



# United Tegar Youth in North America

## 2018 United Tegar Youth in North America (UTYNA) Post-Event Summary

This summary captures a three-day program that included a conference, Youth Night Festivity, and a Boat Party.

### ***UTYNA Conference***

The conference took place on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 in Washington D.C and was facilitated by UTYNA Chairman Zenebe Aregawi (Chairman), Dr. Feven Girmay (Vice Chairman), Amde Tadele (Treasurer), and Binyam Belay (Public Relations Chair). The conference began with opening remarks by the Mr. Zenebe Aregawi, and continued with a presentation, panel discussion, and interactive dialogue on the on-goings of UTYNA and issues facing the youth.

The session brought together members of the youth community, as well as elders, from across various areas of the U.S., Canada, Ethiopia, and Eritrea to review the role of UTYNA in creating a platform for social contentedness, cultural awareness/exchange, philanthropy, and community engagement. Additionally, UTYNA provided a detailed report on its finances, media presence, future steps. The conference also provided a valuable networking opportunity and set the stage for further cooperation among members of the youth and other Tegar-based organizations. It concluded with the nomination of two new board members, Asefa Abay from Texas & Haftu Likas from Illinois.

### ***Youth Night Festivity***

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, a crowd of over 600 people came together at DC's Karma Club to enjoy UTYNA's annual Youth Night Party. The event went from 7pm-3am and was filled with attendees from across the diaspora. The festivities began with UTYNA Chairman Mr. Zenebe Aregawi and Mr. Daniel Yihdego serving as the MC's. After which, guests were greeted with live performances from Mulubrhan (Wari), Tirhas (Kobeley), Solomon (Kirarey), Robel Michael. These artists were accompanied with a full band that included Birhane Kidane (Keyboard), Seyum (Saxophone), Fikre (Bass Guitar), Haftom Kahsay (Lead Guitar), and the amazing Dj Kibrom (Kingo). In addition to music, the night also included a spectacular circus performance organized by Salih, a cultural fashion show, trivia game, and an award ceremony. All in all, the night was an unprecedented success.

### ***Boat Party***

UTYNA ended the youth program with an all-white boat party on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>. For three hours, guests enjoyed refreshments, a live performance by Dj Kingo, and a vibrant dance floor on the boat as it sailed along the Potomac.

### ***Closing Marks***

UTYNA would like to thank all participants and attendees for their support. Additionally, we would like to give a special thanks to UTNA, TDA, and Black Bee Invest Group for all their continued support.

We ask that all supporters of UTYNA please stay tuned for upcoming announcements about the organization.