Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Gathered around a conference room table in the Fall of 2018, the staff and board of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center took a breath and reflected on all that has been done over the years to share the Good News with, and offer Christ’s love to, people all over the world. Each of us was filled with a profound sense of gratitude for each of you who has sacrificed to make this possible. We also, however, felt compelled to do more. To reach more people. To touch more lives. To bring more Faithful into the Body of Christ.

From this meeting a new strategic plan for the Mission Center was born. It is more ambitious and more focused than anything we have proposed in the past. Some of the key initiatives of this plan include:

• Growing the number of missionaries serving in the field to more than ever before.
• Utilizing technology to get more people like you involved in missions.
• Honing our vision and values to maximize the impact of OCMC’s ministries around the world.

In the pages that follow, you will read about the effect your contributions have had on the lives of people the OCMC serves every day. You’ll also learn about some of the new places the Mission Center is trying to begin to reach with the Faith and some of the new faces that are offering this vital witness.

In Jamaica, for example, OCMC’s 300th Mission Team offered a vacation Bible School and taught about iconography in Kingston. In Laikipia, Kenya, a farm project, that was made possible with financial support from the Mission Center, in the Nyeri Diocese under His Grace Bishop Neophitos harvested the first of many crops aimed at bringing greater financial independence to the diocese. And, in partnership with Project Mexico, OCMC missionaries and team members helped build homes for families in need.

This incredible outreach was furthered as a result of your many prayers and gifts of support. It is because of you that team members and missionaries the world over participated in baptisms, treated the infirmed, taught those hungry to learn, and helped transform sadness into joy. Thank you for all that you have done in the past year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Martin Ritsi
OCMC Executive Director

PS – The financial information provided in this Annual Report is for the six months from January through June 2018. This is being done because we have adopted a new fiscal year. This will be the only year of abridged financial reporting.
To the many supporters of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center:

Christ is in our Midst!

It’s with the Joy of the Lord that I greet you today to thank you for your support of this organization. The life-changing work that our missionaries and staff are doing is only possible through your generosity. We are forever grateful to our supporters, and it is in that spirit that we offer our Annual Report to you now.

As you read our report, you will receive an overview of our work this past year as well as our financial status. You will obtain a glimpse into the work of our missionaries and the people they serve. You will get a sense for the commitment of our staff and the important support they provide.

What you cannot see are the actual lives that are changed through the Grace of the Holy Spirit, supported by the work of our missionaries. You will not see the families who have been introduced to the Church and are now raising their children in the Faith, poor in material goods but rich in the Spirit. You will not see the single mother, struggling to find her way and then welcomed home into the Faith, receiving emotional, material, and most importantly, spiritual support. You will not see the bright eyes of the youth, being schooled in the Faith and receiving all the blessings that come from a life in Christ.

All of this and much more is being accomplished through our generous donors. The impact of your investment in this organization cannot be measured.

This past year, OCMC entered a new and dynamic strategic planning process. Through a series of meetings and consultations, both staff and board members developed a streamlined and challenging plan for the next 12 months. The plan focuses the organization on a manageable number of key initiatives along with the means to monitor progress. I am happy to report that the new year has started strong and that we are on our way to meeting these goals. Keep us in your prayers as we push forward.

At the end of they day, OCMC is a conduit between you and the people we serve. In that spirit, we thank you once again for extending your love to the untold number of people who have yet to hear the Word, who have yet to be received into the joy of the Lord. We are as committed as ever that these precious souls be reached.

In Christ,

John N. Colis
OCMC Board President
This past year OCMC saw the ranks of missionaries serving around the world grow. These people, and in some cases their families, have answered a call to offer their lives to serve the witness of the Church around the world. They come from diverse backgrounds, different jurisdictions, and each has a unique offering, but their calling is common.

A brief introduction to the Mission Center’s newest missionaries follows. They joined 26 other missionaries and their families that were already serving in 7 countries on 5 different continents.

GUATEMALA

*Thomas and Elizabeth Manuel*
The Manuels began life as missionaries by first learning language in Mexico before arriving to join the team in Guatemala. Thomas graduated from Holy Cross and Elizabeth majored in Psychology at Virginia Tech. Both hope to use their education and experience in youth ministry as they begin serving the growing Church in Guatemala.

PROJECT MEXICO

*Oliver Fahling*
Oliver graduated Mississippi College majoring in International Studies and minoring in Spanish. Through Project Mexico, he leads teams of volunteers from around the country to build homes for families in need.

*Thomas Ingram*
Thomas has a background and experience in agriculture. Since June 2018, he has been living at Project Mexico, working on various tasks such as crop development, property beautification, and workshop management.

*Noelle Robaidek*
Noelle uses her degree in Early Childhood Education with Special education, bilingual, and ESL certifications to instruct students at the St. Innocent Orphanage in English, science, physics, and history. She also tutors the boys to shape and prepare them academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

*Michael and Jennifer Saur*
The Saurs, along with their daughter Esther, have been serving at Project Mexico since 2016. There they teach catechism, offer administrative support to the Chapel, visit homebuilding volunteer groups, and spend time with the children at the Project Mexico orphanage.

SOUTH KOREA

*Fr. Chris and Mat. Jen Moore*
Following his graduation from St. Vladimir’s Seminary, Fr. Chris, Mat. Jen, and their two children arrived in Ulsan at the end of January 2019. In Ulsan Fr. Chris serves at St Dionysios of Zakynthos Orthodox Church. Mat. Jen and their children are active in the parish, and the whole family is in the process of learning Korean.
More and more, OCMC is looking to partner with leaders in the mission field to initiate projects that can contribute to self-sustainability for a diocese or community. Some of these projects establish an income-generating business or enterprise, and the proceeds can help fund the Church’s ministry.

COLOMBIA

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Athenagoras of Mexico, “Pizza Gold” was established in July 2018 in Medellin, Colombia. Pizza Gold is a microenterprise established by Fr. Rafael, a local Orthodox priest, to produce and sell pizzas. OCMC offered a grant of $10,000 in 2018 to purchase equipment and cover start-up costs. The profits will support the local parish of St. Athanasius and assist Fr. Rafael’s outreach to other villages. Fr. Rafael plans to repay the grant over time so that it can then assist a new project.

KENYA

Through the support of His Grace Bishop Neofitos, a grant of $10,000 was offered to the Diocese of Nyeri and Mount Kenya in 2017 to purchase two acres of land and begin a farming project. This grant was jointly funded by the OCMC and FILANTROPIA, the missions agency of the Orthodox Church of Finland. The land is adjacent to the Lobere Primary School, with an enrollment of over 400 students. A portion of the crop harvest will be used to feed the schoolchildren, and the remaining harvest will be sold for a profit to generate income for the diocese. Summer 2018 saw a successful first harvest of crops! In future years, the diocese hopes to purchase additional land to expand the farm and further support the Church’s ministry.

GUATEMALA

Other projects address self-sustainability not only from a monetary perspective. In rural Guatemala, the nearest hospital might be three or more hours away; when emergencies arise, the people lack access to the lifesaving care they desperately need. So, in 2016, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Athenagoras, the Church established the +Fr. Andres Giron Medical Clinic in the town of Aguacate. The following year, OCMC established a scholarship fund to support the education of Guatemalan medical students. Juana, a native of Aguacate and lay leader in the local parish, has been the first scholarship recipient. Juana recently completed her second year of medical school. Upon completion of her program, she hopes to return to Aguacate and serve as a doctor at the clinic full-time. God-willing, her example will inspire and empower other Mayan Orthodox youth to pursue medical education and serve the needs of the Church.
Within the past year, we sent our first mission teams to Jamaica and Colombia, trained missionaries to work with Project Mexico for the first time, partnered with Orthodox Youth Mission Teams (OYMT), and prepared the first missionaries to Sweden. That’s a lot of “firsts”!

JAMAICA

A team to Jamaica marked a new mission field venture, and it was also our 300th team. Thanks to Fr. Anthony Salzman, we were invited by a young man named Moses Myers, who had converted to Orthodoxy, and is now trying to fully establish the Church in his island nation. It was a blessing to join him and this fledgling community on this journey to grow the Church in Jamaica.

COLOMBIA

We also sent a mission team to Colombia for the first time, to help Fr. Rafael Padilla deepen the faith of some newly-established Orthodox communities there. This helped to not only establish relationships between us and our brothers and sisters in Christ in Colombia, but it also paved the way for even more future teams across Latin America.

PROJECT MEXICO/OYMT

Last year we trained several missionaries to go work with Project Mexico. This was a first for us, but it marked a natural progression of our work with Project Mexico. Our two organizations bear similar visions and programs, and we were excited to offer our training program to help prepare individuals to serve there long-term.

Project Mexico wasn’t the only organization we partnered with, however. We also worked together with OYMT – a group of high school and college students that participate in a youth mission project in Appalachia, every July. This is a great way to introduce young people to the mission field, and those who had fulfilled the requirements then participated on a mission team to Alaska to share in the missionary work there.

SWEDEN

Within the past year, working together with His Eminence Metropolitan Cleopas of Sweden and All Scandinavia, we also prepared the first mission volunteers to serve in Sweden. With close to 45% of the population denying any religious belief, there is certainly a great deal of work for our missionaries to do there.

Having so many “firsts” is very important, because it means that the missionary work of the Orthodox Church is growing worldwide! We’re already heavily invested in supporting the Orthodox faithful in many countries around the world, and we’re continuing to add even more regions to those we serve. As encouraging as it is to see us continuing to expand the scope of our work, we must keep in mind that one billion people still have yet to hear of Christ. God-willing, we still have many “firsts” to come!
Audited Statement of Financial Position

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Liabilities and Net Assets

| Current liabilities                         |           |            |
| Accounts payable                          | 34,205    | 142,496    |
| Deferred revenue                          | 75,851    | 105,839    |
| Total current liabilities                 | 110,056   | 248,334    |
| Noncurrent liabilities                    |           |            |
| Accrued expenses                          | 409,999   | 370,382    |
| Total liabilities and net assets          | 8,702,265 | 8,825,476  |

Audited Statement of Activities

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| Expenses | Mission programs | 1,147,393 | 2,435,683 |
|          | Support services  | 235,420   | 392,808   |
|          | Development       | 328,744   | 575,961   |
|          | Total expenses    | 1,711,557 | 3,404,452 |

| Change in net assets | (123,211) | 795,896 |

Net assets

| Beginning January 1   | $8,825,476 | $8,029,580 |
| Ending December 31    | $8,702,265 | $8,825,476 |

Note: Accounting period was changed to a June 30 fiscal year in 2018.
OCMC's audited financials are available online at www.ocmc.org/resources/financials.aspx

As the official missions agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States it is OCMC’s mission to make disciples of all nations by bringing people to Christ and His Church.
Without your prayers and support none of the work of the Mission Center would have been possible. Thank you all for your sacrificial offerings in support of sharing the Orthodox Christian Faith with the world!
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