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TO: UOC PARISH LEADERS - PASTORS, PARISH PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS,
BOARD MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATION LEADERS/MEMBERS

RE: REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR

Dear Brother Clergy and Brothers and Sisters in our Lord,

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST.

With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Antony, and His Grace, Bishop Daniel and their full spiritual support and encouragement, I am pleased to inform you of an critical series of Ukrainian Orthodox Stewardship Seminars to be held regionally across the country, beginning in September. These seminars represent a commitment of our Consistory to help our faithful experience the ways that Orthodox Stewardship can be a dynamic force for positive change and spiritual growth in our Ukrainian Orthodox parishes and across the Metropolia.

Over the years, I have spoken with many in our Church about stewardship - particularly at Sobors and similar gatherings - but we really need to do something about it - and now! That's the goal of these seminars - and we are bringing in a truly gifted and dynamic speaker to help us in the process. **Mr. Bill Marianes** is a dedicated Orthodox layman who has traveled thousands of miles and given talks to tens of thousands of people, sharing a series of presentations titled '**Igniting the Flame of True Christian Stewardship**'. Bill is renowned for his talents not only Christian stewardship, but also in leadership development and strategic planning - and he will be made available to help us better understand why we're facing our current struggles and what we can do about it.

Our first Regional Seminar will be held at:

UOC Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook, NJ

Saturday, September 20 - 9:00am - 3:45pm

Prior to the event, coffee and pastries will be available to all, and lunch will be served. ***There is no charge to attend this event or for lunch.*** If you wish to come in on Friday night (9/19) or stay over on Saturday night (9/20) you can obtain discounted rate at the Holiday Inn nearby.

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732-469-7555

Library:
732-356-0659

Museum:
732-356-0132

Cultural Center:
732-469-1018

This first seminar is located centrally to maximize participation by the New York-New Jersey, Mid-Atlantic, Upstate New York and New England deaneries. We anticipate a second seminar in the Pittsburgh area on November 15th, with other seminars in the West in early 2015.

To Register for this Seminar:

- **By Email:** stewardship@uocusa.net - Be sure to include the names, phone number, and email address of those attending, and the name of your parish.
- **By Phone:** Call the Consistory at (732) 356-0090 and ask for Olga Coffey. Olga can also assist with any hotel reservations.
- **By Mail:** Send the attached form to: Stewardship Seminar, Consistory of the UOC of USA, P.O. Box 495, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel will be contacting each of our priests and through them, all of our parishes, to emphasize the importance of full participation and representation by all. The Regional seminars will allow each parish to participate in an effort to minimize travel and expenses or scheduling difficulties. It is our fervent prayer that from each parish we will have the Parish Priest, members of the Parish Board of Administration and Presidents and other members of parish organizations, including Sisterhoods, Brotherhoods, Church School, Ukrainian Orthodox League, Church Choir and any others. The greater the representatives from a parish - the better. These leaders will comprehend what stewardship is and how to implement new ways of encouraging our faithful to contribute to and support their parish communities.

Times are changing. The old system of "parish dues" is no longer effective in addressing the practical or pastoral realities that we face in the UOC or in American Orthodoxy in the twenty-first century. It is my prayer that we will be able to look back to September 20, 2014 as a turning point in the life of our Church as we take up anew the mantle entrusted to us by our Lord, as responsible stewards of our Church today, and in the years to come.

I assure you all of my prayers and ask to be remembered in yours,



(V. Rev.) Fr. Robert Holet, Treasurer
Director - Consistory Office of Stewardship

PLEASE NOT - Pokrova Sisterhood of St. Andrew Memorial Church will be sponsoring a Ukrainian Festival Dinner-Dance at the Cultural Center this evening. We invite you to join in the festivities. If you would like to secure tickets for that event, contact Olga Coffey.

UOC OF USA REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR

Saturday, September 20, 2014

9:30am - 3:45pm

Registration Form

Parish: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parish Activity (Board Member and Office held, Sisterhood President, etc.):

Parish: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parish Activity (Board Member and Office held, Sisterhood President, etc.):

PLEASE USE REGISTRATION FORMS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES
TO REGISTER ADDITIONAL SEMINARY PARTICIPANTS