

## Metropolitan Hilarion meets with vice-chairman of the Muslim Board of the Russian Federation



On March 10, 2016, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, DECR chairman, met with the first vice-chairman of the Muslim Board of the Russian Federation (MBRF) Mr. Damir Mukhetdinov, at the Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute of Post-Graduate Studies.

Participating in the meeting were also the Rev. Dimitry Safonov, head of the DECR section for interreligious contacts, and Mr. I. Kashitsyn, a staff member of the section. From the Muslim Board, there was also Mr. Sh. Kashaf, head of the MBRF department for education, scholarship and culture and the department for cooperation with public organizations and religious associations.

The sides discussed prospects for possible cooperation between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Muslim Board of the Russian Federation, including in the area of development of theological education in the country. They also considered various aspects of the work carried out by the Interreligious Council in Russia, as Metropolitan Hilarion joined its Presidium by the Holy Synod decision of December 24,

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