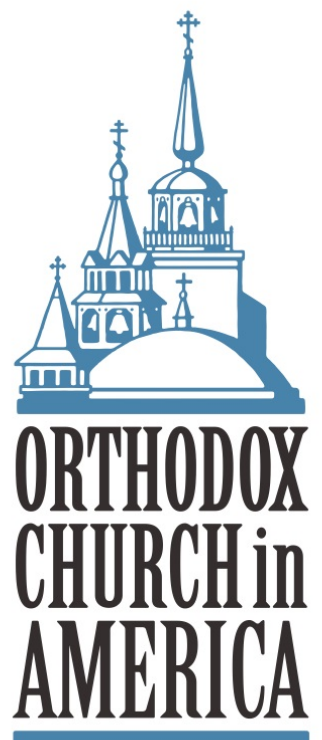

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL of the ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

MINUTES
2022 Special Session

Conducted by video conference

Thursday, August 25, 2022



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His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

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GUESTS

Judge E.R. Lanier (*OCA General Counsel*)

A. Call to Order

Metropolitan Tikhon opened the session with prayer at 1:04 PM and Archpriest Alexander Rentel then called the meeting to order.

B. Agenda Introduction & Roll Call

Fr. Rentel reviewed the agenda for the Special Session and noted that it has been convened to appoint a liaison from the Metropolitan Council to the Pension Board in fulfillment of the Pension resolution adopted by the 20th All-American Council. Additionally, the OCA Secretary will review logistics for the Fall Session of the Metropolitan Council to be held in October. Fr. Rentel then conducted the roll call, indicating that Judge E.R. Lanier (OCA General Counsel) would be the only guest attending today's meeting, as Alexis Liberovsky (OCA Archivist) has been elected a member of the Metropolitan Council but is continuing his duties as recording secretary for this meeting. He then introduced Metropolitan Tikhon for his opening remarks.

C. Metropolitan's Remarks

Metropolitan Tikhon presented his introductory remarks. He noted the recent falling asleep of Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware), Matushka Anne Hopko and Fr. John Reeves, a former member of this Council. He then asked for prayers for the recovery of Archbishop Melchisedek from surgery and for Metropolitan Herman who is nearing his repose. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the new members of the Metropolitan Council. He provided some general reflections on the recent 20th All-American Council, noting that it was peaceful, productive and well-paced, neither hurried nor did it get bogged down. He appreciated the healthy debate that took place, but thinks that there should be more room for serious discussion on issues. He noted that the liturgies celebrated during the Council mirrored the rich liturgical diversity of the OCA. His Beatitude thanked numerous people for the smooth running of the AAC, including the Council Vice-Chairs and the Co-Chairs of the Local Organizing Committee as well as the Council Manager and the entire chancery staff. He indicated that a fuller discussion of the AAC would take place during the Fall Session of the Metropolitan Council. He announced that the appointment of a Synodal liaison to the Pension Board as mandated by the OCA Statute would be announced soon.

D. Designation of MC Liaison to the Pension Board

Fr. Rentel read the Pension resolution adopted during the fifth plenary session of the 20th All-American Council that mandated the designation of a Metropolitan Council liaison to the Pension Board. He then asked Andrew Smith to brief the Metropolitan Council on discussions within the Pension Subcommittee since the 20th AAC regarding the designation of a liaison to the Pension Board. It was the consensus of the Subcommittee to suggest David Lane as the most appropriate candidate for this position. After thorough discussion, including the possible designation of a qualified person who is not a member of the MC, **the Council voted by a count of twenty-six (26) votes in favor and one (1) vote opposed (Prentice) to designate David Lane as the Metropolitan Council liaison to the Pension Board.**

E. Logistics for the Regular Fall 2022 Session of the Metropolitan Council

Priest Alessandro Margheritino briefed Council members on the details and logistics for the regular Fall Session of the Metropolitan Council scheduled to take place on October 19-21, 2022 at the new, temporary location of the OCA Chancery in Springfield, Virginia. Fr. Rentel announced that the Fall Session of the Council will be, by Statute, required to appoint the Auditing Committee and requested that Council members provide names of persons with relevant professional experience for consideration.

F. Adjournment

Metropolitan Tikhon thanked everyone for a productive meeting in anticipation of welcoming the members of the Council to the Washington, DC area and the new, temporary location of the chancery in Springfield, VA at the upcoming Fall Session. He declared the Special Session of the Metropolitan Council closed and adjourned the meeting with prayer at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Liberovsky,
Recording Secretary