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Board of Directors
Christ the Saviour Brotherhood

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Dear Members of Christ the Saviour Brotherhood,

Christ is Risen!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am writing to update you on some important recent developments, and to invite you to participate in the discussions and decisions that we are facing as a Brotherhood in the coming weeks and months.

As some of you already know, the priests and deacons who serve in the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada and Australia, who are also members of Christ the Saviour Brotherhood, have been asked by their Metropolitan to resign from membership in CSB and from any offices they hold in CSB, or to ask for transfer from the Bulgarian Diocese to another canonical jurisdiction by May 15, 2015. This applies to Bulgarian clergymen only. Fr. David and Presb. Theodora Brunton have also been asked to resign from CSB by Abbess Michaela of St. Paisius Orthodox Monastery. Those affected will be making their own decisions, but to my knowledge everyone affected has or will be resigning from CSB.

In all, fourteen out of 124 members are affected. After the resignations there will be a total of 110 members of CSB. (You may be interested in our jurisdictional spread: of the remaining members, 35 will be serving/attending churches of the Bulgarian Diocese, 39 in OCA churches, 20 in Serbian churches or monasteries, and 16 in other jurisdictions, mostly of the Greek Archdiocese.)

This particularly affects the CSB Officers and Board of Directors. Fr. Philip Tolbert, after 19 years of service as Treasurer, and I, after 24 years as President, have resigned effective May 15. Effective the same date, Fr. Dcn. James Hughes and Presb. Theodora have also resigned from membership and from their positions on the Board.

In its initial response to these developments, at a recent meeting of the Board held by teleconference on April 16th the Board has appointed Fr. Gregory Schultz, currently our Vice President, to serve as interim President from May 16 until the next annual Organizational Meeting of the Board in October, at which time all offices and committee chair positions are reviewed and reappointed, or changed if desired or necessary. Kate McCaffery has been appointed Lead Bookkeeper, expanding her duties somewhat for the foreseeable future while the Board finds and appoints a new Treasurer. Carmela Biggs, who came in a close second to Fr. Dcn. James Hughes in the last election, was appointed to serve the remaining three years of his term as Director. Fr. Matthew Tate was appointed to serve the remainder of Presb. Theodora's term, until the Fall of 2016.

Attached with this letter is the *Summary Report* of the minutes of the recent meeting of the Board during which these decisions were taken.

Let me hasten to say that the resignations and the changes in personnel in no way endanger the Brotherhood nor necessitate closing down. However, this is clearly a significant transition of leadership and inevitably raises the question in many members' minds of whether or not CSB should continue.

Rather than try to spell out every possibility in one letter, we encourage you to call the members of the Board and the Officers to share your thoughts and questions. Tell us what you think should happen. I am including our addresses and phone numbers so you don't have to look for your address list. If you prefer to send a letter to the Board, please address it to Kate McCaffery as Secretary.

The Board will be meeting in person next month, on May 14 -15, and will be considering ways to facilitate and continue this discussion among all the members over the summer months leading up to next October's Annual Meeting of the members.

In Christ,

Fr. Stevan Bauman,
President of Christ the Saviour Brotherhood

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