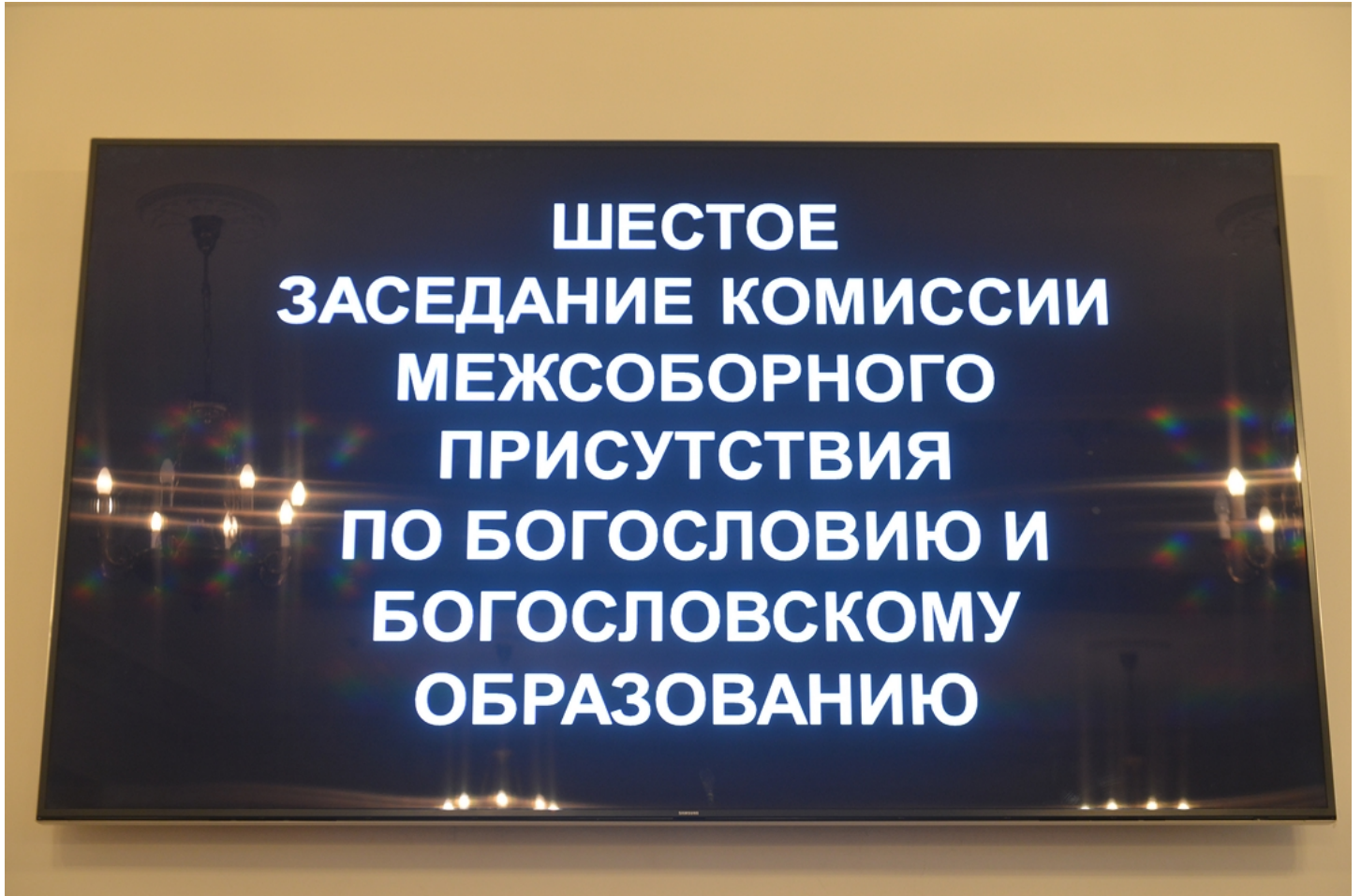




## **Metropolitan Hilarion chairs a meeting of the Inter-Council Presence commission on theology and theological education**



On October 3, 2018, the Inter-Council Presence commission on theology and theological education met at the Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute for Post-Graduate Studies (CMI). The meeting was chaired by the chairman of the commission, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk in his capacity of chairman of the Synodal Biblical-Theological Commission and CMI rector.

Opening the meeting, His Eminence Hilarion announced the agenda. Then the meeting heard reports on the progress of work on various documents.

The Rev. Roman Tarabrin presented a draft document on Ethical Problems Involved in In-Vitro Fertilization. The meeting agreed to send this draft to the Inter-Council Presence secretariat for further work.

Hieromonk Stephan (Igumnov) spoke about the progress made in developing a document on Veneration of Holy Relics in the Orthodox Church.

The meeting approved the membership of groups to work on the documents 'Orthodox Understanding of the Causes of Extremism and Terrorism' and 'The Attitude to the Modern Practice of Exorcism (by beads bidding)'.

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