



YPFDJ-NA 6th Annual Northeast Regional Leadership Retreat

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YPFDJ North America Northeast region successfully concluded the Sixth Annual Regional Leadership Training Retreat. Representatives from Boston, Harrisburg, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. chapters attended the retreat, which took place April 4 – 6, 2014 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The retreat focused on consolidating the movement and creating a synergy among all national efforts. The two-day program included various workshops and interactive presentations, which were tailored to equip chapter leaders with the necessary skills to lead their chapters effectively.

Dawit Haile, Head of Organizational and Youth Affairs, Embassy of Eritrea, Washington D.C., in his opening remarks reminded participants of their responsibility to carry their father and forefather's legacies by being conscious and successful citizens. The program, a range of workshops and presentations, included a special presentation by Sophia Tesfamariam, on the critically essential topic, Eritrean identity in the Diaspora. Small group discussions were facilitated by YPFDJ North America Coordinating Committee (NACC) leaders, where all five chapters had the opportunity to review the yearly work plan and put strategies in place to implement the organization's activities. Additional presentations were conducted by fellow YPFDJ members on consciousness (niqhat) and leadership skills, and as the national conference host region, national conference planning was conducted.

During the question and answer sessions, participants asked and debated about Eritrea's current affair issues; housing projects, elections, judiciary matters, youth related challenges, democratic process, global relation and Embassy services.

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Eternal glory to our martyrs!

Awet n'Hafash!

