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Historic XXVIII Triennial Congress – Resilient Together



The historic XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians was held from November 14 to 16 in Toronto. Over 400 delegates representing the Ukrainian community in Canada from coast to coast to coast set the policy agenda and elected the leadership of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) for the next three years.

Alexandra Chyczij was re-elected National President of the UCC. Chyczij welcomed and thanked the incoming Executive Officers and Board of Directors elected by the Congress.

“The energy and dynamism we witnessed at the XXVIII Congress reflects the unity and resilience of our community,” stated Chyczij. “Our community is strong because we are one team, united in purpose. I am grateful for the trust placed in me, the Officers and the Board. It is my honour to serve our wonderful and vibrant Ukrainian Canadian community”.

The UCC was honoured to welcome many distinguished guests to the Triennial Congress. A series of engaging plenary and workshop sessions addressed issues of importance to the Ukrainian Canadian community. Delegates debated and adopted a series of resolutions that will guide the work of the UCC for the next three years.

On November 15, the UCC Awards Banquet honoured the recipients of the Youth Leadership and National Leadership Awards and Shevchenko Medal, for their service to our community.

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Message from Our Fundraising Manager.

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Dear Donors,

Please accept my heart-felt thank you for your loyal support of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. Your commitment and generosity show how you care about our community and Ukraine. It is a heart-warming experience to work with all of you – your understanding and belief in the many projects that UCC provides is a testament to your dedication to the Ukrainian Canadian community.

We are very fortunate to have your support. Thank you for being you! We invite all of you to continue supporting our mission and a warm welcome to new donors!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lesia Skyba, National Fundraising Manager

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at lesia.skyba@ucc.ca or 437.424.5880. I would be more than happy to hear from you.



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Youth Ambassador Program

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The Youth Ambassador Program is an 8-month national leadership initiative of the UCC Charitable and Educational Trust, empowering young Ukrainian Canadians to become active community leaders, project creators, and advocates.

This year marked a major milestone for the program as we successfully concluded our inaugural cohort in May 2025 with the first-ever Youth Summit. Youth Ambassadors from across Canada gathered in Toronto to present their community projects, network with donors and partners, and connect with their peers in person for the first time. Their dedication and accomplishments set a strong foundation for the program's future.



In September 2025, we launched our **second cohort**, who are now actively developing their community initiatives while collaborating with local UCC branches and mentors nationwide. Their projects span cultural programming, newcomer support, educational resources, mental health advocacy, and community engagement.



This fall, both current and alumni Youth Ambassadors participated in the XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians in Toronto.

Many served as delegates and Youth Fund recipients, representing youth voices at a national level. Their contributions were widely recognized:

- **Anhelina Taran** (Alberta, Alumni) and **Marianna Kovtun** (Nova Scotia, Current) received Youth Leadership Awards.
- **Olha Simoroz** (Quebec, Alumni) spoke at the Congress workshop *Our Community's Volunteers*.
- **Sofiia Andrushchak** and **Sonia Bodnar** (Ontario, Alumni) served on the Triennial Congress Organizing Committee as Volunteer Coordinators.



To learn more about the Youth Ambassador Program and hear directly from members of our inaugural cohort, please visit our website: www.youthambassadors.ucc.ca



Holodomor Commemoration, Awareness and Education

Every year the Ukrainian Canadian community commemorates the man-made famine that took place from 1932 to 1933: the Holodomor. Across Canada, communities organize local commemorative events and activities.

The UCC Holodomor Awareness Committee oversees UCC's programming during National Holodomor Awareness Week. Through the UCC Holodomor Education Committee, the UCC participates in organizing regular teachers' and educators' conferences focusing on Holodomor education.

The Holodomor National Awareness Tour – Holodomor Mobile Classroom, a joint project of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation, the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre and the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium – continues to tour Canada to raise awareness and educate Canadians about the Holodomor. Holodomor Remembrance Day in Schools takes place in mid-April every year.



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Holodomor Town Hall during XXVIII Triennial Congress in Toronto, ON



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Ukrainian Newcomer Survey 2025

In partnership with the Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF), the UCC conducted the Ukrainian Newcomer Survey 2025.

The survey was conducted online from May to July 2025. Over 4,200 newcomers from across Canada participated in the survey, making this the largest study of its kind.

The survey provides a comprehensive picture of Ukrainians who have arrived in Canada since 2015, including those who fled following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

The Survey results and analysis – including findings and recommendations by the Metropolis Institute – are publicly available on the UCC's website.



Learn more about Ukrainian Newcomer Survey 2025

Parliamentary Internship Program

Report by Valeriia Gusieva



As I mark almost three months since the start of my Parliamentary Internship, I am excited to share some reflections and personal milestones. I am placed in the office of MP Sameer Zuberi, who represents the riding of Pierrefonds–Dollard in Quebec. MP Zuberi serves on the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, as well as the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development.

I have been contributing to committee work through research, preparing briefing notes, analyzing materials coming before committee, and supporting various other tasks as required. I have been able to draw on my previous knowledge of immigration policy and my experience working with newcomer communities. I have also had the privilege of attending meetings with advocacy groups focused on human rights violations and transnational repression.

Being on the Parliament Hill has been a unique experience. I am extremely grateful to the donors and supporters of the Internship program. I am very fortunate to be placed in MP Zuberi's office—his team models respect, collaboration, and a deep commitment to serving Canadians.

As part of my internship, I was also able to attend the XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians, a historic gathering for our community. It was truly inspiring to see over 400 delegates come together to advance to address the priorities of our community. A personal highlight for me was the opportunity to listen to and speak with Lieutenant-General (ret'd) The Honourable Roméo A. Dallaire. His work on the psychological impacts of war and the need to support Ukrainian veterans and their families deeply resonated with me.

The Congress was a powerful reminder of the role our community plays in national dialogue and of how much work still lies ahead.



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The Ukrainian Canadian Sacrifice Medal honours Canadian citizens who have been Killed in Action, Wounded in Action or are Missing in Action, presumed deceased, and were serving with Ukraine's Armed Forces in defence of Ukraine's freedom against Russia's genocidal war.

A joint initiative of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the Ukrainian War Veterans Association, the Ukrainian Canadian Sacrifice Medal honours the bravery and valour of

Canadians who have heroically given their lives or have been wounded in battle for Ukraine's freedom.

As of November 2025, the Sacrifice Medal has been bestowed on fourteen Canadians who have been Killed in Action or are Missing in Action, presumed deceased. These heroes are:

- Émile Antoine Roy-Sirois
- Joseph Hildebrand
- Grygorii Tsekhmistrenko
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An Act respecting Ukrainian Heritage Month

On October 1, 2025, Bill S-120, an Act respecting Ukrainian Heritage Month, was passed by the Senate. The Bill, introduced by Senator Stan Kutcher, will establish September as Ukrainian Heritage Month in Canada.

The UCC thanks Senator Kutcher for introducing the Bill and applauds its adoption by the Senate. As of October 2025, the Bill is being considered in the House of Commons. The UCC has called on the House to swiftly adopt Bill S-210.

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Canada's First National Internment Operations

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These people were interned not for something they had done but simply because of where they had come from. The internment operations were a gross infringement on the civil liberties of its citizens and immigrants to Canada.

In 2014, the Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund and the UCC Internment Committee adopted resolutions designating October 28 as National Internment Commemoration Day in Canada.

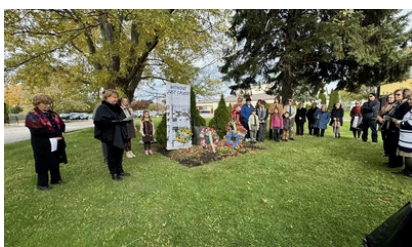
Canada's First World War internment camp operations saw thousands of Ukrainians and other Europeans unjustly imprisoned as "enemy aliens," forced into hard labour and deprived of basic rights. Commemorative events were held across Canada in 2025 to honour the victims, preserve their stories, and remind us of the need to protect human rights for future generations.



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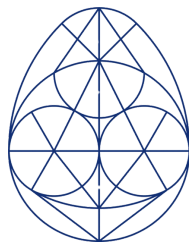
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Executive Officers of the UCC National Board

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Olya Grod (Ukrainian Canadian Social Services)
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The two Alternates are:

1. Lidiia Slobodian — UCC British Columbia Provincial Council
2. Orysia Boychuk — UCC Alberta Provincial Council

*The first 3 people listed here are UCC National Board members as required by the Bylaws. (3 out of 5).

XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians

Day 1



Traditional korovai presentation to distinguished guests attending the Congress



Keynote speaker, The Honourable Chrystia Freeland



The Honourable Doug Ford, Ontario Premier



Dr. David Pedlar and Russian embassy protestors receive UCC President's Certificate of Appreciation for their support of Ukraine



Keynote speaker, The Honourable David J. McGuinty, Minister of National Defence



James Bezan, MP, addresses the Congress on behalf of the Official Opposition



Plenary Panel "Lunch with the Ambassadors"



The Honourable Senator Kutcher with delegates, during Friday evening "Welcome to Ontario"

XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians

Day 2-3



UCC President, Alexandra Chyczij, with members of The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union delegation



Keynote speaker Lieutenant-General (ret'd) The Honourable Roméo A. Dallaire



The National Ukrainian Education Council



Workshop A "Navigating Disinformation"



Plenary Panel "Future of Defence"



UCC President, Alexandra Chyczij, sworn into office

XXVIII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians

Awards Banquet



Keynote speaker, The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs



UCC Shevchenko Award 2025 Recipients



UCC Leadership Award 2025 Recipients



UWC presenting St. Volodymyr Medal



Larry Brock speaking on behalf of the Official Opposition



UCC Youth Leadership Award 2025 Recipients



UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL



The **Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (UHA)** was launched in 2022 by the Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF) and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) to coordinate and deliver humanitarian aid efficiently to war-torn Ukraine since Russia's full-scale invasion. The initiative also provides relief for displaced persons in Europe and Canada.

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