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**BOARD OF NEW YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AGENCY  
CONCLUDES FIRST MEETING**

CHICAGO – The Board of Directors of the newly established Youth & Young Adult Ministry Agency concluded its first meeting on Friday, December 3.

Established and blessed by the Assembly of Bishops at its October 2021 meeting as the capstone achievement of the “Year of the Youth,” the new Agency will cast a vision to unite and deepen the ministry efforts of parishes and families across the Church to serve all Orthodox youth and young adults in the United States.

In November, the Assembly approved members of the new Board of Directors. Meeting for the first time, the Board adopted bylaws, elected officers, and adopted a “why” and mission statement.

“I am eager to see the work that this new Agency will undertake,” said Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Chairman of the Assembly of Bishops. “My brother Hierarchs have laid an important foundation with the establishment of this talented and faithful Board of Directors. May God bless what follows.”

Further details, including the Agency’s “why” and mission statements, along with its roster of Directors, will follow in the weeks ahead.

This was the Board’s initial meeting to begin a deliberate and carefully planned process for the Agency to start its operations during the second half of 2022. The Board of Directors was encouraged that this was the beginning of an organization that will do transformational youth and young adult ministry for all Orthodox Christians across the United States.

As the Agency continues to be built, questions can be directed to a temporary email address: [youth.and.young.adult.agency@gmail.com](mailto:youth.and.young.adult.agency@gmail.com).