

Process for Submitting Resolutions for the 20th All-American Council

In order to encourage wider discussion at the 20th All-American Council, the Preconciliar Commission has established a Resolutions Committee in accordance with Article III, Section 5.b of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America.

This Committee is now prepared to receive proposed resolutions for consideration. While resolutions can be made during a plenary session, parishes and other Church bodies—deaneries, dioceses, stavropegial institutions—are encouraged to submit proposed resolutions in advance to facilitate the work of the Resolutions Committee.

When receiving a proposed resolution:

- If necessary, the Resolutions Committee will discuss possible editorial changes with the submitting body.
- If substantially identical resolutions are submitted, the Committee will consolidate them into a single resolution, only after consultation with the submitting bodies.
- If, in the estimation of the Committee, a proposed resolution clearly lies outside the competence of the All-American Council, whether on canonical grounds or in conflict with the OCA Statute, the Committee will inform the submitting body appropriately, or refer the matter to the Holy Synod.
- If a proposed resolution is determined to lie outside the competence of the All-American Council, the Committee, in consultation with the Holy Synod and the proposing body, will consider alternative ways of bringing issues underlying the proposed resolution to the attention of the All-American Council.

Resolutions from parishes normally shall bear the signatures of the parish priest and the president of the parish council; those from deaneries, of the dean and other priests of the deanery; those from dioceses, of the bishop and the diocesan chancellor; those from Stavropegial institutions, of the abbot, president, dean or rector, and at least one other member of the institution in question.

In order to facilitate the work of the Committee, the Preconciliar Commission strongly encourages resolutions to be submitted before the beginning of the Council. The Resolutions Committee will begin to receive and consider proposed resolutions starting Monday, May 16, 2022.

The relevant resolution submissions should be sent via email to resolutions.20aac@oca.org or via mail to the Resolutions Committee, 20th All-American Council, c/o Chancery of the Orthodox Church in America, PO Box 675, Syosset, NY 11791.

The members of the Resolution Committee are:

Archpriest Timothy Sawchak, Diocese of the Midwest
Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Diocese of the Midwest
Protodeacon Jesse Isaac, Archdiocese of Canada
Anna Miller, Archdiocese of Canada
Sophia Sokolov, Diocese of the West
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