

**CAMPAIGN FOR THE RETURN OF ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH 'TABOT'– HOLY ALTAR SLAB, ON THE OCCASION OF
THE ETHIOPIAN MILLENNIUM**

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Thank you for your letter of 29th August 2007. My apologies for not responding promptly. As indicated in my email to Dr Non, I was in Ethiopia for the Millennium celebrations and was not able to reply sooner.

I am grateful to hear that The Dean and Chapter will give careful consideration to the petition that Westminster Abbey return the Tabot to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

While in Ethiopia I had the opportunity to have an audience with His Holiness Abune Paulos, President of the World Council of Churches and Patriarch of The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church (EOTC) and, as well as Abune Samuel - Patriarch of the Addis Ababa dioceses and member of the EOTC Synod. They both were pleased to hear that Westminster Abbey is considering our request and pray that the Dean, Chapter and Fabric Commission respond positively for the return of the Tabot.

Looking forward to hear from you.

Yours Sincerely,


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On behalf of Orthodox Christians, Ethiopian citizens of Britain and their Australian and other supporters

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