



## Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese Department of Youth and Parish Ministries

### **Diocesan Bible Bowl Coordinator Duties and Responsibilities**

The Diocese Bible Bowl Coordinator will act as a liaison of the Department of Youth and Parish Ministries Chair.

#### **In advance of the Parish Life Conference**

The Diocese Coordinator shall be responsible for:

- Receiving Bible Bowl promotional materials from the Department of Youth, and distribute these to appropriate contacts throughout the Diocese:
  - Parish clergy and you
  - th advisors;
  - Diocese SOYO Spiritual Advisor, Officers, and Youth Advisor.
- Promoting the Bible Bowl via email within the Diocese to encourage participation.
- Keeping the Diocese Ministry Council (or designee, depending on the specific Diocese structure) updated on the progress and needs of the upcoming Bible Bowl at the Parish Life Conference, as well as the travel arrangements and needs of the winning team to the Archdiocese Bible Bowl Competition.
- Recruiting three judges (Orthodox Theological Seminary Graduate judges—clergy and laity) who will respond to any questions raised by team monitors (some Diocese do so in partnership with the parish coordinator); two score keepers; one timekeeper.
- Appointing a person to read the questions aloud during the Bible Bowl.
  - This person should be knowledgeable in Scriptures, and how to pronounce names and places in the text of the questions.
  - The person asking the question may be a clergyman or a lay person, but it is recommended that they be a graduate of an Orthodox Theological School.
  - The batch of questions posed to teams will be prepared and determined by the Archdiocese Department of Youth and Parish Ministry.
- Appointing an MC who works well with teens, and speaks clearly to introduce each participating team and to facilitate all oral answers from the teams.
- Liaising with the Parish Life Conference's host parish Bible Bowl coordinator on:
  - Room set-up requirements (audio-visual for projecting questions onto a screen;
  - number of required tables and chairs for judges, score keepers and time keeper, and teams;
  - podium and microphone for person asking the questions;
  - wireless microphone for the Master of Ceremonies (MC);
  - seating for attending Hierarch and clergy).

## **On the Day of the Bible Bowl Competition**

The Diocese Coordinator shall:

- Approve the Bible Bowl room set-up as previously determined with the Parish Life Conference's host parish Bible Bowl coordinator.
- Make sure no one sees each other's written answers:
  - Carbonless answer sheets will be supplied by the Department of Youth and Parish Ministries to each Diocese, along with the Bible Bowl questions, and score cards for each monitor's to use.
  - The answers are written by using a "leadless pencil", also be provided by the Department of Youth and Parish Ministries (a regular pen or pencil should not be used, because this will defeat the purpose keeping answer confidential by writing on carbonless paper).
    - The carbonless paper sheets will have numbered lines for each answer, so monitors and participants will know the order of the question being answered.
- At the end of the Diocese Bible Bowl competition, the Diocese Coordinator shall:
  - Communicate details of the Diocese winning team's details (home parish and each team member's full name) to the Department of Youth and Parish Ministries Chair.
  - Collect all Bible Bowl materials (carbonless paper, writing instruments, score cards, team nameplates, score sheets), and hand these over to the next Parish Life Conference host parish.

## **Choice of Questions**

- Each team's group of questions will be drawn randomly ahead of the Bible Bowl, from a list of numbered questions provided by the Department of Youth.
- At the Diocesan level, a typical Bible Bowl will be 1 to 4 rounds depending on the number of teams participating, and the number of questions that can be asked and answered within a two-hour time frame.
- A typical Bible Bowl at the Archdiocesan level will consist of 5 rounds (approximately 35 questions) within a two-hour time frame.
- The Bible Bowl shall not exceed 2 hours from the first question through to the last question asked.

The Bible Bowl is an enjoyable and thought-filled event, as many hours are spent studying by participants and their coach. The room should be quiet when a question is being asked and answered, and cheering should be appropriate to the event.

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