

Newsletter Three

November, 2008

CONSTITUTION

As you have already been informed, we are reviewing our constitution, and some parts will likely be rewritten. It came to our attention that not all the members are familiar with the constitution, therefore we have sent a package of Constitution booklets to each branch.

We are looking for input from each province, therefore we ask you to look at the constitution, and if your branch has a suggestion for change, or if you question any part of it, please send your ideas in to your provincial representative on the Constitution Committee soon as possible. The Constitution Committee is made up of the following people:

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HONORED

Orysia Sushko received the highest distinction awarded by the Ukrainian World Congress, the St. Volodymyr Medal, at the IX World Congress of Ukrainians which was held in Kiev, Ukraine on August 20-22, 2008. We congratulate Orysia on achieving this high honor, and we thank her for her many contributions to our organizations. We wish Orysia continued good health, and much more success in all her endeavors.

CONVENTIONS

I had the privilege of attending three Provincial CYC Conventions this fall. The Eastern convention was held on October 4-5 at St Demetrius Church Auditorium in Toronto. In Saskatchewan the convention was held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Auditorium in Saskatoon on October 24-25. The Manitoba convention was held at St. Andrew's College on November 4. Each convention had a different theme, and each theme was very relevant to all our component organizations. It was a pleasure for me to attend these gatherings. One of the greatest rewards of attending conventions is meeting all the members and making new friends. I congratulate each Provincial CYC Executive for organizing these successful gatherings, and I thank them for their warm hospitality.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

At the National CYC Convention, which was held in Winnipeg in August, 2007, a resolution was passed stating that each National Executive, Provincial Executive, and Branch of each of the component organizations have a chaplain. Annual Meetings take place in the fall, and we are encouraging the branches that have not yet named their chaplain to do so. The chaplain does not have to attend all your meetings, but he is to be the spiritual guide, and you can turn to him for advice, or invite him to speak to the members on various topics.

INVENTORY

We now have available the Child's Companion, the Canadiana, and Ukrainian Embroidery – Designs and Stitches, as well as Feast Days of our Church. These will be added to the items for sale on our website.

PROMIN

The 50th Anniversary of Promin will be celebrated in 2010. We encourage each branch to begin making plans on how you will honor this event. Your ideas, especially unique ideas, can be shared in our journal.

At both conventions, Eastern and Manitoba, resolutions were passed regarding Promin. These resolutions, in summary, urged all members to subscribe to the journal. They also stated that each branch and Provincial Executive should develop a unique recognition event for the purpose of realizing a sound financial basis for Promin's successful existence. They called for members to submit articles of general interest, and articles regarding organizational events. These resolutions are mindful of the success of our journal, and we all should carefully consider those ideas. Please include a donation along with any articles you send in, especially if you are sending in a photo.

Another interesting idea was brought forth, and that is more advertising in Promin. This could work very well for all parties concerned, and will be looked into.

Again, we urge all convenors to send reports of what is happening in your province, and share any ideas that are working well for you.

HOLODOMOR

The week of November 16-22 is designated as National Holodomor Awareness Week. Let us all take part in any ceremonies marking this genocide that are held in our communities. We must make certain that all our youth become well-informed about this tragedy, so that it is never forgotten. Enclosed is the communiqué from the UCC for your information.

We received information from Yuriy Luhovy, the producer of the film “Harvest of Despair”, that he is now in the process of producing a new documentary film on the famine-genocide titled “Genocide Revealed”. This documentary will be ready for the November marking of the 75th Anniversary. He is asking for financial support for this work. If anyone is so inclined, cheques can be *made out to*:

La Maison de Montage Luhovy Inc.

Re: Famine-Genocide film (at the bottom)

and *mailed to*: 2330 Beaconsfield Ave. Montreal, Quebec H4A 2G8

For an income tax receipt please write cheque out to:

UCC – Famine-Genocide Film

and mail to : 2330 Beaconsfield Ave., Montreal, Quebec H4A 2G8

A list of donors will be published.

MEMBERSHIP

We are encouraging each branch, wherever possible, to work extra hard at increasing membership this year. Whenever increasing membership is involved, there are usually many creative ideas brought forth. This year, let us list these creative ideas, pick whatever best suits your situation, and put them to work, and grow. We will be looking forward to hearing of your experiences. Also, try the contact list. If anyone from your community is moving elsewhere, and there is a UWAC branch there, help them by contacting that branch, and introducing them. It is much easier to come into new surroundings if they already know you are coming, and you know someone you can contact there.

EMAIL

We are going to be sending the newsletters by email to those branches that have an address. If no one on the executive has an email address, perhaps there is a member with email who would be willing to be the contact person for the executive. Please let us know if this is possible for you.

We are also planning on sending the Anketa forms by email as well. We’ll be keeping you informed on our progress.

On behalf of the executive, I wish all of you good health, and much success in your work this year. Christmas will soon be upon us, and I wish you and your families much happiness in celebrating that joyous holiday, with all its wonderful traditions which we all love and which are so meaningful to us.

God Bless!

Zennia Yuzik