



Russian Orthodox Church delegation attends Orthodox Pre-Assembly of World Council of Churches



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The Orthodox Pre-Assembly of the World Council of Church has begun its session on May 12, 2022, in Paralimni, Cyprus.

Present at the event is a delegation of the Moscow Patriarchate led by the chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk.

The delegation includes Archimandrite Philaret (Bulekov), DECR vice-chairman; Archpriest Mikhail Gundyayev, representative of the Russian Orthodox Church to the World Council of Churches; Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR secretary for inter-Orthodox relations; Hieromonk Stephan (Igumnov), DECR

secretary for inter-Christian relations; Ms Margarita Nelyubova, a staff member of the Department for External Church Relations. Metropolitan Hilarion is accompanied on this trip by Rev. Alexander Yershov, secretary to the DECR chairman.

The Pre-Assembly will last a week. It is attended by delegations of the Orthodox Churches and Oriental Churches - members of the WCC. The meeting is to coordinate a common stance on topical issues on the inter-Christian agenda in anticipation of the WCC Assembly to take place from August 31 to September 8, 2022, in Karlsruhe, Germany.

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