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**ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ СЛАВІМО ЙОГО**

**CHRIST IS BORN LET US GLORIFY HIM**

It is our sincere wish that you the readers of this newsletter had a Joyous and Blessed Christmas season. We greet you and your families with the new 2013-year. May this New Year bring you good health, success, good fortune, and God's Blessings. May you and your families be blessed with God's Love and Grace.

Крайова управа Союз Українок Канади щиро вітає вас дорогі члени і вашу родину з новим 2013 роком. Хай цей рік принесе усім міцного здоров'я, успіхів, щастя, добра, і благополччя. Хай Божа ласка і любов благословить вас і вашу родину.

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## **SHARING NEWSLETTER WITH MEMBERSHIP**

This Newsletter is sent to a minimum of two people in each Branch – President and Alternate Contact. We ask that these individuals disseminate or share the information with all their members. Our email database is not yet complete, but we are sending the Newsletter to as much of the list as we have ready.

## **BIENNIAL CONVENTION AUGUST 22 TO 25 2013**

The biennial convention of UWAC and the CYC family will be held at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon Saskatchewan, August 21 to 25, 2013. The theme “ Embracing Change” is very engaging and we ask all Branches to plan to send delegates to the convention so that together we can begin to transform our community to better fulfill our needs. How do we do this? A very sincere thank you to Vivian Skakun, 1<sup>st</sup>. vice President, for providing a synopsis of changes we need to make to strengthen our community. This synopsis is on pages seven to ten of this newsletter. Please read it and give it some thought.

Very shortly you will be receiving from the convention committee, a convention package with further details. In the meantime there are several things that Branches can do to prepare for the convention.

1. Select delegates. Each Branch can send 2 delegates for the first ten members and one delegate per every 25 members thereafter.
2. Submit resolutions to the Resolution committee Chair, Carla Kozak by April 15. A resolution is a statement of what you wish the assembly to consider. We are calling for these in advance, because they need to be well thought out and researched before the convention. Sometimes when we make resolutions on the spur of the moment, we may not be aware that they are already in place. The resolutions committee has prepared a sample format on pages 11 and 12. If you have an idea, but are having difficulty wording it, contact the National Office and a committee member will assist you.
3. Awards of Excellence are awarded at the convention. Consider nominating a deserving member. Nominations must be submitted to the Provincial/regional USRL President. The Provincial USRL executive selects a maximum of three worthy recipients per Province/Region. The National CYC office must receive nominations by June 01. The nomination form can be

- downloaded from the following website: [www.usrl-cyc.org](http://www.usrl-cyc.org) The list of previous recipients is also included on this website.
4. Each Branch President and each Provincial President is required to submit a report for publication in the convention booklet. These reports should be submitted to the National Office by June 15 2015. ) The following are guidelines for what to include in your report: the number of members; frequency and types of meetings (executive, general, other); list events that were held; indicate how you reach out to the community; list the things that were successful; state what support was provided to the church (monetary and in kind); state what other organizations were supported. You are welcome to submit other additional information regarding Branch activities. If you have email access forward in Times New Roman, font size 11 to the National office – email on front page of this newsletter. If you do not have email access we accept handwritten reports.

### **ANKETA**

Forms are being mailed to each Branch. The Anketa is your Branch report on activities carried out in 2011. Completion of the report is the responsibility of the President and Treasurer. We ask that these be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is very important, because our yearend is May 31, and we must have this information before this date in this a convention year. Although mentioned on the form, please remember that you are to forward a copy of your Anketa to your Provincial Executive as well as to the National Executive.

### **CONSTITUTION**

Two copies of the revised constitution were sent to all Branch Presidents who submitted Anketa. Additional copies are available from National Office at a cost of \$5.00 that includes GST and postage.

### **PROMIN**

Promin is the official journal of UWAC. We encourage all members to subscribe to this bilingual journal. For those who are receiving it, please check the expiration date on the address label. If you are in arrears, we appreciate you remitting your subscription so that we do not have to send a renewal notice to you. A very sincere thank you to Branches that have submitted articles and donations.

## **UKRAINIAN VOICE**

Ukrainian Voice is encouraging Branches to submit articles to their newspaper. The readership is somewhat different from Promin, hence you can report on the same activity to both Promin and Ukrainian Voice. Articles to Ukrainian Voice should be addressed to the attention of Dr. Ed. Klopoushak at email [edklop@sasktel.net](mailto:edklop@sasktel.net) At the present time there is no additional charge for submission to Ukrainian Voice, although donations and subscriptions are welcomed.

## **UWAC BROCHURE**

UWAC Brochure has been updated to reflect the current status of the Association. Branches may wish to order these for new member packages, and for recruitment purposes.

## **CERTIFICATES AND PINS**

**Certificates and Add-On Pins to the Smoloskyp** are available from National Office when honouring members for years of service. Add-on pins are now available for the following years of service: 10; 25; 30; 40; 50; 60; 65; 70; 75; 80.

## **BRANCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Please let National Office know when your Branch is celebrating a special anniversary. We congratulate the Dominika Ohienko Branch of the Lac La Biche Alberta District on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrated Sept 23, 2012 and the Olha Basarabova Branch in Calgary on their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrated on Nov 04, 2012.

**If Our Archives Could Speak** Check out this website initiated by UWAC Calgary Branch on the occasion of their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary <http://uwac-calgary.ca> [uwac.calgary@gmail.com](mailto:uwac.calgary@gmail.com) This project collaboratively records their 80-year legacy. Congratulations on a creative initiative!

**An Example of Working Together as a CYC family.** When the St. John's Institute launched its capital campaign, the Alberta Branches of UWAC and coordinated by the Alberta Provincial Executive, undertook to raise \$25,000. In recognition of this donation, the Institute named the Boardroom – the UWAC (Alberta) Boardroom. Thank you to all the Branches that contributed to this project.

## **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

**UWAC** is a member of four organizations: National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC); Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC); World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations (WFUWO), and Ukrainian World Congress (CKY).

**WFUWO** held its Tenth Congress in Toronto Oct 11 – 15 2012. Representing UWAC as delegates at the congress were: Dobr. Katerena Sencio, Halia Scherbluk, Yaroslava Balaura, and Vera Melnyk all of Toronto; Marusia Wenger of Montreal; Sonja Bejzyk of Winnipeg, and Geraldine Nakonechny of Edmonton. A very sincere thank you to these UWAC members who devoted five long days to the very informative deliberations and discussions. We were very pleased and honoured that this assembly of Ukrainian Women from 13 different nations elected as their President for 2012 – 2017, one of our own members – Orysia Sushko. Orysia is the first Ukrainian Orthodox member to hold that position. Sonja Bejzyk will serve as one of the vice presidents and Constance Czorney is recording secretary. Congratulations to these new executive members! You may be asking about the goals and activities planned by this organization. I am therefore including an address by Orysia Sushko that presents the planned focus of WFUWO. See pages 13 to 15.

**NCWC** is the voice of Canadian women to the Canadian Government. They advocate for issues important to our families and to Canadians in general.

The Annual Meeting is rotated throughout the country and this year will be held in Vancouver B.C in June 2013. There are very significant resolutions being presented. Check out NCWC's website [www.ncwc.ca](http://www.ncwc.ca) for details.

**UCC** is the communication vehicle to government on matters of concern to Ukrainians in Canada. E.g. they were responsible for encouraging the national recognition of Holodomor; coordinating election monitoring in Ukraine, etc. A new initiative is the development of a website "that will feature a Ukrainian Canadian Artists Directory, resource section, and Profiles on varying arts groups and individuals in Canada". In order for this to happen, we ask your assistance in ensuring that artists in your area are aware of this new tool. The object is to celebrate our Ukrainian roots and promote the work of the artists. There is no cost to the artist. For more information, check the website <http://nac.ucc.ca> or contact the Co Chair of this project – Andrea Kopylech at 780 288 0911

or [akopylech@gmail.com](mailto:akopylech@gmail.com) Also please inform any teachers you may know that UCC is sponsoring a Holodomor Educators Conference in Toronto May 10 to 12 2013 in conjunction with the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holodomor. UCC's Triennial Congress will be held in Toronto Nov 7 – 10, 2013.

**CKY – Benevolent Committee** is requesting member organizations to assist Social services in various regions of Ukraine. The needs vary and therefore it is recommend that any Branch interested in assisting, contact the region to identify the specific needs. In most cases they are looking for used articles such as dishes, pots, clothing, in good condition. The UWAC representative to this benevolent committee is Darcia Moskaluk Rutkay and may be contacted at [odarka@look.ca](mailto:odarka@look.ca). The list of regions requiring assistance is on page 16.

## **SUMMARY OF 2013 DATES TO NOTE**

April 1	Submission of Anketa
April 15	Submission of Resolutions
May 10 -12	UCC Holodomor Educators Conference - Toronto
June 1	Awards of Excellence Nominations to CYC
June 7 and 8	NCWC Annual Meeting - Vancouver
June 15	Branch and Provincial Reports submitted for Convention Book
August 21– 25	58 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention - Saskatoon
November 7– 10	UCC Triennial Congress – Toronto



### **Embracing Change For a Restorative Community**

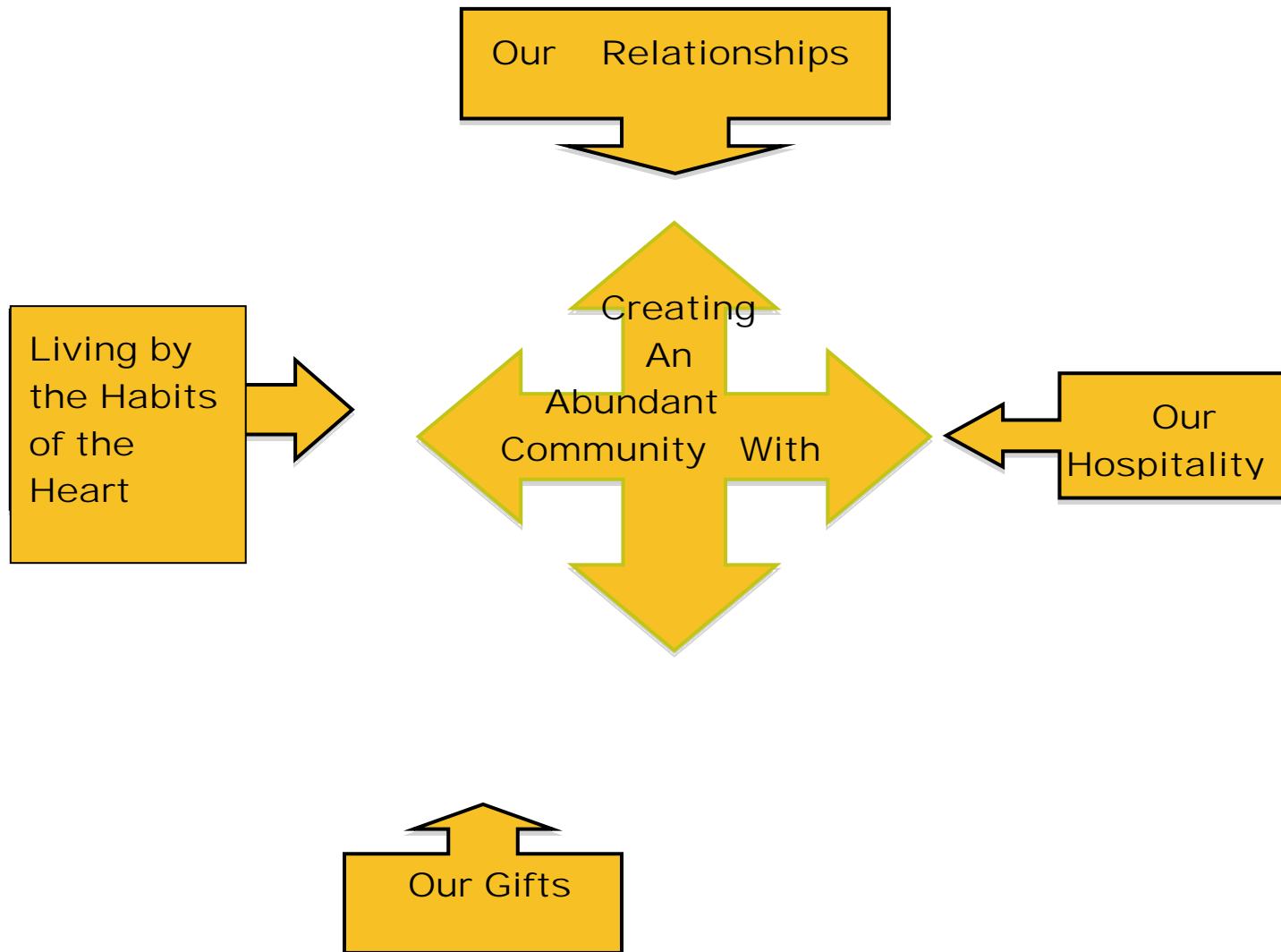
This essay will be a very brief synthesis of Orthodoxy and theory from secular disciplines in relation to the possibilities for change. Rt. Rev. Dr. Oleh Krawchenko in his publication “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow” suggests we consider five items for the future of our church, of which one is building community/congregation.

St. Andrei Rublev’s icon “Holy Trinity” also known as “The Hospitality of Abraham” (Genesis 18, 1 -15) is the story of three strangers visiting Abraham and Sarah by the oaks of Mamre. This Old Testament Scripture represents the revelation of the Godhead, The Trinity – God The Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit - three persons in one. The icon of the Holy Trinity conveys unity, love and communion. The ‘Trinitarian Way of Being’ is at the heart of Orthodoxy and includes the following three aspects: “(i.) Understanding personhood, (ii.) Understanding [what sobornopravnist is] what hierarchical conciliarity means and (iii.) Understanding what it means to live life in communion of love”. (See *Oriented Leadership: Why Every Christian Needs It*, p. 83) Internalizing these aspects would influence how we relate to each other, how we govern and how we lead, what it means to be a servant leader and help us realize what it means to be good stewards in our Eucharistic Community. As Orthodox laity and clergy if we understood these aspects of Orthodoxy we would have stronger communities living in harmony. Excellent references for a fuller understanding include Schmemmann, Meyendorff, Williams and Zizioulas.

What changes do we need to embrace to create “community transformation” or a “restorative community”? If we are to do things differently, we need new lenses or need to “change our mental model”. We have focused on what is not there, the half-empty cup. John McKnight and Peter Block in their book *The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods* refer to this mode of thinking as the scarcity model or the needs-based way of thinking resulting in competition for limited resources. They call this approach the “Consumer Way”. This approach stifles innovation, partnership and appropriate leadership. Instead we should change our approach to the “Citizen Way”. To move from a consumer culture to a citizen culture we depend on our gifts, our associations, our relationships, and our hospitality (See Figure One). When we join our gifts together “they become amplified, magnified,

productive and celebrated” (McKnight and Block, 2012, p.4). When we are hospitable “we welcome strangers because we value their gifts and need to share our own.” (McKnight and Block, 2012, p.5). Similarly Abraham and Sarah welcome the three strangers that appear as angels and host them to a meal. In the icon this is our welcome to share in the Eucharist Cup in our Eucharistic community.

**ELEMENTS OF AN ABUNDANT COMMUNITY (Figure one)**



Peter Block refers to the scarcity model as a “retributive context” that is based on a “culture of fear, fault finding and fragmentation”. This “retributive context” interferes with producing change as it serves to fragment our community, reduces trust, reciprocity and accountability. When we lay blame, we excuse ourselves from taking responsibility and convey an attitude of entitlement. In a “stuck community” one that “markets fear, assigns blame and worships self-interest”, we continue to ask “What is wrong?” and “How do we fix it?” Although this approach may bring about some improvements, it hampers us from coming up with creative



and innovative thinking. Instead we should ask, “What are the possibilities?” and “Who cares?” Margaret Wheatley in *Turning To One Another* states that “when we ask ‘Who cares?’ we invite others who are also passionate about an issue. When we ask ‘What is possible?’ it opens up to unprecedented creativity.” When we make the shift from consumer way to the citizen way we create competent community. Block defines competent community as “the capacity of the place where we live to be useful to us, to support us in creating those things that can be produced only in the surrounding of connected community” Culture is defined as “composed of ways that people have developed to survive a particular place.” The way to competent communities is through community conversations. Block expands on many components that contribute to community transformation or community reformation. When we have our community conversations the way we word our questions will determine the level of commitment and accountability. Study of all the kinds of conversations we have, will impact the kind of outcomes we desire.

To sum up:

The study of the symbolic representation of the icon “Holy Trinity” or the “Feast of Abraham” interfaced with the technical information about community building in John McKnight and Peter Block’s book *The Abundant Community* as well as Peter Block’s book *Community: The Structure of Belonging* is a good beginning for strengthening our community.

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## xGuidelines for Resolutions

1. The resolution has a title which shows what it is about.
2. The resolution deals with a matter that is national in scope.
3. “Whereas” clauses show the reasons for the policy to be established and actions to be taken.
4. “Resolved” clauses clearly state the policy to be established and actions to be taken.
5. A background section is included, in the form of either a rationale or a short bibliography of sources with facts or figures to confirm the accuracy of the “whereas” clauses.

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Sample of a Resolution:      **National Food Policy**

**Whereas (1)** a small group of companies has gained control over our food supply and are generating huge profits; and

**Whereas (2)** Canada is losing self-sufficiency in food due to urban growth (which destroys good farmland) and lowered prices to farmers for their products (which leads to farm bankruptcies); and

**Whereas (3)** Canadian farmers cannot compete globally against lower agriculture and labour standards in other countries; and

**Whereas (4)** many families in Canada cannot afford nutritious food; therefore be it

**Resolved (1)** that the Ukrainian Women’s Association of Canada adopt as policy that Canada have a national food policy; and be it further

**Resolved (2)** that the Ukrainian Women’s Association of Canada urge the Government of Canada to formulate a national food policy and related programs that

- a) expand our capacity for food production,
- b) ensure sustainable production, distribution and usage,
- c) build long-term sustainable farm incomes,
- d) preserve good farmland,
- e) ensure that international trade agreements involving food are based on science, fairness, consistency and enforceability and
- f) provide safe and nutritious food for all Canadians, including those with low income.

### **Background**

1. Empowering Canadian Farmers in the Marketplace, A Report by the Honourable Wayne Easter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food. Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, July 2005

“International trade deals and the WTO have greatly increased exports in the agriculture and agri-food sector, but farmers’ share of that wealth remains disastrously low...The agri-food sector is controlled by a relatively small number of large multinational corporations...The big companies that provide farmers with inputs on the upstream side and that buy their products downstream are increasingly concentrated and powerful. International trade rules apply to countries but not to large corporations which have been able to consolidate and to diminish competition in their sectors.”

“The farm income from market sources fell deeply in the 1980’s and farmers have never recovered...Many are locked in a deep and continuing economic crisis...It is long-term and systemic – and it is global...The research indicates that farm gate prices have remained stagnant or even declined while prices to consumers have consistently increased. Farmers’ share of the food dollar from the marketplace has been declining sharply, but farm costs have dramatically increased...Since 1984, the real price of a market basket of food has increased by 2.8% while the farm value of that food has fallen by 37.7%”

“Resolution of the farm income crisis will require both national and international efforts to shift the balance of power and profits back toward primary producers.”

“Governments must adopt a firmer stance during international trade negotiations... Foreign products should meet the same quality, safety, health, environmental and labour standards as Canadian products to enter the country.”

2. Why Canada Needs a Food Policy, by Wayne Roberts. UVic Campus Community Gardens Newsletter; February 1, 2009.

“...As many as ten percent of the people of Canada...cannot afford nutritious food throughout the year... We spend billions more managing food waste than on (the problem of) under-nutrition of kids from low-income families... we are losing our best farm lands, and young people are refusing to enter careers in food production that guarantee only poverty-level wages... We are missing the opportunity of paying farmers a fee to become stewards of clean air and water.”

3. National Food Strategy; Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Jessica Goodfellow, Project Co-ordinator, July 2010.

“It is imperative that Canada develop a long-term food strategy that will provide citizens with a secure understanding that we will be able to feed ourselves and contribute to the world’s food needs in the years to come through sustainable production, processing and distribution of food... Canada must expand its capacity for food production and processing through improved infrastructure, investment in research and development and adoption of progressive policy and regulation.”



**СВІТОВА ФЕДЕРАЦІЯ УКРАЇНСЬКИХ ЖІНОЧИХ ОРГАНІЗАЦІЙ**  
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**To: WFUWO Member Organizations**  
**Esteemed Colleagues!**

More than a month has passed since the Tenth Congress of the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations, at which resolutions were passed and plans were set in motion for the next five years of our work together.

Before I share with you my views for WFUWO's future goals and activities, I wish to first extend my sincere gratitude to the millions of Ukrainian women world-wide, for your untiring efforts as protectors of the Ukrainian family, and simultaneously, of the global Ukrainian community. During 65 years of its existence, WFUWO's value as an organization has proven itself over and over again, evidenced by the collective accomplishments of our members around the world. The evidence can be seen in a myriad of tangible ways, one example of which is by joining forces with the United Nations UNODC Committee's Blue Heart campaign to combat Human Trafficking. Our achievements are built on a shared heritage and history, and propel us forward into a young century rife with new and complex challenges. The diversity and strength of our cooperative efforts continue equipping us to tackle modern obstacles standing in the way of any woman holding her rightful place of dignity in society. As we diligently weave these threads of care and conviction, our tapestry thickens, ever eliminating more and more of the cracks that women's rights risk falling through.

That being said, I believe there are always more ways to strengthen the links between our women's organizations in the Diaspora and in Ukraine, intensifying our focus even further. For example, the protection and preservation of the Ukrainian language, accurate historical records, culture and traditions require even greater consolidated effort on our part. At this time more than ever, we must not let up on these efforts as our brothers and sisters in Ukraine need our support in their struggle to become a truly independent and democratic nation once and for all.

As I alluded to earlier, we will continue our focus on the preservation of family values, including proper moral and religious education of our youth, and an instilling of the 'Ukrainian spirit', that which was handed down to us by our ancestors. It is important to instill in our younger generation a sense of dignity and worth, so that they do not fall under the influence of harmful current trends.

We will continue to educate the international community about Holodomor, and ensure that the world recognizes Holodomor as a genocide of the Ukrainian people at the hands of the destructive Soviet empire. It is imperative that we do our part to ensure that such an atrocity is never repeated again, in any country in the world.

We will intensify our focus on protecting the rights of women in Ukraine and in our respective countries of settlement, especially the millions of women - "zarobitchanok"- who have left Ukraine for work in other countries to support their families in Ukraine. The role of women in our society is indispensable to the preservation of our national identity. When we review the history of the Ukrainian people, we become aware of the critical role played by Ukrainian women from the very beginning of the nation's history, beginning with Anna Yaroslavna.

We will continue to avail ourselves of our position as an NGO in consultative status with the United Nations to continue raising issues of importance to the Ukrainian community worldwide, and specifically issues related to women's rights and freedoms.

As we are all aware, the eradication of human trafficking is at the forefront of our efforts today. We will continue to raise community awareness of this heinous crime, and further mobilize our efforts to fight this atrocity. We will continue to promote the Blue Heart Campaign as set out by the United Nations UNODC Committee. Our communities in Italy and other European countries keep us apprised of situations where trafficking has affected Ukrainian women working there, and are doing all we can to build an infrastructure of education and safety.

These are but a few of the fundamental themes that require our continued undivided attention. We must always be prepared for new challenges as they arise, mobilizing our international resources to react in a timely and effective manner.

Immediately after the Tenth Congress of WFUWO, we issued a media release stating our views on the recent elections to the Verkhovna Rada in Ukraine. We supported the position expressed by the Ukrainian World Congress as a result of the findings of the election observers, who found the election fraught with illegal and unethical practices.

As you may already know, the United Nations has declared this year "The Year of the Girl", with a focus on her place in society, her opportunity for an education, and the meeting all of her basic needs. WFUWO can actively participate in working toward these common goals by initiating engaging programs and activities within our respective organizations. These may include educational workshops on the importance of the family unit, opportunities for education and healthcare, relationships with peers, participation in public life, freedom of religion and human rights, among others. These were some of the areas touched on by Mrs. Iryna Kluchkovska, Director of MIOK, in her speech to the Tenth Congress of WFUWO.

In response to the UN's call to action, and recognizing that the definition and role of the family is possibly the greatest influence on the shaping of our younger

generation's world view today, the first meeting of the WFUWO Executive Board chose the theme of "Family" as a special priority for WFUWO during the next year. The theme of "Family" is broad and varied, encompassing not only the nuclear family relationship, but also the relationship between younger and older generations, between children and parents, the preservation of Ukrainian language and traditions within the family, to name just a few. We will continue to encourage the active participation of girls and young women from Ukrainian families in WFUWO, to share their experiences and broaden their awareness of the challenges at hand. At our next AGM, we will ask our member organizations to report on their programs related to the "Family".

At our first executive meeting, we also discussed the necessity of improving our website, which serves as our "face" to the international community. We encourage WFUWO member organizations in the diaspora and in Ukraine to send us news and information about your activities and initiatives to be included on our website.

I urge you to be bold and proactive in your organizational efforts. Do not hesitate to dialogue with us about your suggestions, comments, feedback, or concerns about any aspect of our common cause. All of your input will be reviewed and discussed at our executive meetings, and we will maintain an open dialogue with you at all times.

Along with this message, I am including the resolutions adopted at our Tenth Congress, and encourage you to put forth a concerted effort to implement them. Again, I and the executive members are always ready to receive your questions, concerns and feedback, as well as your success stories.

Once again, I am honoured that you have entrusted me with the responsibility of this office, and I look forward to working together with all Ukrainian women worldwide to increase our collective impact on the vital issues facing us today.

God be with us!

Orysia Sushko  
President, WFUWO

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