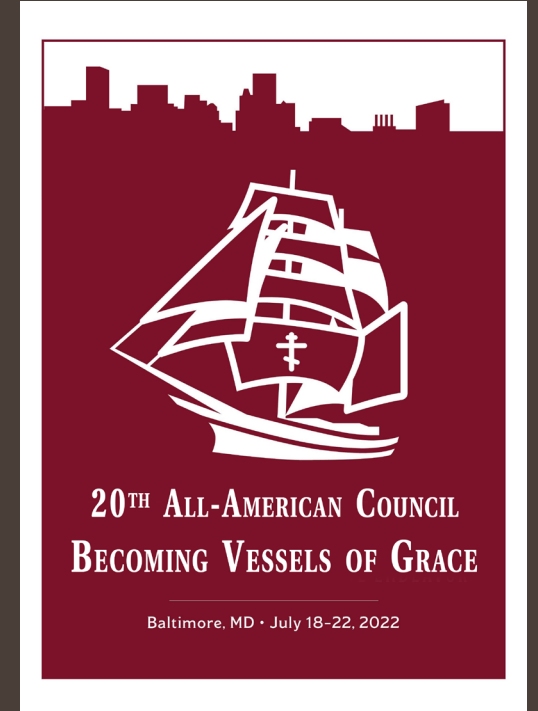


Plenary Session V

July 22, 2022



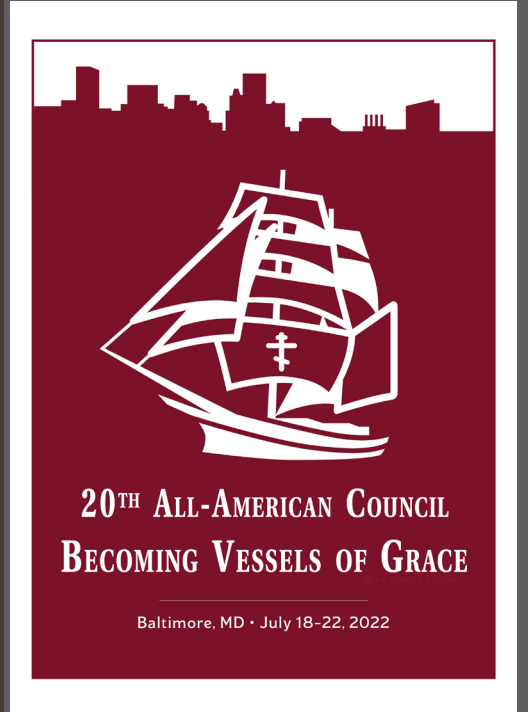
Opening Prayer

Tone 6

The grace of the Holy Spirit
today has assembled us.

Taking up Thy Cross, we sing:

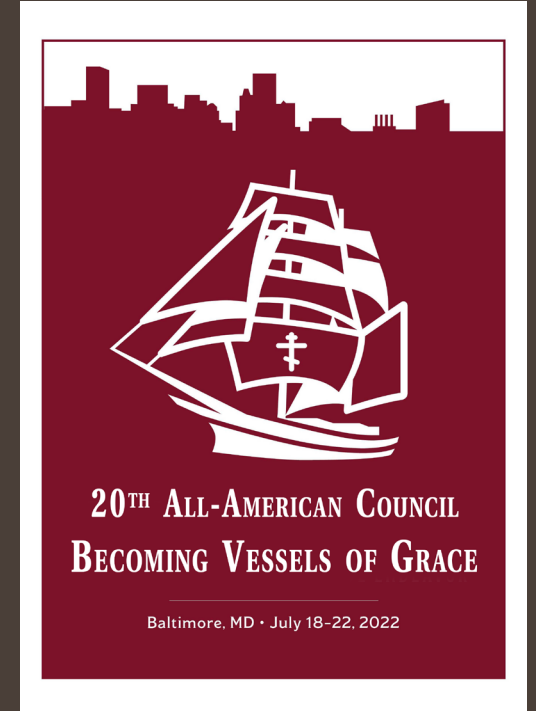
“Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord. //
Hosanna in the highest.”



Amended Agenda – Plenary Session V

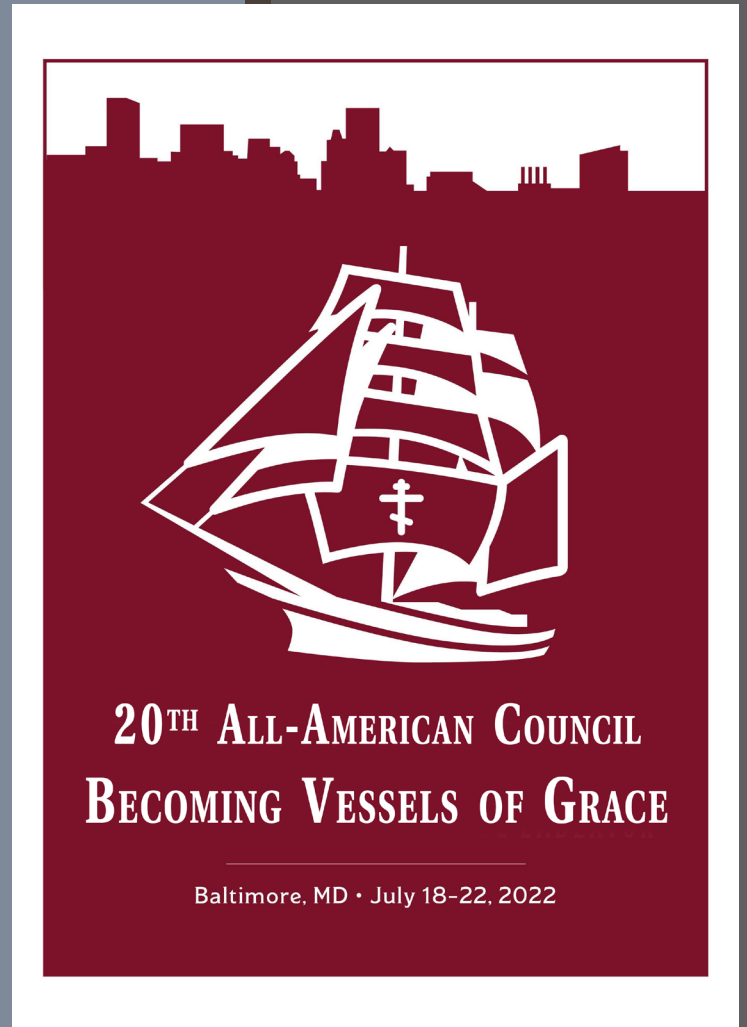
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Special Election Procedures

Priest Timothy Yates
Chair of the Tellers Committee



Nominees for Pension Board

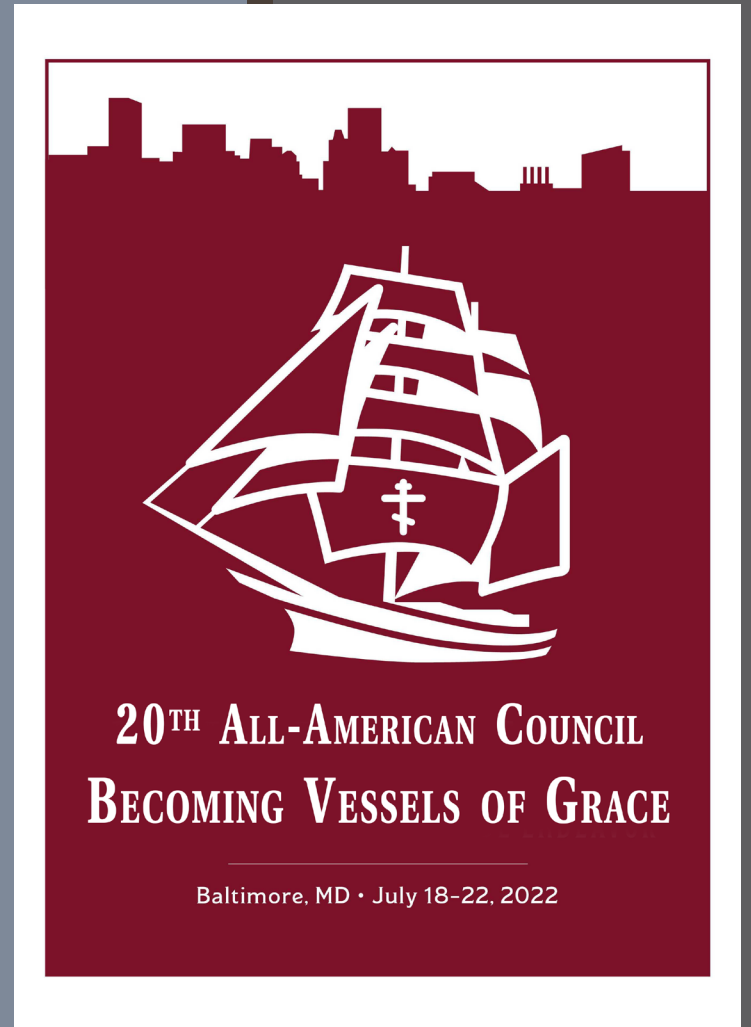
LAY NOMINATIONS FOR ONE ALTERNATE POSITION

☐ Ivan Rudolph-Shabinsky

☐ Paula Holoviak

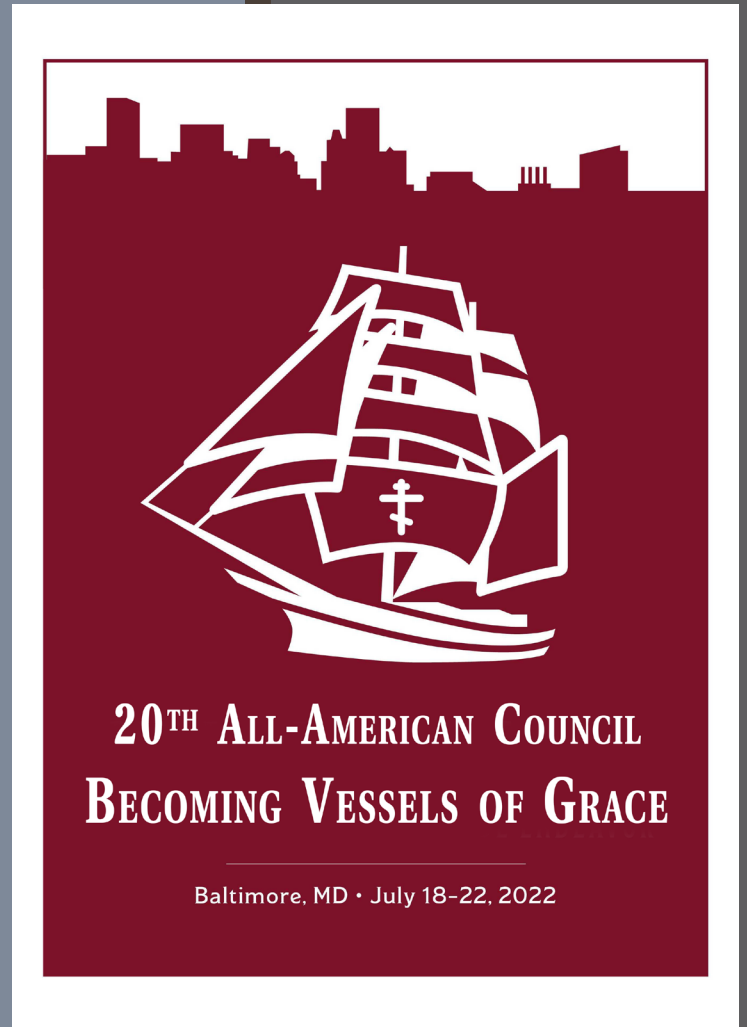
Youth Program Presentation

Archpriest Benjamin Tucci
Program Director



Final Resolutions

Archpriest Timothy Sawchak
Chair of the Resolutions Committee



RESOLUTION 3

WHEREAS the delegates to the 20th All American Council (AAC) desire to see the Metropolitan Council and the Pension Board work in Christian harmony;

WHEREAS the Pension Board describes their desire to “provide meaningful retirement information for seminary educators, clergy, and eligible lay staff” (Pension Office Report to the 20th AAC);

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Council, in the interest of full accountability and transparency, and pursuant to Article V Section 7 of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, requires complete, accurate, and up-to-date information on a regular and periodic basis;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article III Section 4 (e) of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, be it resolved by the 20th All American Council that:

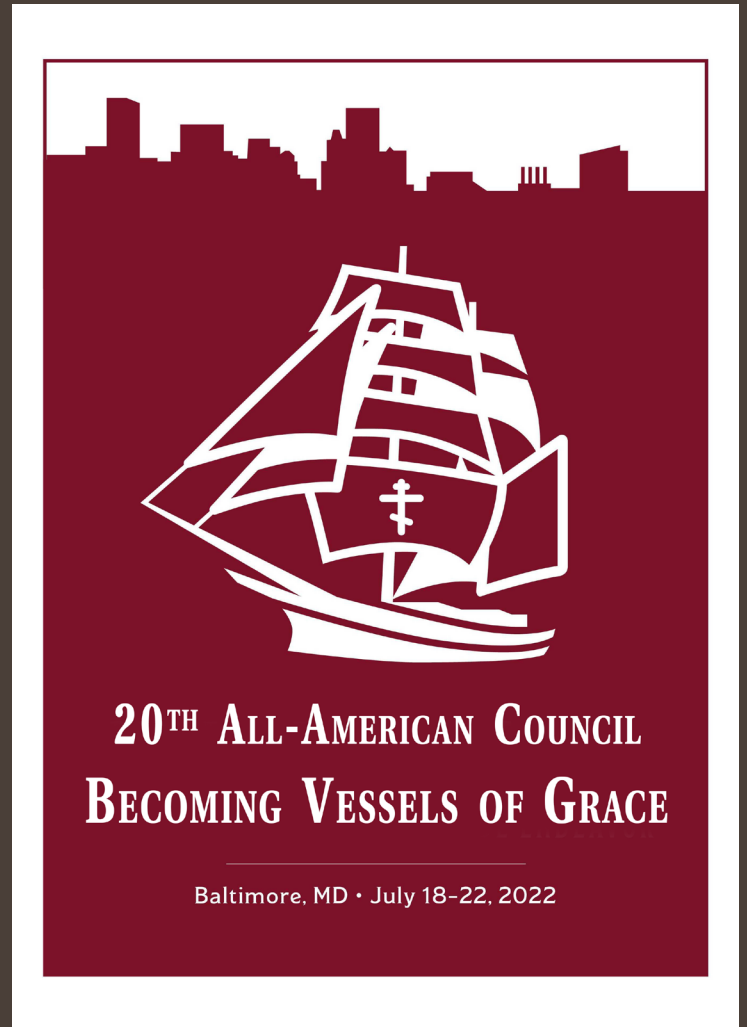
1. A member of the Pension Board should appear at each regular Metropolitan Council session to report on the condition, activities and status of the Pension Plan and answer questions regarding it;
2. The Pension Board should provide to the Metropolitan Council at least semi-annually, and in advance of the regularly scheduled session of the Metropolitan Council, all relevant current financial details, including, but not limited to, assets, liabilities, market value funding ratio, actuarial value funding ratio, surplus/deficit, plan participation, plan performance in comparison with the assumed plan projections, trend graphs for terminal and operational funding, and such other relevant information as requested by the Metropolitan Council;
3. The Metropolitan Council should designate a liaison and provide that name to the Pension Board. The liaison should be invited to attend each meeting of the Pension Board to receive information about the Pension Plan and to convey concerns from the Metropolitan Council.
4. The Metropolitan Council and the Pension Board are expected to work together, having regular collaborative sessions to ensure Pension Plan participants and employers can have confidence that their best interests are being served;
5. Once the Pension Board reports have been accepted by the Metropolitan Council, they should be included in the Metropolitan Council minutes and be posted accordingly. The Pension Board should post the accepted report on the Pension Board website as well.
6. The Pension Board should provide clearly formulated and transparent reports to all plan participants no less than once every six months.
7. **That professional third party benefit plan administrative training should be provided to the Metropolitan Council and the Pension Board and the Officers of the church**

Presented by Archbishop Mark, Archbishop Alexander and the Metropolitan Council subcommittee on the Pension Plan

Office of Military Chaplains' Report

Archpriest Theodore Boback

Dean and Executive Director of Orthodox Military & Veterans Administration Chaplains



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CH (MAJ) James Parnell

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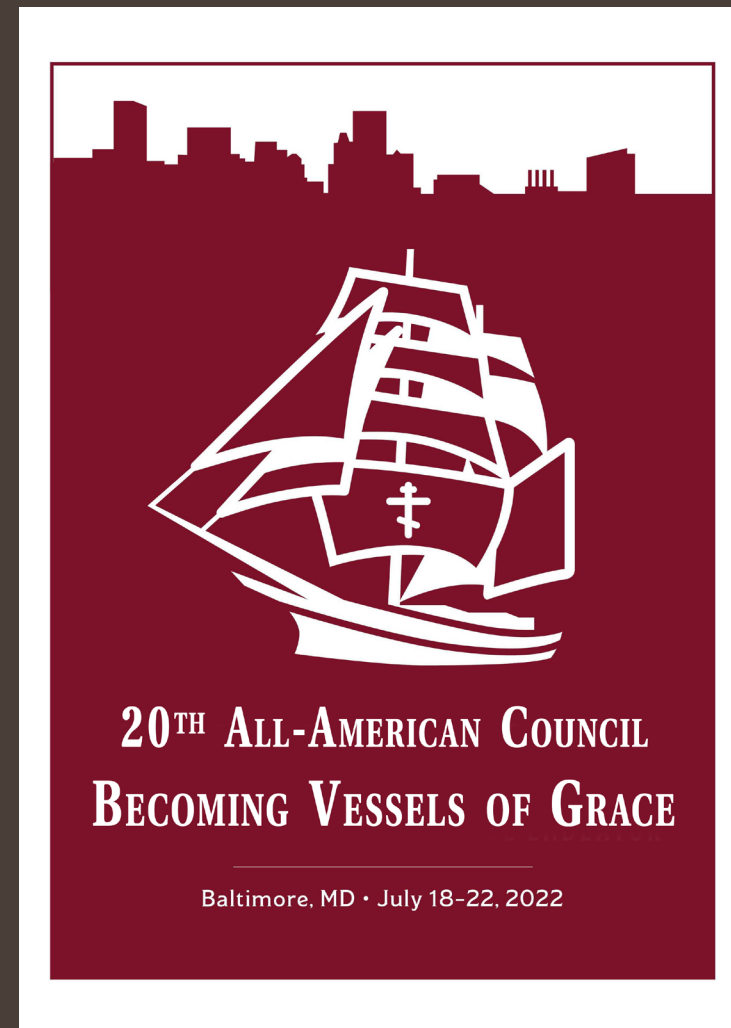
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Office of Institutional Chaplains' Report

Archpriest Steven Voytovich
Director



OCA OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINS

20th All-American Council Report

July 22, 2022

V. Rev. Dr. Steven Voytovich,
Office Director

Brief Office Highlights:

- We will celebrate **twenty years** of formal endorsement in 2023!
- Please view our Office webpage, www.orthinc.org linked to OCA website.
- Metropolitan TIKHON is the Orthodox Ecclesiastical Endorser for OCA clergy and laypersons who are theologically and clinically trained.
- The OCA is a member of the **Commission on Ministry in Specialized Settings (COMISS)** www.comissnetwork.org
- Fr. Steven, who has served as chair of the **Association of Religious Endorsing Bodies (AREB)** will become the chair of the COMISS Network in 2023.

Serving Institutional Chaplains

- This Office reviews and recommends endorsements for Orthodox clergy and laypersons.
 - New endorsements are institution-specific for chaplains and/or for board certification through credentialing bodies.
 - Five-year peer review updates of endorsement, as well as for those moving to new positions.
- I would like to introduce some of our chaplains also featured on our Office Display here in Baltimore

Chaplain Elaine Mayol

- **Elaine Mayol** has been working as a Hospice Chaplain for 12 years, the last ten years at Sharp Hospice care in San Diego CA. Elaine was the very first chaplain endorsed by the newly formalized endorsement process in **2003** and his here with us in Baltimore!



From Chaplain Elaine

- Here are some words directly from her related to hospice care:
- “These 12 years of working and among the dying have brought me to a true sense of the finality of life. One day we are young and think that we have all the time in the world to fulfill our dreams and enjoy anything we want. Another day we sit and contemplate our accomplishments not even remembering how we got where we are. A little later still we are looking out the window, barely remembering that once had a job, a family, and some importance. Working with the dying teaches me that there are no years to add or reduce in our lives.
- I observe each day how we all, as human beings, knowing that death is approaching, are still surprised when it comes. I see some ask me to pray for healing, and in so doing I offer a truth learned in this ministry: *salvation is the healing of every illness, pain, and sorrow.*
- These twelve years of transition and healing in my own life have given me the opportunity to experience God’s grace and love in some awesome ways. And the words of my heart and mind are always the same: ‘The seed must die so a fruitful tree might be born.’ I continue, with humility, accepting what I don’t deserve, and standing firm with roots reaching within the ground for the everlasting water of life to keep me committed to serve my Lord every day.”

Chaplain Brett McKey

- **Brett McKey** is a Bereavement Counselor with CarePartners Hospice in Asheville, NC. He is board certified through the Association of Professional Chaplains (2018), received his Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School, and is pursuing a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling through Western Carolina University. His current role involves counseling grieving individuals, planning memorial services, training hospice volunteers, and leading grief support groups.



Subdeacon Abraham Labrada Santiago

- **Subdeacon Abraham Labrada Santiago**, serves as a member of the Mayo Clinic Enterprise Palliative Care Specialty Council (in Minnesota). He grew up in Mexico, and Archbishop Alejo is his great uncle. A graduate of St. Tikhon's, he has served in Alaska before traveling to his current position.



From Subdeacon Abraham:

- The Palliative Care Council has the aim of developing and implementing advance interdisciplinary interventions; I hope to achieve the academic rank of Instructor of Palliative Care soon, and will be working toward Associate Professor the coming year. I am the principal Investigator for a research study (PC-7), and also work with two other studies: *Dignity Therapy* and *Spiritual Legacy Life Review*. Subdeacon Abraham also mentors Physician Fellows, Residents, and Medical Students, as well as CPE Residents in a Palliative Care Rotation. In his own words: “*All these together with a very heavy load of difficult cases and end of life care, which can be very taxing at times.*”

The Rev. Chaplain Joseph McCartney

- **Fr. Joseph McCartney** is the rector at Ss Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Lorain, OH.
- He completed his CPE residency at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center in Cleveland in the summer of 2017.
- Upon completion he became the Director of Mission Integration and Pastoral Care at Mount Alverna Village, a 250+ bed skilled nursing facility. He became a Board Certified Chaplain in October of 2019.
- In addition to his duties as rector of the parish and director at the nursing home, he also is chair of the Professional Advisory Group that oversees and guides the CPE program at St Vincent Charity Medical Center, and mentors chaplain interns and residents who use the nursing home as their clinical placement site.



Let us celebrate these chaplains!

- They are just some of those who represent our Orthodox Church in America in caregiving contexts across our country!
- Two other office brief updates will follow:

International Conference

- International Conference held in Russia in October 2021 focused on Ministry to Covid 19 Patients.
- Fr. Steven was the only Orthodox Chaplain presenter from among international presentations, sharing about chaplaincy and chaplaincy training here in the US.

Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops

- Beginning in the summer of 2021, a multi-jurisdictional work group developed a model originally drafted by Fr. Steven for a multi-jurisdictional approach to institutional chaplaincy endorsement.
- This model was presented to the Executive comm. in July, and accepted by the full assembly in October, 2021.
- Fr. Steven is now the endorser for this group as it moves forward, and at the present time our Holy Synod has directed that we continue to oversee our OCA endorsement requests through this office.

Commissioning Service

*This **Commissioning Service** has been prepared by the **Office of Institutional Chaplains**. As developed this service is intended to serve several purposes:*

It can be used to set apart faithful laypersons and/or clergy in (his, her, their) parish community who have completed:

- Theological formation in the form of a Master of Divinity Degree
- Four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

who have requested endorsement from the Metropolitan, through the Office of Institutional Chaplains, to minister in a specific institutional setting such as a hospital, hospice, long-term care, and many other settings.

It can also be used as a formal step in the process of an Orthodox Institutional Chaplain completing the above requirements and subsequently seeking to be certified by a national credentialing body. As above, this service precedes formal endorsement. This is especially true for laypersons who have not been previously set apart by ordination.

The emblem on the front cover is a reprint of a Commissioning Pin developed also by the Office of Institutional Chaplains.

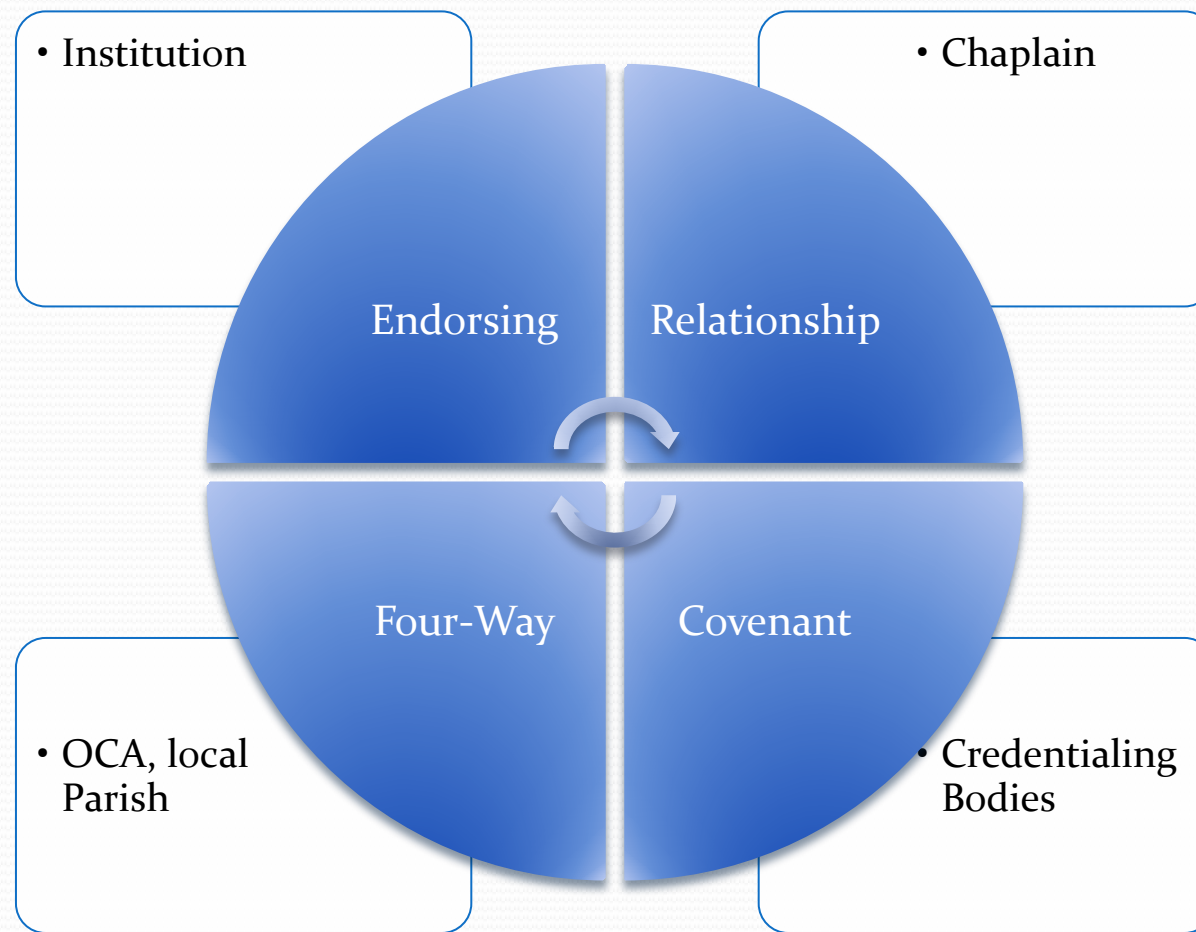
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Endorsing Relationship



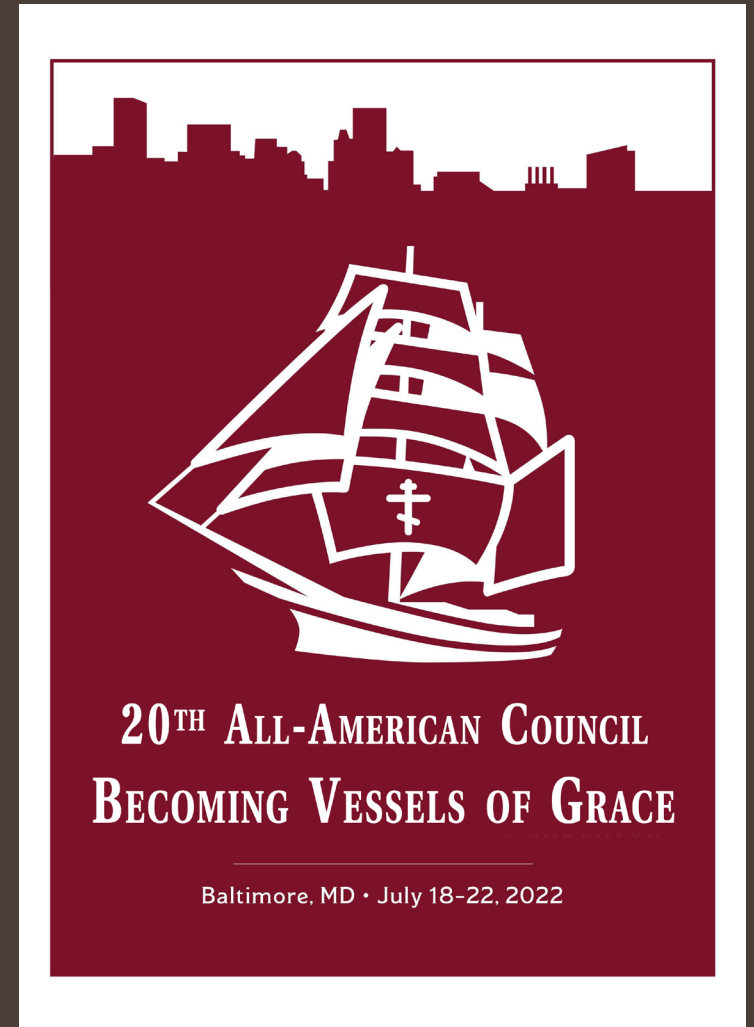
Serving the Church and Greater Community

- Institutional Chaplains participate in the life of their respective parishes, and aid in mentoring those interested in ministry. The fruits of their ministry are returned to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.
- Institutional Chaplains aid in teaching about care in hospitals, long-term care settings, corrections, and other settings, attend church conferences, and aid in preparing seminarians interested in CPE.
- Chaplains represent our church in caregiving settings, and national and international pastoral care round tables.

Conclusion

- It has been an honor to serve in the capacity of Office Director as these events have already gone far beyond my expectations of what might be possible!
- Office members include priests, deacons, lay men and women. Those certified have completed an M.Div., at least 1600 hours of supervised ministry training, and fulfill continuing education requirements.
- For questions, please e-mail:
institutionalchaplains@oca.org

Video from ELEOS Poland



Fr. Fred Goodwin

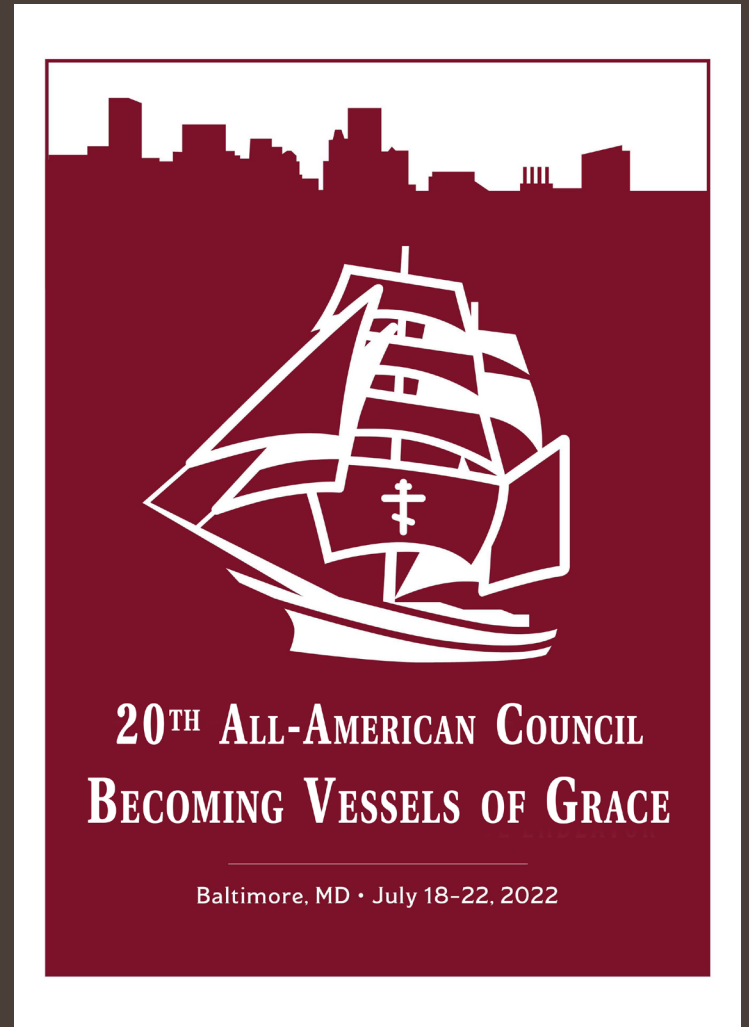


Other Business

Archpriest Andrew Jarmus

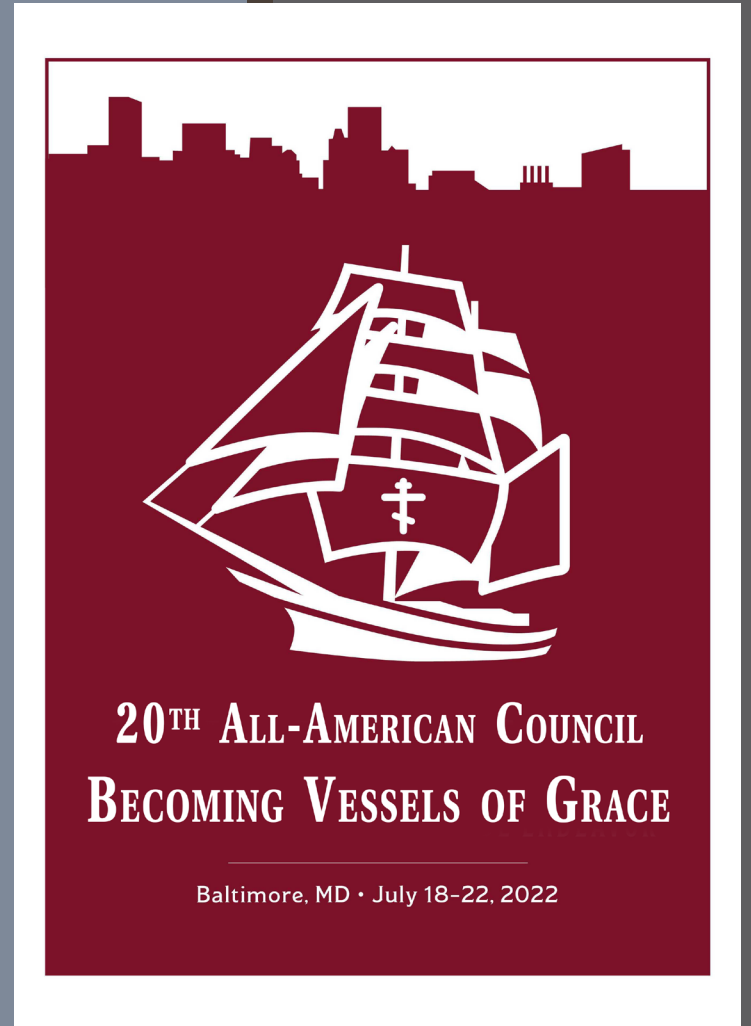
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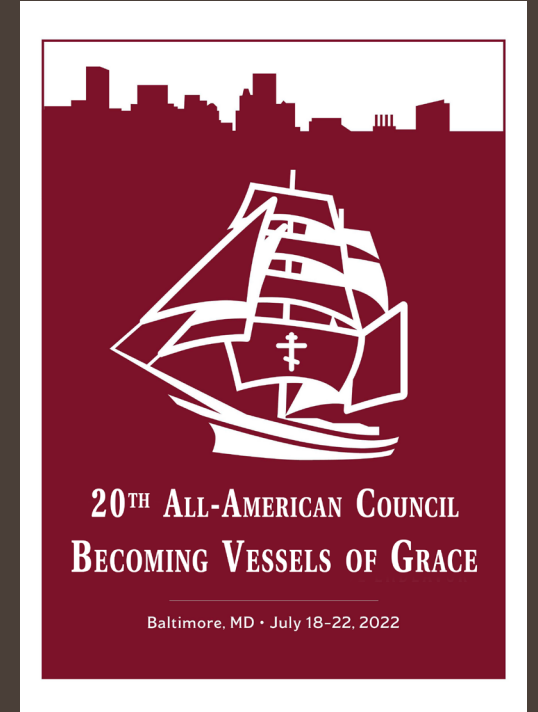
Installation of the Newly Elected Members of the Metropolitan Council

His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All American and Canada



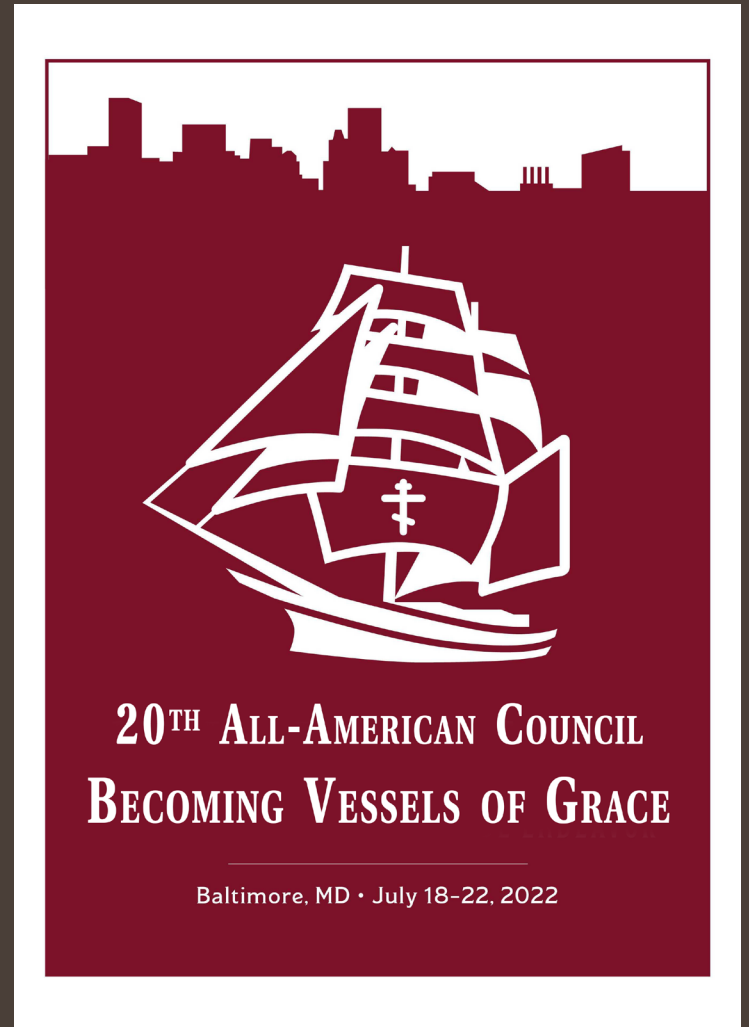
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Adjournment of the 20th All-American Council

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Safe Travels!

Many thanks to all those who
worked so hard for a successful
20th All-American Council

