

Criteria				
	Categories & Criteria	"of the Assembly"		"affiliated with the Assembly"
		Agencies	Commissions	Ministries & Associations*
<b>Organizational Characteristics</b>	Engages in work that is consistent with pastoral ministries of the Orthodox Church	√	√	√
	Is theologically sound in its expressed Orthodoxy	√	√	√
	Is national and/ or international in its programs and mission	√	√	√
<b>Governance</b>	Is incorporated as a not-for profit corporation under the laws of one of the fifty states in the US or the District of Columbia.	√	√	√
	Has intentionally and broadly pan-Orthodox membership and/ or governance	√	√	√
	Has an episcopal liaison appointed by the Assembly who is a voting member of the governing board	√	√	
	Has a Hierarch - or Orthodox clergy, or monastic, under the omophorion of one of the canonical bishops in the United State of America - serving as its spiritual advisor			√
	No one jurisdiction has numerical control of the governing board, assuring intentionally pan-Orthodox character	√	√	√
	Members of the governing board of directors or board of trustees are approved by the Assembly of Bishops*	√	√	

	Current organizational documents are filed with the Assembly of Bishops	√	√	√
	Governing documents direct that assets of the organization, upon dissolution, be distributed to the Assembly, if permissible under the laws of the state of incorporation	√	√	
	Insurance maintained for officers and directors as well as insurances indicated by corporate best practices	√	√	√
<b>Finances</b>	Independent 501(c)(3) tax status	√		√
	Fiscally responsible and transparent in its financial reporting	√	√	√
	Annually prepares reviewed financial statements with copies submitted annually to the Assembly of Bishops		√	√
	Annually prepares independently audited financial statements with copies submitted annually to the Assembly of Bishops	√		
	If applicable, files Form 990 with IRS and provides a copy to the Assembly	√		
<b>Reporting</b>	Regular activities/ programmatic highlight reports during the year	√		
	Annual reports	√	√	√

**Footnotes:**

\*Except in special circumstances approved by the Episcopal Liaison, all members of the governing board of directors or board of trustees will be Orthodox Christians in good standing in the canonical Orthodox churches represented on the Assembly of Bishops.