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Proud to be Ukrainians, wherever we may live!

Established in 1967, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) is the international coordinating body for Ukrainian communities in the Diaspora, representing the interests of over 20 million Ukrainians living in more than 60 countries.

For over 50 years, the UWC has served to unite Ukrainians all over the world around shared goals and values.

Key Mission Areas



Advancing Ukraine's development as a modern, democratic, prosperous nation:

- supporting reform efforts that further Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration;
- promoting democracy;
- election monitoring in Ukraine;
- promoting Ukraine's global image.



Fostering Ukraine's historical and cultural heritage globally



Strengthening the international coalition to counter Russian aggression and disinformation:

- defending Ukraine's territorial integrity and working toward deoccupation of Crimea and the Donbas;
- bolstering the sanctions imposed by the international community on Russia for its armed aggression against Ukraine;
- Advocating for Ukraine's NATO membership;
- ending Russia's Nord Stream 2 project;
- advocating for release of Ukrainian political prisoners in Russia.



Building prosperous and influential Ukrainian communities in the diaspora:

- protecting human rights and national identity;
- preserving Ukrainian national values;
- fostering new generations of Ukrainians.



Strengthening ties between Ukrainians in the Diaspora and Ukraine



International recognition of Holodomor as genocide of the Ukrainian people



International recognition of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine



Promoting the granting of Patriarchal status to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church



From UWC President

Dear friends,

We are living in a time of global challenges. Yet, in the face of today's threats, there is unity among Ukrainians like never before; from Melbourne to Kyiv, from Ternopil to Curitiba, this year we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Ukraine's renewed Independence as one, 65-million-strong Ukrainian people.

Ukraine has friends and enjoys support around the globe because the unified Diaspora has consistently advocated for Ukraine on the international stage. Our parents in their time, and now we in ours, are contributing time and efforts, and by making donations that enabled the Diaspora's contribution to the Revolution of Dignity and the ongoing battle against Russia's invasion of Ukraine. UWC's leadership, councils, committees and our missions in Toronto, New York, Kyiv, and Brussels work every day to counter these threats and advocate for Ukraine.

Thanks to collaboration and unity among Ukrainian communities around the globe, thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have been able to be the influential global voice for Ukraine and Ukrainian people. We work to support Ukraine, counter Russian aggression, and strengthen Ukrainian communities worldwide. We foster Ukrainian language and culture, support investment to Ukraine, promote truthful historical narratives and advocate for global recognition of Holodomor as genocide.

In 2022, the UWC turns 55. UWC's co-founding organizations have recently celebrated their 80th anniversaries, and some of our communities are over 120 years old. With your support, we are making history in the Ukrainian world today. Let us be proud to be Ukrainians, no matter where we live. Join us in this important mission.

Paul Grod
UWC President

From UWC Executive Director

This Annual Report summarizes a number of powerful initiatives, innovative projects, and advocacy campaigns in pursuit of systemic change, which we have implemented together. Together, all of us – volunteers, donors, partners, UWC staff, and our communities around the world – are the driving force for the future.

This year we intensified our cooperation with Ukraine through the signings of Memoranda with the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and UkraineInvest. We led the UWC International Election Observation Mission in order to ensure transparent and democratic elections in Ukraine. We organized powerful advocacy campaigns in world’s capitals to counter Russian aggression and support Ukraine’s membership in NATO. We contributed to the first-ever strategy of public diplomacy for Ukraine and the strategy of cooperation with Ukrainians living abroad. We founded Global Holodomor Descendants’ Network and made another step to foster truthful memory through generations.

In 2021 we marked the 30th anniversary of Ukraine’s renewed Independence. This year, we piloted the “30 under 30” youth initiative to recognize emerging leaders in our communities. Through the “United by Ukraine” TV program, we brought our global communities into the spotlight for a million of viewers and celebrated Ukraine’s Independence together with Ukrainians and friends of Ukraine across the continents. We proudly launched UWC’s updated brand and website, enhanced our strategic communications, and strengthened UWC financial sustainability. Our combined efforts make UWC a unique global organization that unites Ukrainians worldwide. This is only possible thanks to the contributions made by each and every one of us.

There are great challenges and opportunities ahead. We draw strength and inspiration from the dedicated work of our volunteers, the trust of our donors, and the vision of our leadership team.

Thank you for driving UWC forward!

Mariia Kupriianova

Executive Director



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Supporting Ukraine

At the end of 2020, the UWC signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. This document provided the foundation for increased cooperation on consolidating international support for Ukraine, moving forward on key areas of reform, and improving Ukraine's business climate and investment attractiveness.

UWC collaborates with Ukraine to promote Ukraine's interests in the world, counter Russian aggression, work on peacemaking initiatives in Eastern Ukraine, promote truthful image of Ukraine in the world, and protect human rights.



"The support provided by the Ukrainian World Congress is a solid foundation for the development of a democratic society, allowing us to strengthen our political and economic ties with other countries. The concerted and well-coordinated work of Ukrainian communities abroad is essential. I want to emphasize the importance of continuing our joint efforts of promoting Ukraine's interests in the world."

Denys Shmyhal,
Prime Minister of Ukraine



UWC delegation meets Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal on August 25, 2021.

Multiple citizenship

“Multiple citizenship will encourage Ukrainians to return to their homeland and will have a positive impact on Ukraine’s economic and political development”. That is the message that UWC’s leadership consistently delivered during meetings with the President of Ukraine, the Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Prime Minister of Ukraine, government officials, representatives of the civil society, and experts. UWC raised the matter of liberalizing citizenship legislation at the highest levels and suggested implementing effective security failsafes that will curb the influence of the Russian Federation and other countries acting against Ukraine’s interests.



UWC leadership attends a reception hosted by the President of Ukraine at the Mariinsky Palace. Kyiv, August 24, 2021.

UWC contributed to the development and drafting of the Law of Ukraine “On External Labor Migration”. In 2021, the UWC suggested further improvements to this legislation and submitted its proposals to amend the Law.

In 2020 and 2021, UWC developed and submitted a number of proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, including one urging the creation of an Inter-agency Advisory Council on external labor migration under the aegis of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Language

Supporting the Ukrainian language and its institutional significance remains a priority for the UWC. In cooperation with Taras Kremin, State Language Protection Commissioner, and the National Commission on Standards of the State Language, the UWC is monitoring compliance with the Law “On Ensuring the Functioning of the Ukrainian Language as the State Language” with a view toward upholding the role of Ukrainian as the state language in all spheres of society. In the summer of 2021, the UWC lent its active support to the institutional reinforcement of the National Commission on the Standards of the State Language, through letters and advocacy to Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal.



UWC's President highlights the advantages of multiple citizenship at “Ukraine.30” Forum, 2021.



For the past several years, UWC and its constituent organizations have advocated for recognition of the deportation of Ukrainians from Zakerzonia (Transcurzonia). In September 2021, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted draft law #2038 in its first reading by an overwhelming majority. The bill recognizes the deportation of Ukrainians who were forcibly removed from the territories of Lemkivshchyna, Kholmshchyna and the regions along the upper San River.

Elections

UWC International Observation Missions support transparent, fair, and democratic elections in Ukraine. On October 25, 2020, despite the closure of borders due to the pandemic, representatives from UWC and the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

(UCCA), with observers from Canada, the United States, Denmark, Switzerland, UK, and France became volunteer election observers. The UWC Observation Mission was led by Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Head of the UWC Human Rights Commission. The UCCA election observation mission was headed by UWC Vice-President Andriy Futey.

Together, the UWC and UCCA election observation missions formed the fifth largest election observation mission in the 2020 elections. The Mission developed several proposals to amend the Electoral Code of Ukraine and subsequently submitted them to the Central Election Commission.

Diaspora Ukrainians continue to work with Ukraine and international partners on the issue of reintegration of the temporarily-occupied territories.



“Safeguarding fair and transparent elections in Ukraine not only secures the democratic future of Ukraine and her people; Ukraine is on the frontline of a continental struggle for democratic values and human rights.”

Borys Wrzesnewskyj

Head of the UWC Human Rights Commission, former Member of Parliament of Canada, Head of the UWC International Election Observation Mission

UWC is working with the Ministry of Veteran Affairs on developing joint projects for veteran rehabilitation. At a meeting with Minister Yuliia Laputina, UWC’s First Vice President Stefan Romaniw presented several projects aimed at helping and rehabilitating Ukrainian veterans and shared best global practices in veteran support programs.

Read the Report of the UWC International Observation Mission



UWC delegation meets Vice Prime Minister – Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine Oleksii Reznikov. August 25, 2021.

Economy

Helping Ukraine's economic growth and attracting foreign investment are an important focus of UWC's work. The Memorandum of Cooperation that UWC signed with UkraineInvest in 2020, outlines the following priorities:

- supporting the development of modern capital market infrastructure in Ukraine;
- promoting the establishment of Ukraine-oriented business associations and chambers of commerce and industry around the world in order to intensify economic development and economic activity;
- establishing and activating the Ukrainian Diaspora's knowledge network to form valuable international ties and to provide access to new ideas and skills in the economic, business, and investment spheres.

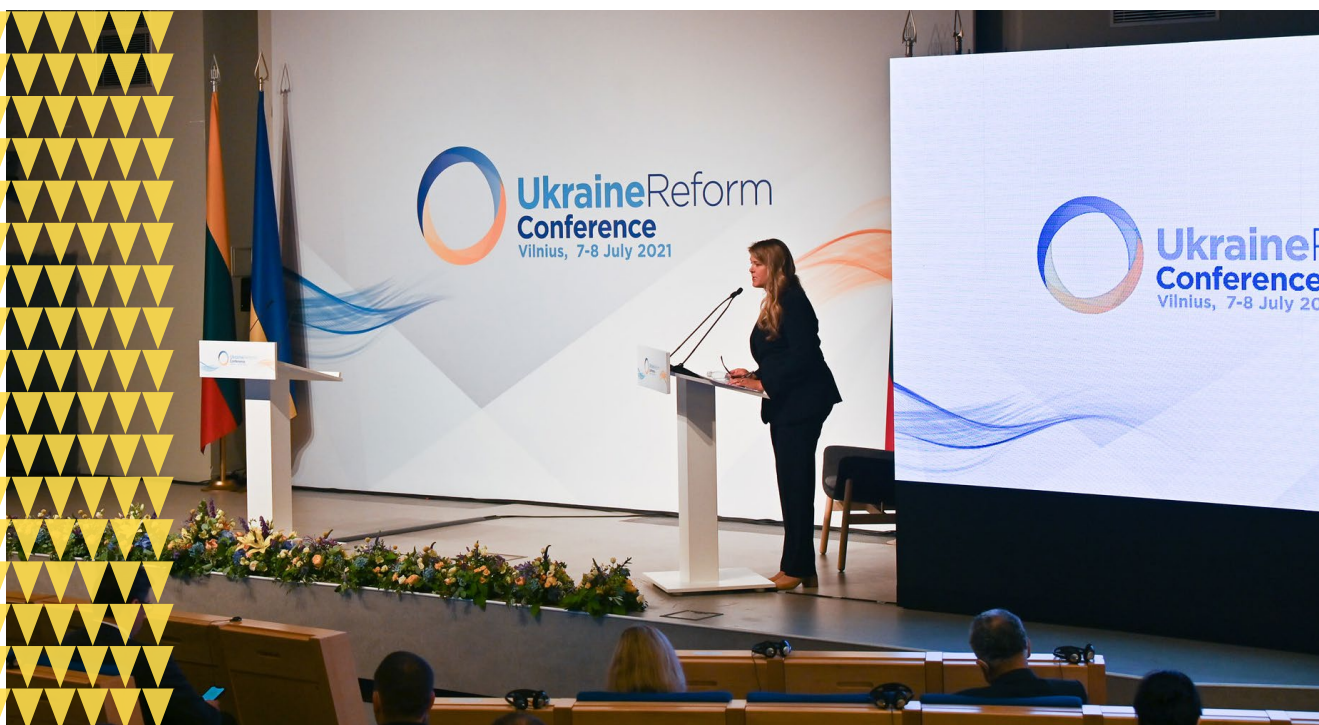
In July 2021, Ukraine and Lithuania held the fourth Ukraine Reform Conference devoted to reforms in Ukraine. Lenna Koszarny, UWC's Vice President and Chair of UWC's Economic Prosperity and Investment Committee (EPIC), moderated the discussion on the reform agenda in Ukraine and underscored that increased investments into Ukraine depend on political will, trust, transparency, and Rule of law.

"The UWC is ready to apply its efforts all over the world, working together with businesses and business associations in support of Ukraine's economic development and prosperity"; was the message delivered by Natalia Nemyliwska, director of UWC's Economic

Prosperity and Investment Committee (EPIC), during a meeting with Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal with Director General of BusinessEurope Markus J. Beyrer, and representatives of European companies, in August, 2021.



In 2021, in partnership with IOM Ukraine, UkraineInvest, and the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce, UWC's Economic Prosperity and Investment Committee (EPIC) launched a series of webinars on economic engagement between Ukraine and the Diaspora. A forum on encouraging Diaspora's involvement in Ukraine's economic growth is planned for the end of 2021.



UWC Vice President Lenna Koszarny addresses the audience at the Ukraine Reform Conference, July 2021.



Strengthening Ukraine's global voice



"Ukrainians living abroad and the Ukrainian state are a unified force, two parts of the single body of the Ukrainian people. We need to support each other and move forward together in order to defend Ukraine's national interests."

Dmytro Kuleba

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

One of UWC's key partners is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (MFA), the governmental agency charged with coordinating cooperation between Ukraine and the Diaspora. In 2021, UWC took part in developing the innovative Strategy of Public Diplomacy for Ukraine which defines the Diaspora's role as Ukraine's ambassador abroad.



Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, August 2021.

In 2021, a UWC expert taskforce developed recommendations for the MFA's Strategy of Cooperation between Ukraine and Ukrainians living abroad.

Security

On August 23, 2021, Kyiv hosted the inaugural Crimean Platform summit. The UWC joined the 44 countries in attendance to sign the Crimean Charter, which reaffirms international support for de-occupation of Crimea. UWC President Paul Grod assured summit participants that the Ukrainian World Congress will continue

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**PANEL DISCUSSION
CRIMEAN PLATFORM:
ROADMAP FOR DE-OCCUPATION**

MODERATOR
Roman Washchuk
Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine (2014-2019)

OPENING REMARKS

- Paul Grod**
UWC President
- Anton Korynevych**
Permanent Representative of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea
- Andrii Klymenko**
Crimea Studies expert, Editor-in-chief of the Black Sea News
- Olga Skrypnyk**
Chair of the Board of the Crimean Human Rights Group
- Roland Freudenstein**
Policy Director of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies
- Andrius Kubilius**
Member of the European Parliament

encouraging the international community to support the Crimean Platform.

The summit in Kyiv was preceded by a number of meetings and panel discussions organized by the UWC jointly with the Mission of Ukraine to the EU.



UWC President at the Crimean Platform Summit in Kyiv, August 23, 2021.

The UWC also conducted a powerful advocacy campaign in support of NATO membership for Ukraine ahead of the NATO summit in June 2021. UWC member organizations in 30 nations urged government leaders, mass media, and opinion leaders in their countries to ensure that NATO commits to a Membership Action Plan (MAP) for Ukraine.

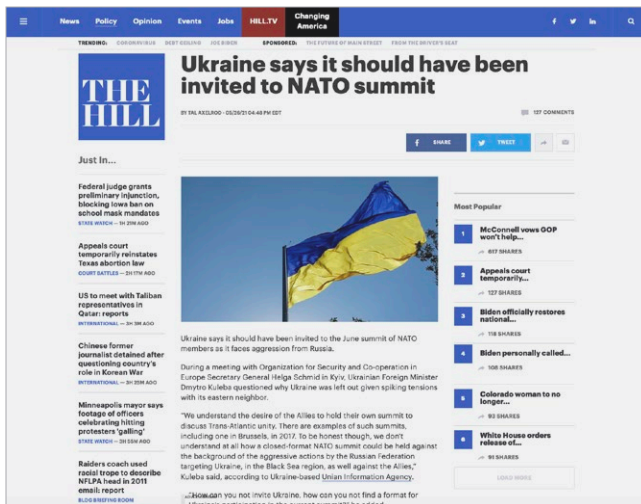
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**PANEL DISCUSSION:
NATO at the Forefront.
Why Ukraine matters for Euro-Atlantic security?**

Opening remarks
Paul Grod
UWC President, Ukrainian World Congress

Moderator
Michael Sawkiw Jr.
Executive Vice President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA)

- Olha Stefaniushyna**
Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine
- Yehor Cherniav**
MP, Head of Ukraine's Delegation, NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- Emine Dzhamalova**
First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
- Linas Linkevicius**
former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania
- Kurt Volker**
former U.S. ambassador to NATO, former U.S. Special Envoy for Ukraine
- Jill Sinclair**
Canadian Representative to the Ukraine Defence Reform Advisory Board



As part of the global campaign in support of Ukraine's NATO membership, UWC gathered leading experts on international relations and security for a panel discussion *"NATO at the Forefront: Why Ukraine matters for Euro-Atlantic security."*

The influential US media outlet The Hill quoted UWC's message to the NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg in May of 2021:

"A clear message of support for Ukraine's MAP will serve to deter further Russian aggression. Furthermore, it will reaffirm NATO's commitment to Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and Euro-Atlantic choice of the Ukrainian people as enshrined in Ukraine's Constitution."

The Atlantic Council, a US think tank, published an op-ed by the UWC President Paul Grod.

Stefan Romaniw, UWC's First Vice-President, wrote an op-ed published in Kyiv Post, Ukraine's largest English-language newspaper, which pointed that *"Russia's aggression against Ukraine is a challenge not only for Ukraine but also for the international community. The bigger the footprint in Ukraine, the more dangerous the situation for Europe and internationally,"*



Standing Against Nord Stream 2

UWC remains at the forefront of the campaign opposing Nord Stream 2

In May 2021, the UWC called upon the federal government and democratic parties in Germany to impose an immediate moratorium on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project. An appeal to this effect was distributed by the UWC and the influential German think tank Zentrum Liberale Moderne (LibMod), which, like UWC, has been designated an undesirable organization by the Russian Federation.

The appeal was communicated to German Chancellor Angela Merkel, which was co-sponsored by many notable European and North American politicians, including former President of Estonia Toomas Hendrik and former Prime Minister of Poland Jerzy Buzek, former ministers, high-ranking diplomats, military officers, Members of Parliaments, respected opinion leaders, and representatives of civil society. UWC reinforced its position on the risks and threats inherent in Nord Stream 2 in the course of numerous meetings with Members of the European Parliament and European NGOs.

UWC continues to lead the #StopRussianAggression public education campaign, supplementing it in 2021 with #PutinsBigLie to counter Russian disinformation.



In June 2021, UWC's President and leadership took part in the US-UA Working Group "Yearly Summit IX: Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card". Joining influential speakers from the United States, Canada, the EU, and Ukraine, Paul Grod called upon the Euro-Atlantic community to step up support for reforms in Ukraine and accelerate Ukraine's NATO integration and membership.

During that conference, UWC Executive Director Mariia Kupriianova chaired a special session on "How the US can best help Ukraine attain its Euro-Atlantic vision – Ukraine's Perspective" with Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, Head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Ukraine's Integration into the European Union.



Members of the UWC delegation and UWC's Mission in Ukraine meet with the leadership of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people in Kyiv, August 2021.

Human Rights

The UWC Human Rights Commission, led by Borys Wrzesnewskyj, is working with the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People to raise international awareness about the ongoing human right violations in Crimea and other Ukrainian territories occupied by the Russian Federation, and to implement the measures established by the Crimean Platform. UWC also supports appeals to national governments and international organizations to recognize the deportation of the Crimean Tatar people as genocide.

The UWC is contesting the illegal decision by Russian authorities to designate UWC activities as "undesirable on the territory of the Russian Federation". In support of the litigation process, the UWC established the Committee on the Protection of Rights of the Ukrainian World Congress and its Network in October 2019, chaired by former UWC President and renowned lawyer Eugene Czolij.

In July 2021, the UWC had to make a difficult decision and suspend membership of all of UWC constituent organizations and their leaders in the Russian Federation. This move became necessary in response to new draconian legislation enacted by Vladimir Putin in order to protect the Ukrainian ethnic minority in Russia from repressions: if citizens of the Russian Federation



Protecting human rights

"Today, it is important to talk not about the past, but about the future: what happens after the de-occupation of Crimea? What will it look like and how will we approach its problems? The indigenous population of the peninsula – the Crimean Tatars – are a key player in the process of deoccupation, and we are glad to be able to cooperate with the UWC with a view toward realizing this common goal."



Refat Chubarov

Head of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people

are found guilty of being involved with "undesirable" organizations such as UWC, they can face up to 6 years in prison.

Another example of Russia's continued violation of human rights and persecution of the Ukrainian ethnic minority is the liquidation of the Prosvita Far East Ukrainian Spiritual Cultural and Educational Centre in Vladivostok. A ruling to that effect was handed down by the Artyom Municipal Court of the Primorsky Krai of the Russian Federation on July 19, 2021, and came into force on August 28, 2021.

In response to the Russian authorities' repressive measures against the Ukrainian ethnic minority, UWC sent an official letter to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet in September 2021.



The UWC has continuously raised the issue of persecution of Ukrainian communities in Russia in international forums. In January of 2021, the issue of the ban on UWC activities and the plight of Ukrainian communities in Russia was raised during a session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) by the Member of the Permanent Delegation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to PACE, Member of Parliament of Ukraine Lesia Vasylenko.



Ukrainian MP and Member of the Permanent Delegation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to PACE Lesia Vasylenko speaks during the PACE sessional meeting in January 2021.

Speaking during a PACE session in early 2021, Ukraine's Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe Borys Tarasyuk condemned the Russian Federation's policy with respect to the UWC and called on the Council of Europe to investigate.

The Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN Office in Geneva Yevheniia Filipenko raised the issue of the persecution of UWC representatives in Russia during a meeting with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.



Preserving Historical Memory

The UWC continues to encourage Ukrainian communities around the world to commemorate the victims of the Holodomor at the end of November. Commemoration takes different forms in different countries: church services, exhibitions, and numerous other events that raise Holodomor awareness, including campaigns calling on parliaments to recognize the Holodomor as genocide of the Ukrainian people in those countries who have not yet done so.



Kateryna Yushchenko speaks at the international forum "Mass Artificial Famines: We Remember. We Honor." September 2021.

On November 27, 2020, during an online event organized by the UWC on occasion of International Holodomor Victims Remembrance Day, the UWC announced a new project: the International Holodomor Descendants' Network. This initiative, launched under the aegis of the UWC's International Coordinating Committee for Holodomor Awareness and Recognition, aims to bring together relatives of survivors of the Holodomor in Ukraine in 1932–33.

The project's goals are to gather and preserve the histories of families affected by the Holodomor-Genocide, raise awareness among descendants of the Holodomor victims on the enduring trauma of the genocide, foster the spirit of cherishing Ukraine's history, commemorate the innocent victims, and present the facts from the history of the Holodomor to counter disinformation and denial.

The Holodomor Descendants' Network is chaired by Olya Soroka, a Ukrainian community activist in Chicago. The Holodomor Descendants' Network provides a global vision and guidelines that are implemented locally through regional networks. The first local networks were established in the United States and Canada. Kateryna Yushchenko, Ukraine's First Lady from 2005 to 2010, became one of the initial Ambassadors of the Holodomor Descendants' Network.

The Holodomor Descendants' Network partners with the National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide, the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory, the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) of the University of Alberta, and the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre.

On May 19, 2021, UWC launched the website and registration for the global Holodomor Descendants' Network www.hdn.ukrainianworldcongress.org

**Join the Holodomor
Descendants'
Network**



The Holodomor Descendants' Network was made possible through the generous donation from the Mys family in Canada, as well as through the support of the Ukrainian World Congress.

The UWC co-organized the international forum “Mass Artificial Famines: We Remember. We Honor” in September, 2021. Participants included UWC President Paul Grod, Chair of the Holodomor Descendants' Network Olya Soroka, and Network Ambassador Kateryna Yushchenko. Speaking at the forum, Paul Grod underscored the UWC's role as an advocate for the recognition of the Holodomor as genocide by all the countries around the world and relevant international organizations, including the UN.

“My aunt and uncle, Mariia and Mykola Mys, thought it extremely important to support the Ukrainian community all over the world. (...) It is very important that we honor and preserve our history as Ukrainians.”

Ivonna Havrylyuk

niece of the donors, the late Mykola and Mariia Mys



The late Mykola and Mariia Mys.

In 2021, the UWC partnered with the Ukrainian government in implementing several very important cultural projects of international significance, namely memorials dedicated to the Holodomor, the Heavenly Hundred, and Babyn Yar. Through the Memorandum of Cooperation signed by the UWC and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in December 2020, the UWC is involved in matters of preserving national memory at the highest levels.

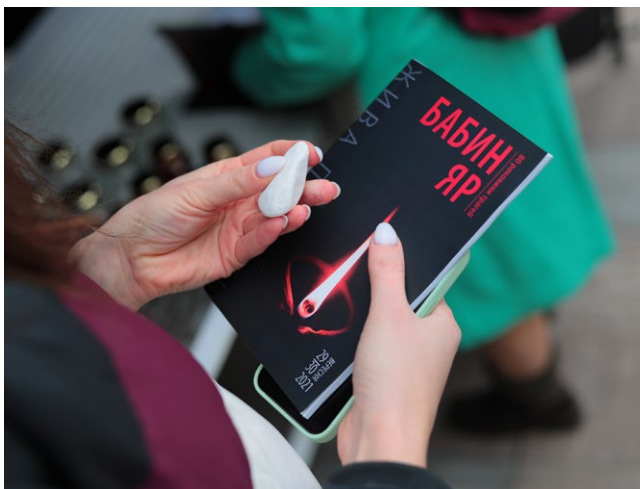


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Babyn Yar: the Living Memory



In August 2021, UWC announced a pledge of \$20 mln USD in support of the Concept of comprehensive memorialization of Babyn Yar that was developed by the Institute of Ukrainian History of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

The memorial events marking the 80th anniversary of the Babyn Yar tragedy in Kyiv at the end of September were supported by UWC in partnership with the Babyn Yar National Reserve, the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory.

"I'd like to thank the Ukrainian World Congress, and Ukraine and Ukrainians for this moving and dignified memorial to Babyn Yar. I know this is the result of years of work. I have visited [Babyn Yar] many times and know that your work will help heal and bring respect and memory to this place and horrific event. Let's hope that it helps ensure that we never forget and learn," – UWC donor, Canada

Thousands of people joined the prayer service, lit virtual candles and laid virtual stones on the babynyar.memorial website.

"It is our duty to protect the memory of Babyn Yar from political manipulations and disinformation which are often used as a weapon in Russia's war against Ukraine. In order to honor the memory of innocent victims and preserve it for the future generations, the UWC supports the state concept of the Babyn Yar Museum and Memorial," – Paul Grod, UWC President.



Ukrainian churches



UWC delegation meets with Major Archbishop Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Kyiv, August 2021.



UWC delegation meets with Metropolitan Epiphanius, Head of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. Kyiv, August 2021.

The UWC steadfastly supports the development and strengthening of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. In August 2021, during meetings with His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Beatitude Epiphanius, Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine, UWC's President reiterated the organization's commitment to supporting the continued growth of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and its recognition in the world.



UWC delegation meets with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Kyiv, August 2021.

The UWC also advocates for the granting of Patriarchal status to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and works with religious and humanitarian organizations such as Caritas and the All-Ukrainian Council of Churches.

"Thank you for representing the world's Ukrainian community and for fostering unity in this community. I pray that UWC can swim against the turbulent currents of our times. Today, in an era of confusion about the most fundamental verities of human existence it is difficult to chart a prophetic course. May God give you the courage, wisdom and patience to do so. May you be not discouraged by destructive criticism or divisive actions of the few"

Borys Gudziak

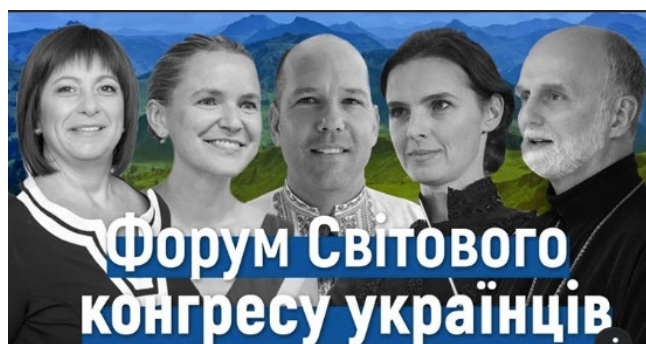
Archbishop and Metropolitan of Philadelphia, Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA, member of the UWC Advisory Council





In April of 2021, UWC leadership participated in the conference “Ukrainian Communities Abroad: Reference Points” that was organized by one of UWC’s strategic partners, the International Institute of Education, Culture, and Diaspora Relations.

2021 marks the 150th anniversary of Lesya Ukrainka’s birthday. Dozens of Ukrainian organizations and communities celebrated this occasion around the world. UWC produced the video “Journeys with Lesya”, in which representatives of UWC organizations from different countries talk about Lesya Ukrainka’s travels. The video was shown in “Ukrainian school” classrooms around the world.



In October 2020, UWC launched the inaugural “United by Ukraine” global online forum. This event brought together Ukrainians from all over the world. The forum was broadcast by Ukraine’s public broadcaster, Suspilne, to the entire territory of Ukraine, including Crimea and areas occupied by the Russian Federation. The online forum raised awareness about UWC’s work and activities.



“Love for Ukraine knows no borders and is not affected by pandemics. We work locally, exert influence globally, and interact remotely.”

Nataliya Poshyvaylo-Towler

UWC Vice-President for the Southern hemisphere

The second “United by Ukraine” online forum was held on August 28, 2021. It was dedicated to the contribution made by the Diaspora and the UWC to Ukraine’s development as an independent state, and showcased achievements of Ukrainians from all continents. Combined, “United by Ukraine” online streams in 2020 and 2021 were watched by almost one million viewers globally!

Watch the 2nd Online Forum “United by Ukraine”



Ahead of the 30th anniversary of the restoration of Ukraine’s independence, UWC launched the “30 under 30” youth initiative. This was the first global initiative that presented young Ukrainians from the Diaspora younger than 30, our communities’ current and future leaders.

Over 120 participants from 24 countries were nominated in just two months. Nomination criteria for the shortlist included: the ability to show initiative, efficiency, creativity, teamwork and leadership skills, participation in volunteer projects, and professional achievements in the country of residence. The complete list of “UWC: 30 under 30” finalists is available on UWC’s website.





Organizers of All-Canadian educational online master-classes organized with support from the IECC and UWC.

The 2020/2021 academic year presented challenges and opportunities. In May 2021, the UWC International Educational Coordinating Council (IECC) was one of the co-organizers of the All-Canadian online conference “Ukrainian Education in Canada: New Realities”, which was attended by Ukrainian educators from 20 countries. The main organizer was the National Education Council of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), supported by the UCC, joined by the Ukrainian Language Education Centre at the University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada) and the educational non-profit “Osvitoria” (Kyiv, Ukraine).

The IECC continues its cooperation with the International Institute of Education, Culture, and Diaspora Relations (MIOK) that is based in Lviv, Ukraine. In 2021, the UWC partnered with MIOK to create the innovative Ukrainian Educational Universe portal, a powerful communication platform for Ukrainian educators developed by the IIEC.

Visit the Ukrainian Educational Universe portal



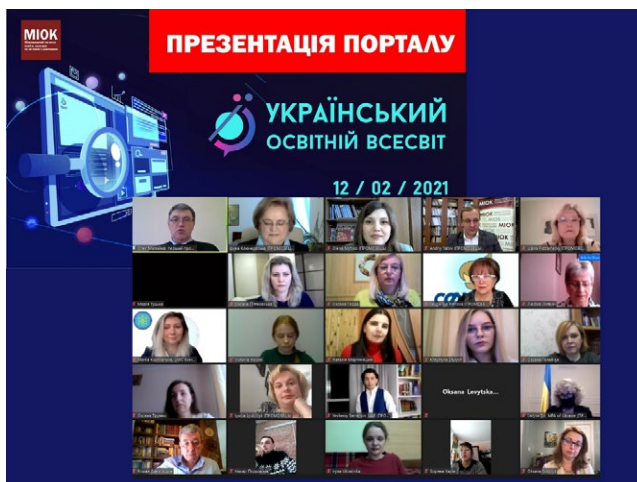
The UWC International Educational Coordinating Council (IECC) and the National Education Council of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) organized a series of webinars for educators in the Diaspora on the use of technology for remote learning. The Ukrainian Education Council of Australia held a series of seminars for educators on effective lesson planning and comparative analysis of learning goals and success criteria. The Ukrainian Educational Council USA of the UCCA held a seminar on the use of art in remote learning.



“Today, thanks to the work of the Ukrainian World Congress and its constituent organizations, Ukrainian voices are stronger than ever, being heard throughout the world. Clear goal-setting and concerted efforts by the UWC and its partners (with MIOK being proud to count itself among the latter) are what is necessary to meet current challenges facing the global Ukrainian community and ensure our future great success.”

Iryna Kliuchkovska

director of the International Institute of Education, Culture, and Diaspora Relations (MIOK)





Enhancing UWC Program Efficiency



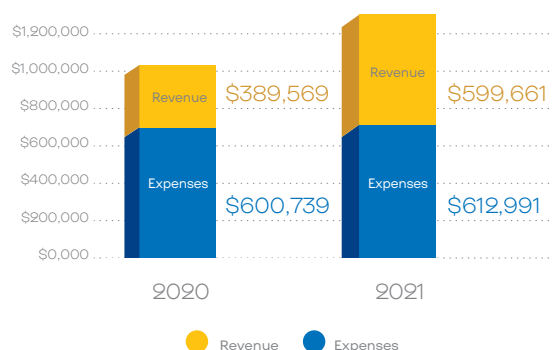
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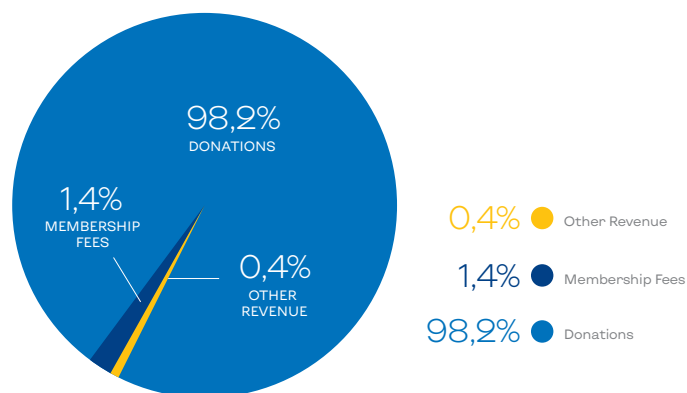
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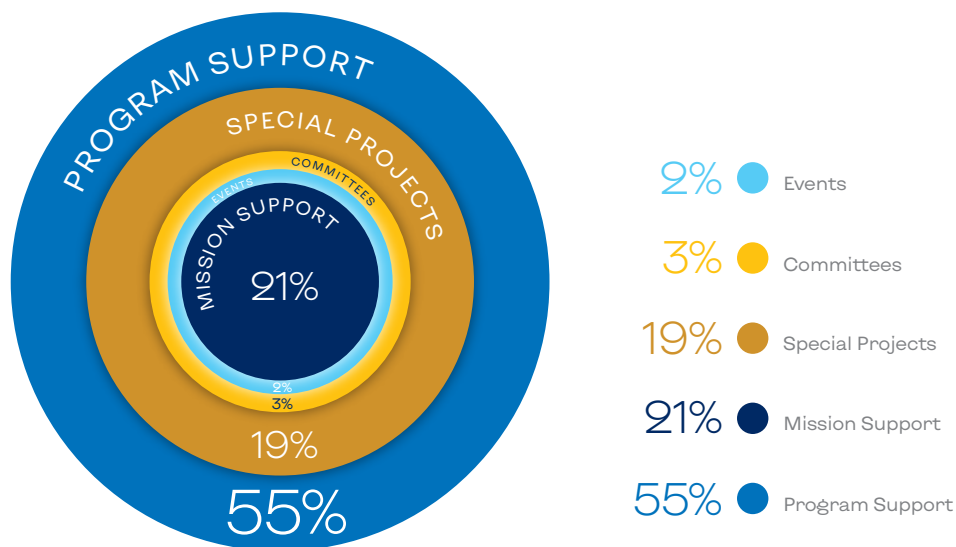
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UWC Revenue Structure
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