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**Orthodox Mission Teams 2006
PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION!**

Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), St. Augustine, FL - Orthodox Mission Teams make a difference. Sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), short term Orthodox Mission Teams, through work, witness, and worship, becomes a visible expression of love, unity, and support in the Church. Teams offer the opportunity to witness the Orthodox Faith in action and support Orthodox communities around the world.

Visit the OCMC Website for the various Orthodox Mission Team opportunities, dates, costs and application at www.ocmc.org/teams. Or contact the Mission Center, toll-free 1-877-GO FORTH; telephone: 904/829-5132, fax: 904/829-1635; OCMC - P.O. Box 4319, St. Augustine, FL 32085.

**St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary
Summer Institute****June 25-30, 2006**

A short-term way to study at St Vladimir's Seminary

The annual St Vladimir's Seminary Summer Institute is a week-long study opportunity for everyone interested in the life of the Orthodox Church; clergy and laity, men and women, young and old. Participants are invited to delve into important theological questions in small and large group discussions all within a context of active involvement in daily worship. A combination of lecture and interactive workshops will explore this year's theme "A Christian Ending to our Life: The Mystery of Death."

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**Seventh Cambridge International
Summer School***"Orthodoxy and the World Religions"***2-7 July 2006**

Topics include: Comparing Religions, Otherness, Orthodoxy and Judaism, Orthodoxy and Hinduism, Orthodoxy and Islam, The Sufis, Jewish/Christian Relations, Wisdom in Jewish and Christian Thought.

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Men and Women in the Church**Conference, 28-30 July 2006***The Friars, Aylesford, Kent*

What is our vocation and ministry within the Church, whether we are clergy or lay people, whether we are monastics, married or single?

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**Celebration of the 40th Anniversary
of the Orthodox Christian Youth Association of
Kenya (OCYAK)****1-7 August 2006, Nairobi, Kenya**

In 1966 the OCYAK was founded in Waithaka, Kenya. Since then it served the Orthodox Church in Kenya in various spheres:

- managing and teaching in Sunday schools;
- providing illiteracy classes to the local population;
- training youth leaders;
- translating the Holy Scripture, liturgical and theological texts into the local languages of Kenya;
- etc.

In 1971 the OCYAK became an affiliated member of Syndesmos at the VIII General Assembly in Boston.

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**First Pan-Orthodox Conference
on Liturgical Music**

PSALM (Pan-Orthodox Society for Advancement of Liturgical Music) announces its first pan-Orthodox, national conference on Orthodox Liturgical music, to take place August 2-5, 2006, in the metropolitan Chicago area. The conference activities will take place at St. George (Antiochian) Orthodox Church in Cicero, Illinois. All presentations and panel discussions will revolve around the theme, "Sing Praises with Understanding," addressing the various aspects of "understanding," from understanding each other (Clergy-Musician communication) to understanding history, liturgy and the calling of liturgical musicians.

Further information at: <http://orthodoxpsalm.org>