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**CHAPTER II**  
**UNIFORM COMMUNITY**  
**REGULATIONS**

**PART ONE**

**ARTICLE I**  
**COMMUNITY**

**Section 1:**

The Community is the local eucharistic community of the Church in a given locality, organized under the jurisdiction of the Metropolis, whose ecclesiastical authority is the canonically consecrated Hierarchy, and the aims and purposes of the Community are to proclaim the pure and undefiled Orthodox Christian Faith and to keep, practice and promote Hellenic civilization.

**Section 2:**

Locally, the Community is headed by a canonically ordained priest and duly appointed by the Metropolitan Archbishop. The assignment of such appointed priest shall bind the Community to these Uniform Community Regulations with the same force and effect as if the same were formally adopted by the Community. The Community shall abide and be governed by these Uniform Community Regulations, which regulations must always conform to the Holy Canons and the Metropolis Charter. The Community shall express the life of the Church in a given locality according to the Eastern Orthodox faith and tradition, sanctifying the faithful through the Divine Liturgy and the holy sacraments, the decrees and canons of the Ancient Undivided Church, as interpreted by the practice of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

### **Section 3:**

The diakonia (work and ministry) of the Community will include: the proclamation of the Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox faith, sanctifying the faithful through God's grace and worship, celebrating the divine liturgy and the other sacraments, enhancing the spiritual life of the faithful, adding to their numbers by instructing others and receiving them into the Church through baptism and/or chrismation, educating them in the Orthodox faith and in the ethos of the Church through the establishment of programs, schools and philanthropic activities and implementing the diakonia in Orthodox phronema.

## **ARTICLE II** **COMMUNITY PROPERTY**

### **Section 1:**

The Community shall hold title to all of its real and personal property in its corporate name or in the name of The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto (Canada) and no other, except as may otherwise be legally required, and its property shall be administered and maintained by the Community Council.

### **Section 2:**

The Church edifice and all other Community property, both real and personal, shall be used in accordance with the Holy Cannons, Metropolis Charter, and these Uniform Community Regulations to serve the religious, educational, cultural and philanthropic ministries of the Community. Community property shall be held by the Community to carry out the purposes of the Orthodox Christian faith as defined in Article

I of this Part.

**Section 3:**

The Community may purchase or acquire real property or sell, mortgage, transfer, dispose or otherwise encumber its real property upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a Community Assembly duly called and convened for that particular purpose and where quorum is maintained during any vote.

The Community shall deliver written notice of said Community Assembly to the Metropolitan Archbishop at least ten (10) days prior thereto.

Subject to the above, in the case of:

- a) the construction of a church edifice or other ecclesiastical (religious) building(s); OR
- b) the purchase, acquisition, sale, transfer or disposition of ecclesiastical (religious) real property; OR
- c) the mortgage or other encumbrance of any real property.

A request for the consent of the Metropolitan Archbishop shall be submitted in writing by the Community to the Metropolitan Archbishop who, after consultation with the Metropolitan Council, shall render his decision in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the said request. The Metropolitan Archbishop may request that the Community provide, within ten (10) days of his request, any additional documentation. If the Metropolitan Archbishop does not deliver a reply in writing to the said request within such thirty (30) day time period,

the said consent shall be deemed to have been granted.

**Section 4:**

In order to maintain the Metropolis' standard for architectural, iconographic and artistic integrity, and before a Community shall proceed to have final plans submitted, the architectural design plans and iconography for a church edifice shall be approved by the Metropolitan Archbishop.

**Section 5:**

All special bequests, gifts, legacies, donations and devises shall be used by the Community only for the purposes for which they were made.

**Section 6:**

In the event of heresy, schism or defection from the Metropolis, the Metropolitan Archbishop shall have the power to declare the Community in canonical disorder and to immediately assume the administration of the Community and all its property. To this end, the Metropolitan Archbishop shall appoint three persons to administer the Community and its property until such time as the Metropolitan Archbishop declares the Community to be in canonical order. In the event that this does not occur and the Community is dissolved, title to all Community property, both real and personal, shall devolve to the Metropolis.

**ARTICLE III**  
**CLERGY**

**Section 1:**

The clergy are ordained, assigned, and/or transferred by the Metropolitan Archbishop, and their duties consist of shepherd-

ing the Community entrusted to their pastoral care, directing its orderly life, preserving its unity, keeping it faithful to its divine purpose, sanctifying the flock through the administration of the sacraments and the performance of all other prescribed services of worship, proclaiming the kerygma of the Holy Bible and the dogma of the Church, preaching the Word, teaching the commandments of the New Life, imparting a knowledge of the doctrines, traditions, canons and disciplines of the Church, and guiding the growth, progress and enlightenment of the congregation in the Christian life. In addition to this, the clergy shall keep the registers of marriages, baptisms, chrismations, and funerals, and a record of the donations and purchases of all sacred articles.

**Section 2:**

The clergy are accountable to the Metropolitan Archbishop and will submit to him a report of their ministry annually in a format prescribed and provided by him.

**Section 3:**

The Metropolis Council in consultation with the Council of Presbyters will establish minimum obligatory remunerative standards and benefits for the Clergy, which will be mandatory for the Community to assume and pay.

**Section 4:**

The participation of all clergymen in the Metropolis Assembly of Communities is obligatory, and the Community shall assume all of the reasonable costs of its clergy incurred by attending the Assemblies.

**Section 5:**

A Priest's remuneration may only be withheld or lowered with the consent of the Metropolitan Archbishop. Should a Priest become ill while in the service of a Community, he shall be compensated fully during such illness for a period of at least three months. When a Priest is assigned to a Community, his reasonable moving and travel expenses shall be assumed by that Community.

**Section 6:**

It shall be mandatory for each Priest to join and maintain membership in the Metropolis Extended Health and Pension Programs in accordance with the provisions thereof.

**Section 7:**

Following every fifth year of ordination, each priest shall participate in a program of ongoing professional development by attending a workshop/seminar/course to be determined by the priest in consultation with the Community Council, the cost of which shall be assumed and paid by the Community.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 1:**

Each Community shall be administered by the Community Council and the Priest, acting cooperatively. Should there be any unresolved differences between them, the matter shall be referred to the Metropolitan Archbishop, whose decision shall be final and binding.



## **ARTICLE V**

### **MEMBERS**

#### **Section 1:**

Any person, eighteen years of age or over, who was baptized according to the rites of the Church, or was received into the Church through chrismation, who lives according to the faith and canons of the Church, who has met his or her stewardship obligation (part of which is to meet his or her financial obligation to the Community) and abides by the regulations herein and the by-laws of the Community, is a member in good standing of the Community.

#### **Section 2:**

The non-Orthodox spouses of members in good standing of the Community may, if they wish, become Associate members of the Community (by meeting their stewardship obligations) with all of the privileges of Members in good standing except voting, holding elected office, and partaking of the sacraments.

#### **Section 3:**

A person qualifying for membership in good standing as above and wishing to be a member of more than one Community is obligated to pay his or her financial obligations to each Community.

#### **Section 4:**

The religious, moral and social duties of a Parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox faith to his or her life

and activities, to seek personal spiritual growth, to attend the divine liturgy and other services of worship faithfully on Sundays and other holy days, to keep the rules and fasts of the Orthodox tradition, to receive frequently the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, to train and teach the young according to the faith and phronema of Orthodoxy, to respect the clergy, the ecclesiastical authority, and all governing bodies of the Church, to be obedient in matters of faith and ecclesiastical order, and to cooperate in every way towards the welfare and prosperity of the Community and the success of its sacred mission.

**Section 5:**

The Priest in consultation with the President of the Community shall evaluate cases of indigence or other special circumstances justifying the waiver of a Parishioner's financial obligations for Sacraments.

**Section 6:**

The rights of a member in good standing are to attend all regular and special Community Assemblies, to take part in its discussions and to vote therein, and to be elected a member or officer of the Community Council and in such position to take part in the administration of the Community and in the direction of its life and activities.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY**

#### **Section 1:**

The Community Assembly is the general meeting of the members in good standing of the Community and can be held only on the Community premises and no other place unless the Community has not acquired premises or its premises have been damaged or destroyed so as to render it without meeting facilities of any kind.

#### **Section 2:**

Regular Community Assemblies shall be convened by the Community Council at least twice each year at dates fixed by the Community Council. Special Community Assemblies shall be held when the Priest and/or Community Council deem it necessary, or when ten percent of the members in good standing of the Community submit a written petition therefore to the Community Council stating the purpose thereon for such meeting.

#### **Section 3:**

The members are summoned to Community Assemblies by written notice, made at least ten days prior thereto, and listing the agenda for regular Community Assemblies as prepared by the Community Council. Proxies shall not be permitted at Community Assemblies.

#### **Section 4:**

A Community Assembly consists of the members of the Community who have met their stewardship obligations to the Community in accordance with the Community by-laws. A

person whose name appears on the membership rolls but who is in arrears in the payment of his or her financial obligations may take part in the Community Assembly by meeting such financial obligations of the lesser of the total arrears or the present year plus the past two years before the commencement of the meeting on the meeting day. New members may exercise their vote at Community Assemblies if they have been members in good standing for at least three months. The Priest(s) shall be non-voting member(s) of the Community Assembly.

**Section 5:**

The quorum for a Community Assembly is such number of members in good standing as its by-laws may determine. If a quorum is not present, the Community Council shall, upon written notice, call a second Community Assembly within twenty-one days and no earlier than fourteen days. At such time decisions may be taken by a majority of the number of members in good standing present with the exception of matters pertaining to the purchase, acquiring, transfer, disposition, sale or encumbering of Community property, in which case a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of members in good standing shall be required.

**Section 6:**

The Chairman of the Community Assembly shall be elected by the members in good standing present.

**Section 7:**

The minutes of the Community Assembly shall be signed by the Priest, the Chairman of the Community Assembly and the Secretary.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Section 1:**

The Community Council shall consist of the Priest, and a number of elected lay members fixed by the Community by-laws or by local statute according to the needs of the Community and is responsible to the Community Assembly and to the Metropolitan Archbishop for conducting all Community affairs in keeping with the aims and purposes as hereinbefore set forth, as well as the by-laws of the local Community in keeping with Part III Article I Section 1 of these Regulations. The Community Council shall be deemed to mean also Board of Trustees or Board of Directors when such designations are required by local statute. The Priest shall be a non-voting member.

**Section 2:**

The officers of the Community Council shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers, as the Community by-laws require.

**Section 3:**

The members of the Community Council are elected for a term not to exceed three years by the members of the Community who have met their financial obligations to the Community.

**Section 4:**

The Community Council may be appointed by the Metropolitan Archbishop upon the request of a simple majority of the Community Assembly.

**Section 5:**

Salaried employees of the Community shall not serve on the Community Council, the Board of Auditors, or the Board of Elections.

**Section 6:**

A vacancy on the Community Council shall be considered to exist under any of the following circumstances: the death or resignation of a member, the physical or mental incapacity of a member, the invalidation of the election of a member, the failure of a member to be current in his financial obligations to the Community, the determination by a Spiritual Court of the Metropolis that a member is not or has ceased to be loyal to the doctrines, canons, worship, discipline, constitution, administrative rulings, customs, practices, these Uniform Community Regulations and encyclicals of the Metropolis, or that he or she does not recognize its duly constituted ecclesiastical authority, or the determination by a Spiritual Court of the Metropolis that a Community Council member is guilty of a serious moral transgression or has violated his

or her affirmation of office.

**Section 7:**

When a member of the Community Council has been absent without justifiable cause for more than three of its meetings consecutively, he or she may be relieved of his or her duties upon the resolution of the Community Council to that effect.

**Section 8:**

A vacancy on the Community Council, after the officers of the Community Council have been sworn in, shall be filled by the Community Council by it electing a successor therefore from amongst the eligible members of the Community in good standing who accepts the position for the unexpired portion of the term of such vacancy.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**ELECTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Section 1:**

The election of the members of the Community Council shall be held no earlier than the first Sunday in November, and no later than the second Sunday in December in the year that the term of office is to expire. If for any reason the Community Council has not been elected by the end of December the Metropolitan Archbishop will appoint a provisional Community Council which will take over the administration of the Community as of the first day of January and conduct elections within six months.

**Section 2:**

A candidate for the Community Council must be a member in good standing of that Community for at least two full years

immediately preceding the date of the election, who lives his or her life and activities in accordance with the faith and canons of the Church, and shall not be a member of a Community Council of another Community.

**Section 3:**

Candidates for election to the Community Council shall be nominated at the last Community Assembly preceding the election. Nominations may be made by a nominating committee or by written nomination by two members of the Community in good standing at least fifteen days prior to the election. All candidates shall have read the Uniform Community Regulations prior to the election date.

**Section 4:**

A member duly enrolled in the Community register but delinquent in his or her Community financial obligations may vote in the election by meeting his or her financial obligations, at least for the current and two preceding years, at any time prior to balloting.

**Section 5:**

A new member of the Community may vote in the election if he or she has been enrolled at least three months prior thereto.

**Section 6:**

Community by-laws may provide for absentee balloting only in the case of elections of the Community Council. Such ballots must be in the hands of the Board of Elections not later than the commencement of voting and shall be opened and tabulated with the ballots personally cast on the day of



voting.

**Section 7:**

Elections shall be held at a place on Community premises previously announced by the Board of Elections and voting shall be by secret ballot. Voting shall begin after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and shall terminate on the same day at such time as determined by local Community by-laws.

**Section 8:**

The election results shall be entered in the minute book of the Community, showing the number of votes cast for each candidate, and shall be signed by each member of the Board of Elections. The candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected for the ensuing term. In the case of a tie, the matter will be determined by a drawing of lots supervised by the Election Committee.

**Section 9:**

Any member in good standing of the Community questioning the validity of any election may, within five days after such election, lodge a written protest with the Metropolitan Archbishop through the Community Priest. Such protest shall be signed by the questioning member and at least four other Community members. The decision of the Metropolitan Archbishop thereon shall be final.

**Section 10:**

In case of the resignation of any member elect of the incoming Community Council, or vacancy for any other reason, in the interim between the day of elections and the election

of officers, the members of the incoming council shall, after the election of officers, elect a new member from among the eligible Community members to fill the vacancy.

**Section 11:**

In the event that less than 50% plus 1 number of candidates required to form a Council are nominated, the election procedure is to commence again from the beginning in accordance with this Article. In the event that this second attempt does not yield 50% plus 1 number of candidates, the Metropolitan Archbishop shall then appoint the Council in consultation with the Community Priest.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OF**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND**  
**AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE**

**Section 1:**

Within six days after the election, the Priest shall forward the results to the Metropolitan Archbishop for review and ratification, verifying in writing that all candidates were qualified and that the election was conducted in accordance with these Uniform Community Regulations and the Community by-laws and that the Community has met its financial obligations to the Metropolis.

**Section 2:**

On the last Sunday in December, and after ratification of the election has been received from the Metropolitan Archbishop a special ceremony shall be held at the close of the Divine Liturgy in which all the members of the Community Council shall take the affirmation of office jointly. The affirmation shall be administered by the Priest and shall be repeated by each member of the Community Council.

**Section 3:**

Each member or member-elect of the Community Council is obliged, without exception, to take the following affirmation of office and thereafter subscribe his or her name thereto:

*“I do solemnly affirm that I will uphold the dogma, teaching, traditions, holy canons, worship, and moral principles of the Greek Orthodox Church, as well as the Metropolis Charter, discipline, the Uniform Community Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto (Canada) and the by-laws of the Community, and that I will fulfill faithfully and sincerely the duties and obligations required of a member of the Community Council. So help me God.”*

A person refusing to take the affirmation and subscribe to same shall not assume duties as a member of the Council or be elected as an officer of the Community Council.

**ARTICLE X**  
**ELECTION OF COMMUNITY**  
**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**Section 1:**

Following the administering of the affirmation of office, the Community Council shall convene immediately to elect its officers under the chairmanship of the Priest. The Priest shall not vote in this election and, in the event of a tie in the election of any officer, the matter will be determined by the drawing of lots.

**Section 2:**

The office of the President and Treasurer may not be held by the same person, respectively, for more than six consecutive years, except by special permission of the Metropolitan Archbishop.

**Section 3:**

In the event that the office of the President of the Community Council shall become vacant by demise, permanent incapacity or resignation, the Vice President or if more than one, the First Vice President, shall assume the office of the President.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**MEETINGS OF**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Section 1:**

The Community Council shall hold regular meetings at least once a month, and special meetings whenever the Priest, the

President, or a majority of the Community Council shall deem it necessary.

**Section 2:**

A simple majority of the members of the Community Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 3:**

The minutes of the meetings of the Community Council shall be signed by the Priest, the President and the Secretary.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**DUTIES OF**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Section 1:**

The Community Council shall have the duty of administering the Community according to these Uniform Community Regulations.

**Section 2:**

Upon the expiration of its term, the Community Council shall surrender to the succeeding Community Council all Community records, including membership lists, minute books, bank books, cheque books, journals, financial records, and all other property of the Community. Such transfer shall be effected

by letter of transmittal, a copy of which shall be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

#### **Section 1:**

The Board of Elections shall consist of no less than three members and two alternates elected at the last Community Assembly preceding an election from among those who are not candidates for election to the Community Council.

#### **Section 2:**

The Board of Elections shall, in cooperation with the Priest and the Community Council, verify the list of those eligible to vote, verify and approve the list of candidates, notify all eligible members concerning the elections, supervise the elections and tabulate and report the results.

#### **Section 3:**

A vacancy on the Board of Elections shall be filled by the alternates and in the event that the remaining elected members and alternates is less than three, any such vacancy shall be filled by the Community Council by electing a successor from amongst the members of the Community in good standing.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**BOARD OF AUDITORS**

**Section 1:**

The Board of Auditors shall consist of at least three members and not to exceed five elected and an additional two alternates at the last Community Assembly preceding an election from among those who have not served on the Community Council for the year being audited and who are not candidates for election to the Community Council.

**Section 2:**

The Board of Auditors shall audit regularly the accounting records of the Community and prepare a written report of such audit for presentation to the Community Assembly that receives the financial statements for that fiscal year, copies of which shall be transmitted to the Metropolis by the Community Council.

**Section 3:**

A vacancy on the Board of Auditors shall be filled by the alternates and in the event that the remaining elected members and alternates is less than three, then the vacancy shall be filled by a vote held at the next Community Assembly.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**FISCAL YEAR, FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
**AND BUDGET**

**Section 1:**

The Community fiscal year shall be the calendar year. At

the first Community Assembly of each year the Community Council shall present and submit for approval a financial report signed by the President, Treasurer and Community Priest including financial statements prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for Non-Profit Organizations covering all income and expenses for the preceding year and its assets and liabilities at the end of the preceding year. Such financial statements shall be accompanied by the report and certification of the Board of Auditors. The Metropolis Council reserves the right to examine the books and records of the Community.

**Section 2:**

The budget for the ensuing year shall likewise be submitted by the Community Council for approval at the first regular Community Assembly of the year.

**Section 3:**

For the years 2007 through 2011 inclusive, each Community will contribute to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto (Canada) 15% of the total gross income of the Community from all sources (only excluding Government grants), which contribution shall not exceed forty thousand dollars per annum, per church, but not less than fifteen thousand dollars annually, unless it is declared by the Metropolis Council to be a Missionary Community



**Section 4:**

The Community budget shall include appropriations for its representatives to the Assembly of the Communities.

**Section 5:**

The Metropolis Council shall have the power to discipline a Community for its failure to meet its financial obligations to the Metropolis as hereinbefore set forth, including the acceptance of direct membership or other assessments of the faithful to the Metropolis.

**Section 6:**

Each Community and the Metropolis shall exchange financial statements in relation to their respective operations. This exchange will take place not later than seven months following the latest twelve-month period for which financial statements have been prepared.

**Section 7:**

The Metropolis Council shall have the authority of classifying a Community as a Missionary Community and of determining its financial obligations to the Metropolis.

**ARTICLE XVI**  
**COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**  
**AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Section 1:**

The Community Priest and Community Council of each Community, shall endeavor to have in operation the following ministries and organizations: Chanter, Choir, Acolytes, Sunday

(Catechetical) School, a chapter of the Ladies Philoptochos Society, a Greek Language School, Parent Teachers Organization (P.T.O.), a Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) program, a chapter of the Greek Orthodox Youth of Canada, a chapter of the Young Adult League (Y.A.L.), and such other ministries and organizations as is required to meet the spiritual and cultural needs of the Community.

## **Article XVII** **NON-VIABLE COMMUNITY**

### **Section 1:**

When it is determined by the Community Council that the Community is incapable of financially sustaining itself and/or wishes to be dissolved, a Community Assembly shall be called. If three-fourths (3/4) of the existing members in good standing favour such dissolution or in the event that a Community has been disbanded and a Community Assembly cannot be called, the Metropolitan Archbishop shall have the power to declare the said Community dissolved or disbanded and its title to properties shall devolve to the Metropolis, in its capacity as a Canadian charitable organization.

## **ARTICLE XVIII** **MERGER OF COMMUNITIES**

### **Section 1:**

When it is determined by the Community Councils of two (2) or more Communities that it would be in the best interests of such Communities to merge, and to have only one church edifice, approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present

at a special Community Assembly of each Community duly called upon twenty-one (21) days written notice and the consent of the Metropolis Council shall be required.

## **PART TWO**

### **ARTICLE I**

### **ORGANIZATION OF COMMUNITIES**

#### **Section 1:**

New Communities shall be organized according to the following procedures: Greek Orthodox communicants wishing to organize a Community must file with the Metropolitan Archbishop an application for permission to organize. The application must be signed by the heads of Greek Orthodox families in the area and provide sufficient evidence to satisfy the Metropolitan Archbishop that a Community can be supported in that locality. The prospective Community shall form an Organizational Committee with subcommittees as follows:

- a)** A planning Committee to study, analyze and formulate an overall program and prepare a proposed budget for the Community;
- b)** A Fund-Raising Committee;
- c)** A Real Estate Committee to investigate, select and arrange buildings and other facilities for the Commu-

nity's most urgent and immediate needs; and

- d) A Membership Committee to prepare a complete list of the families.

**Section 2:**

If permission is granted by the Metropolitan Archbishop to organize a new Community after consultation with the existing Communities in the immediate area, a representative designated by the Metropolitan Archbishop shall petition an organizational meeting of those parties who executed the application for such permission and the representative shall preside at such meeting. An interim Community Council shall be elected at such meeting until such time as it is fully organized and accepts and adopts these Regulations.

**Section 3:**

Upon acceptance by the new Community of the Agreement to Organize and upon acceptance of the Charter of the Metropolis and these Uniform Community Regulations, the Metropolis will grant to the said new Community an ecclesiastical charter and the Metropolitan Archbishop will appoint a Priest.

**Section 4:**

The Priest and the interim Community Council shall be authorized by virtue of the issuance of the said ecclesiastical charter to take all the necessary steps required under local law to incorporate the said Community and obtain and maintain its charitable income-tax status in compliance with all relevant statutes. A permanent Community Council shall thereafter be elected in the prescribed manner hereinbefore provided.

**Section 5:**

If a new Community is unable to fulfil its organizational objectives, or fails or refuses to comply with the Agreement to Organize under the jurisdiction of the Metropolis, and Metropolis Charter and these Regulations, the charter of the Community may be revoked by the Metropolis.

**ARTICLE II**  
**REORGANIZATION OF COMMUNITIES**

**Section 1:**

A Community which has not been organized in conformance with the requirements of the Metropolis shall be required to execute the agreement to organize with the Metropolis and vote to adopt these regulations in order to qualify for the issuance to it of an ecclesiastical charter by the Metropolis.

**Section 2:**

If a discrepancy exists in a Community between its ecclesiastical charter from the Metropolis and its certificate of incorporation, the certificate of incorporation, unless contrary to statute, shall be promptly amended to eliminate such discrepancy so that it may fully comply thereafter with the ecclesiastical charter. Until such certificate of incorporation is amended, the Community shall meanwhile be bound to the disciplines, these Uniform Community Regulations and the directives of the Assembly of the Communities, the Metropolis, and the Metropolis Council with the same force and effect as if the same were fully recited therein.

## **PART THREE**

### **ARTICLE I** **COMMUNITY BY-LAWS**

#### **Section 1:**

Each Community shall append to the Regulations herein in the form of by-laws such additional provisions as local needs may require from time to time provided the same do not conflict with the matters dealt with the Regulations herein, provided such by-laws are consistent with the spirit of the Regulations herein, and local and provincial statutes provided further that such by-laws are approved in advance by the Metropolitan Archbishop, which approval shall not be denied or withheld provided that the Community complies with the Regulations as stated herein. The Metropolitan Archbishop shall render his decision within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed by-laws. The Metropolitan Archbishop may request that the Community provide, within ten (10) days of his request, any additional documentation or information. If the Metropolitan Archbishop does not deliver a reply in writing to the said request within thirty (30) day period commencing after the later of the receipt of the said by-laws or the request for additional documentation or information, the said approval shall be deemed to have been granted by the Metropolitan Archbishop.

## **PART FOUR**

### **ARTICLE I** **INSURANCE**

#### **Section 1:**

The Community will procure and maintain in full force and effect such types of insurance coverage (including but not limited to fire, property and casualty, directors liability, public liability and indemnity of an amount not less than five (5) million dollars, full replacement value and extended perils coverage insurance on its Church, all Community property, and any Community Centre or Hall including its contents, and workers' compensation, as required by Provincial law, and in such amounts as the Metropolis may from time to time in its sole discretion require. Such insurance shall fully protect the Community and the Metropolis against loss or damage occurring in conjunction with the operation of the Community and any Community Centre or Hall.

#### **Section 2:**

All costs in connection with the placing and maintaining of such insurance will be borne solely by the Community. The Metropolis shall be an additional named insured in all such policies. The insurance coverage referred to in Section 1 shall not be limited in any way by reason of insurance maintained by the Metropolis. The Community shall provide copies of such policies, including renewals, upon request of the Metropolis.

**Section 3:**

If the Community fails to insure as required hereunder the Metropolis may, at its sole option but without obligation, obtain all or any part of the insurance required by this Article to be obtained by the Community in the name of and on behalf of the Community and for the Community's sole expense, and the Community shall reimburse the Metropolis forthwith upon demand for all premiums and other charges paid by the Metropolis with respect to any such insurance so obtained by it. If the Metropolis receives notice from any insurer regarding impending cancellation or lapse of any required insurance due to the non-payment by the Community of any premium instalments the Metropolis may, at its sole option but without obligation, pay the required premium instalments on behalf of and for the account of the Community, and the Community will reimburse the Metropolis on demand for all amounts so paid.

**ARTICLE II**  
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**  
**AND THE INTERNET**

**Section 1:**

The Metropolis has through use, registration under the *Trade Marks Act (Canada)* or otherwise, owns or acquired certain trade-marks, moral rights and copyrights, trade names, or other intellectual property rights associated with any ideas, concepts, techniques, or works of authorship developed or created by the Metropolis and its employees. The Metropolis retains the sole and discretionary right to assert infringement of these trade-marks, moral rights, copyrights, trade-names and other intellectual property rights against any person(s) or concern that may use such name, marks, moral rights, copyrights, trade



names or other intellectual property rights without permission, licence or authority of the Metropolis. The Community shall promptly notify the Metropolis of any infringement, actual or suspected, of which the Community becomes aware, and shall co-operate at the Metropolis' expense (unless caused or contributed to by the Community's negligence, wilfulness, or misconduct) in doing such acts and things as may be asked of the Community by the Metropolis or the Metropolis' counsel in the furtherance of any such proceedings.

**Section 2:**

The Metropolis retains the exclusive right to utilize the trade-marks, moral rights, copyrights, trade names and other intellectual property rights for e-commerce, m-commerce and all other electronic purposes and for use on the World Wide Web. The Community shall not use the trade-marks, moral rights, copyrights, trade names or other intellectual property rights on the World Wide Web without the express written consent of the Metropolis.

## **PART FIVE**

### **ARTICLE III** **REVISION OF REGULATIONS** **AND OFFICIAL TEXT**

#### **Section 1:**

These Regulations may be amended by the Assembly of the Communities and such amendments shall become effective immediately following their ratification by the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

#### **Section 2:**

The English Text of these Regulations shall be deemed for all purposes the official text.