Meeting of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church

On July 16-17, 2020, the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church met under the chairmanship of His Holiness Kirill, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

Considering the epidemiological situation in countries where a number of the Synod members are serving, the meeting was held in a distant form.

The draft minutes had been sent in advance to the Holy Synod members and were adopted after a discussion held in the distant form.

The meeting of the Holy Synod in the face-to-face form had been preliminarily planned for August 2020. The final decision on its conduct will be made taking into account the epidemiological situation.

The permanent members of the Holy Synod are Metropolitan Onufry of Kiev and All Ukraine; Metropolitan Juvenaly of Krutitsy and Kolomna; Metropolitan Vladimir of Kishinev and All Moldova; Metropolitan Alexander of Astana and Kazakhstan, head of the Metropolitanate in the Republic of Kazakhstan; Metropolitan Vikenty of Tashkent and Uzbekistan, head of the Metropolitanate of Central Asia; Metropolitan Varsonofy of St. Petersburg and Ladoga; Metropolitan Pavel of Minsk and Zaslavsk, Patriarchal Exarch for All Belarus; Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Department for External Church Relations; Metropolitan Dionisiy of Voskresensk, chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate.

The following hierarchs have been invited to attend the summer session (March-August): Metropolitan Maksimilian of Irkutsk and Angarsk; Archbishop Tikhon of Podolsk; Bishop Antoniy of Akhtubinsk and Yenotayevka; Bishop Yevgeniy of Nizhniy Taghil and Nevyansk.

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