

UCCA PRESIDENT TRAVELS TO UKRAINE FOR HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS

During the week of August 23rd, UCCA President Andriy Futey visited Ukraine as part of the Ukrainian World Congress' delegation to participate in various events commemorating the 27th anniversary of Ukraine's renewed independence.



In addition to the celebratory events, the UWC delegation met with representatives of the Churches, Verkhovna Rada Speaker Andriy Parubij, First Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Stepan Kubivym, Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Ivanna Klimpush-Tsintsadze, Deputy Head of the Ukrainian Presidential Administration Konstantin Eliseev and Rostislav Pavlenko, Minister Foreign Affairs Pavlo Klimkin, Minister of Internal Affairs Arsen Avakov, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada's Foreign Affairs Committee Hanna Hopko, leaders of parliamentary factions and committees, representatives the western diplomatic corps, and a wide circle of NGO representatives.



Also, the delegates spoke at the XIII Meeting of the Heads of Foreign Diplomatic Missions of Ukraine with the participation of Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives of Ukraine to international organizations, and took part in the 2nd SCUMO Congress.

During the meetings, many important issues were discussed, including: the development of cooperation between the diaspora and Ukraine, the international commemoration of the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor in Ukraine and in the world, the common defense of the European and Euro-Atlantic aspirations of Ukraine, support of international initiatives in the sphere of Ukraine's security, development of the civil sector, and international election observer mission for the upcoming elections.

In addition to the UWC meetings, A. Futey held an extended meeting with the US Ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch, to discuss the current US - Ukraine strategic partnership as well as a brief opportunity to meet with National Security Advisor Amb. John Bolton.

"SECRET DIARY OF SYMON PETLIURA" TO BEGIN ITS U.S. TOUR

UCCA is pleased to announce that the long-awaited premiere of UCCA's fourth co-produced Ukrainian-historical feature film with director Oles Yanchuk- "The Secret Diary of Symon Petliura" - will take place September in Kyiv.

Helmed by Ukraine's premier director of historical dramas, Oles' Yanchuk, *The Secret Diary of Simon Petliura* takes an unprecedented look at the short-lived Ukrainian People's Republic (UNR), which declared an independent Ukraine in 1918, and the later assassination of the UNR's chairman, Symon Petliura in Paris in 1926, orchestrated by the Kremlin at the start of the Soviet occupation of Ukraine. This film will debut in Kyiv on September 5, 2018, as a joint production of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the Dovzhenko Film Studios, the Ukrainian State Film Agency, and Ukraine's Ministry of Culture.



Following the Kyiv premier, the film will be screened at the following U.S. locations:

Saturday, October 6th – Kerhonkson, NY

Saturday, October 6th at 7PM – Ukrainian National Home, NYC

Sunday, October 7th at 12PM, Ukrainian Home UAYA, Yonkers, NY

Sunday, October 7th at 5PM at the Ukrainian Home, Passaic, NJ

Monday, October 8th at 7PM – Ukrainian Cultural & Educational Center, Jenkintown, PA

Should your community like to screen the film in your location, please contact the UCCA National Office.

85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLODOMOR

On September 1st the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) together with its partners, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance and National Museum “Holodomor Victims Memorial”, launched the international action “Light a candle of remembrance!” to mark the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor. In the 85 days until International Holodomor Memorial Day on November 24th, a candle will be lit daily in a different part of the world uniting Ukrainians and friends of Ukraine in remembrance of the innocent victims of the genocidal policy of the Stalin regime, while raising awareness of the issues of human rights, respect and tolerance. The remembrance flame will begin its 85-day journey across five continents in Kyiv, at the National Museum “Holodomor Victims Memorial” and conclude on November 24th in Kyiv at the Ukrainian national commemoration of the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor. We encourage everyone to follow the global journey of the remembrance flame by visiting Facebook www.facebook.com/UWCongress/ and sharing it with your family, friends, co-workers, government officials and media representatives. Let us remember while raising awareness and sharing the story of the Holodomor!

Additionally, UWC is calling for descendants of Holodomor survivors throughout the world to add their voice to awareness and education initiatives on the international, national or local levels. Our goals are to Remember the victims of the Holodomor with dignity; Understand and honor the survivors of the Holodomor respectfully; Achieve appropriate recognition of this genocide by the international community; and, Ensure that the story of the Holodomor continues to be shared by future generations. Should you choose to add your name to the UWC database being created, we will share with you information on activities that are either in progress or being developed to achieve our goals. Sharing the story of the Holodomor widely is in the interest of the entire Ukrainian nation. To succeed we need your voice! Please be assured that your name will not be shared with any third party or attached to any initiative without your express approval. To add your voice, please visit - <http://www.ukrainianworldcongress.org/index.php/id/835>

NOVEMBER 17TH

To mark the culmination of the 85th anniversary year of the Holodomor - Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-1933, UCCA will be holding a requiem service (panakhyda) at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. The annual commemoration will be held on Saturday, November 17th at **4:00PM** (please note time change). This year's requiem service will be preceded by a solemn march of which details will be forthcoming.

UWC XI CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN KYIV, NOVEMBER 25-27

To coincide with Ukraine's official commemoration of the 85th Anniversary of the Holodomor, the Ukrainian World Congress will be holding its XI Congress on November 25-27, in Kyiv, Ukraine.

The XI UWC Congress will review the work of the UWC for the period of 2013-2018, discuss statutory matters and topics of relevance to the Ukrainian community. The Congress will also highlight the primary focus of its activity for the next four-year term. On November 27th, delegates of the XI UWC Congress will elect a new Board of Directors.

As a founding and integral member of the UWC, UCCA is allotted 50 voting delegates to the Congress. Therefore, should any UCCA member or member of UCCA member organizations like to serve as a delegate from UCCA, please contact the National Office at your earliest convenience.

Once you have been registered as a delegate, the UCCA National Office will keep you abreast of the XI Congress' program as well as lodging options during your stay in Kyiv.

UWC COMMEMORATIVE COIN AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



In honor of last year's 50th Anniversary of the Ukrainian World Congress, the National Bank of Ukraine issued a limited edition commemorative coin (pictured above). These historic coins are now available for purchase. Should you like to have a part of history, please send a check or money order made out to UCCA in the amount of \$15 (includes shipping and handling) and send it to:

UCCA – UWC Coin
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