

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

WELCOME TO ISSUE 2. FEDERATION RISING!

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.



2024-2025 International Executive Council (IEC)

Int. President – Dr Winborne

1st Int. VP – Scheril Murray Powell Esq.

2nd Int. VP – Bruce Townsend

IES – Wolete Gabra’el

Int. Treasurer – Pamela Marshall

Int. Organizer – Reuben Kush

Int. Chaplain- A W ProphetElijah

Int. 1st EM – Kebera Baptiste

Int. 2nd EM – Ethelee Barnes

Int. 3rd EM – Rudolph Crossdale

DEAR MEMBERS,

As we transition into this vibrant season, we bring you the second edition of our newsletter. Our organization celebrates two cherished occasions: the Ethiopian New Year (Enkutatash) and Meskel.

Enkutatash, meaning ‘the gift of jewels,’ marks the beginning of a new year in the Ethiopian calendar. It’s a time for renewal, reflection, and the joyful gathering of family and friends. The festivities are filled with music, dance, and delicious traditional dishes, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for all.

Following closely in the celebration of Meskel (Cross), a festival that honors the finding of the True Cross. This event is steeped in rich tradition, featuring colorful processions, aromatic incense, and a spirit of community that brings us all together. Meskel reminds us of our shared history and the importance of unity as we celebrate our cultural heritage. Meskel is a time for reflection, gratitude, and togetherness.

Melkam Addis Ahmet 2017

For our next issue, we encourage you to share personal stories of your experience of how you celebrated this festival. We will provide details on how to participate in future festivities-whether you’re a long-time observer of Meskel or experiencing it for the first time. We encourage you to embrace the spirit of Meskel by joining in the celebrations, sharing your experiences, and connecting with fellow members.

Let’s come together to honor our traditions and create lasting memories, embracing the joy and hope these celebrations bring to our lives. I wish you all a joyful Ethiopian New Year and a meaningful Meskel.

Fraternally yours

Wolete Gabra’el - Executive Secretary

Invitation for members to share their personal stories about ‘Celebrating Meskel.’ Give thanks.



AXUM AND LALIBELA MASKEL (CROSS)

THE ETHIOPIAN WORLD FEDERATION, INCORPORATED AND THE UNIA JOIN FORCES TO CELEBRATE THE 55TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN DAY PARADE

Written by International 1st Vice President
Scheril Murray Powell Esq

The African American Day Parade is the largest African American Parade in the United States. For the 55th annual parade on September 15th, 2024, there were marching bands, community groups, faith based organizations, fraternities, and sororities in full regalia. Harlem is home to this well, orchestrated coming together of community and early morning teams of performers and marchers lined up between 110th and 113th street waiting to pour into Harlem's famous Adam Clayton Powell Blvd.



The Ethiopian World Federation has participated in this parade over many years. This year's delegation from The Ethiopian World Federation Inc. was joined by Oster Bryan, the Third Assistant President General and other members from the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) and TEWF Members from Local 12 and Local 26. Observers of the parade said that this was the best parade to date.

The EWF Local 12 Business Networking Chair Sister Sharon Rose made all of the arrangements and was seen dancing in the procession holding the Ethiopian World Federation Inc. Banner. Other members alternated as flag bearers proudly displaying the Ethiopian Lion of Judah Flag and the UNIA Pan African Flag. The audience response to seeing our delegation was an outburst of applause, waving, and pan African flags waiving passionately.



Nostalgia was in the air as the elders recalled the impact that the two organizations had on New York and Harlem specifically. We have a shared history and a shared identity as an African people. We plan to have an even bigger delegation next year, so if you are interested in participating, contact Sister Sharon Rose of Local 12 on WhatsApp.

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UNITED NATIONS (UN)

It is with great honor and joy that I get to report to you that once again we have our foot in the door at the UN. The **United Nations (UN)** is a diplomatic and political international organization with the intended purpose of maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations, achieving international cooperation, and serving as a centre for coordinating the actions of member nations. It is widely recognized as the world's largest international organization. The UN is headquartered in New York City, in international territory with certain privileges extraterritorial to the United States, and the UN has other offices in Geneva, Nairobi, Vienna, and The Hague, where the International Court of Justice is headquartered at the Peace Palace. The UN was established after World War II with the aim of preventing future world wars, and succeeded the League of Nations.

However, it failed to act against the Second Italo-Ethiopian War, after the appeal for international intervention by our Emperor Haile Selassie I, at Geneva in 1936 went with no avail, including when calls for economic sanctions against Italy failed. Italy and other nations left the League.

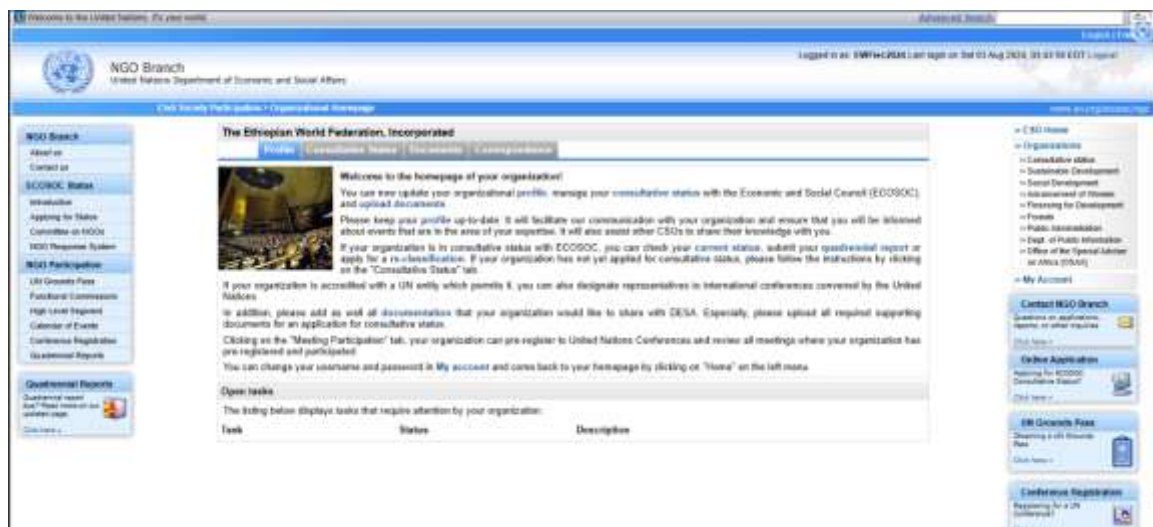
The UN comprises three principal operational organizations: 1- the General Assembly, 2-the Security Council, and 3-the Economic and Social Council. The EWF's Economic and Social Council application process was reinitialized by myself and thanks to the efforts of our former 2nd Elect Rebecca Russell and the President of local #14 Ambassador Jasmin Rowe we are presently in the process of completing our part of the Economic and Social Council processing which puts us back at the table where decisions are being made on our behalf concerning our lives on a global level.

Let's take full advantage of this opportunity as we move into a new paradigm with the full faith and confidence in the strength of this our great and historical organization.

Federation Rising.

International
President

Dr. J.W. Winborne



Income Statement for the Year

The Income Statement in our August Newsletter included 'in kind' and Cash App.

Here is a breakdown of those balances.

Bank balance as at July 15th, 2024

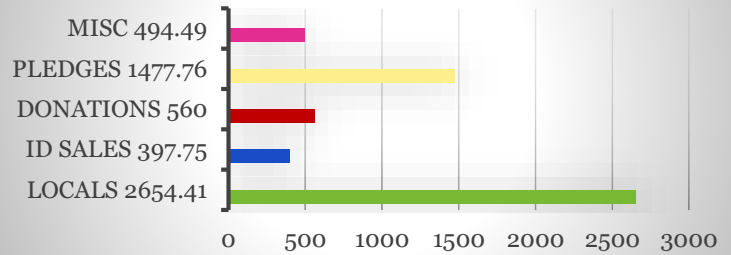
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Cash App \$665

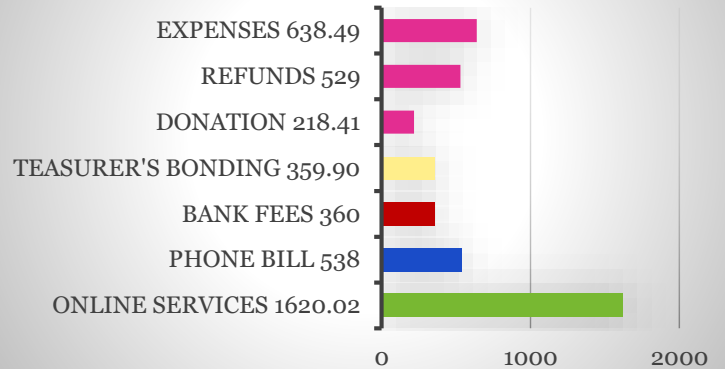
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Income and Expenditure July and August 2024

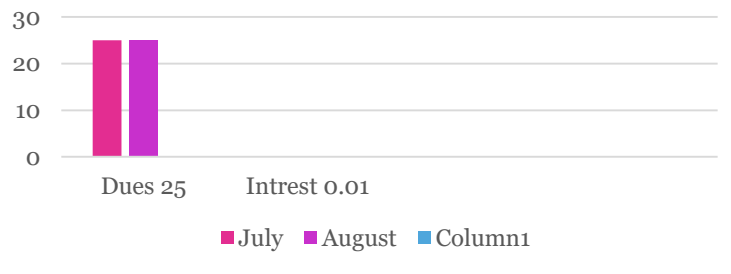
Income 2023-2024 \$5584.41



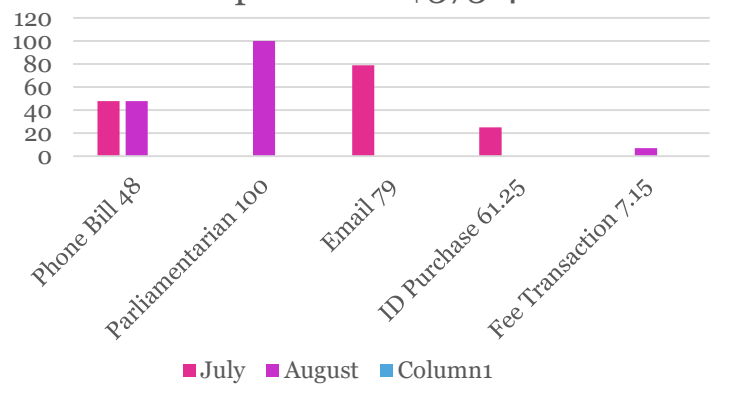
Expenditure 2023-2024 \$4263.82



Income \$50.01



Expenditure \$373.40



Locals

L2 Los Angeles, USA

L3 London, UK

L5 St Croix

L7 Martinique

L12 New York, USA

L14 Shashemene, ET

L24 Ghana

L26 Harlem, NY USA

L30 Ghana

L49 North Carolina, USA

L72 Guadeloupe

L101 Addis Ababa, ET

L119 Trinidad and Tobago

L145 Cape Town, SA

L146 Johannesburg, SA

Welcome

NEW LOCALS

L147 Far Rockaway, NY

NEXT MEETINGS

We are pleased to announce our upcoming meeting, we will discuss several important topics that are vital to our community. Your participation is essential as we continue to move forward together.

October 5th - Repatriation & Reparation Update - Part 2.

October 12th - Registration - Part 1.

PRESIDENTS MEETING

Local's Presidents meetings

Mondays 7pm EST.

PLEDGE DAY (year four)

December 3rd, send pledges to:

Zelle -3322398459

CashApp:

\$EthiopianFederation

Chase Bank Acct. 771857312

Routing # 021000021

Swift Code -CHASU533

VOLUNTEER POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact your Local for the vacancy announcements to express your interest.

CONDOLENCES

Going out to L7 Joseph Henry Vallade's family, friends and loved ones.

From the Global Membership.

VOLUNTARY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Complaints and Grievance Department

Convention Arrangements Committee

Apply to the IEC via email

SPECIAL THANKS TO IES WOLETE GABRA'EL

For the article covering the Convention in our first August Newsletter

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"Loyalty inspires understanding and understanding cooperation, these are the clearest evidence of strength but the soul basis for all lies in education."

H.I.M. Haile Selassie I

March 30th, 1948

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