

MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH DIOCESE OF SOUTH–WEST AMERICA



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August 15, 2016

Diocesan MGOCSM Council Representative Application

When applying for the position of Council Representative, individuals should approach the task with prayer and careful consideration by educating themselves on the roles and responsibilities associated with this position and also seeking mentorship from the Regional Vice President or Area Youth Minister.

Diocesan MGOCSM Council Representative Protocol

It is recommended that the Council Representative assumes the role of an Area Coordinator within his or her local Area MGOCSM structure. He or she is to function as an integral part of the area MGOCSM in all areas of Worship, Study, and Service. The local responsibilities of the Representative may be amended at the discretion of the Regional Vice President or Area Youth Minister in order to be better suited for spiritual needs and cooperation among area-level leaders.

Routine Duties

The following duties have been assigned to Council Representatives by the Diocesan Director and Secretary for the effective functioning of all MGOCSM areas across the diocese. These responsibilities are subject to change at the discretion of the Diocesan President or Director or Secretary and will be amended during a Council Meeting as necessary:

- Meet regularly with Diocesan leaders to discuss ministry plans
- Work directly with area Youth Minister in coordinating area events and administration
- Complete ministry projects as assigned by President, Director, Secretary, or Youth Minister
- Write formal reports on the area's status for submission to the President and Secretary
- Write articles on area events for publication on various media platforms
- Regularly visit units within the area and establish positive relationships with local leaders

Relationship with Area Youth Minister

Council Representatives are encouraged to have weekly meetings with their area Youth Minister to discuss the following:

- Status updates on upcoming events
- Ministry plans or projects from area, diocese or national levels
- Agenda topics for upcoming meetings
- Agenda concerns/action items from past meetings
- Approval for pending major decisions regarding events (speaker, date, theme, etc.)
- Leadership concerns
- Spiritual concerns

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2016 DS-WA MGOCSM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example
for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.*

– 1 Timothy 4:12

*Please answer all questions on this application completely in legible handwriting or typed. This application is
confidential, and will not be shared with anyone not involved in the selection process.*

Completion of this form does not guarantee you will be selected for leadership.

As a prospective leader of the DS-WA MGOCSM, you are preparing for serious spiritual responsibilities. You will be expected to exemplify Christ-like character, to maintain sound doctrine, and to actively minister Christ's love for all. This application is a tool designed to help you understand these expectations more clearly.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Age: _____

CHURCH INFORMATION

Name of Parish you attend: _____

Vicar's name: _____

AREA REPRESENTING:

Which MGOCSM area are you interested in representing as a part of the MGOCSM Council?

- Atlanta California & Arizona Chicago Dallas & Oklahoma
 Detroit Florida Houston, San Antonio & Austin Seattle & Edmonton

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1) Describe yourself in a few sentences.

2) How often do you partake of the sacraments of the Orthodox Church?

3) Describe your involvement with your parish MGOCSM. What types of programs have you participated in and in what capacity?

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4) Over the last year, what local Area MGOCSM events have you attended?

5) Have you ever attended an MGOCSM Leadership Camp before? _____

If yes, which? _____

6) On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being very difficult, 10 being very easy,
How difficult is it to get in contact with you? _____

How well do you work with others? _____

7) Do you get along with all of the MGOCSM members in your area/region? Yes / No

8) Do you have any unresolved issues/conflicts with anyone in the Area MGOCSM? Yes / No

If yes, have you done all that is in your control to try and resolve these issues? Yes / No

If yes, will this hinder your ability to reach out to ALL of the youth in your Area? Yes / No

9) Do you consider yourself a good role model in your conduct both inside and outside of church?

Yes / No

10) Are you willing to visit other parishes in your MGOCSM Area? Yes / No

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11) If you have any questions regarding the Area MGOCSM, please write them below.

12) Is there anything else we should know concerning your application for leadership?

The Diocese of South-West America MGOCSM has a strict policy regarding the behavior of its leadership. We will not judge your past. But, concerning your present and your future, if you are given the responsibility to be a leader among the youth in this area, you must conduct yourself in a manner that is pleasing to God and a good role model to the youth you serve. Since all eyes will be on you, this requires being extra cautious, since you must avoid even the appearance of sin. We will not tolerate substance-abuse, drunkenness, under-age drinking, excessive partying, party promotion, indecent Facebook pages (or on any other social networking site), disrespect for parental or church authority, dangerous behavior, or anything else that would cause a young person to stumble. If you have any questions about this standard, you may contact the individuals listed below.

Submit your application on or before

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

via e-mail to the following address:

dswamgoesm@gmail.com

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Final Area Council Representatives will be interviewed and selected by the MGOCSM Director and General Secretary in collaboration with the local MGOCSM Vice President and/or Youth Minister to be appointed by the Diocesan Metropolitan, His Grace Alexios Mar Eusebius.

Diocesan Metropolitan

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MGOCSM Vice Presidents

Rev. Fr. George Daniel
Eastern Region

Rev. Fr. Abi Chacko
Midwest Region

Rev. Fr. Paul Varghese
Northwest Region

Rev. Fr. Joel Mathew
Southern Region

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