

Regulations Amendments -Spring 2016 AC

YOUTH PROTECTION AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Holy Eparchial Synod, Executive Committee and Clergy Laity Congress have previously approved policies and procedures for the protection of youth and children, including, but not limited to, the current version of the Archdiocesan youth protection manual (Youth Policies);

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese intends to expand and revise its Youth Policies, from time to time, for the safety and protection of our children and youth;

WHEREAS, the Spring 2016 Archdiocesan Council desires to recommend to the 2016 Clergy Laity Congress (the "Congress") the incorporation of the Youth Policies into the Regulations of the Archdiocese;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following resolution be submitted to the Congress for its approval:

RESOLVED:

That the Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (the "Archdiocese") (the "Regulations") shall be amended by the addition of the following section:

Youth Protection Policies and Procedures

The Archdiocesan policies and procedures for the protection of youth and children, as well as any future additions and/or revisions to such policies (the "Youth Policies") shall be incorporated by reference, in their entirety, into these Regulations. The Archdiocese, Direct Archdiocesan District/Metropolises, Parishes and all other institutions, ministries, entities and organizations of the Archdiocese shall be required to comply with the Youth Policies. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Youth Policies and any provisions of these Regulations or any other regulations, practices, bylaws, procedures or policies, the Youth Policies shall prevail.

Without limiting the foregoing, neither the Archdiocese, nor any Metropolis, Parish or other institution, ministry, entity or organization of the Archdiocese shall hold, sponsor, endorse, authorize, permit or otherwise sanction or encourage the participation of its children and/or youth in any camp or retreat or any other program or ministry of any kind, whether an overnight program or otherwise (collectively, "Youth Events"), unless the Youth Event fully complies with the Youth Policies.