

Revised and Final Funding Resolution for the 18th All-American Council

This resolution was revised and adopted by the Holy Synod for presentation at the 18th All-American Council. It replaces the current resolution that is published in the Delegate Handbook and will be presented for adoption at the 3rd Plenary Session on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 in the afternoon session.

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America affirms the important role of the Synodal Chancery in the work of the OCA. We also encourage the transition to proportional giving as the best means of supporting the work of the Church. We also recognize that, at this point in time, each diocese is at a different place in this process. To this end we unanimously recommend the adoption of the following financial resolution:

For the budget years of 2016, 2017, and 2018 each territorial diocese with the exception of Canada, Mexico and Alaska shall remit its annual financial obligation for the work of the Synodal Chancery according to the following formula.

If the diocesan 2015 assessment at the \$90 per capita rate is greater than 46% of the diocesan operating budget excluding restricted and designated funds (“net operating budget”), the financial obligation in 2016 will be 46% of the 2016 “net operating budget”; in 2017 it will be 40% of the “net operating budget”; and in 2018 it will be 34% of the “net operating budget”. The “net operating budget” is intended to represent that which would previously have been the diocesan assessment plus the OCA assessment.

If the diocesan 2015 assessment at the \$90 per capital is greater than 34% and equal to or less than 46% of the “net operating budget”, the financial obligation in 2016 will be the 2015 proportional rate; in 2017 it will be the midpoint between the 2016 rate and 34% of the “net operating budget”; and in 2018 it will be 34% of the “net operating budget”.

If the diocesan 2015 assessment at the \$90 per capita is less than or equal to 34% of the “net operating budget”, the financial obligation will be 34% of the “net operating budget” in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

For the budget years 2016, 2017 and 2018, the Archdiocese of Canada and the Diocese of Alaska shall remit their annual diocesan financial obligation at the rate of 10% of their net operating budget.

The financial arrangements of the non-territorial dioceses (Romanian Episcopate, Albanian Archdiocese, and Bulgarian Diocese) are based upon agreements made when they entered the OCA and are within the competency of the Holy Synod, subject to periodic review.