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Alberta Provincial Council**

**Конгрес Українців Канади  
Провінційна Рада Альберти (КУК-ПРА)**

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# З НОВИМ РОКОМ ВІТАЄМО! ХРИСТОС НАРОДИВСЯ! СЛАВІМО ЙОГО!

## Message from the New President, Orysia Boychuk

Last month, I accepted a very significant and important role as president of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council. I am very honoured and humbled to represent your voice in the province. I am so proud to be a part of this large, strong, and united community. I would also like to thank the past president, Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz, and the board members who dedicated their time and effort in supporting the projects that have been delivered over the years.

I am really looking forward to working with a very passionate and motivated board to help shape our future. In the months ahead, the board will be reviewing its vision and mission and setting its strategic priorities for the future. We will be working with the community directly and your input will be critical, so please share your thoughts and help to shape our future together on issues of political engagement, community development, education in the school systems, including post-secondary, as well as arts, music, dance, and continuing to raise awareness about the Holodomor. We will continuously be engaging committee members to take part in various projects. Please do not hesitate to bring your ideas and interests forward through your UCC representatives, or send them directly by email to [uccab@shaw.ca](mailto:uccab@shaw.ca).

As we continue to deepen our engagement with the community, we also request your financial support. With changing times and cutbacks to our community programming, now more than ever we need the support of individuals, businesses, and organizations. Please consider financially supporting the UCC-APC. Invest in something that you believe in and give a financial gift to our community! The Executive and Board of Directors of UCC-APC would like to take this opportunity to thank you - our community members and organizations - for your commitment to our Ukrainian Canadian community. Without your dedication to your organizations, programs and activities, our Ukrainian community would not be as rich and vibrant as it is.

We also wish to thank all the generous supporters of UCC-APC. Together we will continue our efforts in meeting the mission of UCC-APC through the many activities we undertake. Our mandate is to strengthen and grow a unified Ukrainian Canadian Community in Alberta committed to preserving our heritage, culture and language.

Ми дякуємо Вам за щедрі пожертви та підтримку КУК-ПРА. Разом будемо продовжувати підтримку різноманітних видів діяльності у нашій громаді. Наш мандат полягає в тому, щоби зміцнити і розвивати українсько-канадську громаду в Альберті. Ми зобов'язуємося докласти зусилля для збереження нашої спадщини, культури і мови.

Thank you for your support!

Дякуємо за Вашу підтримку!



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**President: Orysia Boychuk**

*I am a Human Resource professional working for the Government of Alberta.*

*Interests: I have a passion about the Ukrainian Community in Brazil, where I spent a year doing community development work with them.*

*Favourite Ukrainian phrase: "Chekaj-chekaj!" which means "Wait!"*



**Vice-President: Lydia Migus**

*I am the Executive Director of the non-profit Ortona Gymnastics. Зі самого юнацтва працюю в неурядових організаціях – як добровільно, так і на різних посадах в українсько-канадській громаді, з новоприбулими українцями та в загальному канадському суспільстві. Мене батьки вчили не розрізняти між типами українства (православними, не-православними, молоддю, старшими).*

*Favourite Ukrainian phrase: "A chomu?" which means "But why?"*



**Past President: Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz**

*A Government of Alberta employee. A Healthcare Management Professional with experience and educational credentials in government and the healthcare industry, with experience in business planning, policy coordination, legislative and performance measurement. Interests: Love to travel and looking forward to more of it in the future.*

*Favourite Ukrainian word: "Chitko," which means "Clearly"*



**Secretary: Ksenia Maryniak**

*I am a certified UK-EN translator and an editor with the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta. I grew up in Two Hills and lived in Ukraine from 1993 to 2002, bringing back two daughters, a cat, and thirty paintings, as well as an M.A. and a working knowledge of Russian.*

*Favourite Ukrainian saying-poslovytsia: "Ne sviati horshky lipliat" which means "We are all human"*



**Treasurer: Tetiana Kichma**

*I am a BMO Mortgage specialist. Love to travel and spend time with my family. I enjoy drama and performing in community theatre.*

*Favourite Ukrainian saying-poslovytsia: "Bez Boha ani do poroha," which means "God's help in all things"*



**Director: Bohdana Stepanenko-Lypovyk**

*Works in service to the Government of Alberta, and outside of her workplace provides immigration consultancy, helping community members to understand and navigate complex immigration laws and policies. A forerunner in her field, Bohdana was among the first to support Ukraine's implementation of a sustainable economic development governance model through incentives for "green business."*

*Favourite Ukrainian word: "Shchyro," which means "Sincerely"*



**Director: Liliya Pantelyuk-Sokha**

*I am working for the Government of Alberta as a financial analyst professional. I love Ukraine and support small local social organizations in Ukraine with my personal donations. A few years ago I worked on a Ukrainian translation of a documentary film about the well-known Ukrainian Canadian sculptor Leo Mol. This film became a part of the educational curriculum for junior-high school students in Ivano-Frankivsk region.*

*Favourite Ukrainian word: "Muzyka," as music gives life to everything*



**Director: Christine Moussienko**

*I am a Registered Social Worker Capacity Assessor. I Love to sing in choirs and bake Korovais.*

*Favourite Ukrainian word: "Shykarno," which means "Chic"*

# Former President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko visit to Edmonton

On November 24-26, 2019, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, along with the UCC Alberta Provincial Council and UCC Edmonton branch, welcomed former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and his wife, Dr. Maryna Poroshenko, to Edmonton during their private visit to Canada. The fifth president of Ukraine (2014-19), Mr. Poroshenko is currently a people's deputy in Ukraine's parliament and leader of the European Solidarity Party. He was also in Canada as the invited keynote speaker at the 2019 Halifax International Security Forum. The Poroshenkos and their entourage were met at the Edmonton International Airport by Ukrainian Canadian Congress and community leaders, along with a group of youth, including Ukrainian Shumka Dancers.



As personally requested by Mr. Poroshenko, on November 25 the formal program of his visit began with a commemoration ceremony at the world's first Holodomor monument (1983), located at Edmonton City Hall. A moleben service was led by His Grace Bishop Ilarion of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Following the service, Mr. and Mrs. Poroshenko also saw the "Madonna of the Wheat" statue on the grounds of the City Hall. The delegation then continued their program at the Alberta Provincial Legislature, where they first viewed the Ukrainian Centennial Pioneer monument, which stands prominently on the Legislature grounds. Mr. Poroshenko then attended a private meeting with Alberta Premier Jason Kenney, while Dr. Maryna Poroshenko received a guided tour of the Alberta Legislature.

In the afternoon, President Poroshenko gave a guest lecture to standing-room-only at the University of Alberta, organized by the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies. Nearly four hundred faculty, staff, students, and members of the general public attended to hear Mr. Poroshenko speak on the topic "Geopolitical Challenges for Ukraine and Ukrainians in the World." Following the lecture and a meeting with the U of A's President David Turpin at CIUS, the Poroshenkos paid a visit to the new Ukrainian Consulate in Edmonton, which after many years of delay was finally established during President Poroshenko's term in office.



In the evening, President Poroshenko was the guest of honour at a special banquet co-organized by the national Ukrainian Canadian Congress, UCC Alberta Provincial Council, and UCC Edmonton branch. The sold-out event featured greetings from Alberta Premier Jason Kenney, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, MP Garnett Genuis, UCC Alberta Provincial Council



President Orysia Boychuk, and UCC National Vice-president Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz. President Poroshenko presented UCC-National President Alexandra Chyczij with a battle-worn Ukrainian flag from the front lines at Avdiivka in Eastern Ukraine, in gratitude for ongoing support of Ukraine by the Ukrainian Canadian community. He provided keynote remarks, including a sincere thank-you to both Premier Kenney and Deputy Prime Minister Freeland for their immense support of Ukraine during difficult times.



Щиро дякуємо за продуктивну співпрацю організацій трьох рівнів Конгресу Українців Канади - Національної ради, Провінційної ради Альберти та Едмонтонського міського відділу, а також Генерального консульства України в Едмонтоні, Канадського інституту українських студій та численних волонтерів.



Thank you for the cooperation of UCC National, UCC Alberta Provincial Council, and UCC Edmonton Branch, who worked closely along with CIUS, the Ukraine Consulate, and numerous volunteers to host this very unique and special visit.

**Особливо ми вдячні громацьким організаціям, які своєю участю підтримали цю велику подію.**



**Stop the Denial  
of the  
HOLODOMOR**

STAND WITH USS, SUSK, AND UCC ON  
MONDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 12 PM MDT  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA MAIN  
QUAD IN THE PROTEST AGAINST  
GENOCIDE DENIAL




L to R: Deron Bilous, Natalya Talanchuk, Orysia Boychuk, and Hon. Tyler Shandro

On November 19, 2019, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, in co-operation with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council, hosted the commemoration ceremony of the 11th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide Memorial Day Act. Special guests who attended the event included survivor Natalya Talanchuk and Consul-General of Ukraine Oleksandr Danyleiko. Special remarks were given by Hon. Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health, Deron Bilous, MLA, Volodymyr Viatrovych, historian from Ukraine, and Orysia Boychuk, President of UCC Alberta Provincial Council.

## Peaceful Protest Against Holodomor Denial

We are concerned about recent the social media posts by an Assistant Lecturer at the University of Alberta who calls the Holodomor a “myth” and a “lie.” Despite recognition of the Holodomor by the Canadian Parliament and provincial legislatures across Canada, this is a stark reminder that, even in 2019, we cannot afford complacency in Holodomor education and awareness.



Ukrainian Students' Society at the U of A organized a peaceful protest on campus on December 2, 2019.

We are grateful for the tremendous response to UCC-National’s Call to Action, including support from National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Alberta Premier Jason Kenney, many Members of Parliament, Alberta MLAs and friends in the Armenian, Jewish, Polish and Baltic communities. A special thank you to our community in Alberta including the Ukrainian Students’ Society at the University of Alberta for leading the Protest on campus and the all the individuals and community organizations who wrote to the University demanding appropriate action. Thank you for being a strong and united in the face of this provocation. UCC-APC will be creating a special committee to continue monitoring the issue, please contact the office should you wish to be involved.

## XXVI Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians



The XXVI Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians, held in Ottawa November 1-3, 2019, adopted a series of resolutions which will guide the work of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) for the next three years. Over 250 delegates from Ukrainian Canadian organizations and communities across Canada participated in the work of the 26th Triennial Congress. Over 30 of these delegates represented communities and organizations from Alberta.

### 2019 Christmas Appeal



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