

**Statement from the Diocesan Chancellors and Treasurers  
from the January 17-18, 2012 financial meeting  
at the Orthodox Church in America Chancery:**

The Chancellors and Treasurers can see all of the hard work and dedication of the Central Administration and various departments of the Orthodox Church in America and express their full support of the Chancery staff.

**We learned:**

Dioceses pass through from 40% to 71% of their total income to the OCA.

Two dioceses do a form of percentage giving from the parishes to support the dioceses. One diocese does not do a *per capita* count to determine the dollar amount to send to the OCA.

The current system of revenue is dysfunctional and will not support the OCA in the future.

**Agreed:**

The OCA Central Administration is currently doing a commendable job with the current resources.

Past financial difficulties are still being paid for and have a significant impact on the budget.

The All-American Council resolution on proportionally reducing the assessment in the next triennium still referenced a *per capita* approach to decreasing the Central Church Assessment.

Moving away from a *per capita* assessment will be a challenge for some dioceses.

**Action:**

The OCA Treasurer will refine the 2013 assessment formula based on Diocesan projections to reduce the assessments and introduce proportional giving.

Dioceses will pursue collecting parish financial data for their own use.



The Diocese of the West and the Diocese of the South will make proposals as to the percentage of their budgets they will contribute to the OCA to fund the OCA at the current dollar level for 2013.

We hope that any funds returned from the Central Church Assessment to the Dioceses by lowering the assessment will be invested by each Diocese in its parishes and missions to promote growth.

The following Chancellors and Treasurers were present at the meeting and issued this statement:

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania	Archpriest John Kowalczyk, Chancellor Priest Raymond Martin Browne, Treasurer
Diocese of Midwest	Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor
Diocese of New England	Mr. John Skrobat, Treasurer
Diocese of New York & New Jersey	Archpriest Joseph Lickwar, Chancellor Matushka Mary Buletza-Breton, Treasurer
Diocese of South	Archpriest Marcus Burch, Chancellor Milos Konjevich, Treasurer
Archdiocese of Washington	Archpriest Gregory Safchuk, Chancellor Michael Hydock, Treasurer
Diocese of West	Archpriest Ian MacKinnon, Chancellor Mary Caetta, Treasurer
Diocese of Western Pennsylvania	Archpriest Paul Ziatyk, Chancellor Archpriest Dennis Hendershot, Treasurer