

UCCA PRESIDENT ATTENDS PRESIDENT ZELENSKY'S INAUGURATION AND HOLDS HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN KYIV

UCCA President Andriy Futey traveled to Kyiv to participate in the Inauguration of the President of Ukraine. Futey, who is also VP of the UWC, was officially invited to attend the Special Session of the Verkhovna Rada on May 20th to witness Ukraine's newly-elect president take the oath of office. UWC and UCCA were the only NGOs and diaspora representatives present during the special session. During his inaugural speech, President Zelensky pronounced that today there are 65 million people with roots in Ukraine and emphasized that Ukraine needs the knowledge, experience and mentality of the diaspora. He called for Ukrainians to return to Ukraine, promising Ukrainian citizenship to those who are prepared to build a new, strong and prosperous Ukraine.



L to R: Futey greets President Zelensky; Amb. Volker, A. Futey & Secretary Perry; Futey meets President Zelensky prior to meeting.

UCCA President along with UWC President Pavlo Grod met with President Zelensky on the following day to outline priorities for supporting Ukraine in its battle with Russia's military aggression, economic development of Ukraine and strengthening the ties binding all Ukrainians wherever they may live to create one powerful voice. We called on President Zelensky to continue countering Russian aggression, realizing the Euro-Atlantic aspirations of its people, and bolstering Ukraine's international trade and economic relations. At the same time we outlined a number of immediate risks to Ukraine including the completion of the NordSteam2 pipeline, weakening of sanctions by Europe and reinstatement of Russia into the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. The President of Ukraine agreed with UWC's assessment and committed to continue to advocate on these issues, including the de-occupation of the Donbas and Crimea."



L to R: Meeting with President Zelensky; Meeting with former President Poroshenko; Meeting with FM Klimkin and Amb. Prystaiko.

Futey also held a series of other high-level meetings, including with: former President Petro Poroshenko, Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin, Ukraine's Ambassador to NATO Vadym Prystaiko, Vice Prime Minister Stepan Kubiv and Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, MP Hanna Hopko.

GENEROUS DONATIONS TO UCCA

UCCA would like to acknowledge the generous donations received since February 25th in response to our 2018 End of Year Appeal to support the work of UCCA and our special collection to support our Election Observation Mission.*

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UCCA would also like to thank all those that donated through our UCCA Facebook Page and through Network for Good.
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UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS ANNUAL MAY APPEAL

Today the Ukrainian people face many serious challenges that threaten to destabilize Ukraine as a sovereign state and extinguish the national identity of Ukrainians around the world.

Over the past 50 years, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) has been at the forefront of issues that are important to Ukrainians around the world and continues to do so today. We have unified and represent the interests of more than 20 million Ukrainians living in over 60 countries. The UWC continues to actively support the development of strong Ukrainian communities around the world. Together we ensure that the world recognizes and remembers the Holodomor and the international community stands with Ukraine against Russia's ongoing aggression.

To continue the UWC's important work, UCCA urges its members to donate generously to the UWC May Fundraising Campaign.

Your tax-deductible donation to the UWC can be sent to the UCCA National Office located at:
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203 Second Avenue,
New York, NY 10003.

UCCA RELEASES FINAL ELECTION REPORT & PHOTO MONTAGE

Following UCCA's Election Observation Mission (EOM), which monitored the March 31st presidential election and April 21st decisive run-off elections, the EOM Leadership released its final report, which reflects UCCA's support for Ukraine's democratic electoral processes as well as provides an impartial and accurate account of Ukraine's 2019 presidential elections.

UCCA also published a photo montage of the work of our Election Observation Mission.



Should you like a copy of the 13-page report and/or the photo montage, please contact the UCCA National Office either by phone at (212)228-6840 or email EOM's Coordinator, Tamara Olexy at tolexy@ucca.org.