

## ***Proposed Revision to the Final Funding Resolution for the 18<sup>th</sup> All-American Council***

***This resolution was revised and adopted by the Holy Synod for presentation at the 18<sup>th</sup> All-American Council. It replaces the current resolution that is published in the Delegate Handbook and will be presented for adoption at the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the Dioceses (or Archdioceses) of New England, New York-New Jersey, The Midwest, Eastern Pennsylvania, The South, The West, Western Pennsylvania and Washington DC, shall remit its annual financial obligation for the work of the Synodal Chancery according to the following formula:

If the *combined* diocesan (at current diocesan rate) and OCA (\$90 per capita) assessment total is greater than 46% of the diocesan income, excluding restricted, charity, pass-through and designated funds (“gross adjusted income”), the financial obligation in 2016 will be the lesser of the 2015 actual rate or 50% of the 2016 “gross adjusted income”; in 2017 it will be the 2016 rate less 2%; and in 2018 it will be the 2017 rate less 2%. The “gross adjusted income” is intended to represent that which would previously have been the diocesan assessment plus the OCA assessment.

If the *combined* diocesan (at current diocesan rate) and OCA (\$90 per capita) assessment total is greater than 34% and equal to or less than 46% of the “gross adjusted income”, the financial obligation in 2016 will be the 2015 proportional rate; in 2017 it will be the 2% below the 2016 rate; and in 2018 the proportional rate will be 2% below the 2017 rate, not to fall below 34% in any year.

If the *combined* diocesan (at current diocesan rate) and OCA (\$90 per capita) assessment total is less than or equal to 34% of the “gross adjusted income”, the financial obligation will be 34% of the “gross adjusted income” 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 gross adjusted income.

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. The Holy Synod shall continue to work with these dioceses to incorporate them by mutual agreement into full participation in the proportional method of funding the work of the Synodal Chancery.

