SHARE THE STORY

NATIONAL HOLODOMOR AWARENESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 18-24, 2013
Eighty years have passed since famine raged through Ukraine eradicating the lives of millions of children, women and men from one of the world’s most bountiful lands. This was the Holodomor, the Ukrainian famine-genocide of 1932-33.

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress with its member organizations throughout the country annually organizes National Holodomor Awareness Week with the goal of uniting Canadians in paying tribute to the memory of the victims while celebrating the determination and future of a nation.

On this 80th anniversary, we focus on the stories being shared by those who survived. We are eternally grateful to the survivors for courageously reliving their painful memories to help us better understand this terrible period in Ukraine’s history.

Halyna, who lived through the Holodomor in the Poltava oblast, is one of many survivors who have unlocked their memories. She summed up her fate with the following words:

“We never had a youth. We were guilty. We just didn’t know of what, of what sins. Simply because we were called Ukrainians. But we survived. I’d like to think we survived so that someone would be left to tell the story.”

Join us in remembrance during National Holodomor Awareness Week 2013. And in memory of the millions of innocent lives lost ... Share the Story.

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**The Crime:** Being Ukrainian

**The Judge and Jury:** Joseph Stalin

**The Verdict:** Guilty

**The Sentence:** Death by starvation

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National Holodomor Memorial Day

Saturday, November 23, 2013

Pause for a moment of silence at 19:32 local time.
Light a candle of remembrance in your home.
Participate in events and memorial services in your local community.

Ukraine remembers – the World acknowledges
In the early 1930s, in the very heart of Europe - in a region considered to be Europe's breadbasket - Stalin's Communist regime committed a horrendous act of genocide against the Ukrainian people. An ancient nation of agriculturists was subjected to starvation, one of the most ruthless forms of torture and death. The government imposed exorbitant grain quotas, in some cases confiscating supplies down to the last seed. In many villages special troops were brought in to gather any and all food that could be found. The territory of Soviet Ukraine and the predominantly Ukrainian-populated Kuban region of the Northern Caucasus (Soviet Russia) were isolated by armed units, so that people could not go in search of food to the neighbouring Soviet regions where it was more readily available. The result was the Ukrainian genocide of 1932-33, known in Ukrainian as the Holodomor, or extermination by famine.

The Numbers

- The 1931 harvest was 18.3 million tons of grain.
- The 1932 harvest was 14.6 million tons of grain.
- The 1933 harvest was 22.3 million tons of grain.
- The Soviet regime dumped 1.7 million tons of grain on the Western markets at the height of the Holodomor.
- At the height of the Holodomor Ukrainian villagers were dying at the rate of 25,000 per day or 1,000 per hour or 17 per minute.
- Children comprised one-third of the Holodomor victims in Ukraine. Large numbers of children were orphaned and became homeless.
- The Ukrainian population was reduced by as much as 25 percent.

The Denial

- The Soviet Government refused to acknowledge to the international community the starvation in Ukraine and turned down international offers of assistance.
- Welsh journalist Gareth Jones first alerted the world in 1933 to the rampant starvation in Ukraine.
- Walter Duranty of the New York Times set the tone for most of the Western press coverage with authoritative denials of starvation. According to British Diplomatic Reports, however, Duranty conceded off the record that "as many as 10 million may have perished."
The Genocide

The Holodomor conforms to the definition of the crime according to the UN Convention on Genocide. The Communist regime targeted the Ukrainians, in the sense of a civic nation, in Soviet Ukraine, and as an ethnic group in Soviet Russia, especially in the predominantly Ukrainian Kuban region of the Northern Caucasus.

The Recognition

Internationally, 16 countries have officially recognized the Holodomor as an act of genocide.

In Canada, the Government of Canada unanimously passed Bill C-459, the *Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (“Holodomor”) Memorial Day Act* which came into force by Royal Assent on May 29, 2008. The Act recognizes the Holodomor as an act of genocide and proclaims the fourth Saturday of each November Holodomor Memorial Day.

The Provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec have passed similar legislation.

The international campaign continues for all countries of the world, and the United Nations to recognize the Holodomor, Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-33 as a genocide of the Ukrainian people.

The Story

80 stories marking the 80th anniversary are featured on a web site: [www.sharethestory.ca](http://www.sharethestory.ca).

These 80 stories, as told by survivors living around the world, are representative of the stories of so many who experienced the wrath of a genocidal policy deliberately implemented with the goal of destroying a nation.

This project was made possible with a donation in memory of two boys, Vasyl and Sashko, whose surviving brother Mykola never forgot how they died of hunger in the spring of 1933, in the village of Kozatske, Sumy oblast.

Paul’s Story

- ... people tried to escape from Ukraine to the Crimea ... They thought that there would be no famine in the Crimea. Dzhankoi was the first train station in the Crimea, and people were taken off the trains there, and were not allowed to go any further ... So in Dzhankoi many died.

village of Cherhen, Zaporizhzhya oblast

Tina’s Story

- In the spring of 1933 they planted peas right by the village, not far from our home. When children saw that peas had been sown, they came to collect the peas. The guard came and beat the children with a club. Those poor children began to scream and run away, some couldn't even run yet ...

village of Krasnosivka, Zhytomyr oblast

Join us in sharing the story of the Holodomor

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Commemorating the 80th anniversary

Holodomor — Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-33

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Kelowna
November 30, 7 pm – Holodomor: Murder by Starvation, one-man play by Fr. Edward Evanko, Dormition of the Mother of God Parish

New Westminster
November 18-24 – Black Flag Installation, Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Sts. Peter & Paul, Kyivan Patriarchate, 304 - 8th Street

Vancouver
November 23, 11 am – Holodomor Commemoration, St. Mary’s UOC, 10765 135A St., Surrey

Vernon
November 24 – Memorial services, St. Mary’s UOC and St. Josaphat’s UCC

Victoria
November 15, 1:30 – Workshop: Teaching the Holodomor, University of Victoria, MacLaurin Building, Room D110. Sponsored by Ukrainian Studies Endowment at University of Victoria

November 16, 1:00 pm – Holodomor: Murder by Starvation, one-man play by Fr. Edward Evanko, Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 3277 Douglas Street

Information: www.ukrainianvancouver.com

ALBERTA

October 2 – Orwell and the Refugees, The Untold Story of Animal Farm. Presented by Andrea Chalupa (New York). Sponsored by: UCC National Holodomor Awareness Committee in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Students’ Union, UCC APC and University of Alberta Ukrainian Students’ Society

November 21, 6 pm – P’s and B’s dinner meeting - Status of Current Research on Holodomor with Dr. Bohdan Klii, Danish Canadian Club

November 23, 12:30 pm – UCC Edmonton Holodomor Commemoration, Edmonton City Hall

November 26 – Commemoration of 5th anniversary of Bill 37, Alberta Legislature with UCC APC

November 27 – Holodomor Memorial Day: Edmonton Catholic School System

Information: www.uccab.ca

SASKATCHEWAN

November 17 – Holodomor Features in Sunday Post (Regina) and Sunday Phoenix (Saskatoon)

November 18 – Regina LeaderPost and Saskatoon Star Phoenix web sites

Foam Lake
November 23, 7 pm – Ukrainian Holodomor 1932-1933 Commemoration, Collective Farms, Common Graves, Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church

Rama
November 23, 7 pm – Holodomor Commemoration, Rama Golden Jets Center

Regina
November 14, 12 noon – Provincial Commemoration of the Holodomor, Ukrainian Famine-Genocide, Rotunda, Legislative Building

November 14 – Holodomor Memorial Day: Regina Catholic School District
**Saskatoon**

**November 1-30** – UCC Saskatoon Black Flag Installation Holodomor Awareness Exhibit, Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School

**November 17**, 6:30 pm – Memorial Service followed by film screening, All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church

**November 18-24** – Holodomor Awareness display, University of Saskatchewan, by the Lesya Ukrainka statue. Sponsored by University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students’ Association

**November 20**, 7:30 pm – Holodomor Presentation by Brenda Kocur, St. Petro Mohyla Institute, 1240 Temperance St., Register at admin@mohyla.ca

**November 21**, 7 pm – Film screening: *Genocide Revealed* by Y. Luhovy, Father O’Donnell Auditorium at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan Campus. Sponsored by University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students’ Association

**Information:** www.ucc.sk.ca

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**Winnipeg**

**September 30**, 2 pm – U of M, 7 pm - U of W. *Orwell and the Refugees, The Untold Story of Animal Farm*. Presented by Andrea Chalupa (New York). Sponsored by UCC National Holodomor Awareness Committee and the Ukrainian Canadian Students’ Union, University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, Ukrainian Students’ Association and UCC-MPC

**October 25**, 7 pm – *Social Justice and Human Rights Teaching through Holodomor Education*. Presented by Valia Noseworthy, Chief Peguis School

**October 28**, 7 pm – *Mennonites and Ukrainians under Stalin. Our Human Rights, Lost and Found.* Co-sponsored by Mennonite Heritage Centre, Canadian Museum for Human Rights, UCC-MPC


**November 4**, 11 am – *Revival of National Memory in Ukraine* with historian Volodymyr Viatrovych (Ukraine). In Ukrainian with simultaneous translation. St. Andrews College, University of Manitoba, 29 Dysart Road

**November 13**, 11:30 am – *Minorities in interwar Poland*. Presented by Robert Kusnierz (Poland), University of Manitoba, Faculty of Education, 71 Curry Place

**November 13**, 7 pm – *Holodomor 1932-1933. The view from the Polish Foreign Ministry Archives*. Presented by Robert Kusnierz (Poland). Sponsored by: UCC-MPC, Department of German and Slavic Studies (U of M), Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre - Oseredok, 184 Alexander Avenue East

**November 17**, 6 pm – Holodomor Memorial Service in chapel followed by screening of *Harvest of Despair*. Installation of black flags, Holy Family Home, 165 Aberdeen Avenue


**November 19**, 1 pm – *New Technological Resources in Teaching Holodomor*. Presented by Dr. Orest Cap and Dr. Denys Hlynka, University of Manitoba. Faculty of Education, 71 Curry Place

**November 20**, 2:30 pm – *Researching the Holodomor of 1932-33: based on the example of the Sumy Oblast*. Presented by Hennadiy Ivanushchenko. In Ukrainian. Sponsored by: Department of German and Slavic Studies, and the League of Ukrainian Canadians. University College 201, University of Manitoba


**November 22**, 7 pm – *Holodomor: Murder by Starvation*. A play by Fr. Edward Danylo Evanko (British Columbia). Sponsored by: UCC-MPC. Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 965 Boyd Avenue
Winnipeg (continued)

**November 23**, 1:30 pm – International Holodomor Memorial Day. Community Memorial Service and Holodomor Commemoration Program. Holodomor Monument, Winnipeg City Hall, 510 Main Street

**November 24**, 12:30 pm – Holodomor Commemoration Program. Guest Speaker Hennadiy Ivanushchenko (Ukraine). Sponsored by Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Mary the Protectress. 820 Burrows Avenue.

December 6, 7 pm – Canada’s Press and the Holodomor. Presented by Jars Balan (Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta). Co-sponsored by: UCC-MPC, Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Mary the Protectress. 820 Burrows Avenue.

Information: www.ucc.mb.ca

ONTARIO

Hamilton

October 9 – Orwell and the Refugees, The Untold Story of Animal Farm. Presented by Andrea Chalupa. UCC NHAC in partnership with SUSK, McMaster Ukrainian Students’ Association and UCC Hamilton

November 18-22 – Black Flag Installations at Hamilton City Hall, Hamilton Central Library, Burlington City Hall, Stoney Creek Civic Centre, Ukrainian churches in Hamilton and Burlington

November 12, 6 pm – Screening of Genocide Revealed by Y. Luhovy, Stoney Creek Civic Centre

November 17, 2 pm – Screening of Genocide Revealed by Y. Luhovy, Hamilton Central Library

November 18, 6:30 pm – Screening of documentary Harvest of Despair, Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 241 Kenilworth Ave. N.

November 20, 12-6 pm – First Holodomor Museum in Canada open to public, Metropolitan Vasyly Learning Centre; Book Launch “Eevahn” by Eugenia Powers, 6:30 pm, Hosted by Ukrainian Women’s Association of Canada, Lesia Ukrainka branch, Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Vladimir, 855 Barton St. E.

November 22 – Holodomor Awareness Activities organized by McMaster Ukrainian Student Association

November 22 – Holodomor Memorial Day: Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

November 23, 2 pm – Screening of Genocide Revealed by Y. Luhovy, Burlington Central Library

Hamilton (continued)

November 24, 3:30 pm – UCC Memorial Service and Program, Guest speakers: Fr. W. Makarenko, Andrea Chalupa, Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Road, Burlington

Information: 905-643-0585

Kitchener-Waterloo

October 6 – Orwell and the Refugees, The Untold Story of Animal Farm. Presented by Andrea Chalupa (New York). Sponsored by: UCC NHAC in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Students’ Union, and University of Waterloo Ukrainian Students’ Association

London

November 18-23 – Black Flag Installations - London Ukrainian Centre, 247 Adelaide St. S.; Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 151 King Edward Ave.; Ukrainian Catholic Church of Christ the King, 707 Nelson St.; London Central Library, 251 Dundas St.

November 18-23 – Exhibit and literature display, London Central Library, 251 Dundas St.

November 21 – Holodomor lecture, London Central Secondary School, Grade 12

November 24, 12:30 pm – Commemorative Program with screening of Genocide Revealed by Y. Luhovy, London Ukrainian Centre, 247 Adelaide St. S.

November 1-24 – Candle of Remembrance at liturgies in Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox Churches

Mississauga

November 22 – Holodomor Memorial Day: Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Oshawa

November 10, 2:30 pm – Research on the Holodomor in Sumy Oblast, Historian Hennadiy Ivanushchenko, screening of Konstantyn Bokan – One of Ten Million Victims, Ukrainian Centre Dnipro, Sponsored by LUC.

November 18-24 – City of Oshawa Holodomor Awareness Week; Black Flag Installations: City Hall, Ukrainian churches and Dnipro Cultural Centre

November 22 – Holodomor Memorial Day: Durham District School Board

November 24 – Memorial Service, Candle lighting and screening of Konstantyn Bokan – One of Ten Million Victims by Ucrainica Research Institute, Lvit Hall (St. George’s Church)

Information: walterkish@gmail.com
Ottawa

**October 3** – *Orwell and the Refugees, The Untold Story of Animal Farm*. Presented by Andrea Chalupa (New York). Sponsored by: UCC National Holodomor Awareness Committee in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Students’ Union, and Carleton University Ukrainian Students’ Club

**November 10**, 3 pm – Commemorative Concert featuring Roman Hurko’s *Panakhyda/Requiem* performed by the Ewashko Singers, Saint John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Crescent. Sponsored by UCPBA Ottawa

**November 23**, 1 pm – UCPBA Memorial Service and Proclamation by the City of Ottawa, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Cres., Taras Shevchenko monument.

**November 24**, 9:15 am – Divine Liturgy followed by a memorial service, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine

Information: 613-737-4412

St. Catharines

**November 18-24** – Black Flag Installation: St. John the Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church

**November 24** – UCC Commemorative Program with candle lighting, charity food drive and screening of *Konstantyn Bokan – One of Ten Million Victims* by Ucrainica Research Institute, Ukrainin Black Sea Hall

Toronto

**October 10** – *Orwell and the Refugees, The Untold Story of Animal Farm*. Presented by Andrea Chalupa (New York). Sponsored by: UCC National Holodomor Awareness Committee in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Students’ Union

**November 4-10** – LUC exhibit *Holodomor: Genocide by Famine*, North York Civic Centre

**November 11-17** – LUC exhibit *Holodomor: Genocide by Famine*, Scarborough York Civic Centre

**November 18-24** – LUC exhibit *Holodomor: Genocide by Famine*, Toronto City Hall

**November 18-24** – Exhibit featuring 19 volumes of the National Book of Remembrance of Victims of the Holodomor 1932-33 in Ukraine (Natsional’na Knyha Pamyati), Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre, 10 am-5 pm

**November 22** – Holodomor Memorial Day: Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board

Toronto (continued)

**November 23**, 6:30 pm – UCC Toronto Holodomor Commemoration, Toronto City Hall

**Windsor**

**November 24**, 1:15 pm – Memorial Service, Holodomor Monument, Queen Elizabeth Gardens; 2 p.m. - Memorial Dinner St. Vladimir’s Cathedral hall including a screening of *Genocide Revealed* by Y. Luhovy

QUEBEC

Montreal

**October 4** – *Orwell and the Refugees, The Untold Story of Animal Farm*. Presented by Andrea Chalupa (New York). Sponsored by: UCC National Holodomor Awareness Committee in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Students’ Union, McGill Ukrainian Students’ Union and UCC Montreal/QPC

**November 22**, 6:30 pm – Screening of feature documentary film *Okradena Zemlya*, narrated by Bohdan Beniuk, (filmmaker Yurij Luhovy will be present), Ukrainian Youth Centre (Dim Molodi) in Rosemount. Sponsored by UCC-Montreal. Admission by Donation.

**November 23**, 3 pm – Holodomor Remembrance Ceremony, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Hall in Rosemount


**November 22, 6:30 pm** – Screening of feature documentary film *Okradena Zemlya*, narrated by Bohdan Beniuk, (filmmaker Yurij Luhovy will be present), Ukrainian Youth Centre (Dim Molodi) in Rosemount. Sponsored by UCC-Montreal. Admission by Donation.

An updated list of events in your community and across the country is available on the Ukrainian Canadian Congress web site www.ucc.ca.

Learn more about the Holodomor

Famine-Genocide: [www.faminegenocide.com](http://www.faminegenocide.com)

UCC/UCRDC: [www.holodomorsurvivors.ca](http://www.holodomorsurvivors.ca)

Share the Story (UCC): [www.sharethestory.ca](http://www.sharethestory.ca)

HREC: [www.holodomor.ca](http://www.holodomor.ca)

Holodomor: Genocide by Famine [www.holodomoreducation.org](http://www.holodomoreducation.org)

Learning about the Holodomor

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress National Holodomor Education Committee (NHEC) is actively working toward the recognition and inclusion of the Holodomor in school curricula across Canada.

Each year, more school boards continue to add the fourth Friday in November as Holodomor Memorial Day to their school calendars. In most of these schools, an announcement on the Holodomor is read, and in Catholic boards, special prayers are included. In some school boards, special events are organized, with teachers of all grades encouraged to plan lessons around the topic of the Holodomor. The Edmonton Catholic School Board, for example, has prepared a special program and has added the topic of the Holodomor on their website.

The NHEC provides expertise and consultations on the Holodomor to ministries of education and school boards.

Holodomor Research and Education Consortium established at U of A

A major goal of NHEC has been the establishment of a permanent organization with a mandate to educate the public about the Holodomor. The Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta, was created in 2013 through the generosity of the Temerty Family Foundation.

HREC:

- Promotes Holodomor awareness and understanding.
- Prepares educational materials and resources.
- Conducts teacher training sessions.
- Fosters research.
- Ensures that the Holodomor is represented in history and genocide teaching.

Holodomor Writing Competition

The Holodomor Writing Competition, sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, is a competition open to all students in high schools across Canada. Using historical facts of the 1932-33 Holodomor in Ukraine, students may choose to write in one of five categories: historical short fiction, historical research essay, poetry or lyrics for a song, interview with or biography of survivor, dramatic skit or short play.

The competition details and application, prepared by the Holodomor Education Team of UCC Toronto, may be accessed at www.faminegenocide.com.


Are you an educator?

Speakers from the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) and the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre (UCRDC) are available to visit schools and discuss the Holodomor. Visit UCRDC to view exhibits and hear survivor testimonies. Contact the NHEC or HREC for in-service teacher training, workshops, Holodomor Memorial Day announcements and teaching resources.

NHEC: vkuryliw@sympatico.ca; HREC: 416-923-4732, hrec@ualberta.ca

Is Holodomor Memorial Day on your school calendar?

We can help you work with your local school board to ensure that the Holodomor is included in your child’s curriculum.
Support Holodomor Awareness and Education

Your contribution to the UCC Holodomor Fund will support the:

- Development of educational initiatives to ensure that all Canadian students have the opportunity to learn about the Holodomor
- Organization of commemorative observances designed to raise awareness
- Creation of innovative outreach programs for all Canadians

All donations should be payable to the UCC Charitable and Educational Trust with the designation Holodomor Fund.

Donate by mail:
Ukrainian Canadian Congress,
203-952 Main Street, Winnipeg, MB R2W 3P4

Donate online:
http://www.ucc.ca/donate/donate-now/

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Those who were untouched by this tragedy do not understand us. But they need to understand us. So that our memory of the victims remains eternal. Only then will we not be simply people or a population, but a nation.

Semen Rak
Holodomor survivor, Cherkassy oblast

Testimony as inscribed at the Memorial to victims of the Holodomor National Museum, Kyiv, Ukraine
80 years

In memory of the millions who died during the Holodomor of 1932-1933.
У пам’ять про мільйони загиблих під час Голодомору 1932-1933 років.

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