

CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE SIXTEENTH ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER, 2011

1. Mandate:

The establishment of a Crisis Management Committee was mandated by the 15th AAC in its acceptance of the Report and Recommendations of the Special Investigating Committee and in the Holy Synod's Blessing of that action:

" 13. The MC's selection of a committee during its September 3-5, 2008 meeting to develop a comprehensive crisis management plan, developing and adopting a policy of immediate action within the Church, and a commitment to provide effective communications with members of the Church, while problems, issues, and crises are being addressed. The committee will present a progress report to the HS and MC no later than the Spring 2009 HS and MC sessions."

2. Members and Consultant:

The original members of the Committee were:

- Subdeacon Dmitri Solodow, PhD, Chair
- Gary Popovich
- Fr. Eric Tosi
- Subdeacon Bernard Wilson, Consultant

Subdeacon Wilson is a retired Chief of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department and a consultant in public safety and crisis management.

Rosalie Luster joined the Committee when Gary Popovich's MC term was concluded and served until June, 2011. Fr. Alexander Kuchta joined the Committee in 2011.

3. Initiatives and On-going Projects Since the 15th AAC:

Although the Crisis Management Team was not formally established and empowered until the Fall, 2011 meetings of the Metropolitan Council and Holy Synod, an *ad hoc* Team has been in place and called upon to respond to specific situations (for example, those involving investigations or official requests of the Chancery).

4. Comments:

We have recommended that the Crisis Management Team be a group which can come together quickly, evaluate the situation, bring together the necessary expertise, propose a response and have that response vetted as necessary. The Team will then propose this action plan to the Lesser Synod for discussion and action.

The Crisis Management Team we recommended, which the Metropolitan Council approved and the Holy Synod blessed, consists of:

- A member of the Lesser Synod (the Holy Synod appointed His Grace, Bishop Benjamin)
- The Chancellor of the OCA
- The Secretary of the OCA
- The Chair if the Metropolitan Council Legal Committee
- The Chair of the Metropolitan Council Crisis Management Committee

The Team's technical consultants will be the OCA General Counsel, a Crisis Management Professional and any other person with expertise necessitated by the situation.

Once the Team has constructed a plan to deal with or proactively respond to a given situation, the Metropolitan or, in the case of his unavailability, a designated member of the Holy Synod, will authorize its implementation.

We also recommend that crisis management training be provided to the Holy Synod and the Metropolitan Council, both of which bodies need at least a conceptual background in the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

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V. Rev. Alexander Kuchta

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Bernard Wilson, CHS-V, Consultant