



## UCCA PRESIDENT TRAVELS TO UKRAINE AND EUROPE

During the last week of August, UCCA President Andriy Futey traveled to Ukraine to participate in various events commemorating the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukraine's renewed independence.



In addition to the celebratory events, Futey participated in a meeting with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, as a member of the Ukrainian World Congress' Executive Board. On the eve of Ukrainian Independence Day, on August 23<sup>rd</sup> UWC leadership discussed with President Zelenskyy continued cooperation in defending the interests of Ukraine throughout the world, and further developing effective ties between the Ukrainian diaspora and Ukraine.



Other issues touched upon during the meeting were: the next steps in supporting Ukraine internationally, securing its economic development and growth in foreign investment, and improving Ukraine's legislative framework to strengthen the cultural, social and political rights of Ukrainians abroad and support their return to Ukraine. Joint actions related to the realization of the European and Euro-Atlantic aspirations of Ukraine, consolidation of the international coalition in combating Russian aggression, furthering of reforms in Ukraine, reinforcement of the positive image of Ukraine in the world, protection and support of the Ukrainian language in Ukraine and throughout the world, and furthering international recognition of the Holodomor as genocide of the Ukrainian people.

Afterwards, Futey travelled to: Rzeszow, Poland and attended the Kongres 60 Milionow, where he addressed Polish, Ukrainian and American Relations; to Warsaw, Poland where he participated in official events on the 80th Anniversary of the Outbreak of World War II; to Berlin, Germany to attend the Ukrainian World Congress' Annual General meeting and then back to Kyiv, Ukraine where he attended the Yalta European Strategy (YES) Conference and held official meetings with with the new Speaker of the Parliament of Ukraine, Dmytro Razumkov, Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko, Head of the Security Service of Ukraine Ivan Bakanov, and Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Verkhovna Rada Bohdan Yarenenko.

## UNITED UKRAINIAN AMERICAN RELIEF COMMITTEE CELEBRATES 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, UCCA sent its greetings:

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America warmly greets its member organization, the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC) on its 75th Anniversary!



UCCA, as the founder of the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, appreciates the activities of your organization and wishes you further success in your humanitarian work for the good of the Ukrainian community and the indomitable Ukrainian people.

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of UUARC, we pay tribute and recognize all those who have worked hard and diligently for the good of their organization, the Ukrainian community in the US, Ukraine and throughout the world.

## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Executive Board and Board of Directors of the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee invited the Ukrainian American community to celebrate UUARC's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, PA, on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

## UCCA RESPONDS: RUSSIA DOES NOT BELONG IN THE G7

In responding to a question raised by the media, President Donald Trump gave the wrong answer when asked if Russia should be reinstated into the group of the world's largest advanced economies, the G7. Speaking in the Oval Office while seated alongside President Klaus Iohannis of Romania, President Trump announced that "it's much more appropriate to have Russia in [the G7].... I could certainly see it being the G8 again. And if somebody would make that motion, I would certainly be disposed to think about it very favorably."

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization for over 1.5 million Americans of Ukrainian descent, once again strongly denounces the suggestion that Russia be allowed back into the G7. UCCA denounced similar proposals made by President Trump in 2018, which were met with rejection by the leaders of Germany, Canada, the United Kingdom, and France at the 2018 G7 summit, as well as Senators John McCain, Ben Sasse, and Chuck Schumer among other leaders in Congress.

In proposing this change in United States policy, President Trump either disregarded, or was unaware that in 2014, the G7 canceled their planned summit in the Russian city of Sochi, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula – the first forced annexation Europe had seen since the Second World War. Along with canceling the planned summit, the G7 countries issued the Hague Declaration, which unequivocally tied Russia's expulsion from the G7 to its actions in Ukraine: "We condemn the illegal referendum held in Crimea in violation of Ukraine's constitution. We also strongly condemn Russia's illegal attempt to annex Crimea in contravention of international law and specific international obligations. We do not recognize either... Today, we reaffirm that Russia's actions will have significant consequences." Since that declaration, Russia has only increased these transgressions, while continuing to undermine democracy in Europe.

"To be clear, it would not be 'more appropriate to have Russia in' the G7," stated UCCA President Andriy Futey. "Until the Russian Federation ceases its actions in Ukraine, and removes itself from all internationally recognized Ukrainian territory, Russia must remain suspended from membership in the group of the world's largest advanced economies, as its actions in Ukraine contravene the principles and values on which the G7 operate," Futey concluded.

The United States, as the bastion of democracy in the free world, and the President, as its Executive, must take the lead in promoting international norms, defending basic human rights and freedoms, and charting a course of geopolitical stability. The President could start by visiting Ukraine in the coming months, and see first-hand why Russia does not belong in the G7.

## THE UKRAINIAN QUARTERLY CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF PUBLICATION

This year marks the 75th anniversary of **The Ukrainian Quarterly**, UCCA's journal of Ukrainian and international issues that was launched in 1944.

Coming out of World War II and with the threat of Soviet Russian expansion looming over the world, UCCA decided to launch the journal in order to provide the academic community, scholars, journalists and pundits, researchers, elected officials as well as interested individuals with credible, insightful articles and analytical commentaries about one of Europe's largest and misjudged countries – Ukraine. Its regular contributors have followed Ukraine's difficult, centuries-long quest for permanent independence while its enemies, notably Russia, ceaselessly sought to quash it. The Quarterly's roster of distinguished writers possess unique foresight to recognize and explore the direction of political, military, intellectual, religious, cultural and civic affairs in Ukraine, Eastern Europe, as well as the free world and beyond. As the first Board of Editors penned when introducing *The Ukrainian Quarterly* in 1944, the goal of the publication is "to inform the world of the true state of Ukrainian affairs." Given Russia's continued propaganda, the justification for publishing this journal holds true to this day.

UCCA is committed to continuing the publication of the only English-language journal dedicated to Ukraine and hopes you will help UCCA keep *The Ukrainian Quarterly* on the desks of readers for many years by subscribing to this publication.

The next issue of *The Ukrainian Quarterly* will appear in October 2019.

To subscribe to *The Ukrainian Quarterly*, please contact the UCCA National Office.

## AD MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that UCCA's Executive Board learned of Jaroslaw Fedun's passing on August 4<sup>th</sup>. As a long-time member of UCCA – serving both as the former president of the Passaic/Clifton Branch and former member of UCCA's national Executive Board, Mr. Fedun will be sorely missed. Mr. Fedun was also the former president and board member of the Self-Reliance Federal Credit Union (now Nova UA).

UCCA sends its sincerest condolences to his wife Luba, his children, grandchildren and entire family.

*May he rest in peace! Vichnaya Pamyiat!*