

Aklilu Memorial Plan Draft

Celebration of Life

- May 31st - Memorial Aspiration Ground

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● Zoom Info

- Join this [Zoom](#):
 - Meeting ID: 236 029 7644
 - Passcode: pK071x
- Call in: • +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
 - Meeting ID: 236 029 7644
 - Passcode: 401410 (note different Passcode)
 - Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kd4C7puEUU>
 - One tap mobile
 - +12532050468,,2360297644#,,,*,401410# US
 - +12532158782,,2360297644#,,,*,401410# US (Tacoma)

- [5/17/25](#) 3m est
 - [5/24/25](#) at 4 pm EST
 - June 14th - Hybrid Memorial w Zoom
 - 4pm in Zoom and Mahatapa's place Tentatively
 - [plan this meeting here please](#).
 - Coordinating is us!

- May 24th Meeting - Agenda/Notes - Last Week to Coordinate Memorial on May 31st
- **Who- Africa Club and Memorial Coordinators and presenters:**
 - whoever is interested, same people as last Sat and
 - our new coordinators, and tribute-poetry and other presenters
 - Invite others to join: Abarita (Dhaneshvar had a chat with him; he will write something), Devendra, etc
- **When:** 4 to 5:30pm EST (change from 3pm last week)
- **Where:** same [Zoom](#) as last week
- **Facilitator:** Any volunteers? Julie by default.
- **Taking Notes:** Julie editing this Doc Draft Plan with help please.

- **Agenda:**
 - Opening Meditation
 - Review Program and Schedule - Reports from Coordinators - What left to do?
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 - Closing Meditation

- May 17 Meeting - [Planning Agenda/Notes](#) :
 1. Coordinate Memorial and schedule for Akilu's Memorial May 31
 2. also June 14 (2nd Memorial with Zoom)
 3. [Who will do each of these things](#) on the [Draft Schedule](#) below?

4. Want large print of Aklilu - 2 large photos or 3rd one as entering smaller 8x10), and 2 larger ones on the right side facing Temple, stage where Paree's grp performs. **Celebration of Life.**
 5. Easel for image - Chayanika?
 6. Start and End times on May 31
 7. Who can Organize Poetry Reading? - Kovida will ask Bhikshuni
 8. Lunthita suggesting Sat night silent meditation, sing Jibaner Bhar, chanting, etc
 - a. Ask Tanima to sing Jibaner Bhar
 9. YESSARA Aklilu's Ethiopian Non Profit. Part of Ganapati's slides. Ganapati - be in touch with contact after the 20th?
 10. Lunthita is suggesting who might have photos (3:20pm est) - 2 girl photographers Adarini and Piyasi. - Ganapati.
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● Contribute Suggestions - How to use this doc

This is a draft for others to contribute and participate in planning and designing a special **Memorial Service May 31** at Aspiration Ground for our dear brother Aklilu who left the body Dec 30th 2024, just after energetically starting a new 2024 team called Soon Very Soon Africa - a New Vision for Africa Club 2025 and beyond.

● Help us organize this:

To contribute Tributes, Poems, Songs, Aphorisms, Images and Videos (written and spoken) for Aklilu's Memorial, kindly contact Ganapati or Julie asap. You can also join the [Africa Club discussion on Whatsapp here](#).

- Deadline to finalize this Plan is ASAP Deadline is Saturday May 24th, 2025 a Zoom Finalize Plan meeting 4 pm EST).
 - Please do not edit others ideas; leave comments on others ideas by highlighting like this and adding a comment to the right.
 - New ideas can be added until May 24th on a new blank line and contact us.
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- Draft Program and Schedule.
- ACTION Items STILL to Work out:
- **Red** Text needs your review.
- **Blue** is decided who and **red** if undecided - needs attention.

Tasks- Roles to Review with Group:

- **Donations send to Lunthita** - Send Program to our networks, Whatsapp, friends, etc - ask for contributions to Africa Club - send to Lunthita (Wise - 1-305-776-8489, Venmo, Paypal). **Julie may** compose a message for Donations Invite to Memorial(s) and ask for more Tributes for the book and program.
- **Ganapati asking Ranjana for start time May 31st** and showing her the program for approval.
- MC - Mistress of Ceremonies: **Lunthita agreed.**
- Drumming (1 min) **Pravin** agreed!
 - **Ganapati/Pravin** organizing drummers at start, assuming flower offering is in our program, not by Ranjana at end of meditation, as our program starts.
 - Could also be at the end.
- Programs & Sashes:
 - Program Printouts for entrance: **Ganapati - 1st Draft here**
 - Greeter(s) - hand out Program at the entrance along with Sashes (Sashes for the presenters and drummers only - how many needed? See Table below) - Greeter is **Lunthita and** (ask Oliveria, Harita, Mahatapa).
 - Sashes for drummers and presenters - Kente cloth Kovida can contribute - **Kovida offering material for people to make their own sashes. Not made by Kovida**
 - Ganapati wants sashes for drummers - may have boys make own. - Will coordinate with Kovida to get cloth or use this own.
- Flowers offered at Large Image during poetry reading (**if Ranjana approves**):
 - **Diksha** Coordinating - **Lunthita** getting donations
 - **Flower offering: Lunthita announces?**
 - Ranjana decides when we offer flowers:
 - If done by her after meditation as we begin our program
 - vs by us during our poetry program
- Singing Practice - Tanima on singing practise
 - **Julie agreed to send Tanima the program - sent MMS a link to outline below and she and Ganapati are in touch.**

● Tributes & Poems

- [Tributes gathered here](#). Julie sent Collection to Begabati.
 - Who WANTS to read? ([See list of people to call below](#))
 - Who is Selecting Tributes to be read - [Begabati](#)
 - She will select for 15 min.
 - She will notify people who are reading
 - and coordinate readers of those not present.
 - 5/27/25 She will check on doing audios or videos of people reading their own (Pierre, Abarita's song, etc) - checking on tech and coordinating people.
 - [Poems: Kovida coordinating](#) - choosing poems for 10 min
 - [Karabi](#)
 - [Vajra](#)
 - [Pravin](#)
 - [Kovida](#)
 - [Lunthita?](#)
 - [Harita?](#)
 - [Saudamini \(ask\)?](#)
 - [Who else?](#)
 - Photos: Who is organizing, finding and setting up photos:
 - [Photos: 2 small and 1 large on easel - provided by:](#) Ganapati should choose.
 - [Ganapati](#) asking about easel - Chayanika - she agreed.
 - Send Ganapati photos (Julie sent 14 by email from Agragati/Ashish archive)
 - [Lunthita will ask Piyashi for photos \(Ganapati knows about Ashish's archive\)](#)
 - Prasad African Meal Offered by Africa Club -
 - [Kovida coordinating / Lunthita collecting donations - arranging funds](#)
 - Ethiopian Meal: 1st choice - Kovida from Jersey
 - West African: 2nd choice - Jollof Rice - ask Vegetarian
 - \$5-\$7 for 180
 - Day of Event: mics and recording (Sasha: sound board; Kamalakanta)
 - [Video Recording: Natabara? Ganapati will ask him. Jaeseane will record Ganapati knows 5/27/25.](#)
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● Program Plan Details

1. Call to Remembrance (10 Min):

- a. Drummers w Kente cloth sashes? (1-2 min) - Ganapati organizing. Kovida and Ganapati offering material for people to make their own sashes. A brief drum Performance Announcing Awakening and a New Celebration of Life of Aklilu - a transition from evening meditation.. As Drums end: Boom! Begabati begins.
- b. Begabati (5min) - includes her story of bringing Aklilu to the path and may include other's stories from the past and new 2024 Soon Very Soon Africa Team.

2. Slide Presentation with Video (10 min): (Ganpati's slides with video Agragati made)

- a. Ganapati: Slide Presentation with video.
- b. Can slides be used in other parts of the program? - Ganapati
- c. Video: From Waking Life clip - dvd extras has Aklilu - Agragati made a video with his own intro and slides at end. Agragati confirmed 5/24/25 [this](#) is the (same) current revision. Ganapati will splice part of video - what he needs to include in his slide show

3. Flower Offering at Akliu's Large Picture:

- a. Diksha Coordinating
- b. Starts during Poetry Readings (10min)
- c. Can continue into the program: Next is Tributes (15 min)
- d. Kovida is thinking of the Flower Line Limit - overflow to Tributes - no need to stop flower offering at end for Tributes (25 min should be plenty but seems ok to let it go on to end of program)

4. **Singing (5 min):** - **Tanima** - **Notes in Comment**
 - a. Jibaner Bhar
 - b. Ethiopia - part of Peace Nations song
 - c. Peace Song - **Tanima suggests Get from PR website ... Do we need the recording? Who will do this?**
 - d. Soon Very Soon (Africa Song - excellent recording Tanima will find) - **only at end? Recording part of Slides?**
 - e. **Other Africa Songs?** - **Tanima thinks the above is enough, your thoughts Ganapati, et al?**

5. Aphorism/ **Poetry Reading (10 min)** - **Kovida coordinating** - select readers/poems.
 - a. Select poems that a group of disciples, yet to be named (around 7-10) will recite.
 - b. Ask: "Do you feel comfortable reading a Tribute? (No) We need 7-10 poems" tracking count before offering poems. See Tribute selections below for who to ask.

6. **Tributes by Disciples (15 min):**
 - a. Slides while Tributes are read - keep on loop - and or Guru and Aklilu
 - b. "Do you feel comfortable reading a Tribute? (No) How about a poem? **Who is asking?:** **G = Ganapati (boys) - Kovida or Julie (girls)**
 - i. Vajra - **G: Tribute and/or poem**
 - ii. Pravin - **G - (drums yes!)**
 - iii. **Anupam (The Smile) - Lunthita**
 - iv. Karabi - **Kovida: Will read Poem**
 - v. Ganapati - **G: Tribute**
 - vi. Diksha - **Neither**
 - vii. Bikshani - **Not organizing**
 - viii. Kovida - **Kovida - poem**
 - ix. **Vasanti - Tribute read by Kovida**
 - x. Bhashwar - **G Can't make it**
 - xi. Sakhshat - **G LM**
 - xii. Devendra - **Neither**
 - xiii. **Saudamini - Aklilu was an advisor for her dissertation - Julie asking poem/Tribute?**
 - xiv. **Menaka (Paris) - Ethiopia classes - Lunthita & Vasanti**
 - xv. **Johanas - Ganapati**
 - xvi. **Who else? - ask others (we have 15 min for Tributes and 10 min for Poetry so 25 min! Do we need more?)**
 - xvii. **Pierre (Cameroon) - read by someone or play audio -**
 - xviii. **Abarita (Switzerland) - He will write some nice words- Ganapati**
 - xix. **Shivabhakta - Ganapati**
 - xx. **The Brother - Abhijatri and Balarka from Zimbabwe and South Africa- Atul**
 - xxi. **Sharika - Sukham**

xxii. Peace Run in Tributes:

1. **Daulot** - Julie asked.
2. **Arpan** - out of town
3. **Manatita** - (a real poet and wrote a nice Perfect) Tribute w Peace Run - **Ganapati can read Tribute.**
4. **Atulya** - Julie -
5. Natabara: - **Ganapati spoke** - out of town

- c. **Selection of Tributes:** Begabati to Select Tributes and **Coordinate with speakers? Might include audios or videos. Begabati checking on tech too.**
- d. **Tributes Collection in GDoc** - from Remembering Disciples WhatsApp and other groups and websites.

e. Who will coordinate and ask people?

- i. **Julie may** create a **message** inviting both book and in person tributes - check if message ok for donations w +Lunthita and book tribute ask QA ask Begabati
- ii. Then ask both **Lunthita and Agragati** * Can you please ask your contributing people/groups at your earliest convenience for Memorial Tributes for May 31st and Book? Feel free to improve my message.
- iii. Message - **send again adding Begabati's ending?:**

Please contribute your Tribute to Aklilu's Life. We are seeking Tributes to honor Aklilu for both the May 31st Celebration of Life at Aspiration Ground and also for the Aklilu Tribute Book Begabati and Ganapati are putting together.

Our Celebration of Life for Aklilu May 31st is a 60 minute program. Tributes are 15 min on the program. We need poetry readers for 10 min. We want as many tributes, stories, images and videos with Aklilu as we can get for both the book and the in person memorial. We will use them all, and select a few for May 31st.

Deadlines:

* For consideration to be selected for tributes to be given by you May 31st, please send your written tribute to Julie within a week - juliewolf3@gmail.com or text 858-848-7047 or MMS julie_wolf with a text nudge to check MMS/Purity.

* For the book, please send within a month to Begabati begabati@greenhealing.life or 617-547-8500 or Ganapati (401) 225-1219 . Begabati is looking for tributes with substance, not just what a nice guy he was - we know that! - how did he inspire you? Especially, did

he inspire you to do manifestation in Africa? Tell us about that! Details, please! There will be a section on manifestation in Africa even if Aklilu was not directly involved. Lots of photos, with captions - send to Ganapati. Aklilu's heart was for all of Africa.

7. Aklilu Vision Continues (5 min) (aka announcements) -

- a. Africa Club Reunion: [Ganapati](#)
 - i. Africa Club Plans and meetings
 - 1. Please come talk to us on WhatsApp and our Zoom Meetings
 - 2. June 14th on Zoom
 - 3. August Africa Club reunion meeting.
 - ii. Soon Very Soon Africa New 2024-25 Vision
 - iii. Join Our Whatsapp Africa! Ask Julie or Agragat to add you join link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/IXkWCRE2P6e9DBsLKdVc5r>
- b. Book - Begabati/Ganapati: [Begabati](#) - *Julie confirmed with Begabati*
- c. *Peace Run* - Peace run plans ([Ganapati will look into a place and date for fall 2025 or 2026 as Aklilu was hoping for](#))
 - i. Peace Runs (from Atul and Daulot) : There is still a strong interest in Africa Peace runs, needs plan - Aklilu was leading that team - who shall he pass the torch to now? contact us if interested - Ethiopia, where else - depends on people. *Atul reminds us to mention to Salil.*

8. Africa Song - (5 min):

- a. Africa song - [Tanima](#)
- b. Song Lyrics in the [Program](#) -Printed include Africa Song in it - at entrance: [Ganapati printing](#)

Scroll down for [Time Table](#) and [Program points](#).

● **Schedule TimeTable - 60 minute Program Timeline:**

Item	Minutes	Presenters	Coordinators	Notes
Programs at the gate of Aspiration Ground	-	Greeters: Lunthit and a friend (Mahatapa , Harita)	Lunthita	Greeter(s) hand out Programs
Drummers - Announcing Awakening and a New Celebration of Life	1	Pravin	Ganapati	1st slide on at start of program on Screen
Call to Remembrance	5	Begabati		Finding the Path
Slide Presentation w Video	10	Ganapati		Aragati made Video - this link my not be the final version
Sing: Jibaner Bhar, Ethiopia, Peace Run	5	Tanima's Group	Tanima	She will plan singing practice
Poetry Reading with Flower offering	10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Karabi 2. Varja 3. Pravin 4. Kovida 5. Harita? 6. Lunthita? 	Kovida : Select Poems Flowers: Diksha	Need Readers.
Tributes	15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vajra 2. Ganapati 3. Manatita - read by Ganapati 4. Vishanti - read my Kovida 5. ... etc 	Begabati	Begabati selecting. Wants more detailed Tributes All collected tributes = 12 min so far 5/27
Aklilu's Vision Continues	9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Africa Club - Ganapati 2. Book - Begabati 3. Peace Run - Harita? Vasanti? 	Begabati and Ganapati	3-4.5 min each

Africa Song	5	All	Tanima	Tanima knows of a very good recording, practice plan.

● Program for Printout and Ranjana

1. Drummers (1 min)
2. Call to Remembrance (5 min) - stories of Aklilu joining the Path
3. Slide Presentation (10 min)
4. Jibaner Bhar, Ethiopia, Peace Run and other songs (5 min)
5. Flower offering begins with poems
6. Poetry Reading (10 min)
7. Tributes (15 min)
8. Aklilu's Vision Continues: Book, Africa Club, Peace Run (9 min)
9. Africa song (5 min)
10. African Meal Prasad