

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Now and Forever!

With the New Year, 2008, we greet the Provincial Executives, and the Executives and Members of all the branches, and wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year. Most of the annual meetings have already been held, and I wish all the new executives a good term in office, and much success in all their endeavors.

1. Office

Our National Office is located in the Ukrainian Museum Headquarters. We have settled into our new location, it is very adequate for our needs, and everything is working out well. Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the UMC Boardroom.

2. Website

We're reminding everyone that the UWAC website is being updated with new information. We will be adding news and information as the need arises, and we are inviting you to visit the website on a regular basis.

If your branch has news or information that they would like to share, send it along to us either by letter, fax, or e-mail and it will get posted.

The website address is: www.uwac-national.ca

3. Constitution

There have been suggestions from the membership that our UWAC Constitution needs to be looked at, and possibly some revisions may be required. We are now in process of putting together a Constitution Committee. We would like each region to have a representative on this committee, therefore we're asking each Provincial Executive to name someone from their province to sit on this committee.

4. Convenorships

The list of National Convenors is still not complete. We would like a National Convenor from each province for each of the following departments:

* Promin'

* Benevolent

* Cultural Arts

* Women's Issues

* Museum

* Archives

* National/International Ukraine
Affairs

* Ukrainian Education (Includes Jr. CYMK, Sadochok, Ukrainian School)

My hope is that with a National Convenor in each province, working with the Provincial Convenor who is in touch with the Branches, each department will stay active within each province. Communication, and sharing of ideas and activities will benefit everyone, and enhance the work being done. We hear now and then that sometimes branches feel "disconnected" from what is going on, and working closely together is certainly one way to stay "connected".

If anyone from any branch in the province has a special interest in any one of these convenorships, we need you, so please let your Provincial President know.

We have sent the list of Duties for each department to the Provincial Presidents, and they can get this info to you, or you may contact the National Office directly to receive the necessary information.

5. Chaplaincy Program

The Joint Standing Committee recommendation of the Chaplaincy Program was supported by the 2007 National Convention. We encourage each Provincial Executive and each branch to accept this decision and request a Chaplain for their executive or branch. You would need to ask the Metropolitan to name your Chaplain, (a short request asking him for his Blessing of the naming of the Chaplain).

This does not mean that the Chaplain would attend all your meetings, as this could put undue hardship on the priests, especially in the areas where there are multiple branches. The Chaplain is to be the Spiritual Advisor for the branch/ Executive. He can be asked for advice when needed, or he can be asked to speak on certain topics of interest. The chaplain for our National Executive is Father Taras Makowsky.

6. Certificates

The issue of the cost of certificates and the cost of mailing was discussed at the 2007 convention, and it was left to the new Executive to review and make the final decision. Consideration was given to the Convention discussion as well as the high mailing costs. The new prices are as follows:

* \$5.00 per certificate

* \$7.00 for shipping and handling (across the board)

7. Inventory

We are reminding all members and branches that we have a fairly large inventory of books and other materials in our office of which a partial list is attached.

We ask you to please remember these materials when considering buying gifts, awards, prizes, etc.. We need to move this stock so that we don't have to keep moving it from office to office, as the cost of shipping is relatively high.

8. We encourage all our members to subscribe to our journal, Promin'. Promin' is our tool for communication, therefore, we encourage all branches to submit articles of interest for publication. I know that there are many events taking place in the branches that would be of interest to everyone. We also ask the National Convenors to submit articles regarding work being done in their departments.

We learn from each other when we share, and there is no better way to reach our membership than through Promin'. It is a wonderful tool with which to keep in touch with each other. Let us continue to use it. We can glean from the interesting and informational articles found in each issue.

9. Holodomor

As part of the commemoration of Holodomor, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress has launched the Holodomor Commemorative Campaign to raise funds for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and Holodomor awareness. It is very important for us as Ukrainians to have this tragic event in our history recognized in this Museum, in order to maintain permanent awareness of this very sad chapter, so that succeeding generations of Ukrainians, as well as others, will never forget. When this campaign is launched, it is our hope that our people will respond

positively and do what they can to assist.

10. SUSK Congress (Ukrainian Canadian Student's Union)

Many of you may have received this info from UCC, but, if not, I will re-print it for your information. This congress will be held in Toronto in February, so the time for us to act is short. "Dear UCC Member organizations:

It would be nice if our organizations and branches could find a way to help the local student clubs participate. A few hundred dollars would be a nice gesture and could cover a large portion of a student's air ticket.

Remember, SUSK is an important training ground for future leaders of our community. During SUSK's downtime over the past several years, our community has really felt the absence of the trained student cadres.....

It is everyone's responsibility."

You may be approached by a student attending the congress for assistance. If possible, please help in any way you can.

Attn. All branches in Saskatchewan: There is only one student from our province going to this congress, and is asking for some help. He is Matthew Pasloski who is a part-time employee in the library at our Museum. It would be nice if our branches responded positively with help. He has his air ticket covered, but requires help with accommodation costs. Please respond by calling Matthew at the museum (Phone- 306 244 3800).

Once again we extend our very best wishes to you and your families for a great year. May you all stay healthy, and may 2008 bring you all that is good.

God Bless!

Zennia Yuzik

President, Ukrainian Women's Association Of Canada