



Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches

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To All of the Bishops, Priests, and Faithful of the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church –
Last year around this time (June 7, 2016), we wrote to you to offer our condolences upon the repose of His Eminence Abune Dioskoros, to wish you a blessed feast of Pentecost, and above all, to call upon the hierarchs of the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church to lift the excommunication on His Holiness Abune Antonious I and to restore His Holiness to his Patriarchal Throne.

A year has passed, and we are sad to observe that the painful schism which separates the Eritrean Church from her sisters in Oriental Orthodoxy persists unabated. We are writing to you once again to urge you to refrain from any action which might perpetuate division within the Body of Christ, and also to offer our fervent prayers for the life and health of His Holiness and his restoration to his Apostolic Throne in peace.

With Love in Our Savior Jesus Christ,

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