

PROMIN REPORT - May, 2011

With the joyous Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we warmly greet His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy, His Grace Bishop Ilarion, His Grace Bishop Andriy, the clergy, and all the members of the Ukrainian Orthodox church of Canada. May the spirit and the light of the Easter Season shine brightly in our hearts throughout the coming year. May we all follow the Commandment of our Lord to "Love your neighbor as yourself".

Mother's Day

We greet all mothers and grandmothers wishing them good health and many happy years with their families. A mother's love is as constant and as never-ending as the passage of time, and a mother's life is one of devotion and many sacrifices. On this special day, and on each day during the course of the year, in our own way, we express our love, gratitude, and appreciation to our mothers; and if our mother is no longer with us, we remember her with a prayer, and thoughts of gratitude for the love and care she gave us throughout her life. On this day, we should also remember other special women, our Godmothers and special aunts, with thanks and appreciation for their love and support. May God Bless and keep all these wonderful women in our lives.

Convention, 2011

The USRL Convention is approaching quickly, and we are encouraging each branch to send delegates. We would like every branch to participate in the discussions, to have their ideas heard and vote on the issues. Every convention gives us direction for the following term and each branch should be part of the decision-making.

- Any Provincial Executive, Convenor, branch or member wishing to send in a resolution (resolutions) should do so by May 31, 2011.
- We ask all Provincial Executives, Convenors, Branches to send in their reports for the convention booklet by May 31, 2011.
- Amendments to the Constitution will be sent out with the newsletter early in May. Please discuss these at your meetings, and be prepared to vote. Please bring your existing Constitution with you.
- When you receive your convention information, you will notice that, as at the last convention, the Museum AGM and Session are taking place starting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 11th. Also, the first UWAC session is to be held at 4:00 -5:30 p.m. on the same day. Please make your travel arrangements so that you arrive in time to take part in these sessions.

Anniversaries

2011 is a significant year for the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada. This year we recognize the 85th Anniversary of our organization, and the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Museum of Canada. We ask each branch to plan a special function in their parish to recognize these important milestones.

To celebrate, the UMC has put together a wonderful tour to Ukraine, where the participants will have the opportunity to visit museums, historical sites, and see beautiful works of art and architecture. To find out more about this tour, please call the UMC at 306 244 3800.

Canadian Museum of Human Rights

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress has been keeping us informed of the developments regarding the Canadian Museum of Human Rights - CMHR, which is to be built in Winnipeg. In 2003, the promises made to the Ukrainian Canadian community by the Asper Foundation stated that the Holodomor and the Internment of Ukrainians would have a permanent and prominent space in this museum, which is to be publicly funded. However, in the final report of the Content Advisory Committee, we see that those pledges have not been honored. The Chief Operating Officer of the CMHR recently stated that only the suffering of the Jews and the Canadian Indigenous peoples will have permanent and prominent assigned gallery spaces. A hundred, or so, other genocides or crimes against humanity would be put together into a "Mass Atrocities" zone. We should not accept this – in a museum that is tax-payer funded all peoples should be fairly and equitably represented.

The UCC has called on all Ukrainians to take action by writing their Members of Parliament of their displeasure, and by signing the petition which has been circulated. Very recently the UCC sent out packages of post-cards to sign and send to your MP. If you received this package of postcards in your community, please take the time to pass them to all members of your branch and parish. We must stand united in this matter so that the genocides suffered by Ukrainians are not slighted.

Ankety

We urge all branches who have not yet submitted their ankety to send them in as soon as possible, as the deadline date is fast approaching. Your anketa must be sent in soon if you wish to participate in the convention.

A heartfelt thanks to all the branches for their generous donations. Your donations to the Church, to the various needs and charities, and to the needs of our Association are much appreciated. A mandate of our UWAC is to serve and help where help is needed, and you are following what we need to do.