

## **Team Established to Implement Best Practices for Financial Accountability**

At the fall meeting of the Metropolitan Council, it was suggested that the financial activity of the central church administration of The Orthodox Church in America be in compliance with the standards as found in the “Best Practices Principles for Non-Profit Financial Accountability.”

Metropolitan Herman accepted the suggestion and announced that beginning with year 2006, the Best Practices Principles for Non-Profit Financial Accountability would become a standard used in the work of the central church administration. He appointed Acting Treasurer, Father Paul Kucynda to oversee this effort.

Protodeacon Peter Danilchick, who is well versed in the Best Practice Principles and has authored a draft specific to the needs of the central church administration, is being assisted by Matushka Mary Buletza Breton and Mr. Robert Kornafel. The goal of the project is to establish a document that deals with the financial governance, structures, controls, and reporting in compliance with the “Best Practices Principles for Non-Profit Financial Accountability.”

The team brings broad and extensive experience in business administration to this effort.

**Protodeacon Peter Danilchick** has served on several non-profit Boards and church councils, including as a Trustee of St Vladimir’s Seminary, and is a retired executive from Exxon Mobil Corporation having served as President, Exxon China Petroleum and Petrochemical Company.

**Matushka Mary Buletza Breton** is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with more than twenty-five years experience in public accounting. Her specialty areas include tax consulting and financial planning. Matushka Mary has been very active in all aspects of church life and has held leadership and financial positions in numerous parishes and church affiliated organizations.

**Mr. Robert Kornafel** is a retired corporate executive and current business consultant, with significant experience in the development and implementation of personnel and ethical policies and practices for the Steel Division of D.A. Steward Company. He serves as a member of the Metropolitan Council Administrative Committee and has served on two parish councils, the diocesan council of the Diocese of New the diocesan council of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey and now of the Diocese of Washington and New York.