**Mekdim (Preface)**

The Lord God is a God of Glory deserving praises from His creation. That is why heavenly angels, the hosts of heaven and human beings are in the tradition of honoring and glorifying their God in songs and psalms. Accordingly, our own church has prepared a number of books of praises in the form of poetry, prose and songs devoted to the worship of God. It is widely known that these books of praises to our God were initiated first by the great Ethiopian author named St. Yared. However, church scholars that appeared on stage subsequently also contributed their share and enriched the church’s spiritual heritage.

Our church is a state church. Church scholars therefore prepared the hymnals and other books of praise taking into consideration the country’s diverse cultures. The church therefore possesses a rich collection of books of psalms, praises, prayers and other worship services.

The church believes that these books not only facilitate church services and need to be available in all places. They also serve as instruments by which to promote our ancient civilization. They as well serve as vehicles for expressing and popularizing our songs and psalms or prayers and other worship services to the outside world. Great efforts have been made to preserve all of our books throughout the years. The book on Deggua is prepared separately while the rest of the books are compiled together and printed in one package appearing under the title: Amistu Tsiwatewu Zema”. The books have been printed in sufficient numbers and distributed to the various churches as well as to individuals.

The books that were printed in the beginning are not on the market now. But their demand has been on constant increase and it required reprints from time to time. Accordingly, we have now reprinted our psalms for the third time and issued them in one compilation. We are obliged to give priority to this one because of the high demand.

We would like to seize this opportunity to pledge to readers that we are finalizing all preparation to reprint the remaining one after the other. We count on the help of our God to finish the printing work in a very short time.

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