



Patriarchal Exarch of Africa chairs meeting of clergy from six Western Kenya deaneries



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On January 17th, a meeting of the deans from six Western Kenya church districts took place in the city of Kisumu under the chairmanship of Metropolitan Konstantin of Zaraysk, Patriarchal Exarch of Africa.

Taking part in the meeting were Priest George Maximov, chairman of the Missionary Department of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa, as well as the deans of the Migori, Nandi, Homa Bay, Vihiga, Lugari and Kakamega deaneries – Priests Potapios Chasia, Titus Kipngeni, Angelos Oribe, Nicanor Shilesi, Peter Lutomia and Arsenios Chitwa.

Topics under consideration included: ways to promote parish activities, theological education of clerics

and laypeople, and implementation of the Exarchate's social and other projects. At the conclusion of the meeting, the archpastor presented memorable gifts to the clergy.

As the website of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa **reports**, later that day Metropolitan Konstantin visited the Parish of St. Athanasius the Great in Nyabigege village and the Parish of the Holy Apostle Peter in Gesonso village, Migori deanery. Both parishes have orphanages. His Eminence met with the parishes' rectors – Priests Theodoros Ondoro and Hermogenes Otara, as well as with the orphanages' wards. The children received icons, crosses and memorable gifts from Metropolitan Konstantin.

The hierarch was accompanied on his visit by Priest George Maximov, chairman of the Missionary Department of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa; Mr Vladislav Dendyuk, personal secretary to Metropolitan Konstantin; and a delegation of the Foundation for the Support of Christian Culture and Heritage led by its executive director Mr Yegor Skopenko.

In the evening, the Exarch received into the bosom of the Russian Orthodox Church two more priests who had transferred from the Patriarchate of Alexandria.

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