minutes book.

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James Winborne / 8/1/2024  
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**President Dr. James W. Winborne** **date**  
  
8/1/2024 / \_\_\_\_\_  
**International Executive Official Witness** **date**

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# **THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF THE ETHIOPIAN WORLD FEDERATION INCORPORATED**

**“We the Black Peoples of the World, in Order to effect  
Unity, Solidarity, Liberty, Freedom  
and Self-determination, to Secure  
Justice and Maintain the Integrity of  
Ethiopia,  
which is our Divine Heritage,  
do hereby Establish and Ordain this Constitution for  
The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated.”**

## **The Constitution**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME, AIMS AND OBJECTS**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Ethiopian  
World Federation, Incorporated.

**Section 2.** The aims and objects of the Ethiopian World  
Federation, Incorporated, shall be:

**(a)** To promote love and good-will among Ethiopians at home and abroad and  
thereby to maintain the integrity and sovereignty of Ethiopia, to disseminate the  
ancient Ethiopian culture among its members, to correct abuses, relieve  
oppression and carve for ourselves and our posterity, a destiny comparable with  
our idea of perfect manhood and God's purpose in creating us; that we may not



only save ourselves from annihilation, but carve for ourselves a place in the Sun: in this endeavor, we determine to seek peace and pursue it, for it is the will of God for man.

**(b)** To promote and pursue happiness; for it is the goal of human life and endeavor.

**(c)** To usher in the teaching and practice of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

**(d)** To promote and stimulate interest among its members in world affairs, and to cultivate a spirit of international goodwill and comity.

**(e)** To promote friendly interest among its members, to develop a fraternal spirit among them and to inculcate in its members the desire to render voluntary aid and assistance to one another at all times.

**(f)** To render voluntary aid and protection to its members, without fee or charge for same when in need. And, if necessary, to provide and care for refugees and disabled victims of the Italo-Ethiopian war.

**(g)** To give concrete material and voluntary aid without fee or charge for the same, to all such refugees and disabled victims and to raise funds by voluntary subscription for the purposes aforementioned. There shall be no

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charge, fee, beneficiary tax or other assessment upon the members of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, except for dues, provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated.

**(h)** To encourage its members to develop interest and pride in Democratic institutions and to promote Democratic principles and ideals. May God help us to accomplish these aims and ideals.

**Section 3. Scope:** The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall be International in scope.

**Section 4. Headquarters:** The Headquarters of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall be in the City of New York, State of New York, United States of America.

**Section 5. Colors.** The official Colors of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall be the same as the National Colors of Ethiopia Green, Gold and Red.

**Section 6. Eligibility to Office.** Male and female shall be equally eligible to all offices.



**Section 7. Non-Partisan Character.** The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall be non-partisan and non-political in character, but in cases where partisan, political, or other issues tend to affect the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, adversely in the carrying out of its aims and objects, it shall be free to combat such issues with the best legal means at its disposal.

**Section 8.** No individual who is a member of any other organization, political party, religious group or sect, which requires that individual to pledge unswerving allegiance to its tenets, thus depriving him of freedom of thought and action which may be necessary in carrying out the aims and objects of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall be elected or appointed to office, or shall allow himself to be elected to any office. Any election or appointment to office in violation of this Section shall be null and void.

## **ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** The membership shall comprise the BLACK PEOPLES of the world.

### **Section 2. APPLICATION:**

Application for membership shall be in writing.

### **Section 3. Rejection.**

The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated shall have the right to reject any application for membership without giving reasons.

### **Section 4. Joining fee.**

The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall have the right to affix a joining fee. There shall be a joining fee of One Dollar (U.S. \$ 1:00). However, The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, through its Executive Council, shall have the right to grant special dispensation to certain areas and to adjust this fee to suit the conditions thereof, provided, however, that in no area the amount effected by the dispensation shall exceed One Dollar (U.S. \$1.00).

### **Section 5. Dues:**

The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall have the right to establish membership dues. The membership dues shall be ten cents (U.S. \$.10) per week. These dues shall be remitted to the Headquarters.

### **Section 6. Unfinancial Members:**

Any member who is twelve weeks in arrears in the payment of dues shall be unfinancial in the organization.

## **ARTICLE III - INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** There shall be the following International Officers of the Ethiopian World



Federation, Incorporated:

- (a) President
- (b) First Vice-President
- (c) Second Vice-President
- (d) Executive Secretary
- (e) Treasurer
- (f) Organizer
- (g) Chaplain

## **Section 2. Executive Council.**

There shall be an Executive Council composed of the elected International Officers, together with three (3) additional members elected by the Convention.

## **Section 3. Duties of International Officers:**

**(a) The International President** shall be the executive head of the Ethiopian World Federation, Inc., and shall reside in the City of New York. It shall be the duty of the International President to preside at the International Conventions and to deliver an address on the state of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated. He shall sign all legal documents and be Chairman of the International Executive Council. It shall be his duty to call Conventions as appointed by law, and in cases of emergency, by and with the consent of the Executive Council, call special conventions.

**(b) The First International Vice-President** shall reside in the City of New York and shall assume the duties of the International President in his absence or when requested to do so by him.

**(c) Second International Vice-President:** The 2nd International Vice-President shall perform the duties of the First Vice-President in his absences and **shall assist the First Vice-President in the performance of such duties as may be assigned to him by the President.** In case of death or permanent disability of the First Vice President, the International Executive Council shall name the Executive Head to serve until the next general election.

**(d) Executive Secretary:** The Executive Secretary shall have charge of the main office of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, and shall be held responsible to the Executive Council for the conduct of the business thereof. All acts of the Executive Secretary shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Council. The Executive Secretary shall appoint all office employees, subject to the approval of the Executive Council and shall when necessary, submit to the Executive Council the name of any member of the office staff for promotion to the head of a department. The Executive Secretary shall receive all monies from locals



and other sources. All monies so received shall be turned over, within 24 hours, to the Treasurer, who shall give a receipt or receipts to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall forward receipts to all locals for monies received from them. The Executive Secretary shall submit quarterly reports to the Executive Council.

**(e) Treasurer:** It shall be the duty of the International Treasurer to receive all monies from the Executive Secretary. He shall, in conjunctions with other members of the Banking Committee, deposit all amounts of money in the bank or banks designated by the Executive Council. His books shall be open to inspection by the Executive Council at all times. He shall issue receipts for all monies received by him for the organization. He shall pay out monies upon order of the Executive Council only. He shall be bonded by a reliable surety company. The premium for such a bond shall be paid by the organization. He shall be a member of the Executive Council.

**(f) International Organizer:** It shall be the duty of the International Organizer to organize locals, to supervise locals already established and to keep them in good working order. He shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Executive Council. He shall keep the Headquarters informed of his activities from week to week and he shall submit a monthly report.

**(g) Absence:** Any officer absenting himself from three (3) successive meetings and failing to submit sufficient reason for his absence, this office may be declared vacant by the Executive Council.

#### **Section 4.**

The Executive Council of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall instruct locals from time to time on matters not herein mentioned. All questions of procedure not specifically mentioned in this Constitution shall be governed by Robert's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure.

### **ARTICLE IV - CONVENTIONS, ELECTIONS, INSTALLATIONS, MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1.**

**Conventions:** There shall be an annual Convention of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated. It shall be called on the sixteenth day of July. The Convention shall select the place of meeting of the succeeding Convention.

#### **Section 2.**

**Delegates to the Convention:** Each local shall be entitled to representation in





Convention by delegates. There shall be one delegate for each 25 members up to one hundred, and for each additional one hundred members or part thereof, one additional delegate. One-third (1/3) of the number of duly accredited delegates to any Convention shall constitute a quorum at that Convention.

**Section 3. Elections:** The election of all international officers shall take place during the Convention. The election shall be by ballot. All locals shall hold their election during the first two weeks in December.

**Section 4. Term of Office:** All officers, international and local, shall be elected for a term of one year.

**Section 5. Installation:** The installation of elected international officers shall be held on a date preceding the closing of the Convention. The installation of officers of locals shall be at the first regular meeting in January following the election.

**Section 6. Uniforms:** The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall have the right to decide on the kind of uniform, if any, to be worn during parades and Conventions.

**Section 7. Meetings:** It shall be within the discretion of any local to hold its meetings as often as desired, provided, however, that there shall be held regular meetings twice per month.

**Section 8.** Nine members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in the local.

## **ARTICLE V - LOCALS**

### **Section 1.**

**(a)** The first unit of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, in the City of New York shall be known as Local Number One.

**(b)** The duly elected officers of Local No. I shall be the International Officers, except the President, until a Convention is called and International Officers are duly elected.

### **Section 2.**



**(a)** The right to issue charters is vested in the Executive Council.

**(b)** The right to revoke charters is vested in the Executive Council.

## **ARTICLE VI - ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCALS**

### **Section 1.**

**(a)** Any twenty-five (25) persons or more, desirous of forming a local, shall apply to the Executive Council for a charter.

**(b)** The fee for this charter shall be Ten (\$10.00) Dollars.

### **Section 2.**

The officers of each local of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms.

### **Section 3.**

Each local shall establish an Executive Committee. This Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and the three (3) other members elected by the local.

### **Section 4. Duties of officers-Locals:**

**(a) President:** The President shall preside at all meetings, sign all documents of the local and appoint all committees and units. The President shall have power to call special meetings in the general interest of the organization whenever he deems it necessary. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

**(b) Vice-President:** It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents, in their order to preside at regular meetings in the absence of the President or whenever requested to do so by him or her.

**(c) Treasurer:** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Financial Secretary all monies belonging to the local giving a voucher for the same, and shall deposit or cause to be deposited, twenty-four hours after its receipt, such monies in a bank or banks selected by the Executive Committee. He shall payout monies on order of the Executive Committee only. He shall make a



monthly report to the local on a blank provided for the purpose, submitting a certified copy to the Headquarters. He shall be bonded.

**(d) Financial Secretary:** It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to receive all monies from subscriptions, dues, contributions, rallies and special efforts from the members of the local, and from all other sources, give a receipt and keep an accurate record thereof. He shall turn over all such monies to the Treasurer at the close of each meeting and shall demand a voucher therefore. He shall be bonded. The books of the Financial Secretary shall be open to the Executive Committee of the local or to any person authorized by said committee to examine them. The Financial Secretary shall be required to collaborate with the Recording Corresponding Secretary and shall, on request, give such information as may be required by the Recording Corresponding Secretary of entries or records made in his books. The Financial Secretary shall make a monthly report to the local on a blank provided for the purpose, submitting a signed copy to the Headquarters.

**(e) Recording-Corresponding Secretary:** It shall be the duty of the Recording Corresponding Secretary to keep a correct record of the minutes and proceedings of the regular meetings. He shall keep a correct list of the members of the local. He shall be required to collaborate with the Financial Secretary and shall on request give such information as may be required by the Financial Secretary of entries or records made in his books. He shall keep on file all reports and communications. He shall affix his signature, together with the seal of the local, to all documents. He shall keep the seal of the local under his personal supervision. He shall read all reports and minutes of previous meetings. He shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the local. The Recording Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all books, literature, flags, buttons, stamps and all salable articles of the local and shall turn over the proceeds from the sale thereof to the Financial Secretary.

**(f) Chaplain:** It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to open and close every meeting of the local with prayer and to minister to the spiritual needs of the members. He shall be responsible for the moral tone pervading the local. He shall transmit to the local such instructions and literature as shall be sent to him from time to time by the International Chaplain. He shall be a member of the local committee on Complaints and Grievances and of the Sick Committee.

**(g) Sergeant-at-Arms:** The Sergeant-at-Arms shall attend all meetings of the local and see that the meeting room is in order. He shall attend at the door of the meeting room, prevent the admission of any person who is not entitled to admission, or whose conduct is unbecoming; and when instructed by the President, shall remove from the meeting room any person whose conduct is not in keeping with good order and discipline. He shall perform any and all such



other duties pertaining to his office as might be required of him by the President.

## **ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**

Committees: The following committees shall be established:

**Section 1.** Banking. Membership, Education, Publicity, Sick, Ways & Means, Information, Auditing, Complaints & Grievances, House Committee and such other committees as shall from time to time become necessary provided that such committees are approved by the International Executive Council.

**(a) Banking Committee:** There shall be a Banking Committee composed of the President, Treasurer and three (3) other members elected from the body. It shall be the duty of the Banking Committee to keep a check on the deposits and withdrawals by the Treasurer and to assist him in any way he desires. It shall have access to the bank books held by the Treasurer and may from time to time check with him, his bank accounts and financial dealings.

**(b) Membership:** It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to devise plans to increase the membership of the local; to visit delinquent members; to encourage their attendance at the meetings and encourage them in the full performance of their duties.

**(c) Education:** It shall be the duty of the Committee on Education to provide for the use of the members, books, papers, magazines and all historical and cultural material and literature touching racial questions as well as political, economic, social, health, agricultural and other matters which will aid in the betterment of Black Peoples and humanity in general. This committee shall from time to time plan and conduct educational programs.

**(d) Publicity Committee:** It shall be the duty of the Committee on Publicity to keep before the public the aims and objects of the organization and the work of the local. It shall endeavor to publicize its activities. It shall be responsible for the distribution of the official organ of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated.

**(e) Sick Committee:** It shall be the duty of the Sick Committee to keep a list of the sick members; to visit them regularly and to encourage the general membership to do so. It shall evince a genuine interest in the sick members, doing all in its power to aid and comfort them. It shall raise funds for their financial assistance; these funds shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the local and kept by him in a separate account. The committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee the nature and amount of the aid that may be given.



**(f) Ways and Means:** It shall be the duty of the Ways and Means committee to devise plans for raising money to conduct the business of the local.

**(g) Information Committee:** It shall be the duty of the Committee on Information to gather information for the general welfare of the Federation.

**(h) Auditing Committee:** There shall be an Auditing Committee of three (3) members. It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to make an audit of the books of the local and submit its report to the local with a signed copy of the report to the Headquarters quarterly. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to demand an audit at any time. No member of the Executive Committee shall serve on the Auditing Committee.

**(i) House Committee:** The House Committee shall have charge of the building and all other physical property belonging to the local. They shall see to it that these are kept in proper order and repaired and shall prepare the house for meetings. They shall make a monthly inventory of all physical property.

**(j) Complaints and Grievances Committee:** Any member having complaints or grievances affecting the organization or any member thereof, shall submit the same to the Committee on Complaints and Grievances. The Committee shall hear all complaints and grievances submitted to it and shall make a determined effort to settle in committee, all differences. Failing to effect a settlement, the matter shall be presented by the Secretary of the committee to the Executive Committee of the local. It shall review the entire case. The party failing to abide by the decision of the Executive Committee shall have the right of appeal to the Executive Council of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated. The decision of the Executive Council shall be final.

## **ARTICLE VIII - IMPEACHMENT OF AN OFFICER**

Whenever an officer of any local shall practice malfeasance in office, or shall conduct himself in a manner unbecoming an officer, he shall be impeached. Any member of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, in good standing may present charges against an officer. Charges shall be in writing; whenever a charge is preferred against an officer, it shall first be presented to the Committee on Complaints and Grievances. This Committee shall hear and examine the evidence immediately upon presentation of the charges. Should the evidence be found insufficient to warrant a trial, the Committee on Complaints and Grievances, shall,



by majority vote, dismiss the charges. Should the evidence warrant a trial, the committee shall recommend to the President suspension of the officer. The President shall suspend the officer, pending trial. Should the officer charged be the President, any recommendations for his suspension shall be made to the First Vice-President. The Committee on Complaints and Grievances, if it finds that a trial is warranted, shall submit the charges to the Executive Committee within twenty-four hours. The Executive Committee of the local shall hear these charges and on the evidence submitted on both sides render a fair decision. The defendant shall have the right of appeal to the Executive Council of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated. The decision of the Executive Council shall be final.

## ARTICLE IX - UNITS

**Section 1.** A unit is a group within a local, which is required to perform certain specialized duties or tasks. The personnel of all units, appointed by the president, shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

**(a) Medical:** The Medical Unit shall constitute persons who are members of the medical, dental, pharmaceutical and nursing profession. It shall be their duty to give instructions, lectures and general information on health and other topics affecting the well-being of the membership. They shall give to any group desiring training, instruction in first aid, hygiene and preventive medicine. The local failing to include any of the above named professional persons in its membership shall form a medical unit among the lay members. This

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unit shall invite such members of the above named professions as are available to conduct classes and give instruction in the subjects aforementioned.

**(b) Musical:** Every local shall have the right to set up a Musical Unit. This unit shall consist of a band orchestra and a choir. Each department shall have its own musical director. The musical directors shall be qualified musicians.

**(c) Juvenile:** Every local shall have the right to set up a Juvenile Department and to determine its functions.

**(d) Women's Auxiliary:** Each local shall have the right to establish a Women's Auxiliary. It shall be the duty of the Women's Auxiliary to raise funds to be used for the expense of delegates to the Convention, to provide for the care, keep and comfort of international officers visiting the local on business, and for any other business which the Executive Committee shall decide.



## **ARTICLE X - BENEFITS**

**Section 1. Benefits:** All financial members of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall be entitled to the benefits hereafter mentioned:

**(a)** All applications for help shall be referred to the Sick Committee, which may recommend aid according to the circumstances of the case.

**(b)** The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall attempt to make or find employment for its members who make applications for such employment.

**(c) Death:** The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall establish a burial fund; each member of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, in order to obtain the benefits of this burial fund shall have subscribed to the fund for at least one (1) year and shall be in good financial standing in the organization. The subscription to the burial fund shall be \$.25 per month. Upon conclusive proof of death, the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall subscribe from this fund the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars towards the funeral expense of the deceased. Any member who fails to subscribe to the burial fund for three months shall be unfinancial in this fund and shall not be entitled to the benefits of this fund. Any member who is unfinancial in the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall be classified as unfinancial in the burial fund. The Financial Secretary of the local shall collect from each member monthly the subscription to the burial fund.

## **ARTICLE XI - OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL HOLIDAYS**

### **Section 1. Observance of National Holidays.**

The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, shall observe with appropriate ceremonies the following holidays: Maskal, Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I, Constitution Day, and any other holiday that shall be declared.

**ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT** The Constitution may be amended by the following procedure:

Notice setting forth a copy of the proposed amendment shall be submitted at a regular Convention and shall require a majority vote for endorsement. The Convention shall set a time limit not exceeding one (1) year within which each





local shall vote upon the proposed amendment. The Executive Secretary shall transmit an official transcript of the endorsed amendment to each local. A majority vote in each local shall determine the vote of

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the local. The amendment shall be declared ratified when three-fourths of the total number of locals shall have voted affirmatively for the proposed amendment.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **Section 1. Order of Business.**

- 1. Call to Order by the Presiding Officer.**
- 2. Devotional Exercises.**
- 3. Roll Call of Officers.**
- 4. Remarks by the Presiding Officer.**
- 5. Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**
- 6. Unfinished Business.**
- 7. Communications.**
- 8. Applications for Membership.**
- 9. Report of Special Committees.**
- 10. Report of Standing Committees.**
- 11. Admission of New Members.**
- 12. Good and Welfare.**
- 13. Closing Remarks.**
- 14. Receipts of the Meeting.**
- 15. Adjournment.**

### **Section 2. Monthly Reports.**

All locals must send monthly reports and returns to the Headquarters.

### **Section 3.**

#### **Names and Addresses of Officers.**

The names and addresses of the officers of all locals must be filed at Headquarters. It is the duty of the local to send this information to the headquarters within ten days from the date of election.

### **Section 4.**

#### **Time and Place of Regular Meetings.**

All locals shall inform the Headquarters of their time and place of regular meetings.



## **Section 5. Oath of Office.**

Each elected officer shall take the following Oath of Office before he is installed:

**(Repeat, with the right hand upraised.)**

**I (Full Name)** \_\_\_\_\_,  
solemnly pledge to uphold, defend and protect the Constitution of the  
Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, and to perform faithfully the  
duties of my office to the best of my ability. So help me God.

## **Section 6. Admission of New Members.**

Each **new member** shall make the following pledge:  
**(Repeat, with right arm up raised.)**

**I solemnly pledge to do all that I can to carry out the aims and  
objects of the  
Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, and  
to abide by its Constitution and By-Laws.**

## **Section 7. Appointment of Committees.**

The President shall appoint the chairman and members of all committees,  
except in cases where provision is made in the Constitution for election of  
members to any committee.

## **Section 8. Removal of Officers.**

The President shall have the right to remove any officer from an appointive office.

**Section 9.**  
All members, committees, and units must submit their suggestions,  
recommendations, findings, and reports to the Executive Committee for its  
approval, before such suggestions, recommendations, findings and reports shall  
be presented to the general body of the local.

## **Section 10. Application for Charter.**



All applications for charters shall be made to the Executive Council of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, on prescribed Application Forms. These forms can be obtained from the Headquarters upon request.

#### **Section 11.**

No officer or member shall discuss the business of the Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated, in public or with any person or persons who are not active members of the Federation.

#### **Section 12.**

##### **Expense of Delegates.**

Each local shall bear the expenses of its own delegates and should in case it is found necessary for the Executive Council to send a special delegate or delegates to any local, that local may be required to pay the expenses of the delegate or delegates.

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