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Learning Through Serving – Project Based Learning for Religious Education

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is pleased to announce “Learning Through Serving: Project Based Learning for Religious Education”. This Zoom workshop will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. PDT and is ideal for clergy, religious educators, Sunday School directors and teachers, parents, and anyone interested in the implementation of Project Based Learning for Religious Education. The program is offered in cooperation with the Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and the Christian Education Ministry.

“I am eager to see this program come to fruition as I know it will offer practical and relevant resources for the education of our youth,” remarked His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. “We must continue to identify new ways to keep them engaged in learning about our faith, so that they may also live their faith on a daily basis. I am grateful for this opportunity we are sharing and I look forward to the continuation of these efforts.”

The guest presenter for this program is Dr. Drew Baker, a K-12 educator with a love for the Orthodox Faith and passing it on to younger generations. He serves as the

Educational Specialist from Professional Development in Henrico County Schools and teaches graduate education courses in curriculum design, educational technology, and educational psychology at the University of Richmond. At the University level he researches student engagement strategies, project based learning, and instructional design. Drew is a lifelong member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Richmond, VA, where he has taught high school religious education for thirteen years and now serves as one of the religious education directors there. He also has spent time in youth ministry working at many Orthodox summer camps and retreats including the Ionian Village in Greece, Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in California, and Camp Saint Paul in New York.

Advance registration is required for this free Zoom workshop. Deadline: August 13, 2021.

Register now!

OBJECTIVES

- Participants will learn the essential elements of Project Based Learning and apply it to their work with Orthodox youth
- Participants will learn how to use Project Based Learning strategies and activities to increase engagement and ownership in Orthodox middle and high school religious education and Youth Ministry programs.
- Participants will discuss specific Project Based Learning lesson ideas that can be used in their classrooms and youth programs.
- Participants will create their own lesson ideas for 2021-2022 Religious Education/Youth Ministry grounded in Project Based Learning and receive coaching and feedback on the lessons they create

GOALS

- Facilitate learning that makes Orthodoxy relevant.
- Build real-world skills needed for active participants in the Orthodox Faith in America.
- Help students guide their own learning and connect with Christ more deeply in Religious Education.
- Provide experiences that benefit student growth and development outside of the classroom as future stewards of our Church.
- Special thanks to Rev. Father Christopher Retelas, Proistamenos from Saint John the Baptist Church in Anaheim, CA for his leadership in organizing this

event.

For more information, please email Rev. Father Christopher Retelas.

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