



Post Edmonton Assembly STAS Report

The Edmonton Assembly, with over 100 dedicated Archdiocesan members officially registered, offered a wonderful opportunity to raise the profile of STAS and to communicate the present STAS situation. STAS operated a booth at the Assembly and gave away 40 copies of *“If there is life I want to live”* by Metropolitan Nikolaos, generously donated by Dr. John Hadjinicolaou, of Alexander Press – the publisher - to STAS members and inquirers. The table was attended by Melanie Samaroden and Gregory Rychlo – STAS representatives for Alberta and Sask/Man. We still have a number of copies of this great book left so please give me a call if you are a STAS steward, or would like information about STAS, and I will send you a copy. We were able to have some great conversations with people at the table.

Melanie Samaroden worked tirelessly organizing and hosting the Thursday evening wine and cheese on the top floor of the tower. It was well attended (more than 50 people) and we heard moving speeches from two of our founding STAS fathers Fr. Gregory Scratch and Fr. Matthew Francis which resulted in a number of new STAS stewards coming on board!

So far we have received completed paperwork from 11 brand new STAS members (including His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon!) increasing STAS monthly income to the Archdiocese by \$560/mo. We have also received e-mail confirmation from 4 existing STAS stewards to increase their monthly giving from their previous level, which adds another \$130/mo.

We are still awaiting the paperwork from an additional 12 individuals who verbally committed to join us at the Assembly!

Thank you to all who worked so hard, and to all our existing and new STAS stewards! Please call me or Dr. John H anytime if you have any STAS related question, concerns or suggestions, or for a copy of the STAS gift book.

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