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New FDF Board of Trustees  
Metropolis of San Francisco

**OPEN LETTER TO NEW FDF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dear FDF Board of Trustees Members:

On behalf of the entire Prevolos Family, congratulations on your recent appointment to the FDF Board of Trustees. For some of you this marks a continued commitment to your previous post and for many of you this is a return and renewed commitment to the administrative side of the FDF Ministry. You are the successors to a long and proud history of individuals much like yourselves who have made the commitment to serve one of the most unique Ministries of the Church.

I have had the privilege of working with all of you in the past and know first hand that you are all quite capable of taking this Ministry to the next level while maintaining the highest standards of production, operation and service. In addition, you all have the added responsibility to help your new Chairman. Fr. Gary, while eager and able, at the moment does not have the same level of expertise and experience that all of you have; therefore, you will need to help him understand and guide him in his new role.

Make no mistake about your appointment, it has not come lightly. You need to carefully consider your ongoing and long-term commitment to this organization as you have all been presented with a great challenge – where to lead the next generation of the FDF movement? With great challenge comes great opportunity. Seize the opportunity that has been presented to you. You are capable of a great many things and only by working together with a singular purpose, ever keeping the principles of our Orthodox faith at the forefront of all your undertakings, will you be able to reach your fullest potential as a group and as a Ministry of the Church.

I am honored to continue as the Chairman Emeritus of this fantastic organization. When our beloved Metropolitan Anthony bestowed this permanent title on me I was incredibly grateful and humbled to know that my name would forever be associated with this Ministry and all of its achievements. Despite the fact that the rest of my family has recently been asked to step down from their roles with the Folk Dance Festival and that FDF has always been a family endeavor – something that we have always done together – I still intend to fulfill my titular duties as an advisor and mentor to the Board. For any organization to truly be effective and thrive it is necessary to successfully transition in new leadership. A clean slate has been laid and a new beginning set for all of you to cultivate this leadership transition. Like those that have come before you, I hope and pray that you will embrace and care for this Ministry with deep love and passionate zeal. I hope and pray that you too will meet the challenges you face with equal success and dignity. I will be watching and anticipating great things. My love and prayers are with you all, always.

With All My Love, Admiration and Respect,



PETER E. PREVOLOS  
FDF Chairman Emeritus

cc: Metropolitan Gerasimos  
FDF Board of Trustees