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To His Eminence, Locum Tenens of the Kyiv Metropolitanate, Metropolitan of Chernivtsi and Bukovyna Onufriy,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, we express our deepest sorrow upon the falling asleep in the Lord of His Beatitude Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine Volodymyr (Sabodan) of Blessed Memory, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, on July 5, 2014 at the age of 78.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada offers its sincere condolences to the hierarchs, clergy, monastics and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine as well as to Metropolitan Volodymyr's family and friends. We pray that the Lord will bring them comfort in this time of sadness.

Metropolitan Volodymyr's repose is a great loss for his pastoral flock as well as for the people of Ukraine. The newly-reposed Metropolitan was a deeply pious and humble person filled with the peace of God and goodness. He led his Church and pastoral flock during a very difficult period in the history of Ukraine. Throughout his lifetime, he tried to preserve the Ukrainian tradition in the Church during his 22 years as Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Metropolitan Volodymyr remains an example of compassion, wisdom and love towards others.

O Lord, give rest to the soul of your departed servant, Metropolitan Volodymyr, in a place of light, a place of refreshment and a place of repose, where there is no sickness, sighing or sorrow. May our merciful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, forgive his transgressions and grant eternal rest to his soul.

May his memory be eternal!

With fraternal Christian sympathies,

† **YURIJ, Metropolitan**