

**Diocese of the South Assembly**

**July 27-28, 2016**

**Minutes**

- Opening of Plenary **Session I** at 2:15 PM
- Presentation by OCMC
- Opening remarks of His Grace, Bishop ALEXANDER
- Close of Session at 3:23 PM
- Opening of Plenary **Session II** on July 28 at 10:05 AM
- Presidium Approved:
  - Presidium: Bishop Alexander - President; Archimandrite Gerasim - Vice President; Fr Marcus Burch - Chair; Fr Joseph Lucas - Secretary; Fr Christopher Foley, Fr Jason Foster, and Katherine Clark – Credentials; Fr Nicholas Roth, Fr Nikolai Milektov, and Gary Popovich – Tellers
- Credentials: 2 Bishops; 52 Clergy; 37 Lay; 22 Observers – 113 Total / 90 Voting Members
- Approval of Minutes from previous Assembly
  - Motion to approve: Fr Peter Smith; Accepted unanimously.
- Resolutions:
  - Res #1: Recognition of Archbishop NIKON for his service to the Diocese
    - Motion to approved by acclamation: Judge E.R. Lanier; unanimous.
  - Res #2: Recognition of Milos Konjevich for his service to the Diocese
    - Motion to approve by acclamation: Fr Joseph Lucas; unanimous
- Administrator's report: Fr Gerasim
  - Ordination of two deacons; more scheduled.
  - Episcopal visits have commenced
  - Movement towards financial sustainability underway
- Managed Debt Program presentation: Mat. Carissa Avant
  - Overview of MDP
  - New online tithe remittance process
- Close of Session at 11:59 AM.
- Opening of Plenary **Session III**
- Credentials: 1 Bishops; 50 Clergy; 33 Lay; 23 Observers – 106 Total / 84 Voting Members
- Report of missionary work in Africa by Fr Joseph Ciarciaglino
- Treasurer's Report: Mat. Carissa Avant
  - Endorsement of Melanie Ringa

- Review of financial report
  - Review of tithes report
  - Proposed 2017 budget
    - Motion: Fr Ted Pisarchuk; approved unanimously
- Audit report
  - Committee hoping to have a report by next Assembly
- Deanery Reports: Deans
- Monasteries Report: Mother Thekla
- Metropolitan Council Report: Fr Joseph Lucas
- Elections
  - Motion to close elections: Fr Philip Reese
  - Audit Committee: Priest Gleb McFatter, Priest Paul Coats, Bill Harper (St Basil's)
  - Diocesan Council Lay Members by Deanery (alternate)
    - Appalachian: Bert Walther (Charles Hedrick)
    - Carolinas: Steve Iltis (John Braxton)
    - Central Fl: Noel Busch (Keith Kopach?)
    - MS River: Katherine Clarke (Peter McLeod)
    - Southcentral (Dallas): Elizabeth Perdomo (Steve Bodarchuck?)
    - Southeast (ATL): Chris Lewis (Dan Harbry?)
    - South FL (Miami): Gary Popovich (Andrew Hough?)
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Pastoral Conference in Pharr, TX – Feb 13-17
  - Diocesan Assembly – July 2017 (location TBD)
- Resolution for Assembly Funding
  - Motion: Fr Theophan Buck; approved by majority.
- Resolution to thank Fr Peter Robichau and the Wilmington parish
- Motion to adjourn at 4:00 PM: Fr Theophan Buck