LEADERSHIP 100 APPROVES $2.5 MILLION IN NEW GRANTS

Key Biscayne, Florida- The Executive Committee of Leadership 100, meeting at its 15th Annual Conference, approved new grants for 2006 totaling some $2.5 million. The largest grant, $1.5 million, is part of a 10-year $10 million scholarship commitment for students studying for the priesthood at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. The second largest grant, $400,000 over two years, was awarded to Internet Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, for a major upgrade to a new open source content management system which will enable all parishes of the Greek Orthodox Church in America to develop their own web sites.

In a unique move to further strengthen the National Church, the Executive Committee allotted $25,000 to each of the nine Metropolises of the Greek Orthodox Church for Metropolis Ministries Outreach.

In addition, $103,200 went to the Archdiocese Department of Outreach and Evangelism for Home Mission parishes;
$100,000 for an Archdiocese Archives Digitization Preservation grant for 2006 with a challenge grant of $100,000 for each of three additional years; $65,000 for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) to further strengthen the Orthodox presence on college campuses; two grants to the Archdiocese Department of Religious Education, $49,500 over two years for an interactive CD on the feasts of the Church and $45,320 over three years to develop a Sunday School curriculum for 9th to 12th graders; and $37,700 for a National Altar Boy Retreat.

Mark Stavropoulos, Chairman of the Grant Committee, said he was pleased that Leadership 100 was able to fund a greater variety of programs that represented greater outreach for the Greek Orthodox Church in America.