



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

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Dear Reverend Fathers and Parish Councils,

Stewardship is among the most important spiritual responsibilities of each Orthodox Christian. Without stewardship, continuation of God's work would not be possible. As the faithful fulfill this responsibility, they enable the parishes to fulfill their mission. In turn, the parishes contribute to the Metropolis and Archdiocese, and enable the Church – the Body of Christ – to fulfill its mission. This allocation supports the Metropolis, Archdiocese, and Patriarchate, and all of the ministries therein.

The primary purpose of this letter and enclosed forms is to initiate the data collection needed to make the 2010 Archdiocese National Ministries Commitment (formerly known as Total Commitment) allocation.

Parishes will receive a 5% penalty for submitting the enclosed forms late, and a 25% penalty for not returning the forms at all. This means that the above percentage will be applied to, and added to, your actual allocation for the year. **The forms are due on September 30, 2009.**

Please note that the Parish Priest, Parish Council President, Parish Council Treasurer, and the Parish Audit Committee Chairperson must sign the data collection form once completed. We also take the opportunity to remind you of the need to attach supporting documentation as requested on the forms.

If you have any questions, please visit the Metropolis website, or contact the Metropolis. Electronic version of the enclosed forms, and other useful information, may be found on our website.

Thank you for your dedication and stewardship to the Church, and for the unselfish stewardship of your parish towards God's work.

Conveying to you the blessings of His Eminence, Metropolitan Maximos, we remain, yours in the service of Christ,

The Metropolis Finance Committee & The Metropolis Stewardship Committee

Electronic versions of the attached forms may be found at:

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