

On October 18, 1999, Kozey received a letter from Theodosius notifying him that he had been removed as chairman of the audit committee, and replaced by Archpriest Paul Suda.

"At the joint meeting of the Holy Synod and the Metropolitan Council [sic], chaired by the primate of the OCA, Archpriest Paul Suda was appointed Chairman of the Audit Committee," Theodosius wrote. The letter noted that Kozey would continue as a member, but not as chairman, of the audit committee, until the next All-American Council.

Kozey told Orthodox News today that he was "kind of surprised" that he had been removed as chairman of the audit committee, because it had been his understanding that it was customary for the person who received the most votes for the audit committee, as he did when he was elected in 1989 and again in 1994, to serve as its chairman. Kozey said it appeared to him that the "central Church" was "trying to control or tighten the circle of control to people whom they can control -- people whose lives or livelihoods are tied to the Church." Kozey declined to comment further, citing the upcoming Metropolitan Council meeting on November 18.