DECR secretary for inter-Christian relations meets with Moscow Ethiopian community



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On January 15, with the blessing of Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR) and at the invitation the Moscow Ethiopian community, Hieromonk Stefan (Igumnov), DECR secretary for inter-Christian relations, met with representatives of the community.

Attending the meeting were also staff members of the Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in the Russian Federation.

The participants discussed a whole host of issues pertaining to bilateral relations between the Russian

Orthodox Church and the Ethiopian Church as well as topical questions related to religious life of Ethiopian Christians living in the capital of Russia.

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There are several hundred Ethiopians residing permanently in the Moscow region at present. Many of them study at the Russian higher educational establishments or work in various institutions. The most part of them belongs to the Ethiopian Church, which has maintained traditionally warm relations with the Moscow Patriarchate.

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