

# Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church

July 4, 2008

Leonard Boswell  
United States Representative  
1427 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-1503

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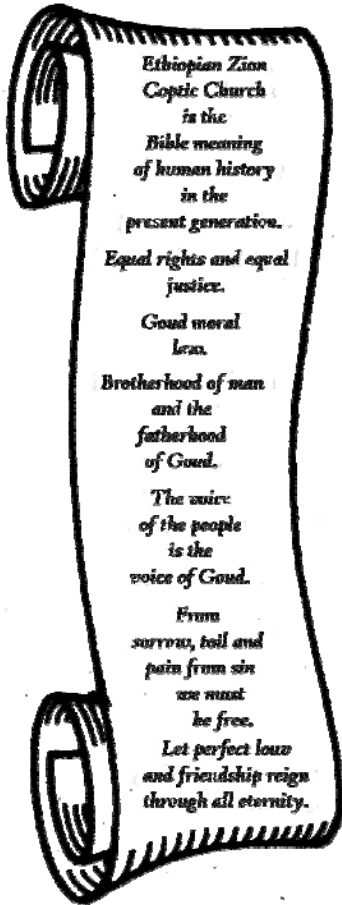
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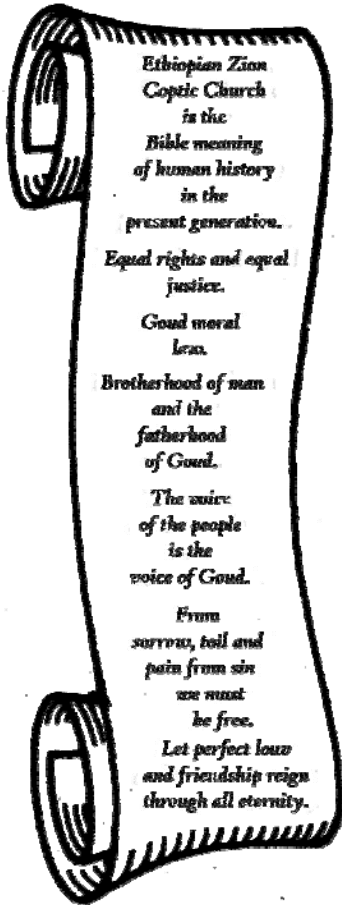
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