## Dear friends

It has now been over a year since the blind and visually-impaired from the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, came together after a series of brainstorming meetings to play their part in the creation of a not-for-profit organization under which the blind in Diaspora can realize their strategic development goals of supporting their compatriots. Accordingly, A co-ordinating committee was set up, and it was this committee that was elevated to beeing the executive board which was elected by the larger gathering. With its guidance, the board has done its level best to lay the foundations of a well-grounded not-for-profit organization Global Initiative for the Blind in Ethiopia (GIBE.)

The time has now come to review what the board has accomplished in discharging its responsibilities, to have an insight and get a clear picture of what needs to be done over the next few months and lay out courses of action on how to move forward to reach out to our blind brothers and sisters in our country of origin. Hence, you are cordially invited to the general meeting which would be held on November 2, 2019 through our usual venue, the free international teleconference.

Feel most welcome to our meeting on Saturday/Sunday next week.

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