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THE CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC WITHOUT BORDERS

*A Framework for Self-Governance, Self-Determination,
and the Stewardship of the Shashemane Land Grant*

The Ethiopian World Federation was never intended to be a charity alone. It was intended to be a constitutional republic without borders.

The founders understood that political freedom required institutional freedom. Institutional freedom required law. Law required a constitution. And a constitution required leaders who would honor it.

FOUNDATIONAL BLACK AMERICANS IN CHARGE: THE DOCUMENTED RECORD

The most direct and undeniable proof that Foundational Black Americans were in charge of the Ethiopian World Federation is found in the organization's own official letterhead dated September 6, 1938.

This letter, written from the National Headquarters in New York City, lists the OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. Every name printed on this official document is an African American.

These leaders were not symbolic figures. They were the elected and appointed officers responsible for governing the Federation, drafting its petitions, directing its programs, managing its finances, and representing its membership internationally.

*This is the documentary
proof that Foundational
Black Americans were
in charge.*

THE FOUNDATIONAL LEADERS AS RECORDED IN 1938

Dr. Lorenzo H. King	President
Dr. Malaku E. Bayen	First Vice-President
Warren E. Harrigan	Second Vice-President
Lij Araya Abebe	Treasurer
Matthew E. Gardner	Financial Secretary
Dorothy H. Bayen	Executive Secretary
Fr. G. Mowbray Blackett	Chaplain
Louis Paul	Sergeant-at-Arms
Oliver Green	Member
Leila Williams	Member
Louise Williams	Member

ETHIOPIAN WORLD FEDERATION, Inc.
An Organization Dedicated to the Cause of Right,
Justice and the Independence of Ethiopia.

National Headquarters
2331 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 6, 1938

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS
RECEIVED
13 SEP. 1938

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are petitions signed by representatives of native or organizations numbering over one million persons.

These signatures are representative of the black citizens of the part of the world which honor and justice. They represent their desire to law and order, and their will that Ethiopia receive that justice which is their inheritance under the covenant of the League of Nations.

We request, therefore, that you give this matter the meeting of the Council and assures us of your support for their earnest consideration.

ETHIOPIAN WORLD FEDERATION, INC.

Lorenzo H. King
Lorenzo H. King, President

Matthew E. Gardner
Matthew E. Gardner, Secretary

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*Official letterhead of the Ethiopian World Federation
dated September 6, 1938, listing all Executive Council Officers
and Members. Every name is an African American.*

ADVISORY BOARD (1938)

Hugh G. Bell, M.D.
Dr. Marc DeGraves
Rev. Walter Harrigan
Dr. W. H. Jernagin
Cecil Marquez, M.D.
Dr. Arthur Schomburg
Mrs. Mary Church Terrell
John West, M.D.

This is not tradition. This is not memory. This is documentary evidence produced by the Federation itself and sent to the League of Nations.

Foundational Black Americans were in charge.