

## **Doctor of Ministry Research Study Seeks Orthodox Christians in Lay Ministry**

Are you interested in being a part of a confidential study about the experiences of Orthodox Christians in lay ministry in the U.S.?

### **What do I have to do?**

Participants will be given a spoken interview lasting approximately 1 to 2 hours, plus one follow up interview lasting approximately 15 minutes. Interviews will be by telephone, over the internet (i.e. Skype), or, when possible, at a location convenient to you (i.e. library, coffee shop, etc.).

### **How do I know if I am eligible?**

- Orthodox Christian
- Orthodox Christian Theological Degree or Certificate
- Dedicated Life to Lay Ministry
- Currently in Lay Ministry at Least Part-Time

### **What do I get for participating?**

The opportunity to share your experience and contribute to the understanding of lay ministry in the Orthodox Church.

### **Who is the researcher?**

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