SUMMARY

The Subject Matter of the Graduation Thesis: Improving the forms of organization of social assistance to those in need of religious organizations (on the example of the Russian Orthodox Church "Pyatigorsk and Circassian Diocese").

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The Topicality of the Research. Rapid changes in society in the economic sphere, in the system of social institutions, in interpersonal relations are becoming the most important characteristics of life in the modern world. The degree and speed of these changes lead to the fact that a person experiences confusion, fear, difficulties in adapting to new, rapidly changing conditions of life, many people feel a sense of despair, uncertainty and uncertainty in the future. As a result, a large number of people need social assistance.

At the moment in the Russian Federation, there are various government agencies to assist citizens in need. However, the public sector providing social assistance to citizens in need is unable to meet all the social needs of citizens in need, due to insufficient funding, a limited list of social services and other factors. In this connection, gaps in state social assistance to citizens in need have gradually begun to replace organizations of the third sector, which include non-governmental, private and non-profit organizations, charitable foundations, public organizations, religious and others, whose activities are aimed at providing social assistance to needy citizens. Based on this, we decided to consider the practice of organizing social assistance to citizens in need of religious organizations, on the example of the Russian Orthodox Church “Pyatigorsk and Circassian Diocese”.

The Objective of the Research: consideration of forms of organization of social assistance to citizens in need of religious organizations and the development of a directory of the needy.

The Tasks of the Research:
– clarify the theoretical basis for organizing the provision of social assistance to citizens in need;

– consider the organization of social assistance to those in need of state and non-state organizations;

– to analyze the methods of organizing the provision of social assistance to needy citizens on the example of the ROC "Moscow Patriarchate" Moscow department for church philanthropy and social service;

– to study the activities of social assistance department for church charity and social service on the example of the Russian Orthodox Church "Pyatigorsk and Circassian Diocese";

– investigate the practice of organizing assistance to needy citizens by the Sisterhood of Mercy at the church of Sts. Luke (Voyno-Yasenetsky), Pyatigorsk;

– develop a directory of the needy for the department of church philanthropy and social service under the ROC "Pyatigorsk and Circassian Diocese".

**The Theoretical and Practical Significance of the Research.** The results of this work allow to expand the theoretical and practical ideas about the forms and methods of providing social assistance to citizens in need, both in government and non-government institutions, charitable foundations and religious organizations on the example of the Russian Orthodox Church "Pyatigorsk and Circassian Diocese" can also be used to improve forms of assistance to needy citizens in difficult life situations in government, non-profit, charitable and religious organizations social assistance organizations, universities and educational forums.

Developed recommendations, provisions, conclusions of this work, as well as a handbook of the needy, can be used by state and non-profit organizations to improve the efficiency of their work, as well as in the process of improving the forms of organization of social assistance to the needy.

**The Findings of the Research.** In the process of studying the problem of improving the forms of organization of social assistance to those in need of religious organizations, as well as to more effectively provide social assistance to citizens in need, a handbook has been compiled in which all socially important institutions that provide social assistance to citizens in difficult situations are collected.

**Recommendations:** Manual developed for the "Needy" which lists all state and non-state social institutions that are engaged in the solution of social problems
of citizens who find themselves in difficult life situations, also in the Handbook will include various charities that operate in the city of Pyatigorsk and the cities of the Caucasian Mineral Waters.

The social infrastructure of Pyatigorsk and the Caucasian Mineral Waters in General, is at a stage of development, in comparison with the Moscow practice of the organization of social assistance to the needy, in Pyatigorsk and the cities of KMV, there are still no such significant social actions, places and projects, for example, such as Charity buses, special places where homeless citizens can wash and wash clothes or just spend the night. In the near future, we hope that these projects will be implemented in the Caucasian Mineral Waters, and in the future will be included in the directory "Needy", and while its list will include all available social institutions of Pyatigorsk and Caucasian Mineral Waters, charitable foundations and public organizations.

The development of such a guide will make assistance to socially vulnerable categories of the population even more convenient, as the guide will be distributed in social institutions of the city, and in its districts, social workers, nurses, churches and on-site events and actions. It will become easier for people to find out the addresses of various social organizations, as well as their contact details, so that they can contact and clarify all the necessary information, or resolve any issue.

The need to develop a Handbook "Needy" is that when citizens find themselves in a difficult situation and face one on one with their problem, they are confused and do not know where they should go to solve the difficulties and get expert help. It can be not only difficult life situations, but for example you need money for expensive treatment or urgent surgery and the person with this problem does not know where he should go to collect the necessary funds for treatment.

The guide will be useful for homeless people and large families. Homeless citizens with the help of the directory will be able to find out where in the city they will be able to get hot meals and necessary products, wash or even live for a while to recover, restore documents and get at least some work to earn a living or to buy a ticket to return home.

Directory "in Need" is specially designed in a pocket format, so it can always be convenient to carry.