

## **Western Region Joint Organizations Meeting**

**May 23, 2003**

**Phoenix, Arizona**

President Irene Saigh called the meeting to order at 1 :45 PM.

His Grace, Bishop JOSEPH led us in the opening prayer.

AOCWNA President Georgette Malouf and Fellowship of St. John the Divine President Irene Saigh introduced the newly elected officers of their respective organization.

St. Luke Church in Garden Grove presented the report on the 2004 Parish Life Conference. They showed us the tentative schedule.

Teen SOYO President Natalie Malouf talked about the long terms goals that were discussed in their meeting. They want to update the website and publish a regular newsletter to the teens. She introduced the newly elected officers of Teen SOYO.

St. Nicholas Church in San Francisco presented the report on the 2005 Parish Life Conference. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Region. The hotel is the San Francisco Airport Marriott and the room rate \$109 per night.

Michael Srour reported on the Delegates Meeting which will be held on October 24-26, hosted by St. Michael in Van Nuys, at the Airtel Plaza with a room rate of \$81 per night, including breakfast.

Ed Malouf gave a brief overview of the Western Region Conference Planning Manual. He announced that the host parishes of the 2006 & 2007 Conferences will be announced at the Delegates Meeting.

Michael Srour asked everyone to fill out the survey about the Conferences for the NAC Taskforce.

Kyra Pelachik talked about the internship program for the College Students. She asked everyone to bring any possible contacts to her attention.

North American Council Fellowship President Gizelle Shadid invited everyone to attend the Fellowship Meeting at the Archdiocese Convention in Miami. She pointed out that the Fellowship is the service arm of the Archdiocese.

His Grace, Bishop JOSPEH addressed the assembly. He knows that we have good people working in the region. The Parish Life Conference is about

Diakonia. He would like to see the advertisements read, "Come to the light of our Lord, Jesus Christ." He reminded us that all the organizations have good accomplishments and that they are the life of the Archdiocese. He thanked everyone for their input.

Mareena Boosamra-Ball announced that the first ever West Coast Sacred Music Institute will be in June in Santa Barbara.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Habib". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Habib  
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Recording Secretary