The Orthodox Parish as a Vessel of Ministry

‘Increasing Our Capacity for Ministry’

THREE CONTENT TRACKS:

‣ Living Active Ministry
  - Personal, Internal, External
‣ Education as Ministry
  - Empowering adults and youth
‣ Coordinating Ministry
  - Principles, Practices, Effectiveness

Practical Guides to help you:

Determine the array of ministries appropriate for your parish.
Find and train good ministry leaders.
Remove obstacles to ministry participation.
Learn examples and best practices of essential & unique activities.
Renew your ministry of education in light of new technologies and needs.

Returning parishioners and newcomers yearning for expanded, updated and renewed ministries may be one of the most significant opportunities for the Church in recent years. Our 2022 theme was chosen to enhance the theme of the OCA’s 20th All-American Council, Becoming Vessels of Grace, and to emphasize the importance of renewing ministry in post-COVID parish life.

This year’s Parish Development Forum will incorporate a blend of keynote presentations and parallel breakout meetings in which attendees can choose from an array of skill building and dialogue sessions. Topics will be organized into three important content tracks: “Leading and Coordinating Ministry” will help parish leaders determine the array of ministries appropriate for their parish, find and build good ministry leaders, and remove obstacles to ministry participation. “Living Active Ministry” will help those involved in parish ministry by exploring examples and best practices of essential and unique “in-reach” and outreach activities. The third track, “Rethinking Education As Ministry,” will examine post-pandemic changes in religious education and ways faith can be lived in action. The role of a fully functional diaconal ministry and the need for Orthodox youth to be empowered witnesses in their communities will be explored. Full descriptions of the content tracks can be found on the Registration Page.

For the past eight years this conference has attracted persons from virtually every OCA Diocese and many other Orthodox jurisdictions.

LINKS: Parish Forum Web Page | Full Info w/Link to Register | Register Online Now!

‘Budget Friendly’ Registration! Registration is open to clergy or lay leaders from any Orthodox jurisdiction, and includes various budget-friendly, freewill pricing options. Select the option that best fits your situation. Each attendee must register.

Multiple Representatives Encouraged! Participation by multiple parish leaders will enable the parish maximum exposure to track content.

Most sessions will be recorded. Registered attendees will have access to recordings. Login credentials will be sent to registrants a few days before the event.

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