



The Diocese of the West, The Orthodox Church in America

Audit Committee

### **2008 Audit Report**

The Auditing Committee met on Saturday, February 21, 2009, at St. Michael Church in Concord, California, to audit the financial records of the Diocese of the West for calendar year 2008.

The Committee found the records to be in order, and the attached reports [Consolidated Balance Sheet; Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual] for 2008 to fairly present the financial position of the Diocese as of December 31, 2008.

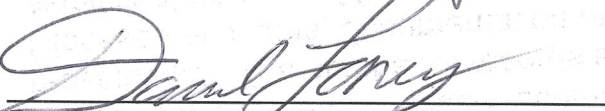
All recommendations remaining from the June 28, 2008 audit were accomplished. Mary Caetta is to be congratulated for her excellent service as Treasurer for the Diocese.

For this report, the Committee recommends that the auditing function be reevaluated. The number of records examined, the size and number of various Diocesan accounts, documentation of transactions, and so on, require a significant amount of time for analysis. An audit as traditionally performed, lasting a few hours, only allows for a cursory examination. In this light, the Committee recommends either --

- (a) that elected Diocesan auditors be prepared to conduct a full, 2- to 3-day internal audit and review; or
- (b) that the auditing responsibility be primarily handled by the Diocesan Council's Finance Committee, which would include an annual external review by a professional CPA.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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