

## Orthodox Christian Mission Center Board of Directors Meets in St. Augustine, Florida



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This week, members of the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center gathered in St. Augustine, Florida to track progress on current Strategic Initiatives and discuss plans to continue bringing people into the fullness of life in Christ. Highlights included:

- A review of the financial and programmatic success of the current Strategic Plan
- Efforts being funded around the world through the awarding of \$1.3M in grants over the past 15 months
- Updates on 20 missionaries currently in the field, with a special emphasis on Dana Bates and his work with youth in Kenya and Uganda
- The introduction of Dr. Najeeb Haddad, Director of the newly created Department of Liturgical Translations

A special event also took place during the Board deliberations: the unveiling of a portrait of the Mission Center's first Executive Director, His Eminence Metropolitan Dimitrios (Couchell) of Xanthos, in the vestibule. In remarks to the Board and staff, His Eminence recounted experiences of his tenure from 1985-1998, concluding with the story of bringing a relic of St. Herman from Kodiak Island, stating, "We thought it was appropriate that we would have a relic of St. Herman, one of the first missionaries to Alaska, be housed in our vestibule at the Mission Center."

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