

Enhancing Orthodox Christian Unity

AIOPA Monthly Meeting - Program Update

Feb. 28, 2023

Agenda

- Opening: Getting ready for 2023
- Organization: 5 Work Groups – meet monthly
- Status Update: ~1 activity per Quarter per Work Group
- Parish Engagement and Relationships: the web is growing
- Events Information: before and after
- Maintaining Momentum: what we need to know and what we need to do

Organization - 5 Work Groups

Religious

Fr. George Ac sente

Fr. George Tsahakis

Fr. Michael Tishel

Fr. Nicolae Clempus

Fr. Theodore Ehmer

Fr. Tom Alessandroni

Borko Komnenovic

Eliza Markley

Michael Uhr

Stephen Brannen

Social

Fr. Matthew Dutko

Fr. Miladin Blagojevic

Andrea Uhr

Evelyn Kemp

Garrett Klawuhn

Joston Brown

Julia Hill

Liviu Sofian

Steve Sarantis

Toni Taggart

Charity

Fr. Ben Bruce

Fr. Nicolae Clempus

Fr. Tom Alessandroni

Evelyn Kemp

Jackie Sarantis

Mirjana M. Brockett

Steve Sarantis

Tara Freeman

Tom Taratsas

Development

Fr. George Ac sente

Fr. Jacob Andoun

Florian Ion

John Marion

Michael Uhr

Tom Taratsas

Communications

Fr. Anthony Salzman

Cristina Lekas

Florian Ion

James Tsismanakis

Julia Hill

Charles Glotzbach

Regina Nasrallah

RELIGIOUS

- Aug'22 The Liturgical Arts Academy
- Sep'22 Cross Dive
- Dec'22 Christmas Candlelight Service and Concert
- Feb'23 St. Philothea Nameday Feast
- Mar'23 Sunday of Orthodoxy
- Jun'23 Pentecost Picnic

CHARITY

- Jul'22 Project Mexico
- Sep'22 Soles4Souls
- Nov'22 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

DEVELOPMENT

- Surveys (2)
- Parish Councils Presidents Round Table (2)
- Sep'22 Connect Conference
- Dec'22 Clergy Leadership Development Introduction
- Jan'23 Parish Councils Presidents Round Table
- 22-23 Development Knowledge Sharing

SOCIAL

- May'22 Sts Constantine and Helen Patronal Feast
- Jun'22 Chattahoochee Bend
- Jun'22 YAL Day of Service
- Jun'22 AHEPA Centennial
- Jun'22 Movie Screening
- Jul'22 St. John the Wonderworker Feast
- Aug'22 Holy Transfiguration Feast
- Aug'22 St. Elias Centennial Celebration
- Aug'22 Panagiri honoring Panagia
- Aug'22 South Atlanta Golf Classic
- Sep'22 St. Philothea Golf Classic
- Sep'22 Atlanta Greek Festival
- Oct'22 Serb Fest
- Oct'22 Romanian Festival Dacula
- Oct'22 Cumming Greek Festival
- Oct'22 Romanian Festival Lilburn
- Nov'22 Holy Transfiguration Young Adult Retreat
- Feb'23 Sts RNI Glendi

COMMUNICATIONS

- Reach Out to Hierarchs (4)
- The Orthodox Chronicles (8)
- Clergy Spotlight (6)
- Educational Sessions (1)
- May'22 Akron Relationship
- May'22 AoB Relationship
- May'22 OCL Relationship
- Jun'22 AOCB/AIOPA website
- Aug'22 MEOCCA Relationship
- Oct'22 OCL 35th Conference
- Jan'23 AoB Presentation

AOCB/AIOPA

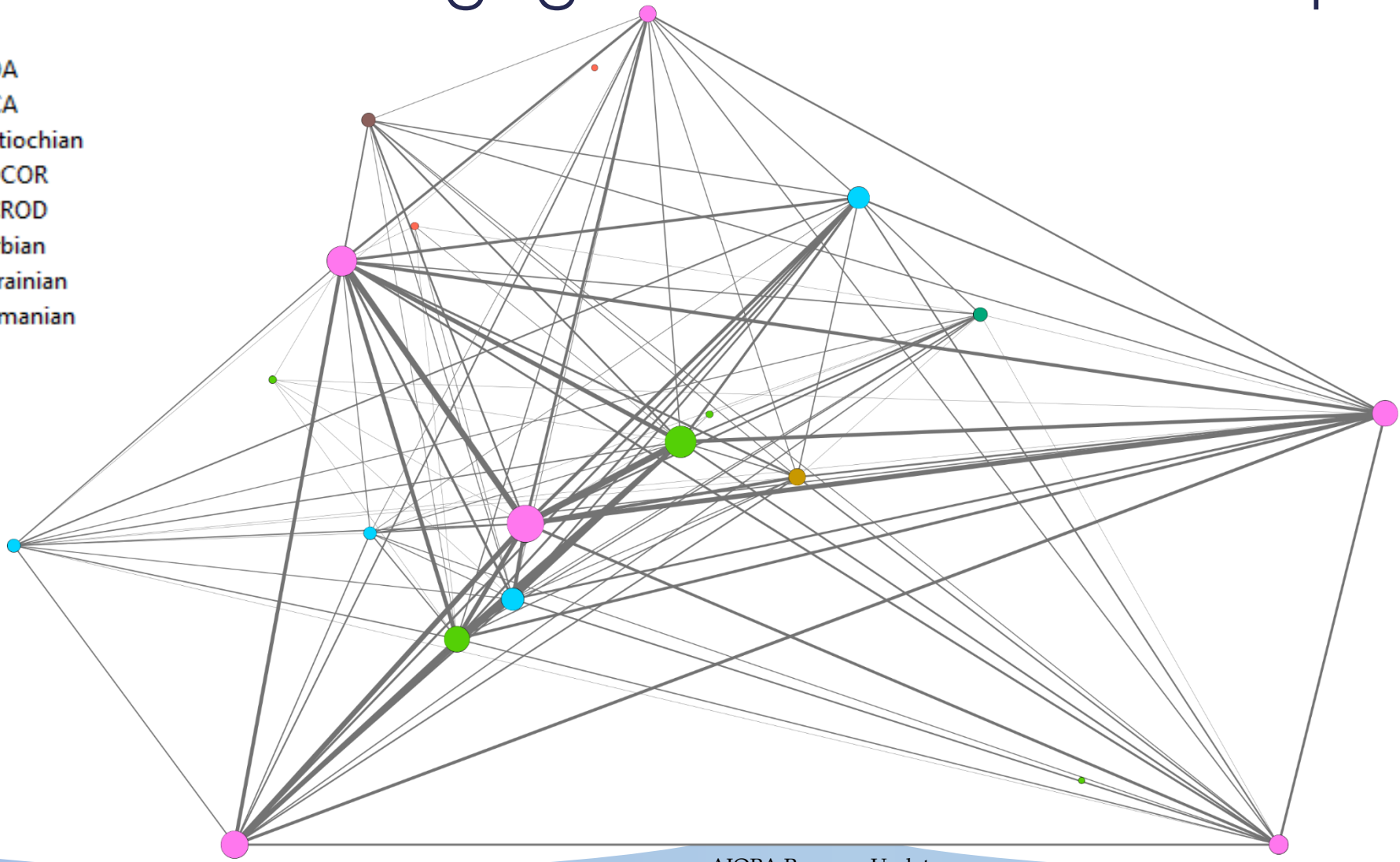
- AOCB Meetings (8)
- AIOPA Meetings (9)
- Mar'23 AOCB Meeting
- Mar'23 AIOPA Meeting

Status Update

Legend	
Completed	the activity was completed by Date
On Track	the activity is planned and on track to be completed by Date
Need Help	the activity requires help to be completed by Date, needs to be discussed
New Plan Required	the activity cannot be completed by Date, needs to be replanned or cancelled
Cancelled	the activity was cancelled or reallocated to another activity
Potential	the activity is under evaluation thus it's not committed yet

AIOPA - Parish Engagement and Relationships

- GOA
- OCA
- Antiochian
- ROCOR
- ACROD
- Serbian
- Ukrainian
- Romanian



Event information – the PLAN **before** the event

- **The name of the event:** *South Atlanta Golf Classic*
- **A brief description of the event:** *The South Atlanta Golf Event is benefitting the Folds of Honor, a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships to the spouses and children of certain military men and women.*
- **Start date/time - End date/time:** *Tuesday, August 23, 2022 | 9:00AM - 5:00PM*
- **Location:** *Chattahoochee Bend State Park, 425 Bobwhite Way Newnan, GA, 30263*
- **A main picture:** *3:2 preferred, but anything from landscape to square works.*
- **A long description of the event including:** *which parish is organizing, long detailed description, RSVP link if needed, pictures and flyers.*
- **The original event link:** *<https://saintchristopherhoc.org/south-atlanta-golf-classic>*

Event information – the IMPACT **after** the event

- **What parishes joined the event:** *The event was attended by clergy and/or laity from Annunciation Greek Cathedral (GOA), St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church (Antiochian), St. Mary (Romanian Patriarchate) and St. Mary of Egypt (OCA).*

- **Share pictures or screenshots:**



- **Event info before/after:** shown in the Orthodox Chronicles and website

AIOPA - Maintaining Momentum

- Understand the problem and approach
 - Educational sessions, materials and dialog
 - Address unjustified fears and unreasonable dreams
- Reach out
 - Establish contact with other organizations
- Build Relationships
 - Get to know each other within the activities
 - Open to share. Open to learn.
- Continue to meet within workgroups
 - Select Events that have Church Unity potential
 - Capture Event Details before/after
- Engage Hierarchs in direct dialog
 - Laity need Clergy's blessing/support
 - Clergy need Hierarchs' blessing/support
- Stay connected with AoB
 - 16 committees toward the finish line
- God works through people
 - Continue to create, plan and run activities
 - "Pray for miracles but work for results" – St. Augustin
- Communication
 - Offer feedback
 - Invite us to the Parish Council for an AIOPA update



Thank you!