

**MINUTES**  
**Plenary Session I**  
**July 22, 2002**

1. Following the celebration of a Service of Thanksgiving and the singing of "The Grace of the Holy Spirit," His Beatitude, Metropolitan THEODOSIUS declared the Thirteenth All-American Council open at 12:27 p.m.
2. A Naval color guard presented the flag of the United States and the national anthems of the United States, Canada and Mexico were sung. Then the Orthodox Military Chaplains celebrated a service of remembrance and prayer in memory of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.
3. His Beatitude introduced Archbishop DMITRI, host hierarch for the Council, who offered words of welcome to the delegates and described the origin and growth of the Diocese of the South.
4. His Grace, Bishop JOB, Chairman of the Preconciliar Commission, outlined the Commission's work.
5. His Grace, Bishop JOB then presented nominations for the organization of the Council, as follows:
  - a. **Clergy Vice-Chair**  
Archpriest Gregory Safchuk
  - b. **Lay Vice-Chair**  
Mr. Michael Herzak
  - c. **Council Secretariat**  
Fr. Dennis Rhodes, *Chair*  
Fr. Paul Jannakos  
Fr. Andrew Morbey  
Fr. Michael Dahulich  
Fr. Basil Zebrun  
Ms. Anna Andrew  
Ms. Dorothy Nowik
  - d. **Tellers**  
Fr. Daniel Kovalak, *Chair*  
Fr. Stephen Mack  
Fr. Alexander Kuchta  
Fr. John Hopko  
Fr. John Memorich  
Fr. Constantine White  
Fr. Lawrence Margitich  
Ms. Leda Dzwonczyk  
Ms. Eleana Silk  
Mr. Coy Williamson  
Dr. Michael Wusylko  
Mr. David Donlick  
Ms. Mary Caetta
  - e. **Credentials**  
Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, *Chair*  
Fr. Mark Stevens  
Fr. Victor Sokolov  
Fr. Laurence Lazar  
Fr. Michael Hatrak  
Fr. Andrew Clements  
Mr. Timothy Hojnicky  
Mr. Jerry Wilson, *Consultant*  
Mr. Gregory Sulich, *Consultant*
  - f. **Press and Information**  
Fr. John Matusiak, *Chair*  
Fr. John Dresko  
Mr. Martin Paluch  
Ms. Joan Stroener, *Consultant*  
Ms. Becky Coleman, *Consultant*  
Ms. Eugenia Wilson, *Consultant*  
Mr. David Lucs, *Consultant*  
Mr. John Mindala, *Consultant*
  - g. **Nominations**  
Fr. Paul Kucynda, *Chair*  
Fr. Eric Tosi  
Archimandrite Benjamin (Peterson)  
Fr. Ted Boback  
Fr. Basil Zebrun  
Fr. John Udics  
Mr. Richard West  
Ms. Valerie Sudick  
Ms. Linda Livosky

- h. **Parliamentary Procedure**  
Fr. David Brum, *Chair*  
Fr. Michael Westerberg  
Mr. Jonathan Russin  
Judge Harold Kalina  
Mr. Bill Livosky, *Consultant*  
Mr. Peter Melnick, *Consultant*
- i. **Resolutions**  
Professor John Erickson, *Chair*  
Fr. Thomas Hopko  
Fr. Basil Rhodes  
Fr. Dimitri Cozby  
Igumen Iriney (Rochon)  
Fr. David Mahaffey  
Fr. John Stefero  
Fr. Alexander Golubov  
Fr. Joseph Frawley  
Dr. Paul Meyendorff  
Monk James (Silver), *Consultant*

His Grace then moved the acceptance of the nominations, seconded by Dr. Paul Meyendorff. The motion was unanimously accepted.

6. His Grace, Bishop JOB then reviewed the Procedures on Resolutions, as follows:

Resolutions submitted prior to the Council shall be discussed during Plenary Sessions on topics already scheduled for discussion.

Floor Resolutions: Resolutions on topics not already scheduled for discussion in Plenary Sessions may be presented to the Chair, in writing, at any session, prior to the close of the Open Forum on Wednesday afternoon. Such resolutions will be presented to the Holy Synod, then referred to the Resolutions Committee without debate. The Resolutions Committee will report on action taken on said resolutions during the Resolutions portion of the Seventh Plenary Session on Friday morning.

Procedures: During the appropriate Plenary Session, the Resolutions Committee will present the resolution(s), prepared prior to the Council that is (are) related to the topic of that session. The introduction will serve to give background information and formally to place the resolution before the Council.

The debate on the resolution shall be limited to no more than sixteen speakers, eight in favor, eight in opposition, speaking alternately, as recognized by the Chair.

Each speaker shall be entitled up to three minutes to discuss the resolution.

Delegates may speak only once on any pending matter.

Once before the Council, all resolutions will be open for general debate and possible amendment. Amendments must be presented to the chair in writing but need not be submitted to the Resolutions Committee in advance; they must be germane.

Debate on any amendments shall be subject to the same limitations as for resolutions; when an amendment is the pending order of business, the delegates shall speak to the merits of the amendment only.

If, during the consideration of a resolution or an amendment, it appears to the Chair that a period of informal discussion would be appropriate, he may propose such. If the Council agrees, then a five-minute period of round table discussions will take place.

Once an amendment has been disposed of (i.e., adopted or rejected) debate shall resume where it left off on the proposed resolution, as (possibly) amended.

If appropriate, the Chair may call upon qualified persons to speak to technical points of a resolution or amendment; these interjections shall not be considered as part of the sixteen-person debate.

All debate, resolutions, and amendments shall be conducted in accordance with the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, and pursuant to these rules as supplemented by Roberts Rules of Order.

Mr. George Lichvarik moved the adoption of the rules and the Council agenda, seconded by Fr. Theodore Boback. The motion was accepted.

7. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius then reviewed the procedures for nomination and elections to Church-wide positions, as follows:

In accordance with the Statute and resolutions of the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth All-American Councils, this Council must elect four persons to the Metropolitan Council and four to the Pension Board. One priest and one layman are elected for a six-year term; and one priest and one layman are elected for a three-year term. The priest and layman with the highest vote will receive six-year terms. In addition, the Council must elect two members of the Auditing Committee for six- and three-year terms. The person with the highest vote will receive a six-year term.

During this First Plenary Session, the Nominating Committee Chairperson and the Nominating Committee Members will be introduced. In an attempt to move ahead with the elections, any delegate who is interested in running for a Church-wide position or any delegate who would like to nominate a delegate for a Church-wide position may see any member of the Nominating Committee and submit their names. All qualified nominees must complete a biographical sketch by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24. The nominees are to report to the Secretarial Office in the Koi Room on the second floor between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, to complete the sketch and have a photograph taken.

During the Fifth Plenary Session (Wednesday morning), nominations will be received from the floor for possible candidates for Church-wide positions. If the nominee accepts the position, he or she will complete and submit a biographical information form by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24. These are available in the Secretarial Room, the Koi Room on the second floor. The Nominating Committee will meet throughout the week and review the resumes of the nominees.

During the Sixth Plenary Session on Thursday afternoon, each delegate will receive a voting form. This form will include the names and resumes of all those who were nominated to the church-wide positions.

He then reviewed the current holders of those positions and their status:

### **Metropolitan Council**

Archpriest John Dresko, term expires and the 13th All-American Council, eligible to run.

Archpriest Gregory Safchuk, term expires at the 13th All-American Council, eligible to run again.

Archpriest Eugene Vansuch, term expires at the 14th All-American Council.

The Hon. Harold Kalina, term expires at the 13th All-American Council, ineligible to run again.

Prof. John Erickson, term expires at the 14th All-American Council.

Dr. Alice Woog, term expires at the 13th All-American Council, eligible to run again.

**Pension Board**

Archpriest Dimitri Oselinsky, term expires at the 13th All-American Council, ineligible to run again.  
 Archpriest Peter Pawlack, term expires at the 14th All-American Council.  
 Archpriest Michael Westerberg, term expires at the 13th All-American Council, eligible to run again.  
 Mr. Milos Konjevich, term expires at the 13th All-American Council, ineligible to run again.  
 Mr. Gregory Shesko, term expires at the 13th All-American Council, ineligible to run again.  
 Mr. John Sedor, term expires at the 14th All-American Council.

**Auditing Committee**

Archpriest Paul Suda, term expires at the 14th All-American Council.  
 Priest David Mahaffey, alternate, eligible to run again.  
 Mr. Frank Tkacz, term expires at the 14th All-American Council.

8. Fr. Paul Kucynda introduced the members of the Nominating Committee for recognition.
9. Fr. Robert Kondratick introduced the Council participants on the dais and other Council guests.
10. Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, presented the Committee's report, as follows:

a. **Pre-Registration at the Council:**

Guest & Retired Bishops:	4
Bishops:	10
Clergy Delegates:	328
Lay Delegates:	316
Observers:	523
Total	1,181

b. **Attendance at this session:**

Guest & Retired Bishops:	4
Bishops:	10
Clergy Delegates:	311
Lay Delegates:	316
Observers:	359
Total:	1,000

11. Mr. John Erickson introduced the report of the Statute Commission and stated that there were no proposed amendments to the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America to be presented at this Council, but several resolutions relating to the Statute will be considered in accordance with the agenda.
12. Fr. Gregory Safchuk, Clergy Vice-Chairman, introduced Metropolitan THEODOSIUS, who addressed the Council. At the conclusion of his address, he read the letter he had submitted to the Holy Synod of Bishops in April requesting retirement.
13. Fr. John Bacon, a member of the Eastern Orthodox Commission on Scouting presented the Prophet Elias Adult Recognition Award to His Beatitude in recognition of his interest in and support of scouting.
14. Fr. Constantine White, Dean of St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C., announced that the cathedral parish will seek to dedicate its new parish center to Metropolitan THEODOSIUS.
15. The First Plenary Session was adjourned at 2: 40 p.m.

**Plenary Session II**  
**July 22, 2002**

1. Mr. Michael Herzak, Lay Vice-Chairman, declared the Session open at 3:54 p.m. Fr. Paul Jannakos read from scripture. The assembly then sang "The Grace of the Holy Spirit."
2. Bishop SERAPHIM, Secretary of the Holy Synod, read the decision of the Holy Synod accepting Metropolitan THEODOSIUS' request for retirement and declaring the see of Washington, D.C., and the office of Metropolitan of All America and Canada vacant. He also announced that His Eminence, Archbishop KYRILL was appointed locum tenens to preside over the nomination and election of a successor.
3. Fr. Robert Kondratick opened the nomination and election procedure and called on Professor John Erickson to read the procedure.
4. Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported the voting delegates, as follows:

**Attendance at this session:**

Bishops:	10
Clergy Delegates:	307
Lay Delegates:	322
Observers	643
Total:	639

Fr. Kondratick then announced that the number required for a 2/3 majority vote was 426.

5. Fr. Kondratick asked that the doors be closed and balloting began.
6. Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Chairman of the Tellers, reported the results of the first ballot, as follows:

Bishop SERAPHIM	267
Archbishop HERMAN	141
Bishop JOB	52
Archbishop NATHANIEL	47
Bishop NIKOLAI	47
Archbishop DMITRI	45
Bishop BASIL (Essey)	12
Archbishop KYRILL	2
Bishop TIKHON	3
Bishop NIKON	1
Fr. Michael Dahulich	3
Metropolitan PHILIP	2
Fr. Eugene Tarris	2
Archbishop DEMETRIOS	2
Fr. Irinej (Dobrijevich)	2
Fr. Christopher (Calin)	1
Fr. Vladimir (Wendling)	1
Bishop NICHOLAS	1
Archimandrite Tikhon	1
Hierodeacon Yakov	1
Fr. Alexander (Golitzin)	1

A total of 636 valid ballots were cast and 9 invalid ballots, for a total of 645 nominations.

7. Fr. Kondratick then announced the beginning of the second ballot.
8. After the ballots were collected, the Session was recessed at 5:50 p.m., to resume following Vespers at 6:30 p.m.
9. The Session resumed at 7:07 p.m., and Fr. Daniel Kovalak announced the results of the second ballot as follows:

Bishop SERAPHIM	473
Archbishop HERMAN	223
Bishop JOB	151
Bishop NIKOLAI	107
Archbishop NATHANIEL	94
Archbishop DMITRI	73
Bishop NIKON	18
Bishop TIKHON	16
Archbishop KYRILL	12
Archbishop PETER	5
Bishop BASIL (Essey)	32
Fr. Alexander (Golitzin)	19
Fr. Michael Dahulich	15
Metropolitan PHILIP	8
Fr. Irinej (Dobrijevich)	5
Archimandrite Tikhon	5
Fr. Vladimir (Wendling)	3
Fr. Basil Carpenter	3
Archbishop DEMETRIOS	2
Fr. David Brum	2
Fr. Eugene Tarris	2
Bishop DIMITRIOS	2
Fr. Basil Summer	2
Fr. Christopher (Calin)	1
Fr. James (Paffhausen)	1
Bishop NICHOLAS	1
Fr. Dennis Pihach	1
Hierodeacon Yakov	1
Dr. Albert Rossi	1
Fr. Ireney (Rochon)	1

A total of 1278 nominations were cast.

10. The members of the Holy Synod of Bishops then entered the sanctuary to elect the new Metropolitan and emerged to declare that Archbishop HERMAN of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania was elected.
11. Following the service of installation, the session adjourned at 8:15 p.m., as the clergy and faithful greeted Metropolitan HERMAN.

**Plenary Session III**  
**July 23, 2002**

1. Following the singing of "The Grace of the Holy Spirit," Fr. Gregory Safchuk, Clergy Vice-Chairman, declared the Session open at 9:56 a.m.
2. Mrs. Alice Woog, Project Manager of the Pre-Conciliar Commission, made a presentation on "Getting the Most Out of the All-American Council."
3. Protopresbyter Robert Kondratick, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, delivered his report to the Council.
4. The Session recessed at 11:05 a.m., and reconvened at 11:25 a.m.
5. Mr. Joseph Kormos presented the results of the Parish Profile Survey which had been distributed to all priests in June.
6. Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko facilitated table discussions on the theme of the Council, "The Parish Community: Our Life in Christ."
7. Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, presented the Committee's report, as follows:
  - a. **Registration at the Council:**

Clergy Delegates:	326
Lay Delegates:	322
Observers:	448
Total:	1096
  - b. **Attendance at this Session:**

Clergy Delegates:	227
Lay Delegates:	260
Observers:	171
Total:	658
8. The Session was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

**Plenary Session IV**  
**July 23, 2002**

1. Mr. Michael Herzak, Lay Vice-Chairman, declared the Session open at 8:45 p.m. The Assembly sang "The Grace of the Holy Spirit."
2. Mr. Jonathan Russin of Russin & Vecchi LLP introduced a discussion of the resolution on "Property Held in Trust", which had been distributed prior to the Council.

In response to a question from the floor, Mr. Russin replied that this Resolution does not apply to the non-territorial dioceses.

3. Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported the voting delegates, as follows:

**Attendance at this session:**

Clergy:	193
Lay Delegates:	173
Observers:	461
Total:	366

Mr. Herzak then announced that a quorum was present.

4. a. Fr. Victor Sokolov moved to accept the Resolution entitled "Property Held in Trust." which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the 13th All-American Council has considered the need to amend Article X, Section 9 of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes sound reasons for amendment exist because civil courts have not given full effect to the trust relationship between local parishes and the Church that is inherent in the Statute with respect to parish property; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it necessary to express itself on an interim basis in order that interested parties can know how the Church and this Council regard the trust relationship that is inherent in Article X, Section 9;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is, by the 13th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America, hereby resolved as follows:

1. All parish property, assets and funds are and shall be owned and held by the parish or parish corporation in trust for the uses, purposes, and benefit of the Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America in which the parish is located. This provision shall not limit the power and authority of the parish or parish corporation with respect to such property, assets, and funds so long as the parish or parish corporation remains part of the Orthodox Church in America, and is subject to its faith, discipline, and its Statute. In the event the Diocese shall cease to be affiliated with the Orthodox Church in America or otherwise cease to exist all such parish property, assets and funds are and shall be owned and held by the parish or parish corporation in trust for the uses, purposes, and benefit of the Orthodox Church in America, or such other Dioceses as the Orthodox Church in America shall designate. This provision does not reflect a departure from prior practice, and sets forth in explicit terms a trust relationship that has been implicit in existing relationships within the Orthodox Church in America, its predecessor entities, and its dioceses and parishes.



2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, and shall remain in effect until such time as Article X, Section 9 of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America is amended by the 14th or a subsequent All-American Council.

The motion was seconded by Fr. Matthew Searfoorce.

- b. During the ensuing discussion, Dr. Paul Meyendorff recommended that similar provisions be made in the Statute to include Church institutions such as seminaries and monasteries. Mr. Herzak stated that this recommendation will be passed on to the Statute Commission for consideration.
- c. Fr. Basil Carpenter moved to amend the Resolution on "Property Held in Trust" by adding the words italicized below to paragraph 1:

*". . . and is subject to its faith, discipline, and its Statute, and the Holy Canons of the Orthodox Church . . . "*

The motion to amend was seconded by Fr. George Johnson.

The amendment was defeated.

- d. The Resolution on "Property Held in Trust" as presented was adopted.
5. The Fourth Plenary Session closed with the singing of "It is Truly Meet" at 10:03 p.m.

## Plenary Session V

### July 24, 2002

1. The Session opened with the singing of "The Grace of the Holy Spirit" at 9:56 a.m.
2. Fr. Robert Kondratich announced that the Holy Synod of Bishops had named Metropolitan HERMAN as locum tenens of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania.
3. Fr. Andrew Morbey presented a bible study on the Council theme entitled "The Parish Community: A Life Worthy of the Gospel." He then led a table discussion on Philippians 4:1-3
4. Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, gave the report of the Credentials Committee, as follows:

**Attendance at this session:**

Clergy Delegates	273
Lay Delegates	263
Observers	170
Total:	706

5. Fr. Gregory Safchuk introduced a report on the two Church-wide Initiatives which were adopted at the 12th All-American Council - the Seminarian Internship Program and the FOCUS Education Program. He then asked the following mentors and interns to give their impressions of the Seminarian Internship Program: mentors Fr. Eugene Vansuch, Fr. Matthew Tate, Fr. Lawrence Margitich, and Fr. Nicholas Wyslutsky; and interns Fr. Seraphim Hipsh, Fr. Valery Shemchuk, and Fr. John Ramos. He also asked for impressions of the FOCUS Education Program from Valerie Zahirsky, Myra Kovalak, and JewelAnn Stephanar.
6. Fr. Paul Kucynda re-introduced the Nomination process and received nominations from the floor.
  - a. Clergy Representative to the Metropolitan Council:
    - Fr. Jonathan Peck nominated Fr. Michael Butler
    - Ms. Leda Dzwonczyk nominated Fr. Theodore Boback
    - Fr. Nicholas Czaruk nominated Fr. Alexander Webster
 Fr. Dusan Koprivica moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Fr. John Adamcio. The motion passed.
  - b. Lay Representative to the Metropolitan Council:
 

In the absence of nominations, Fr. John Adamcio moved, seconded by Fr. Matthew Searforce, that the nominations be closed. The motion passed.
  - c. Pension Board:
    - Dr. Paul Meyendorff nominated Prof. David Drillock.
 Fr. Nicolas Boldireff moved, seconded by Fr. Dimitri Oselinsky, to close the nominations. The motion passed.
  - d. Auditors:
 

In the absence of nominations, Fr. Christopher Rowe moved, seconded by George Ludko, that the nominations be closed. The motion passed.
7. Fr. Dimitri Oselinsky gave the report of the Office of Finance, describing the process of developing the budget for the Orthodox Church in America.
8. Fr. John Dresko reported on the development of the Fair Share Proposal and read the text of the proposal. Then the Chair entertained questions regarding the financial report and the process of adopting the Fair Share Proposal.
9. The Session closed with the singing of "It is truly meet" at 1:15 p.m.

**Plenary Session VI**  
**July 25, 2002**

1. The Session opened with the singing of "The Grace of the Holy Spirit" at 2:20 p.m. Ms. Paula McDaniels read from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.
2. Metropolitan HERMAN introduced the following Hierarchs, who offered their greetings to His Beatitude and the Council:  
  
Archbishop DEMETRIOS of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in America;  
  
Archbishop NICOLAE of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of America and Canada;  
  
Bishop BASIL of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese.
3. Fr. Paul Kucynda introduced the candidates for election to Church-wide positions and voting took place.
4. Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff gave the report of the Credentials Committee as follows:

**Attendance for this session:**

Clergy Delegates	241
Lay Delegates	244
Observers	174
Total:	633

5. a. Fr. John Dresko re-opened discussion of the Resolution on a Fair Share System of Giving by introducing a revised text of the Fair Share resolution, as follows:

WHEREAS the 12th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America mandated that a 2003 operating budget of the Orthodox Church in America based on the needs of the Church be established by the Metropolitan Council at its Spring 2002 session for presentation to the 13th All-American Council held in Orlando, Florida, and

WHEREAS the 12th All-American Council directed that the 13th All-American Council then determine how the 2003 operating budget of the Orthodox Church in America is to be "fair-shared" out to the dioceses of the Orthodox Church in America, and

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America has established a 2003 operating budget based on the needs of the Church, which was then accepted and blessed by the Holy Synod of Bishops at its Spring 2002 session for reporting at the 13th All-American Council, and the 2003 operating budget has been reported to the 13th All-American Council;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the 13th All-American Council establish a fair share system of funding the operating budgets of the Orthodox Church in America in the following manner:

Upon adoption by the Metropolitan Council of the operating budget of the Orthodox Church in America, the Office of the Treasurer shall:

1. Apply the estimated income from the Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards, planned gifts, endowment funds, miscellaneous contributions, and those dioceses not fully participating in the assessment system (i.e., all income other than the fair share support) to the adopted expenditure side of the budget.

2. Take the remainder of the income budgeted and divide it by the number of actual reported adult membership (as of September 1st of each year) from all the territorial diocesan and stavropighial parishes of the OCA to determine a per capita basis.
3. The Office of the Treasurer shall then inform each territorial diocese of the Orthodox Church in America, with the exception of the Diocese of Alaska and the Archdiocese of Canada, its fair share amount of expected budget support. The fair share shall be equal to that portion of total OCA membership the diocesan reported membership represents. The fair share amount shall be no greater than the equivalent of a per capita amount of \$85.00. The diocesan bishop and diocesan treasurer shall be notified in writing of the expected diocesan fair share for the subsequent year, and a copy of the line-by-line budget for that year shall be forwarded to them.
4. Each diocesan council and diocesan bishop shall then decide on which method of collection used in their individual dioceses would meet local needs and education levels.
5. The financial support as apportioned by the diocese is to be established as a line item in the annual operating budget of the parish, and each parish shall remit one-twelfth of their fair share support to the diocesan office by the 15th of every month.
6. The diocese has the responsibility of forwarding, from the diocesan treasury, one-twelfth of the total diocesan fair share to the central administration by the last day of the month. The diocese remains responsible for collecting the current and delinquent fair share support from the individual parishes within its jurisdiction.
7. The Metropolitan Council is authorized to make such additional regulations regarding the computation and reporting of the fair share support, on the recommendation of the Central Church Administration, as may be necessary for the efficient collection of the funds due, and for the solvency and financial stability of the Orthodox Church in America.
8. All efforts are to be made to increase the voluntary financial support of the Orthodox Church in America, to educate the local faithful and parishes in matters of stewardship and biblical giving.
9. The 14th All-American Council shall review the fair share system of funding for further action and revision.
- b. In response to a question from the floor, Fr. Dimitri Oselinsky provided the following calculations of the territorial Diocesan percentages of the total Fair Share budget:

Midwest	24.7%
New York/New Jersey	19.1%
Eastern Pennsylvania	15.4%
Western Pennsylvania	11.5%
New England	9.6%
West	8.9%
South	7.2%
Washington	3.6%

Bishop Seraphim explained about the financial contributions of the non-territorial Dioceses, the Diocese of Alaska, and the Archdiocese of Canada.

- c. Fr. John Dresko moved, seconded by Mr. Paul Culton, the adoption of the Resolution on a Fair Share System of Giving

- d. In the discussion that followed Fr Joseph Hirsch moved that the Resolution be tabled, seconded by Peter Eagler. The motion was defeated.
- e. Ms. Mary Caetta moved, seconded by Fr. Basil Rhodes, that the following substitute motion be adopted:

That paragraph 7 of the Resolution as presented be deleted and replaced with the following:

The system of funding the fair share portion of the budget of the Church shall be applied with the following limitations:

- i. The fair share portion for 2003 may not exceed by more than 10% the 2002 fair share portion specified in the Treasurer's Report to the 13th All-American Council.
- ii. The fair share portion for each succeeding year may not exceed the previous year's fair share portion of the budget by more than 3%.
- iii. If at any time after 2003, the fair share amount of the budget exceeds the 3% limit, the method of funding must be approved by the All-American Council.

The fair share system of funding described in this resolution shall be applied until a new system of funding is approved by the All-American Council.

The substitute motion was defeated by a vote of 256 to 194.

- f. Fr. Philip Reese moved, seconded by Fr. Seraphim Hipsch, to lower the amount of the fair share ceiling in section 3 of the Resolution from \$85 to \$75. The motion was defeated.
  - g. The Resolution on a Fair Share System of Giving passed as originally presented.
6. Fr. Daniel Kovalak announced the results of the election to Church wide offices:
- Metropolitan Council clergy:
    - Frs. Gregory Safchuk and Victor Sokolov; Fr John Dresko, alternate
  - Metropolitan Council lay:
    - Dr. Alice Woog and Matushka Julianna Schmemann;
    - Mr. Michael Herzak, alternate
  - Pension Board clergy:
    - Frs Michael Westerberg and John Steffaro; Fr. John Zdinak, alternate
  - Pension Board lay:
    - Mssrs. Michael Bowen and David Drillock; Mr. Paul Culton, alternate
  - Auditors:
    - Fr. David Mahaffey and Archdeacon Vsevolod Borzakovsky;
    - Mr. David Donlick, alternate
7. Metropolitan HERMAN reported that the Holy Synod has confirmed the current Church Officers and the Secretary to the Metropolitan in their offices.
8. The Session was closed at 5:10 p.m. with the singing of "It Is Truly Meet."

**Plenary Session VII**  
**July 26, 2002**

1. The Session was opened with the singing of "The Grace of the Holy Spirit" at 10:15 a.m.
2. Mr. Tim Hojnicky read from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians.
4. Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, gave the report of the Credentials Committee, as follows:

Attendance at this session:

Clergy Delegates	146
Lay Delegates	182
Observers	243
Total:	571

3. Fr. Michael Anderson, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, introduced representatives of the various age groups involved in the Youth and Young Adult Program at the Council, who gave their impressions. He then presented Metropolitan HERMAN a calendar with pictures of the young people during the Council as a reminder that they are ready and willing to serve the Church now and in the future.

Metropolitan HERMAN then addressed the young people and thanked them for their participation in the Council.

Dn. Stephan Gresh announced that the young people had chosen a service project at the Council and that hundreds of t-shirts were being sent to the Hogar Rafael orphanage in Guatemala and to Project Mexico.

4. Prof. John Erickson presented the report of the Resolutions Committee. He stated that several resolutions had been dealt with during the regular Council Sessions. Other resolutions were submitted and were being forwarded to the Holy Synod for their consideration at their Special Session of September 8 and 9, 2002. These resolutions deal with the following issues:

- ◆ Orthodox Unity in America;
- ◆ The Events of September 11, 2001;
- ◆ The Situation in the Middle East;
- ◆ Sexual Abuse, noting policies and guidelines already issued by the Holy Synod;
- ◆ Current Developments in Biomedical Technology;
- ◆ The Mentoring of Newly Ordained Priests;
- ◆ In Honor of Metropolitan Theodosius' Retirement;
- ◆ Congratulating Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on her Jubilee.

Other issues and resolutions were received that were not in the competency of the All-American Council. These include matters concerning:

- ◆ Amendments to the Pension Plan, which will be forwarded to the Pension Board;
- ◆ The Health Insurance Plan, which will be forwarded to the Central Administration;

Assistance to parishes with regard to funding land purchases, which will be referred to the various dioceses;

The establishment of a pro-life organization, "Orthodox Priests for Life."

5. Mr. Joseph Kormos made an "Endnotes Presentation" in which he offered means of evaluating participation in the All-American Council and of carrying its work back to the parishes and into the future.
6. Metropolitan HERMAN announced that the next All-American Council will be held in 2005, at a date and place to be decided by the Holy Synod.
7. Fr. Kondratick moved, seconded by Fr. Victor Sokolov, the adoption of a Resolution of Recognition and Thanks, as follows:

WHEREAS, the work of the Thirteenth All-American Council, convened on July 22-26, 2002, in the city of Orlando, Florida, was most excellently facilitated by the efforts of Archbishop DMITRI and the Local Committee, so that all participants were assured of all essential services and movement necessary to their deliberations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the hierarchs, clergy and laity - all delegates, observers and guests of the Thirteenth All-American Council - express their love and gratitude to the members of the Local Committee, Stephen Gidus, Chairman, Bart Gursky, Treasurer and Helen Stephenson, Secretary.

8. Fr. Victor Sokolov moved, seconded by Fr. Dennis Buck, that the Thirteenth All-American Council be closed. The motion passed.
9. The Council was closed at 11:25 a.m., followed by a Service of Thanksgiving and the installation of those newly-elected to Church-wide office.

Respectfully submitted:



Archpriest Dennis Rhodes, Chair  
Council Secretariat  
Thirteenth All-American Council

Approved for distribution:



+Metropolitan HERMAN, Chair  
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