

**Diocesan Council
Motion without a Meeting
November 22, 2010**

In electronic communication, November 20, 2010, it was motioned/seconded (MacKinnon/Brum) that the Diocese loan Life Giving Spring Retreat Center \$33,390.26 to pay back taxes.

Fr. Ian MacKinnon provided some background: In early October, His Grace and an attorney representing LGS, met with a representative of the State Board of Equalization and negotiated an unpaid tax bill on LGS in the amount of \$66,780. (This was a reduction from the initial assessment.) To avoid any further penalties, this amount needs to be paid in-full by Nov. 30th. The Home of Mercy is most likely willing to share the burden and lend half the amount (\$33,390) to LGS. This would require that the other half be lent by the Diocese. The diocesan loan would be interest-free, due and payable upon the sale of LGS.

The motion was sent electronically to all Diocesan Council members with a request for a yes or no vote by November 22, 2010. A majority of members responded, all of whom voted "yes" as follows:

His Grace Bishop Benjamin: yes

Archpriests and Priests John Dresko, Lawrence Russell, Lawrence Margitich, John Pierce, David Brum, Basil Rhodes, Anthony Karbo, David Lowell, Michael Anderson, John Strickland, Christopher Swanson: all yes.

Sub-deacon Paul Pilipenko: yes

Treasurer Mary Caetta: yes

Lay Members: Maha Estephan, Ivan Pouchine, Dorothy Nowick: yes

The motion is carried on November 22, 2010

Archpriest David Lowell
Diocesan Secretary
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