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Minutes of the Tri-Annual Assembly of  
The ARCHDIOCESE OF CANADA (OCA)  
Held at the Château Cartier Conference Centre, Gatineau, QC, Canada  
From the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of August, 2013

### Session I – Thursday, August 22, 2012

#### I. Liturgical Services and Call to Order

The 2013 Tri-Annual Assembly of the Archdiocese of Canada began with an Hierarchical Liturgy and an Opening Moleben served for the attendees by Bishop IRÉNÉE.

The sessions of the Archdiocesan Assembly meeting took place in the Conference Centre of the Château Cartier in Gatineau, Québec. Session I convened at 10:30 a.m. with the singing of “O Heavenly King” and the blessing of His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON.

Mrs. Mary Ann Lopoukhine, Chair of the Organizing Committee, welcomed the attendees of the Archdiocesan Assembly and spoke about the factors influencing the planning of the 2013 Assembly. The various decisions made by the Committee related to the theme, scope, goals, and cost of the Assembly. Mrs. Lopoukhine reminded the attendees that this Assembly will focus on the theme “Faithful Stewardship: Our Words, Commitments, and Actions.”

Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko drew the attendees’ attention to the Pochaev Icon of the Theotokos, the Wonderworking Icon of St. Nicholas and his relic, and the belt of St. John of Shanghai that were present at this Assembly.

#### II. Appointments

The following appointments, blessed by His Grace, Bishop IRÉNÉE, were made to assist with the conduct of the Assembly:

1. Vice-chair, clergy – Priest Geoffrey Korz
2. Vice-chair, lay – Mr. Matthew Estabrooks
3. Recording secretaries – Priest Matthew Francis, Deacon Peter Choi, Mrs. Melanie Samaroden
4. Scrutineers – Igumen Gerasim (Power), Subdeacon Justin Mitchell, Reader Sean Reid
5. Credentials committee – Archpriest Nikolay Melnyk, Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko, Mr. Nikita Lopoukhine
6. Travel equalization committee – Archpriest Rodion Luciuk, Mr. Nikita Lopoukhine
7. Resolution committee – Archpriest Phillip Eriksson, Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko, Mr. Matthew Estabrooks, Mr. David Grier
8. Nomination committee – Bishop IRÉNÉE (Rochon), Archpriest Anatoliy Melynk, Subdeacon Jeremy Scratch

#### III. Minutes of the 2010 Tri-Annual Archdiocesan Assembly, held in Victoria, BC, July 26-30, 2010

The Minutes of the July 26-30, 2010 Tri-Annual Archdiocesan Assembly were **ADOPTED** as presented. (Moved by Archpriest John Tkachuk; seconded by Mr. Nikita Lopoukhine; carried unanimously.)

#### IV. Addresses to the Assembly

1. His Beatitude, the Most Blessed TIKHON (Mollard), Archbishop of Washington and Metropolitan of All America and Canada, addressed the Assembly in both official languages. Metropolitan TIKHON awarded the Order of St. Innocent, Silver Medal, to Archpriest John Tkachuk upon his retirement after 40 years of ministry.
2. His Grace, the Right Reverend IRÉNÉE (Rochon), Bishop of Québec City and Administrator of the Archdiocese of Canada, addressed the Assembly in both official languages (attached).

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3. Archpriest John Jillions, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, addressed the Assembly. He spoke optimistically on the current life of the Central Administration of the Orthodox Church in America.
4. Archpriest Chad Hadfield, Chancellor of St. Vladimir's Seminary, addressed the Assembly. Father Chad reflected on the history of North American Orthodox seminaries and talked about this year's celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of St. Vladimir's Seminary. He spoke about the self-study undertaken by the Seminary this year as part of its preparation for its renewal of accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools. He highlighted three developments: 1) the expansion of the Centre for Liturgical Arts and Sacred Music, a place for education, development, and display of the liturgical arts and sacred music, along with a collaboration with the Estonian Orthodox composer, Avro Part; 2) the establishment of houses of study with formal agreements with institutions of higher theological education of the Serbian Orthodox Church, the Romanian Orthodox Church, the Coptic Church, and the Kiev Theological Academy in Ukraine; and 3) the proposal of the Archdiocese of Canada Seminarian Fund to provide support of Canadians attending St. Vladimir Seminary.

### **V. Report from the Credentialing Committee**

Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko reported that 66 individuals (29 clergy, 18 lay delegates, and 19 observers) were registered for this Assembly.

### **VI. Reports from the 2010-2013 Archdiocesan Council**

Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Canada presented his report (attached).

Session I of the Archdiocesan Assembly adjourned at 12:10 p.m. for lunch.

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## **Session II – Thursday, August 22, 2013**

Session II convened at 2:00 p.m.

### **VII. Plenary Talk #1**

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko, Dean Emeritus of St. Vladimir's Seminary, spoke to the Assembly on "Church Administration as Service to God" with Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4 as its Scriptural basis.

### **VIII. Reports from the 2010-2013 Archdiocesan Council (continued)**

1. Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko, Episcopal Secretary, Archdiocesan Secretary, and Archdiocesan Lay Representative to the Metropolitan Council, presented his report on his secretarial activities and the activities of the Metropolitan Council (attached).
2. Mr. Nikita Lopoukhine, Archdiocesan Treasurer, presented his report (attached). The totals for the net worth statements of 2010, 2011, and 2012 are incorrect in the attached reports and should be \$266,133.40, \$319,689.60, and \$352,602.50 respectively. Father Rodion Luciuk pointed out a discrepancy between the 2011 actual budget sheet and the 2012 actual budget sheet with respect to the actual amounts of the 2011 fiscal year reported (to be corrected). A discussion ensued regarding the 2013 budget and the consequences of any deficits. Mr. Lopoukhine indicated that the Archdiocese has enough money to cover the specified activities currently but there are no reserve funds to cover any contingencies. Mr. Lopoukhine also emphasized the need to find a replacement for his position soon.
3. Archpriest Rodion Luciuk presented the report of the Audit Committee (attached) on behalf of Mr. German Ovodov, Chair of the Audit Committee. Father Rodion Luciuk mentioned that there is a preliminary report on the 2012 fiscal year, which is not ready for dissemination. He answered

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several questions on the cost of an external audit (\$3,500 to \$20,000 depending on the state of the books) and on capital gains taxes from the sale of the Fairhaven property (no taxes).

4. Priest Gregory Scratch and Subdeacon Jeremy Scratch, President and Eastern Liason of the St. Tikhon's Archdiocesan Stewards, presented their report (attached).
5. Mr. David Grier, Lay Member from the Deanery of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Nunavut, presented the report on behalf of the By-Laws Committee (attached).
6. The following reports (attached) were filed but were not presented:
  - a. Deanery of Québec and Maritimes – Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk, Chancellor
  - b. Deanery of Ontario – Priest Geoffrey Korz, Dean
  - c. Deanery of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Nunavut – Archpriest Rodian Luciuk, Dean
  - d. Deanery of Alberta and the Northwest Territories – Archpriest Phillip Eriksson, Dean
  - e. Deanery of British Columbia and the Yukon – Archpriest Michael Fourik, Dean
  - f. St. Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute – Priest Anthony Estabrooks, Director
  - g. *The Canadian Orthodox Messenger* – Mr. Matthew Zacharias, Co-Editor
  - h. Archdiocesan ecumenical activities – Archpriest Cyprian Hutcheon, Professor Richard Schneider, Dr. Paul Ladouceur, and Reader Colin Justin Grimmond
  - i. Archdiocesan website

Session II of the Archdiocesan Assembly adjourned at 4:10 p.m. After travel to the Annunciation Cathedral in Ottawa, Ontario, Metropolitan TIKHON served a Moleben and Blessing of the adjacent Archdiocesan Centre. Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko then spoke on "Faithful Stewardship" in the Cathedral. The parishioners of Annunciation hosted a reception with cold beverages and snacks after the talk.

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### Session III – Friday, August 23, 2012

The Assembly celebrated the name day (Feast of St. Irenaeus of Lyons) of His Grace, Bishop IRÉNÉE. After Divine Liturgy and breakfast, Session III of the Archdiocesan Council convened at 9:40 a.m. with the singing of "O Heavenly King."

#### IX. Plenary Talk #2

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko spoke to the Assembly on "Clergy Compensation: Our Responsibility." He reflected on the compensation of clergy in 19<sup>th</sup> century Russia as recorded in the historical works of Gregory Freeze and Vera Shevsov and the literature of the period, including the works of Anton Chekhov.

#### X. Workshops

1. Archpriest Bohdan Hladio, Rector of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Ecumenical Patriarchate), Oshawa, Ontario, led the Assembly in a workshop entitled "How to create and cherish the mentality of faithful stewardship in our parishes" with reference to Williams and McKibben's *Orthodox Leadership*<sup>1</sup> and resources on stewardship from Joseph Kormos, Parish Development Ministry, Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, OCA.
2. Mrs. Mary Ann Lopoukhine shared the experiences with clergy compensation of her reposed parents, Protopresbyter George and Popadia Vera Nicoloff (memory eternal). Dr. Barbara North then led the Assembly in a workshop on the proposed guidelines for clergy compensation (Schedule A to Resolution #3; attached).

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<sup>1</sup> Benjamin D. Williams and Michael T. McKibben, *Oriented Leadership: Why Every Christian Needs It* (Wayne, NJ: Orthodox Christian Publications Center; 1994).

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On behalf of the Assembly, Archpriest Larry Reinheimer (All Saints of Alaska Orthodox Church, Victoria, BC), Archpriest Phillip Eriksson (St. Peter the Aleut Orthodox Church, Calgary, AB), Priest Pau Ruiz-Gomar (Holy Resurrection Sobor, Saskatoon, SK), Priest Vincent Lehr (St. Herman of Alaska Sobor, Edmonton, AB), Priest Matthew Francis (St. Nikolai of Zhitsa Orthodox Mission, Whitehorse, YT), Priest Gregory Scratch (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Naro, MB), Ms. Isabel Cunningham (Sign of the Theotokos Orthodox Church, Montréal, QC), Mr. David Grier (Holy Resurrection Sobor, Saskatoon, SK), Mrs. Alexandra Heard (Annunciation Cathedral, Ottawa, ON), Mr. Alan Lyons (St. Peter the Aleut Orthodox Church, Calgary, AB), Mr. David Pensato (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Naro, MB), and Mr. Greg Rychlo (Holy Resurrection Sobor, Saskatoon, SK) raised questions, requested clarifications, and suggested revisions regarding the proposed guidelines.

Archpriest Phillip Eriksson clarified a number of points about the Archdiocesan group insurance plan.

There was significant discussion on the topic of vacation for clergy. There was a lack of consensus on the number of earned vacation days (see amendments suggested below) and this topic was identified for further discussion tomorrow.

The delegates of the Assembly requested clarification on the employer-covered sick days (item 3.4.2). It was noted that federal government provides up to 6 weeks of paid sick leave *via* the employment insurance program. The employer-covered sick days would provide the employee income while he or she applied for the federal benefit. Although there was discussion, a formal amendment was not made.

There was significant discussion on the topic of “days off” for clergy (item 3.6). Dr. North explained that the purpose of this item was to explicitly dispel the myth, held by parishes or clergy, that priests work 24/7 and to provide guidelines on providing priests with time off. There was some disagreement amongst the delegates regarding the necessity of this item or the ability to implement it.

The absence of a minimum weekly number of hours in the definition of a full-time clergyman was questioned but no formal amendment was suggested.

The following amendments were suggested:

- a) Item 2.0 (Definitions) – Add a new definition “2.6. **Employer** is the parish, Archdiocese, or other Archdiocesan organization responsible for compensation and benefits.”
- b) Item 3.2 – Amend the third sentence of the first paragraph to read “Then the **provincial** going rate for each kilometer will be factored in to arrive at the travel allowance figure.” Amend the first sentence of the second paragraph to read “A priest and his parish may agree to compensate travel through **verifiable** expense claims submitted monthly to the parish.”
- c) Item 3.4.1 – Change “unemployment insurance” to “employment insurance.”
- d) Item 3.5 (Earned Vacation Days) – Raise the minimum earned vacation days from three weeks to four weeks. **This became an item for discussion during Session V.**
- e) Item 3.5.4 – Amend the sentence to read “Paid vacation is not to exceed five weeks **less a day.**” **This became an item for discussion during Session V.**
- f) Item 3.5.5 – Amend the sentence to read “~~Priests may request payment in lieu of vacation, but they~~ may not carry vacation days from one year to the next.”
- g) Item 3.5.9 – Amend the sentence to read “Employees and full-time clergy (~~rectors or priests-in-charge~~) may take vacation entitlement at a time mutually acceptable to them, their –Parish Council and the Bishop.”
- h) Add a new item – “**3.5.10 Time spent participating in professional development or clergy conferences shall not be counted as vacation days.**”

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- i) Item 4.2 – Revise the sentence to read “Dental Coverage: ~~It is recommended that the parish~~The employer shall pay up to 100% of the premium.”
- j) Item 4.3 – Revise the sentence to read “Extended Health Care Coverage: ~~It is recommended that the parish~~The employer shall pay up to 100% of the premium.”
- k) Item 4.4 – Revise the sentence to read “Employee Life Insurance: ~~It is recommended that the parish~~The priest or lay employee shall pay up to 100% of the premium.”
- l) Item 4.5 – Revise the sentence to read “Long-term Disability Insurance: ~~It is recommended that the parish~~The priest or lay employee shall pay up to 100% of the premium.”

Session III of the Archdiocesan Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

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### Session IV – Friday, August 23, 2012

Session IV convened at 2:15 p.m. after lunch.

#### XI. Workshops (continued)

1. Archpriest John Jillions, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, led the Assembly in a workshop entitled “What your parish needs to know about misconduct, sexual abuse and appropriate behaviour.”

The *Policies, Standards, and Procedures of the Orthodox Church in America on Sexual Misconduct* (PSP) were adopted in 2002 and revised in 2011 (current version on <http://oca.org/Documents/OfficialDocumentsPDF/040203ocaguidelines.pdf>) and 2013. The 2013 version has been sent to the Holy Synod of Bishops for their review, approval, and blessing. To handle issues related to this subject, Ms. Cindy Davis, Social Worker, has been appointed the Coordinator for the Office of Review of Sexual Misconduct Allegation.

Father John Jillions highlighted the key items of the newly revised PSP to the Assembly. Father John Jillions explained the process of reporting sexual misconduct (and to whom), the process for investigating the complaint, and the criteria for judgment. Discussion ensued on various points in the PSP.

The challenge of compliance from parishes with the PSP was discussed. At this time, several parishes are still non-compliant with the PSP. His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, and Father John Jillions emphasized the consequences of non-compliance to the parish, Archdiocese, and the OCA.

Session IV of the Archdiocesan Assembly adjourned at 4:00 p.m. for Daily Vespers. A wine-and-cheese fundraising reception was held by the St. Tikhon’s Archdiocesan Stewards after Daily Vespers.

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### Session V – Saturday, August 24, 2013

The Assembly celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko and commemorated the first anniversary of the repose of Popadia Vera Nicoloff. After Divine Liturgy and breakfast, Session V of the Archdiocesan Council convened at 9:30 a.m. with the singing of “O Heavenly King.”

#### XII. Plenary Talk #3

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko spoke to the Assembly on “Stewardship: Our Christian Calling for Action” with 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 as the Scriptural basis.

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### XIII. Resolutions (Attached) and Follow-Up Actions

#### 1. Adoption of the Resolutions

Mr. David Grier moved that **the Assembly adopt the amendments to the By-Laws of the Archdiocese of Canada** (Schedule A of Resolution #1). Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko seconded the motion (Resolution #1). Carried unanimously. **ADOPTED**

Mr. David Grier moved that **the Assembly adopt the amendments to the By-Laws of the Archdiocese of Canada to enable the Archdiocesan Council to eventually approve articles of continuance and new by-laws, which will be required to allow continuance of the Archdiocese of Canada under the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act***. Mr. Nikita Lopoukhine seconded the motion (Resolution #2). Priest Pau Ruiz-Gomar (Holy Resurrection Sobor, Saskatoon, SK) asked for clarification. Priest Leonard Herrem (All Saints Orthodox Church, Meadow Lake, SK) provided clarification. Carried unanimously. **ADOPTED**

Mr. David Grier moved that **the Assembly discuss and adopt the Policy on Compensation and Benefits for Clergy and Lay Employees of the Archdiocese of Canada** (Schedule A of Resolution #3). Dr. Barbara North seconded the motion (Resolution #3). Two amendments to the motion were proposed.

**Amendment #1 to Motion:** That the amount described in Item 3.1.3 of the Policy be changed from \$2000 per month to \$3000 per month. (Moved by Priest Leonard Herrem; seconded by Mr. Greg Rychlo.)

Priest Leonard Herrem provided rationale for the amendment. Archpriest Phillip Eriksson (St. Peter the Aleut Orthodox Church, Calgary, AB) spoke in favour of the amendment. Archpriest Rodion Luciuk (St. Mark the Evangelist Orthodox Church, Yorkton, SK) pointed out that this amount does not include the benefits. Mrs. Alexandra Heard (Annunciation Cathedral, Ottawa, ON) mentioned that an increase in the monthly salary may result in parishes designating their clergy as half-time in order to afford the cost of salary (by avoiding the need to provide other benefits). Subdeacon Justin Mitchell (Église Orthodoxe St. Benoit-de-Nursie, Montréal, QC) pointed out the economic implications of increasing the monthly salary. Archpriest Larry Reinheimer (All Saints of Alaska Orthodox Church, Victoria, BC) asked for clarification whether the Policy will be guidelines or policies and was informed that the Policy will be a policy. Parishes can deviate from the Policy with permission from the ruling Bishop.

The vote resulted in 24 in favour and 9 opposed to the amendment. **ADOPTED**

**Amendment #2 to Motion:** That the duration of vacation described in Item 3.5.1 of the Policy be increased from three weeks to four weeks

AND that the duration of vacation described in Item 3.5.2 of the Policy be increased from four weeks to five weeks

AND that the duration of vacation described in Item 3.5.3 of the Policy be increased from five weeks to six weeks

AND that Item 3.5.4 of the Policy be deleted. (Moved by Priest Leonard Herrem; seconded by Mr. Greg Rychlo.)

Priest Leonard Herrem provided rationale for the amendment. Deacon Jesse Isaac (St. Herman of Alaska Sobor, Edmonton, AB) mentioned that a starting allocation of four weeks of vacation is extremely generous in the context of other jobs. Priest Matthew Francis (St. John of Zhitsa, Whitehorse, YT) pointed out the challenge of finding a *locum tenens* during a priest's absence. Dr. Barbara North (St. Herman of Alaska Sobor, Edmonton, AB) explained the rationale for the original wording of the Policy and mentioned that three week is the industry standard for a starting vacation allocation. Igumen Gerasim (Power) (Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Smoky Lake, AB) clarified that this amendment is regarding vacation only.

The vote resulted in 3 in favour and 35 opposed to the amendment. **DEFEATED**

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The vote for the amended motion was carried unanimously. **ADOPTED**

Archpriest Phillip Eriksson moved that **the Assembly authorize the Archdiocesan Council to establish a Retirement Savings Plan for clergy and lay employees of the Archdiocese of Canada**. Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko seconded the motion (Resolution #4). Carried unanimously. **ADOPTED**

Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko moved that **the Assembly authorize the Archdiocesan Council to establish specialized committees**. Archpriest Phillip Eriksson seconded the motion (Resolution #5). Carried unanimously. **ADOPTED**

Priest Leonard Herrem moved that **the Assembly approve parish support of the publication of the *Canadian Orthodox Messenger* through contributions of \$3.50 per requested copy of each issue**. Archpriest Phillip Eriksson seconded the motion (Resolution #6). Mr. David Pensato (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Naro, MB) cautioned that payment may result in the demise of the *Messenger* if parishes choose not to request copies. Priest Gregory Scratch (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Naro, MB) spoke of the value of the *Messenger* to the Archdiocese. Mr. David Grier clarified that the cost is only for paper copies; parishes will still be able to read the *Messenger* online. Subdeacon Jeremy Scratch (Annunciation Cathedral, Ottawa, ON) asked for clarification for the cost and was informed that the \$3.50 is to offset printing costs. Archpriest Larry Reinheimer asked for clarification on who would pay for the cost (parishes). Mr. Alan Lyons (St. Peter the Aleut Orthodox Church, Calgary, AB) mentioned that the paper copies are not picked up in his parish. The vote resulted in 12 in favour and 21 opposed. **DEFEATED**

Mr. Jack Donald Hill Jr. moved that **the Assembly approve an escrow fund of US\$8,000 to assist Canadian students in securing the necessary visas to study at a seminary of the Orthodox Church in America in the United States of America**. Priest Daniel Friesen seconded the motion (Resolution #7). Mr. Jack Donald Hill Jr. (Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Edmonton, AB) provided rationale for the motion. Priest Justin Hewlett (St. John of Shanghai Orthodox Mission, Vancouver, BC) requested clarification to the amount of the escrow fund. Mr. Nikita Lopoukhine emphasized that the Archdiocese holds an annual seminarian appeal. Carried unanimously. **ADOPTED**

#### **XIV. Appointments of *Ex Officio* Members of the Archdiocesan Council**

His Grace, Bishop IRÉNÉE, appointed the following individuals as *ex officio* members of the 2013-2016 Archdiocesan Council:

1. Chancellor – Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk
2. Archdiocesan Secretary – Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko
3. Archdiocesan Treasurer – Mr. Nikita Lopoukhine

#### **XV. Regional Deans and Lay Representatives of the Archdiocesan Council**

His Grace, Bishop IRÉNÉE, announced the following individuals as nominees as the deans and lay representatives of the 2013-2016 Archdiocesan Council:

1. Regional Deans
  - Québec and Maritimes – Archpriest Gregory Nimijean
  - Ontario – Priest Geoffrey Korz
  - Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Nunavut – Priest Gregory Scratch
  - Alberta and the Northwest Territories – Archpriest Phillip Eriksson
  - British Columbia and the Yukon – Archpriest Michael Fourik

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2. Regional Lay Representatives  
Québec and Maritimes – Subdeacon Justin Mitchell  
Ontario – Mr. Valentin Losev  
Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Nunavut – Mr. Gregory Rychlo  
Alberta and the Northwest Territories – Dr. Barbara North  
British Columbia and the Yukon – Deacon Peter Choi

Mr. David Grier moved that the Assembly elect the nominees as the deans and lay representatives of the 2013-2016 Archdiocesan Council; seconded by Mr. Jack Donald Hill Jr. Carried unanimously.

### **ELECTED**

#### **XVI. Report of the Nominating Committee**

Subdeacon Jeremy Scratch reported on the nominations submitted to the Nominating Committee:

1. Clergy Member-at-Large – Priest Andrew Applegate
2. Lay Member-at-Large – Dr. John Hadjinalaou, Deacon Jesse Isaac, Mr. Pavle Lazic
3. Audit Committee – Archpriest Rodion Luciuk, Mr. German Ovodov, Mr. Doug Petasky
4. St. Tikhon's Archdiocesan Stewards Eastern Liason – Subdeacon Jeremy Scratch
5. St. Tikhon's Archdiocesan Stewards Western Liason – Archpriest Michael Fourik

Mr. Nikita Lopoukhine, Priest Matthew Francis, and Archpriest Phillip Eriksson spoke on behalf of the lay member-at-large nominees Dr. John Hadjinalaou, Deacon Jesse Isaac, and Mr. Pavle Lazic respectively.

#### **XVII. Elected Members of the Archdiocesan Council**

The following individuals were elected or acclaimed to the 2013-2016 Archdiocesan Council:

1. Clergy Member-at-Large – Priest Andrew Applegate (acclaimed)
2. Lay Member-at-Large – Dr. John Hadjinalaou (elected)
3. Audit Committee – Archpriest Rodion Luciuk, Mr. German Ovodov, Mr. Doug Petasky (acclaimed)
4. St. Tikhon's Archdiocesan Stewards Eastern Liason – Subdeacon Gregory Scratch (acclaimed)
5. St. Tikhon's Archdiocesan Stewards Western Liason – Archpriest Michael Fourik (acclaimed)

After the members of the 2013-2016 Archdiocesan Council were confirmed, nominations were requested for the clergy and lay representatives to the Metropolitan Council. Archpriest Anatoliy Melynk was nominated as the clergy representative; Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko and Subdeacon Justin Mitchell were nominated as the lay representative.

6. Archdiocesan Clergy Representative to the Metropolitan Council – Archpriest Anatoliy Melynk (acclaimed)
7. Archdiocesan Lay Representative to the Metropolitan Council – Subdeacon Justin Mitchell (elected)

Session V of the Archdiocesan Assembly adjourned at 12:05 p.m. for lunch.

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### Session VI – Saturday, August 24, 2013

Session VI convened at 2:00 p.m. after lunch.

#### **XVIII. Elected Members of the Archdiocesan Council (continued)**

Upon recommendation of Archpriest John Jillions, the Assembly elected alternate representatives to the Metropolitan Council (in the event of absence of the primary elected representatives).

Priest Matthew Francis moved that the second candidate for the lay representative to the Metropolitan Council, Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko, be acclaimed as the alternate lay representative in the event of Subdeacon Justin Mitchell's absence; seconded by Mr. David Grier. Carried unanimously.

Archdiocesan Alternate Lay Representative to the Metropolitan Council – Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko (acclaimed)

Priest Matthew Francis nominated Archpriest Phillip Eriksson to be the alternate clergy lay representative to the Metropolitan Council in the event of Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk's absence; seconded by Deacon Peter Choi. Carried unanimously.

Archdiocesan Alternate Clergy Representative to the Metropolitan Council – Archpriest Phillip Eriksson (acclaimed)

#### **XIX. Amendment to the Resolution to Approve an Escrow Fund to Support Canadian Seminarians**

During the break between Session V and this Session, the Assembly received news from Archpriest Chad Hadfield, Chancellor of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, that the escrow fund should be C\$10,000 instead of US\$8,000.

Mr. Nikita Lopoukhine moved that the amount of the escrow fund described in Resolution #7 (attached) be changed from US\$8,000 to C\$10,000; seconded by Priest Justin Hewlett. Carried unanimously. **ADOPTED**

#### **XX. Question and Answer Period with the Hierarchs**

The attendees of the Assembly were given an opportunity to ask His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, and His Grace, Bishop IRÉNÉE, questions related to Orthodoxy. The hierarchs answered the following questions:

1. What is the current state of the pursuit of Orthodox unity in North America?
2. What is the current state of the pursuit of establishing Canada as a separate jurisdiction (e.g., Canadian Orthodox Church)?
3. What is the current progress of missions in North America?
4. How does the Archdiocese of Canada compare to the other Dioceses in the OCA?
5. Is anything being done on the Central Administration level or the Archdiocesan level regarding mandatory clergy retreats for spiritual well-being?
6. What are some of the things that can be done about some of the sexism that occurs right from birth?

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Session VI of the Archdiocesan Assembly adjourned at 3:20 p.m. with “It is truly meet”. The 2013-2016 Archdiocesan Council held a brief meeting to determine the date and location of its first meeting, which will be November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, in the Archdiocesan Centre, Ottawa, Ontario. After Great Vespers at 4:00 p.m., the Assembly held a banquet in the evening with an address from His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON. His Beatitude awarded “challenge coins” to Deacon Jesse Isaac and Mrs. Mary Ann Lopoukhine for their exemplary service to the Archdiocese. In honour of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko, Archpriest John Jillions reminisced on the many lessons that he learnt from Father Tom. His Beatitude awarded Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko with the Order of St. Innocent, Gold Medal. The Assembly was closed with a Primatial Liturgy and Closing Moleben served by His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at Annunciation Cathedral, Ottawa, Ontario.

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Respectfully submitted,

Priest Matthew Francis, St. Nikolai of Zhitsa Orthodox Mission, Whitehorse, YT

Deacon Peter Choi, St. John of Shanghai Orthodox Mission, Vancouver, BC

Mrs. Melanie Samaroden, St. Herman of Alaska Sobor, Edmonton, AB

Approved on [DATE],

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+ His Grace, Right Reverend IRENÉE (Rochon)  
Bishop of Québec & Administrator of the Archdiocese of Canada

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+ Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk  
Chancellor, Archdiocese of Canada

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Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko  
Episcopal Secretary, Archdiocese of Canada