



Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan
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Dear Members of the Eparchy of Saskatoon;

It has come to our attention that communications are being circulated/distributed with respect to the future of the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan (MSSS). A number of the allegations against and criticisms of MSSS appear to be the result of speculation without reference to the provisions of the By-Laws. The following appear to be matters of pressing concern:

1. Dissolution – The By-Laws specifically and clearly state that the matter of dissolution must be dealt with at Special Meeting called for that purpose. The Annual General Meeting is not the time to deal with dissolution.
2. Whose assets? – The Management Agreement related to Sheptytsky Institute between MSSS and the Eparchy of Saskatoon clearly spelled out how the assets were to be divided. When the Management Agreement came to end on May 15, 2010, letters of agreement were signed and accepted by both parties with respect to the satisfactory division of assets.
3. Disposition of assets upon dissolution – The By-Laws clearly spell out how disposition of assets is to proceed upon dissolution of MSSS.
4. Purpose of MSSS – It is alleged that the role of MSSS came to an end with the termination of its management of Sheptytsky Institute. This thinking is wrong for two reasons: a) the By-Laws and Articles make reference to the involvement of MSSS in religious, educational, social, and cultural activities in addition to the management of Sheptytsky Institute; and b) provisions were made in the Management Agreement for assets to be given to MSSS upon termination of the Management Agreement. One can only conclude that the original parties to the Agreement foresaw a role for MSSS that was not restricted to managing Sheptytsky Institute only.

A few additional points bear mentioning:

- a) We are the same people who, for several decades, have provided and continue to provide volunteer service to our Eparchy. We are the same people who were entrusted to be MSSS representatives for each and every parish in this province (and not responsible solely to the Bishop, but also to our parishes and the faithful).

b) All of the people on the MSSS Board have post-secondary education and are also dedicated members of their church. We are well-informed and understand that we are guided by our By-laws and Incorporation, and must adhere to the rules herein.

c) In a healthy Eparchy, debate and discussion, differing views, and an open process of deliberation and decision making - free of force or coercion - means that we are following Christian values and principles.

It is hoped that this letter will clarify some of the issues and concerns being expressed. MSSS has made, and will continue to make, great efforts to conduct itself according to its By-Laws, legal processes, and accepted accounting principles.

Yours in the service of Christ, His Church, and its people,
On behalf of the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan (MSSS),

Dr. William A. Gulka, Secretary