

Feb 8, 2005 DOW Council

Summary provided by Subdcn Dmitri Solodow

The Diocesan Council met for its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Christ the Savior Church in San Francisco. In the absence of His Grace Bishop TIKHON, the Diocesan Chancellor, Bishop BENJAMIN, presided.

The Chancellor's Report and the Treasurer's Report can be found on the Diocesan website.

Highlights from the Deans' Reports:

- Work is going forward in the establishment of a Hispanic Mission in the Phoenix, AZ area
- St. Paul the Apostle Church (Fr Eric Tosi) in Las Vegas, NV has successfully moved from the Mission Deanery to the Pacific Southwest Deanery, based on its growth and solidly-built foundation.

Diocesan Council Officers appointed by Bishop TIKHON are:

- His Grace Bishop BENJAMIN, Vice Chairman
- Mary Caetta, Treasurer
- Nadine Wood, Secretary

Additional Appointments made by His Grace:

- Auditors: V.Rev. Michael Regan, Andre Paez
- Representatives to the Metropolitan Council: V.Rev. Matthew Tate, Nadine Wood
- Diocesan Departments:
- Communications: "The Orthodox Vision" Editor: Rev. Isaac Skidmore;
- Webmaster: Rev. Peter Tobias
- St. Eugene's Committee Chairman: George Atemoff
- Education: Rev. John Armstrong
- Late Vocations: Rev. John Armstrong
- General Counsel: Subdeacon Vladimir Norville
- Church Singing: Rev. Lawrence Margitich
- Mission Board Chairman: Peter Schwalbenberg
- Stewardship: (Vacant)
- Youth: Rev. John Armstrong
- Raphael House Chapel Chaplain: Rev. David Lowell
- Life-Giving Spring Center Executive Manager: Subdeacon Dmitri Solodow
- All District and Cathedral Deans are continued for 2005
- All Monastic administrative appointments are continued for 2005
- V.Rev. Lawrence Russell is continued as Diocesan Confessor.

Diocesan Assembly October 4-6, 2005:

- Plans for the October 4-6, 2005 Diocesan Assembly at The Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, are going forward.

Other Topics Discussed:

- The Life-Giving Spring Retreat Center was reported to be on track to begin repaying its loan to the Russian Women's Home of Mercy in July, 2005, as planned. The Home of Mercy is looking into the possibility of joining Rachael House in the development of a project combining housing for seniors, shops and a church.
- Long-term need for the establishment of a Hierarchical residence and Diocesan Office in the San Francisco Bay Area. Several options were identified, including the property the Diocese owns in Pt. Reyes; the 20 Steiner Street building which houses the Mission of the Synaxis of the Holy Virgin and is for sale; and for space within the projected Home of Mercy/Raphael House project. It was agreed to task the Chancellor's Advisory Committee with the work to be done to refine these and other potential options and bring their recommendations back to the Council. Any decision would first be carefully vetted by an independent group of professionals in this field, to make sure the best interests of the Diocese were taken into account.