

## UOCC SOBOR 2015

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."*

*(Ps. 133:1)*

### **SOBOR 2015, WHO CAN ATTEND:**

Subject to the Act of Incorporation, the General Council (SOBOR) is vested with the supreme power in all temporal matters of the Church (UOCC) and constitutes its highest legislative and administrative authority.

Each parish/congregation is entitled to **one voting delegate for every 25 members** or a majority portion thereof. **This being the SOBOR Year** - I remind you of Policy #21, **Article #3** of the Policies and Procedures of the UOCC states that *"If a congregation (parish) has not completed their levy payment by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year for which the levy payment is due, they are in arrears."* **Article #4** states: *"Congregations (parishes) which are in arrears may not send delegates to SOBORS or Eparchial Assemblies. Members of such congregations may, of course, be present at such gatherings as guests. In the year of a regularly planned SOBOR, congregations (parishes) must have their current levies paid in full or have made arrangements for full and timely payment of their levies prior to the SOBOR. **(Sixty days prior to the General Council - by May 15 of this year)** Levies in the arrears must have been paid in full by October 1<sup>st</sup> in the year prior to the SOBOR for the parish to be in good standing to have delegates attend the SOBOR.*

In addition to parish or congregation delegates, the following members shall have the right to attend, participate and vote as delegates at the General Council (SOBOR):

- (a) Bishops of the Church;
- (b) Other Clergy of the Church, with the exception of those under suspension by the Church;
- (c) Members of the Consistory Board;
- (d) Members of all Standing Committees appointed by the General Council;
- (e) Editor of the official publication of the Church;
- (f) Two representatives from St. Andrews College in Winnipeg, appointed by the Board of Directors and Faculty of Theology, provided that one of the representatives shall be a member of the Faculty of Theology;
- (g) One representative from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada Foundation, appointed by its Board of Directors;
- (h) Such other members as may be appointed by the General Council.

All delegates must be certified as members-of-good standing. Please refer to the *"Bylaws of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada"*, (Section 4) for more details regarding General Councils (SOBOR).

At the 19<sup>th</sup> General Council (SOBOR), in 1995, a Resolution was accepted, providing for all Parishes/Congregations to send one **Youth Delegate**, in addition to their approved proportionate allocation. The **Youth Delegate** should be between the ages of 18 - 25 years. All parishes or congregations are encouraged to send a **Youth Delegate** representative to SOBOR 2015. *(Full delegate registration fees apply.)*

**GUESTS:**

Guests are welcome as observers to the General Council (SOBOR). Guests do not have the right to vote, nor the right to participate in the discussions of the SOBOR. Guests, attending the General Council must be members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, and are required to pay a 'Guest Registration Fee'. Guests must also be certified as members-of-good standing.

**COPIES OF REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION FORMS ARE INCLUDED  
WITH THIS  
"SOBOR 2015 INFORMATION PACKET."**

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