

# Emil Yereniuk

## *Community Development*



Emil Yereniuk was born in Edmonton to immigrant parents who firmly instilled in him the need to get involved in the community.

He had a 33-year career as a teacher and later as Vice-Principal. He mentored many student teachers, served as a facilitator for the University of Alberta Faculty of Education and chaired policy committees in the local Alberta Teachers' Association.

Emil became actively involved in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada from the parish level at St. John's Cathedral in Edmonton to the National Consistory Board. He served on the UOCC/USRL Joint Standing Committee. He chaired the Bylaw Committee at the Consistory and as such was instrumental in rewriting the Church Bylaws to reflect the current reality. He was awarded the St. Andrew National Centenary Award (2018) for significant service to Ukrainian Orthodox Church life in Canada.

He dedicated decades of service to the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (CYC). He was President of the local and national executive of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC). He organized the archives of TYC and wrote the histories of both the local Edmonton branch and the National organization (1938-2017).

In 2013 Emil was appointed to the Government of Alberta Advisory Council on Alberta-Ukraine relations. In the same year he was elected as 2nd Vice-President of the UCC National Executive. He served as Chairman of the UCC National Internment Committee and as the UCC representative on the Canada First World War Internment Recognition Fund Endowment Council, later serving as Chairman.

From 2004 to 2014 Emil deployed to all the elections in Ukraine serving as both a short-term and as a long-term observer. In 2007 he chaired the UCC Observer Mission.

Emil continues to be active in both the local and national Ukrainian Canadian community organizations. His current focus is on Senior Citizen housing issues.

He is fully supported by his wife Orasia, his son Michael (Patricia), his daughter Deanna (Jeff Shewchuk) and his grandchildren (Alexander, Amelia, and Madeleine).