

Clergy and Parishioners of the Diocese of Alaska

By now, every parish should have received information about the 16th All American Council (AAC) taking place in Bellevue/Seattle, Washington on October 31, November 1-3. This is the first time that the Church has scheduled the AAC so close to Alaska, to the very doorstep of our home. We encourage as many as possible from Alaska to attend.

Included in that packet are the necessary registration forms for clergy, lay delegates and observers, as well as informational letters and instructions. Registration for your parish priest(s) and lay delegate(s) should be sent in as soon as possible. The deadline is August 1st, and that date is quickly approaching.

For participation at the AAC, only priests are considered for clergy delegates. A deacon or a lay member of your parish can be elected as a lay delegate. As always, any Orthodox parishioner can attend as an observer. In every case, clergy, lay delegate, or observer, a participation fee of \$275 per individual must be sent in along with the proper registration form. At a minimum, **the parish should cover the costs for their clergy delegate—airfare, registration and hotel—and, if possible, for their lay delegate.**

Hotel registration should also be made ASAP. A special price is offered for a block of rooms at the Hyatt Bellevue, although you are not required to use that hotel. If you want to stay at the Hyatt Bellevue, don't wait too long to make reservations. There are a limited number of rooms and, once they are filled, you will have to make reservations elsewhere. The convenience of staying at the same hotel where everything is taking place is obvious.

To make hotel reservations at the Hyatt Bellevue, go to www.aac16.org and click on the link in the upper right hand corner or call 1.888.421.1442 for reservations.

Alaska Airlines is offering discounted travel between Alaska and Seattle. If you book your travel online, you can get a 7% discount. When making your reservations, enter the following discount code: ECCMB2234.

If you need information or forms for the AAC, go to <http://www.oca.org/news/2556> and print the forms you need.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND NUMBERS FOR THE
16TH ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL (AAC)**

October 31, November 1, - 4, 2011

Bellevue/Seattle, Washington

Registration Forms

<http://www.oca.org/news/2556>

FOS Tours

fostours@earthlink.net

1.800.367.3450

AAC Info

www.aac16.org

Hyatt Bellevue Registration

www.aac16.org (click link upper right corner)

1.888.421.1442

Sitka Hotels

Super 8 Motel

907.474.8804

Sitka Hotel

907.747.3288

Shee Atika Hotel

907.747.3693

Biorka Bed and Breakfast

907.747.3111

Katlina Street Suites

907.747.7115

Westmark Sitka

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