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XXIII SOBOR of the UOCC

July 13 – 19, 2015

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Metropolitan Yuriy

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**MINUTES OF THE XXIII-RD SOBOR OF THE
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA**

FORT GARRY HOTEL, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

JULY 13-19, 2015

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2015

(1:15pm)

(Processional entrance of the Hierarchs with the Holy Icon of the Canadian Mother of God, to the singing of the Troparion by the clergy and the assembly).

OPENING OF SOBOR 2015

**1. OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE XXIII-RD SOBOR BY HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN YURIJ**

(Fr. V. Lakusta welcomed clergy, delegates and guests and called upon His Eminence METROPOLITAN YURIJ to bring official greetings and to declare the opening of the XXIII-RD SOBOR)

(Following the singing of the “Tropar to the Most Holy Theotokos”, His Eminence Metropolitan YURIJ officially opened the 23rd SOBOR of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and called upon the Chair of the Presidium, Fr. V. Lakusta, to carry out the election of the SOBOR Presidium and the SOBOR Scrutineers).

2. ELECTION OF THE SCRUTINEERS OF THE XXIII-RD SOBOR

(Fr. V. Lakusta presided over the election of the scrutineers and the election of the Presidium)

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, **(B. Shumsky/Fr. I Okhrymchouk)** presented the following names for nomination:

LAITY NOMINATIONS: A. Kachkowski, M. Oleskiw, N. Papish

CLERGY NOMINATIONS: Fr. M. Maranchuk, Fr. L. Hluchaniuk, Fr. P. Yamniuk

NOMINATED from the floor: Lawrence Chubey **(Fr. B. Wasyliw/Fr. H. Lakusta)**

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS: **(Dr. P. Kondra)** **CARRIED.**

MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL DELEGATES NOMINATED AS SCRUTINEERS: **(B. Shumsky/Fr. I Okhrymchouk)** **CARRIED.**

3. ELECTION OF THE XXIII-RD SOBOR PRESIDIUUM

NOMINATED AS CLERGY CHAIR: Fr. T. Udod (**Dr. P. Kondra/B. Shumsky**)

Discussion as to whether there was a conflict of interest.

Fr. T. Udod removed his name from the nomination.

NOMINATED AS CLERGY CO-CHAIRS: Fr. C. Zubritsky and Fr. T. Makowsky (**Fr. B. Wasyliw/D. Reed**)

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS: (**Dr. P. Kondra/Fr. T. Udod**) **CARRIED.**

NOMINATED AS LAITY CO-CHAIRS: Subdeacon I. Triska and A. Sojonky (**D. Reed/Fr. I. Okhrymchouk**)

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS: (**D. Reed/Fr. P. Pawlinsky**) **CARRIED.**

CHOSEN BY ACCLAMATION: Fr. C. Zubritsky, Fr. T. Makowsky, Subdeacon I. Triska and A. Sojonky. **CARRIED.**

(Fr. C. Zubritsky assumed the Chair)

4. ELECTION OF SECRETARIES OF THE XXIII-RD SOBOR

Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair, announced that M. Spytkowski agreed to be the recording secretary for the 23rd SOBOR.

NOMINATED: Fr. C. Pawlyshyn (**Fr. P. Haugan/Fr. P. Powalinsky**)

NOMINATED: Fr. P. Powalinsky (**Fr. T. Udod/Fr. S. Lomaszkiewicz**)

NOMINATED: Natalia Obratsova (**W. Balan/Fr. I. Okhrymchouk**)

NOMINATED: Sterling Demchinsky (**Fr. I. Okhrymchouk/M. Maranchuk**)

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS:(**Fr. R. Kocur**) **CARRIED.**

CHOSEN BY ACCLAMATION: Fr. P. Powalinsky, Fr. C. Pawlyshyn, Natalia Obratsova and Sterling Demchinsky. **CARRIED.**

(Subdeacon I. Triska assumed the Chair).

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Approval of the agenda (**Fr. T. Udod/V. Balan**) **CARRIED.**

L. Balion asked to amend the agenda to change Divine Liturgy to Matins. This was not approved by His Eminence Metropolitan YURIJ.

Addition (**L.Skyba/D. Moskaluk-Rutkay**): Add “Business Arising from the 2010 SOBOR Minutes” to the agenda. **CARRIED.**

6. APPROVAL OF PROCEDURES/PRAVYLNYK

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: L.Skyba enquired about 7.8, and the addressing of a resolution once. Reference was made to Roberts Rules of Order.

CLARIFICATION FROM THE CHAIR: Subdeacon I. Triska, Chair, informed the SOBOR that the Pravylnyk was approved by a previous SOBOR.

7. RATIFICATION OF SOBOR WORKING COMMITTEES-presented by B. Shumsky

SOBOR Program Committee: Fr. V. Lakusta
Victor Hetmanczuk
Bohdan Shumsky
Audrey Sojonky
Donna Reed
Marusia Kaweski
Valentyna Dmytrenko
Henry Kuzia
Sergi Obrasov
Andrew Serray
Dr. Peter Kondra
Gerald Luciuk
Walter Pylypchuk
Stephania Luciuk

Credentials Committee: A. Kachkowski
M. Oleskiw
N. Papish
Fr. M.Maranchuk
Fr. L. Hluchaniuk
Fr. P. Yamniuk
Lawrence Chubey

Travel Equalization Committee: Andrew Serray
Fr. Peter Haugan
Valentyna Dmytrenko
Keith Swinton
Gabriel Teterenko

Nominating Committee: Dr. Peter Kondra
Vasyl Balan
Fr. O. Krawchenko
Fr. I. Ohrimtchouk

Media and Public Relations Committee:

Dr. I. Kutash
Marusia Kaweski
Yakiv Lakusta

Rules and Procedures Committee: Stephania Luciuk
Walter Pylypchuk

Resolutions Committee: co-Chairs Stephania Luciuk and Walter Pylypchuk
Gerald Luciuk
Fr. C. Zubritsky
Fr. I. Okrimtchouk
Fr. T. Udod
Jim Shewchuk
Morris Diakowsky

(At this time, B. Shumsky asked Morris Diakowsky to please stand. Mr. Diakowsky was not present. B. Shumsky apologized that he could not get a hold of Morris Diakowsky, and therefore his name cannot stand on the Resolutions Committee).

MOTION: (B. Shumsky/V. Hetmanczuk) To ratify all SOBOR Working Committees and their membership. **CARRIED**

MOTION: “All standing committees, with the exception of Morris Diakowsky from the Resolutions Committee, be accepted as amended and presented.” (A.Maranchuk/A.Triska) **CARRIED.**

8. ADDRESS BY HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN YURIJ

9. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 22ND SOBOR 2010

- a) W. Rodak addressed the discrepancy between p. 42 of the minutes and Resolution 20 in the Resolutions section where the title of Metropolitan YURIJ reads as “Archbishop of Toronto & the Eastern Eparchy”, (p.42) and “Archbishop of the Eastern Eparchy”. Subdeacon I. Triska, Chair, stated that the wording will be corrected.
- b) L. Skyba raised the question about the former Conference of Canonical North American Bishops. Metropolitan YURIJ clarified that the UOCC is now part of the Canadian Conference of Canonical Canadian Bishops. (The USA has its own conference and Mexico has joined the conference for Central and South America.)
- c) E. Holowach-Amiot indicated that in the list of lay delegates, her name should have been recorded as a delegate from St. Andrew’s College, and not from St. Vladimir, Calgary.
- d) W. Chewchuk indicated that on page 8 under “Administrative and Financial Reports: Discussion”, “The UOCC is listed on the website as a Diocese rather than a Metropolia”.
- e) W. Pylypchuk indicated that on page 29 Resolution 1 reads that the motion was moved to be stricken and it was carried, although within the resolution section it appears to have not been stricken. Subdeacon I. Triska, Chair, indicated that it will be looked at to see the intent/direction of the resolution.
- f) The minutes need to be duplicated and distributed in a timely manner.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED: (Fr. T. Udod/K. Swinton) CARRIED.

MOTION: That Marijka Spytkowski be accepted as the recorder for the 23rd SOBOR. (Carol Shewchuk/J. Moskalyk) CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 22ND SOBOR 2010:

None. They had already been addressed.

POINT OF ORDER: (Fr. T. Udod) The minutes of this 23-rd SOBOR be completed in a timely manner while still relevant.

PARLIAMENTARIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

MOTION: That Stephania Luciuk and Walter Pylypchuk be accepted as the “Policies and Procedures persons”. (Fr. E. Maximiuk/S.Spytkowsky) CARRIED.

(Fr. C. Zubritsky assumed the Chair).

ANNOUNCEMENT: Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair, asked for all delegates to turn their cell phone to vibrate.

10. GREETINGS FROM THE HIERARCHS

GREETING FROM THE EXARCH OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH – HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SOTIRIOS

(Meeting adjourned for COFFEE BREAK 3:15 pm)

(Meeting resumed at 3:45 pm)

GREETING FROM BISHOP ILARION OF EDMONTON AND THE WESTERN EPARCHY, UOCC

GREETING FROM BISHOP ANDRIY OF TORONTO AND THE EASTERN EPARCHY, UOCC

GREETING FROM HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ANTONY FROM THE UOC OF USA

Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair, read a letter which was sent to Metropolitan YURIJ from the Kyivan Patriarchate, Metropolitan FILARET

(A. Sojonky assumed the Chair)

11. CREDENTIAL REPORT

Presented by Fr. V. Lakusta

245 people have registered for SOBOR

234 voting delegates

3 Hierarchs

150 laity

39 active clergy

15 Dobrodiyky

3 youth

4 retired clergy/deacons

16 lay guests

A. Sojonky, Chair, pointed out that past practice was not to allow campaigning during SOBOR. Is it the wish of this SOBOR to continue with that practice?

MOTION: (V. Balan/D. Reed) Campaigning during the course of SOBOR will not be allowed.

CARRIED.

SESSION I – ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Presented by the Chancellor of the UOCC Fr. V. Lakusta

The report was distributed in the SOBOR binder.

Discussion and questions (answers given by Fr. V. Lakusta)

- i. R. Mauch pointed out that Fr. M. Kryschuk was not included on the list of departed clergy.
 - Fr. V. Lakusta apologized to the family

- i. W. Chewchuk asked about the status of resolutions and the actions that were taken with each one, especially around Vision 2000, and the desire to increase membership, as it appears that there is a large decrease in members.
 - Currently, the data is not in possession. In regards to the decline there are many reasons...more outreach to parishes is needed.
 - A. Sojonky, Chair, added that in January 2015 the Bylaws committee compiled a review of all resolutions since 2000 and that the review was sent out to all parishes.

- i. W. Rodak enquired as to what was meant by “no personal agenda”.
 - We need to be unified to achieve common goals. We are one church from east to west, not three churches trying to work together.

- i. B. Shumsky asked for recommendations to on how to bring the church forward.
 - There is no formula and in the report is information that can be gathered and used to make a plan.

- i. G. Luciuk asked about the actual costs of closures of parishes over the past five years.
 - Each case is unique and the costs have varied.
- i. M. Switchula enquired as to what is happening in regard to filling the need of clergy, whether from Canada or abroad.
 - Young Canadian men are not interested and are not entering the programme. They feel that they can do better in the secular world.
- i. O. Metulynsky inquired about part 5, “Our Mission and Education Ministry”. What are we doing with electronic media? We have a lack of a web-presence.
 - Work is being done on the website and that a new site will be launched very soon.

A. Sojonky, Chair, closed question period.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm for Vespers and Supper)

(Meeting resumed 7:30pm)

2. TREASURER’S REPORT

Presented by Treasurer of the UOCC, V. Hetmanczuk.

The report was distributed in the SOBOR binder.

Areas of concern:

- a) Levy situation
- b) Amounts due to UOCC Foundation
- c) Parish closures

Considerations:

- a) Increase of levies
- b) Streamline Consistory operations
- c) Sale of Consistory-owned properties
- d) Consolidate with St. Andrew’s College
- e) Revisit funding formula to UOCC Foundation
- f) Set up a fund raising committee to collect \$5,000,000

Discussion and questions (answers given by V. Hetmanczuk)

- ii. W. Sydorenko enquired about the closing costs of parishes-where are they recorded?
 - They are included in the line of parish expenses, and any legal fees for the closing will be found under legal expenses.
- i. B. Harasymiw enquired with whom is the debt, how is this covered and who is on the hook.
 - As of right now, there is cash and the line of credit is not being used due to some income coming in from various places.

- i. S. Sokyryka asked about down-sizing the Bishop's residence.
 - The expenses for the residence are covered by a subsidy from the Central Eparchy and the salary is covered by the Consistory.
- i. W. Chewchuk – If money is earmarked for a resolution, and after it is collected, is it then used for that purpose?
 - Where there was a resolution that was implemented, then the money would be used, but, due to all levies not coming in, some of the money is used for operations.
- i. W. Pylypchuk asked about the transfer of money and accounts receivable and whether any consideration has been made to giving these owing accounts to a lawyer on a contingency so that we can reoup some money.
 - Deferred.

A. Sojonky, Chair, closed question period.

3. INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

Presented by Fr. E. Maximiuk.

The report was distributed in the SOBOR binder.

No questions asked.

MOTION: (W. Pylypchuk/K. Swinton) To ratify the actions of the Consistory Board from 2010-2015. **CARRIED.**

(Fr. T. Makowsky assumed the Chair).

SESSION II

1. PRESENTATION “ROLE OF UOCC IN WORLD ORTHODOXY” by Daniel Bilak

(Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm with the singing of Dostoyno)

Thursday, July 16, 2015

(Divine Liturgy served by Eastern Eparchy 7:00 am)

(9:30 am sessions resumed)

(Subdeacon I. Triska assumed the Chair).

(Housekeeping items...location of Consistory Church Goods Supply...There will be no breaks during this session. If you need a break please go in and out of the room quietly...Please do not visit in the lobby, it is difficult for all to hear.)

ANNOUNCEMENT: Day One press releases are here on the front table for everyone; there will be updates every morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT: These Workshops will be presented to all, not as breakout sessions as originally planned. Questions will not be entertained in between presentations – please wait until the end.

(Singing of Tsaryu Nebesny)

SESSION III – WORKSHOPS

1. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT Presentations (Dr. R. Yereniuk)

1. Western Eparchy: Dobr. Kathy Yamniuk and Stephania Luciuk
2. Central Eparchy: Dobr. Teresa Domaradz
3. Eastern Eparchy: Fr. B. HIadio and Nataalka Kowalenko
4. USRL/UOCC Presentation: Y. Lozowchuk

2. SPIRITUAL RENEWAL- LIFE IN THE CHURCH Presentation (Fr. I. Okhrymchouk)

- Skype video presentation by Fr. Maxym Lysak (pastor of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Ottawa)

3. PARISH DEVELOPMENT Presentations (Dr. P. Kondra)

- Subdeacon Kyle Lickiss presented from Lethbridge, Alberta
- Dr. Paul Slavchenko presented from Oshawa, Ontario

(Subdeacon I. Triska called upon Metropolitan ANTONY for additional comments)

(Meeting adjourned for LUNCH BREAK 11:55am)

(Meeting resumed 1:30 pm)

(A. Sojonky assumed the Chair).

SESSION IV – NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENT: To the previous presenters- please forward your power point presentations to Marusia Kaweski for distribution to interested delegates, as well as please give authorization to post the power point presentations on the UOCC website.

1. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT Dr. P. Kondra (on behalf of the Nominations Committee: Fr. O. Krawchenko, Fr. I. Okhrymchouk, W. Balan, Dr. P. Kondra) presented the committee's slate of candidates, with the assistance of A. Sojonky, Chair.

a) Nominations for the position of Chancellor:

NOMINATED: (Fr. B. Wasyliv/Fr. M. Skrumeda) Fr. VICTOR LAKUSTA

NOMINATED: (C. Shewchuk/Fr. R. Kocur) Fr. TARAS UDOD

Nominations from the floor: none

MOTION NOMINATIONS CEASE: (Fr. I. Okhrymchouk/Fr. R. Kocur) CARRIED.

b) Nominations for the Consistory Board:

EASTERN EPARCHY: Fr. Bohdan Hladko (Oshawa, ON)
Fr. Dr. Ihor Kutash (Montreal, QC)
Ivan Franko (Toronto, ON)
Oleh Holowaty (Toronto, ON)
Bohdan Shumsky (Ottawa, ON)

CENTRAL EPARCHY: Fr. Roman Bozyk (St. Andrew's College)
Fr. Taras Makowsky (Saskatoon, SK)
Fr. Eugene Maximiuk (Winnipeg, MB)
Larry Balion (Saskatoon, SK)
Wasyly Rybalka (Prince Albert, SK)
Zennia Yuzik (Saskatoon, SK)

WESTERN EPARCHY: Fr. Peter Haugan (St. Paul, AB)
Fr. Slawomir Lomaszkiewicz (Vegreville, AB)
Fr. C. Zubritsky (Edmonton, AB)
Stephania Luciuk (Calgary, AB)
Walter Pylypchuk (Vancouver, BC)
Donna Reed (Edmonton, AB)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED PAPERS FOR THE CONSISTORY BOARD:

EASTERN EPARCHY: John Moskaluk (Toronto, ON)
Gloria Sametz-Chewchuk (Toronto, ON)

CENTRAL EPARCHY: Fr. Charles Baxter (Saskatoon, SK)

NOMINATIONS FOR THE CONSISTORY BOARD FROM THE FLOOR:

EASTERN EPARCHY:

NOMINATED: (?/Antonia Mychalchuk) **FR. ROMAN KOCUR** (Windsor, ON)

NOMINATED: (D. Moskaluk-Rutkay/S. Spytkowski) **LESIA SKYBA** (London, ON)

CENTRAL EPARCHY:

NOMINATED: (Fr. I. Okhrymtchouk/S. Bejzyk) **TONY HARRAS** (Regina, SK)

WESTERN EPARCHY:

NOMINATED: (Fr. Y. Podtepa/Deac R. Shiyan) **FR. N. RAULIUK** (Edmonton, AB)

MOTION NOMINATIONS CEASE: (V. Hetmaczuk/Fr. T. Udod) **CARRIED.**

c) Nominations for the Internal Audit Committee:

NOMINATED: Douglas Maughan
Hania Metulynsky

There is a vacancy for the clergy position. Dr. P. Kondra asked for nominations from the floor:

NOMINATED: (Fr. N. Rauliuk) **Fr. E. Maximiuk** A. Sojonyk and Dr. P. Kondra stated that Fr. Eugene is a candidate for the Consistory Board. Chair ruled that Fr. Eugene cannot be nominated for the Internal Audit Committee – it is a conflict of interest.

NOMINATED: (Fr. R. Kocur/Fr. M. Domaradz) **FR. M. SKRUMEDA**

MOTION NOMINATIONS CEASE: (D. Reed/?) **CARRIED.**

INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE STANDS BY ACCLAMATION:

- **Douglas Maughan**
- **Hania Metulynsky**
- **Fr. M. Skrumeda**

d) Nominations for the Ecclesiastical Tribunal Church Court:

NOMINATED: Fr. M. Lomaszkiewicz (Prince Albert, SK)

Fr. Evan Maximiuk (Winnipeg, MB)

Wasył Balan (Winnipeg, MB)

Alternates: Fr. G. Mielnik (Winnipeg, MB)

John Krawchenko (Hamilton, MB)

Nominations from the floor: none

MOTION NOMINATIONS CEASE: (O. Shushko/?) **CARRIED.**

ECCLESIASTICAL TRIBUNAL STANDS BY ACCLAMATION:

Fr. M. Lomaszkiewicz (Prince Albert, SK)

Fr. Evan Maximiuk (Winnipeg, MB)

Vasyl Balan (Winnipeg, MB)

Alternates: Fr. G. Mielnik (Winnipeg, MB)

John Krawchenko (Hamilton, MB)

e) Nominations for the St. Andrew's College Board:

NOMINATED:

Paul Amiot (Calgary, AB)

Fr. T. Chrapko (Calgary, AB)

John Jurychuk (Hamilton, ON)

Rosanne Maluk (Saskatoon, SK)

Ed Lyseyko (Dauphin, MB)

Lesia Boychuk (Edmonton, AB)

Keith Swinton

Marianne Pylypchuk

Sonia Bejzyk (Winnipeg, MB)

Nominations from the floor: none

MOTION NOMINATIONS CEASE: (W.Pylypchuk/P. Amiot) CARRIED.

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE BOARD STANDS BY ACCLAMATION:

Paul Amiot (Calgary, AB)

Fr. T. Chrapko (Calgary, AB)

John Jurychuk (Hamilton, ON)

Rosanne Maluk (Saskatoon, SK)

Ed Lyseyko (Dauphin, MB)

Lesia Boychuk (Edmonton, AB)

Keith Swinton

Marianne Pylypchuk

Sonia Bejzyk (Winnipeg, MB)

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: (?) "For first time SOBOR attendees, may the members that stood by acclamation please stand so that all can see who they are. Thank you"

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: (A. Triska) Request that all nominees come down to the front.

(A. Sojonky, Chair called Dr. P. Kondra to return to the microphone and introduce the nominees for the Consistory Board, Internal Audit Committee, Church Court and St. Andrew's College)

f) Candidates' Speeches: Chancellor of the UOCC

- Fr. Victor Lakusta
- Fr. Taras Udod

POINT OF ORDER: (Fr. Dr. J. Buciora) What is the plan for voting? Is it alphabetical? Is it electronic?

CLARIFICATION FROM THE CHAIR: A. Sojonky answered that nominees will be listed by Eparchy, then alphabetically by name.

(Meeting adjourned for COFFEE BREAK 3:00pm)

(Meeting resumed 3:30pm)

(Fr. T. Makowsky assumed the Chair).

QUESTION: (L. Boychuk) Is it possible to have a question/answer period of each of the candidates for the position of Chancellor, including a more concrete vision of this church in the short-term as well as the long-term?

(Fr. T. Makowsky, Chair: Metropolitan YURIJ stated that if the SOBOR deems it so - it is the will of the SOBOR. Does anyone wish to make a motion to this?)

MOTION: (L. Boychuk/B. Harasymiw) The SOBOR allows a period of 30 minutes total (15 minutes each) for the candidates for the position of Chancellor, to provide a concrete, short (maximum 5 minute presentation), summary of their vision of the future of this church, as well as a question and answer period. Furthermore, for this to take place later today or some time tomorrow, before the vote. Discussion took place. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Fr. T. Makowsky, Chair announced that the SOBOR Presidium suggested this half hour take place after SESSION VI from 8:30-9:00pm.

2. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE REPORT

Presented by Dr. Denis Hlynka, Fr. R. Bozyk and Paul Amiot.

The report was distributed in the SOBOR binder.

Discussion and questions (answers given by Fr. Bozyk):

- i. L. Skyba: Presently is a psychology course a requirement in order to graduate from St. Andrew's College? When are you offering online courses?
 - Psychology courses are highly recommended but not required.
 - We don't have them yet. One of the things that's important to studying theology is leaving your home to come to the college.
- ii. S. Sametz-Chewchuk: For the students from Ukraine – is there any type of obligation for them to stay in Canada?
 - There is a moral obligation, but we cannot make them sign a contract that they are going to stay, because Immigration Services of Canada will not give them a student visa. Officially, they are returning from whence they came. We encourage all of them to stay – 95% of them have stayed.

- iii. Fr. Dr. J. Buciora: As a member of the Canadian Council of Churches, the problems we are facing here are not only our problems. For example, the United Church of Canada is closing one parish per week. One of the problems for everyone is that we have stopped relating to the daily life of our parishioners. Have you ever considered the possibility of creating an extra course of how to deal with these issues and how to prepare our clergy to respond to those daily challenges - depression, drugs, etc. (*Applause*)
- The word seminary comes from the Latin “planting seeds”. No one is 100% prepared when they leave the seminary – the seminary is for planting seeds - the flowers come in parish life. These problems are dealt with in the canon of the church and the dealing of the normal courses. We have worked on developing the ethics program and other courses, that were only optional courses that are now mandatory.
- iv. Daniel Bilak: The issues that Fr. Jaroslaw and L. Skyba raised-can you deal with them on an interdisciplinary fashion? To what extent can our seminarians have the opportunity to be engaged in seminars, etc.. rather than creating a new course?
- The University of Manitoba has great seminars and programs to address this topic. This would be the best system. When I visited Lviv University we discussed the idea of our students studying part of the time there.

Fr. T. Makowsky, Chair, closed question period.

ANNOUNCEMENT: UOCC Foundation meeting tomorrow at 10:00 am.

SESSION V – UOCC BYLAWS/AMENDMENTS

1. UOCC BYLAWS/AMENDMENTS

Presented by Gerald Luciuk, Stephania Luciuk, Walter Pylypchuk

- G. Luciuk announced that the legal English version of the UOCC Bylaws has finally been translated into Ukrainian. (*Applause*) It will appear on the UOCC web-site.
- The resolutions submitted were grouped into categories: Governance (including Article 14 of the UOCC Bylaws, Changes to the role of the Chancellor, Hierarchy), Administration and Fiscal Operations, Life of the Church, and miscellaneous governance.
- Scrutineers will count hands if no less than five delegates request a count
- Resolutions presented from the floor must be presented in writing, with a mover and a seconder.
- There will be four sessions tomorrow. Each break out group will have a moderator, a recorder and a resource individual. The moderator will have an agenda to ensure that each break out group is following the same path.
- The Resolutions Committee will consider all of the feedback given during the break out sessions, compile, and on Saturday morning, before the voting, provide further recommendations.

- By-Law amendments require a 60% approval; if the amendment happens to touch on an amendment in which would have to appear in the Charter of the Parliament of Canada, the threshold rises to 75% approval by the SOBOR.
- All resolutions presented have a mover and a seconder so essentially the break out groups are the discussion portion of the proceedings.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION: (K. Swinton) In SOBOR 2000, was there not a resolution stating that if a presented resolution has a financial impact, does it not have to be costed?, and furthermore, a SOBOR would not be dealing with resolutions that were not costed.

Answer by Stephania Luciuk: There is indeed such a resolution, and therefore the Resolutions Committee as well as the Bylaws Committee provided that feedback to those making such resolutions. At this moment in time, the Resolutions Committee has not yet received new information for those “uncosted” resolutions that were submitted. The break out groups will provide one further opportunity to attach a cost to the uncosted resolutions, as well as be an appropriate stage as to whether the resolutions in question continue to the voting stage.

(Meeting adjourned for VESPER AND SUPPER 5:15pm)

(Meeting resumed at 7:30 pm)

(Fr. C. Zubritsky assumed the chair).

SESSION VI – RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

***SECRETARY’S NOTE: Full text of Resolutions is found attached in appendices*

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENT: Guests to the SOBOR are welcome and invited to listen to all, but they are not to take part in discussions, neither at the microphone nor in the break out groups. *(Fr. C. Zubrtisky, Chair, called Dr. P. Kondra to the podium on a Point of Order: The agenda states the election for the position of Chancellor to take place on Friday, and elections for Consistory Board positions to take place on Saturday. Dr. Kondra explained that there are delegates slated to leave SOBOR early, and wish to vote before leaving, AND, the larger vote would be on a weekday – reducing costs. Dr. Kondra proposed an amendment to the agenda: Elections for Chancellor and Round One for the Full Consistory Board to take place together, then the Round Two for the Full Consistory Board to take place later. The process itself does not change, just the timing.)*

MOTION: (Dr. P. Kondra/K. Swinton) Elections for Chancellor and Round One for the Full Consistory Board to take place together, Friday, then the Round Two for the Full Consistory Board to take place later. Discussion: none. **CARRIED.**

(Dr. Kondra explained the voting process that has already been discussed with the Scrutineers: Voting will be done at the tables. Delegates will come out into the lobby to get a voting package. Return to your seat, mark your vote, and the scrutineers will come around with boxes to collect all the ballots. The ballots will be placed in the electronic machine and then the results will be announced. All delegates will need a voting card with them when they go into the lobby to get the package.)

POINT OF ORDER:(**G. Luciuk**) How will this agenda change impact the resolutions break out sessions?

CLARIFICATION FROM THE CHAIR: Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair, stated that the SOBOR Presidium does not believe the agenda will be altered too much.

(Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair, reminded all movers of Floor Resolutions to present their resolution in written form to one of the co-chairs of the Resolutions Committee.)

ANNOUNCEMENT: S. Luciuk announced that floor resolutions do not have to be read from the floor. There is no discussion on floor resolutions at this time. Discussion is to take place in the break out sessions.

***SECRETARY'S NOTE: Full text of Resolutions is found attached in appendices*

COMMENT: (**G. Chewchuk**) I want to thank the Resolutions Committee for their fabulous work this year. It was thrilling to have the Resolutions ahead of time. This is a monumental accomplishment. *(Applause)*

(Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair, declared SESSION VI closed. Chair called METROPOLITAN SOTIRIOS to the podium for a word).

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR THE CHANCELLOR POSITION

(Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with the singing of Dostoyno)

Friday, July 17, 2015

(Divine Liturgy served by Central Eparchy 7:00 am)

(9:30 am sessions resumed)

(Subdeacon I. Triska assumed the Chair).

SESSION VII – ELECTIONS

a) ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR OF UOCC and ELECTION OF FULL CONSISTORY BOARD ROUND ONE

(Dr. P. Kondra asked the Scrutineers to gather at the front of the room. Each delegate will have to show their badge in order to get their voting package. The instructions on how to vote are inside the package.)

(Voting commenced at 9:45am. Dr. P. Kondra closed voting at 10:15am. Scrutineers were instructed to leave the room with all the ballots. Subdeacon I. Triska, Chair was made aware that there was a table where the ballots had not yet been collected. The Scrutineers were called back into the room. Final call for any uncollected ballots.)

POINT OF CLARIFICATION:(?) Can a person serve two terms on the Full Consistory Board and still run for the position of Chancellor of the UOCC?

(Fr. B. Hladio) Read 11.05 of the Bylaws: An elected member of the Consistory Board shall hold office for a five-year term and shall be eligible for re-election but in no event may a person serve as a member of the Consistory Board for more than two successive terms of office unless he is elected to the Office of Chancellor.

UOCC FOUNDATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Presented by Walter Saranchuk, President and Chair of the UOCC Foundation and several key Board members

Question and answer session

ANNOUNCEMENT: Today is the one year anniversary of the downing of the Malaysian airliner MH17 that crashed over the territory of Ukraine. His Eminence, METROPOLITAN YURIJ read a report issued by the government of Ukraine. The SOBOR sang Vichnaya Pamyat.)

(Subdeacon I. Triska, Chair called upon Dr. P. Kondra to present the election results).

RESULTS OF VOTING:

211 registered delegates eligible to vote. 203 votes were cast. 3 ballots were left blank. 1 spoiled ballot. 4 ballots were not picked up.

CHANCELLOR: Fr. Taras Udod (elected)

MOTION: (Dr. P. Kondra/A. Triska) Move to destroy ballots from both the Chancellor election and Consistory Board election (once the results are announced). **CARRIED.**

(METROPOLITAN YURIJ offered his congratulations and prayers for Fr. T. Udod and also thanked Fr. V. Lakusta for his continued work for the good of the church. SOBOR sang Mnohaya Lita for both Fr. V. Lakusta and Fr. T. Udod).

(Newly elected Chancellor, Fr. T. Udod stated that he is humbled and expressed his thanks to God. He pledged to work together to transform this church. He stated that it has been an honour to serve with Fr. V. Lakusta these last five years. We seek to serve God.)

SESSION VIII – RESOLUTIONS BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Four break out groups in various rooms in the hotel

(Break out groups adjourned for LUNCH (sponsored by UOCC Foundation) 12:15pm)

(Meeting resumed 1:30pm)

(Fr. T. Makowsky assumed the Chair).

(Fr. T. Makowsky called Dr. P. Kondra to the podium. Dr. Kondra thanked the scrutineers for their excellent work, and announced the results of the Round One voting for the Full Consistory Board.)

ROUND ONE OF ELECTIONS FOR THE FULL CONSISTORY BOARD:

RESULTS OF VOTING:

- WESTERN EPARCHY: Fr. C. Zubritsky (Edmonton, AB)
Fr. Peter Haugan (St. Paul, AB)
Stephania Luciuk (Calgary, AB)
Walter Pylypchuk (Vancouver, BC)
- CENTRAL EPARCHY: Fr. Eugene Maximiuk (Winnipeg, MB)
Fr. Taras Makowsky (Saskatoon, SK)
Wasył Rybalka (Prince Albert, SK)
Zennia Yuzik (Saskatoon, SK)
- EASTERN EPARCHY: Fr. Dr. Ihor Kutash (Montreal, QC)
Fr. Bohdan Hladio (Oshawa, ON)
Ivan Franko (Toronto, ON)
Lesia Skyba (London, ON)

**SESSION IX, X AND XI: GROUP BREAK OUT SESSIONS FOR PRESENTATION
AND DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS**

(Meeting adjourned for VESPERS AND SUPPER 5:15pm)

SESSION XII – ST. ANDREW’S COLLEGE CONVOCATION & RECEPTION 7:30pm

Saturday, July 18, 2015

(Divine Liturgy served by Western Eparchy 7:00 am)

(9:30 am sessions resumed)

(A. Sojonky assumed the chair).

(ANNOUNCEMENT: At 12:00 noon, all PK's (priests' kids and grandchildren of priests) please gather in this room for a group photo.)

SESSION XIII – ELECTIONS ROUND TWO OF THE FULL CONSISTORY BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

(Dr. P. Kondra reminded the SOBOR of the voting instructions.)

Voting took place.

(A. Sojonky relinquished the chair to Fr. C. Zubritsky).

(Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair called Fr. W. Kushnir to the podium. Fr. W. Kushnir presented an informational session about the UOCC Eastern Eparchy camp St. Sophie in Quebec)

(Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair called upon METROPOLITAN SOTIRIOS to say a few words.)

(Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair relinquished the chair to A. Sojonky. A. Sojonky, Chair declared a COFFEE BREAK).

(Meeting resumed 10:30am)

(Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair called Dr. P. Kondra to the podium. Dr. Kondra thanked the scrutineers for their excellent work, and announced the results of the Round Two voting for the Full Consistory Board.)

ROUND TWO OF ELECTIONS FOR THE FULL CONSISTORY BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE: RESULTS OF VOTING:

Fr. Roman Bozyk (St. Andrew's College)

Fr. Slawomir Lomaszkiewicz (Vegreville, AB)

Donna Reed (Edmonton, AB)

Bohdan Shumsky (Ottawa, ON)

Tony Harras (Regina, SK)

(Dr. P. Kondra asked all members of the newly elected Consistory Board to stand and be recognized).

(Fr. C. Zubritsky, Chair called S. Luciuk, G. Luciuk and W. Pylypchuk to the podium.)

SESSION XIV – SOBOR RESOLUTIONS VOTING

Resolution B1 (bylaw)

MOTION: (G. Luciuk/W. Pylypchuk)

Proposed Amendments to Article 14 of UOCC Bylaws on Parishes, Missions and Parochial Districts.

Discussion: - Bylaws Committee stated that 14.07(b) amendments to bylaws during past fiscal year by parish must be submitted to Consistory Board and noted time frame for reply should apply.

- Support expressed for additional guidance on church decommissioning.

CALL FOR VOTE: 159 in favour. **CARRIED.**

Resolution B2 (bylaw)

MOTION: (St. Vladimir's congregation Calgary, AB)

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 14.09

CALL FOR VOTE: Show of hands. Chair declares Resolution #B2 **DEFEATED.**

Resolution F1 (floor)

MOTION: (S. Demchinsky/Fr. R. Bozyk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Heritage Subcommittee of the Rural Issues Committee draft a guide that is in keeping with the Bylaws of the UOCC and the resolutions passed at SOBOR 2015 and prior SOBORS that will guide the clergy and laity in matters of parish amalgamation or disbandment, care of parishioners after amalgamation or disbandment, care of church properties after amalgamation or disbandment, disposal of church properties, and other related issues, and that such a guide be subject to the approval of the Consistory Board. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R34

MOTION: (Holy Trinity Metropolitan Cathedral Winnipeg MB)

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC erect/establish SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE CAIRNS on the original church sites (as close as possible, especially near cemeteries) to provide a historical record of their existence, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UOCC work closely with the local Municipalities and Provincial Governments that may have policies and funding for such historic commemorative cairns (similar for example to those for the early one room schools). **DEFEATED.**

Resolution B6 (bylaw)

MOTION: (St. Vladimir's congregation Calgary, AB)

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 11.03 be amended to read: "The election of the Chancellor at a General Council, shall be held prior to and separately from the election of the other clergymen to the Consistory Board. The Chancellor may be removed from his position by a 2/3 majority of Consistory Board members votes cast"

CALL FOR VOTE: 150 in favour. 26 opposed. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: (G. Luciuk/W. Pylypchuk) In regards to:

Resolution B7 (BE IT RESOLVED that the position of CHANCELLOR be eliminated and replaced with a paid position of EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR reporting to the CONSISTORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS),

and **Resolution B8** (BE IT RESOLVED that the position of CHANCELLOR be eliminated and replaced with a paid position of EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR reporting to the CONSISTORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS),

and **Resolution B9** (BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada conduct a proper search using a third party professional consulting firm to identify a fully qualified individual who is a trained professional in all matters of management, administrative and operational efficiency. This individual would report to the Presidium and be responsible for administering the day to day functions of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. The Presidium would be responsible for setting policy only),

and **Resolution B10** (BE IT RESOLVED that the Chancellor's position be reduced to a 0.500 full time equivalent (F.T.E.) or less to act in an advisory role, and that the Consistory Board be authorized to hire a professionally trained Full Time (1.000 F.T.E.) Chief Administrative Officer who works in conjunction with the UOCC elected hierarchy and laity to efficiently deal with the daily administration in the Consistory Office of the UOCC.)

and **Resolution R41** (BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board engage a consultant to analyze the operations of the Consistory and St. Andrew's College and make recommendations within (6) months after the 2015 SOBOR.)

THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS BE MADE INTO AN AMALGAMATED MOTION:

1. Resolutions B7-through to B10 be defeated
2. Resolution R41 be replaced with a direction to the Consistory Board to engage an external consultant to conduct an analysis of operations of the UOCC and report to the Consistory Board within 24 months, including recommendations for potential changes to Chancellor's position
3. the Consistory Board report to the next SOBOR regarding the report and its implementation.
4. Cost \$10,000

CARRIED.

(Meeting adjourned for LUNCH BREAK at 11:50am)

(Meeting resumed at 1:30pm)

(Subdeacon, I. Triska assumed chair).

SESSION XV – SOBOR RESOLUTIONS VOTING

Resolution B5 (bylaw)

MOTION: (St. Vladimir's congregation Calgary, AB)

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 12.09

CALL FOR VOTE: 151 opposed. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution B14

MOTION: (N. Didulch/G. Taras)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory create a committee within 60 days to research and prepare a report on the feasibility of human and fiscal savings attributed to a restructuring of the current UOCC infrastructure. The Committee will consist of one representative from each Eparchy and two from the Consistory in addition to the Metropolitan and Chancellor as ex-officio. The report would be published in the Herald and posted on the UOCC website by one year from date resolution is passed at SOBOR 2015.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:(Bylaw Committee) Replace “60 days” with “6 months”.

MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED.

Resolution B19 (bylaw)

MOTION: (St. Vladimir’s congregation Calgary, AB)

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 10.12

CALL FOR VOTE: 171 in favour. zero opposed. **CARRIED.**

Resolution B20 (bylaw)

MOTION: (St. Vladimir’s congregation Calgary, AB)

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 11.14

CALL FOR VOTE: 169 in favour. zero opposed. **CARRIED.**

Resolution B21

MOTION: (Holy Trinity Ukr. Ortho. Cathedral Vancouver BC)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Bylaws Committee be directed to review, create or otherwise incorporate a protocol for the election of Bishops and the Metropolitan as an Appendix to the Bylaws which ensure a practice consistent with the Bylaws and that such amendment be submitted to the next SOBOR for consideration. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R22

MOTION: (Holy Trinity Ukr. Ortho. Cathedral Vancouver, BC)

BE IT RESOLVED that in the future, any attachments containing resolutions be scanned and made part of the relevant SOBOR minutes either by insertion directly into the text of the minutes or as appendices. **CARRIED.**

Resolution F15 (floor)

MOTION: (L. Skyba/P. Slavchenko)

Proposed amendment to Policy 21 (article 4) **CARRIED.**

Resolutions B16 and B17

MOTION: (St. Demetrius, Etobicoke, ON/St. Volodymyr Cathedral, Toronto, ON)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bishop of the Western Eparchy and the Bishop of the Eastern Eparchy exchange Eparchies every ten years. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution B18

MOTION: (Holy Trinity Cathedral Vancouver, BC)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Bylaws Committee propose amendments to the Bylaws removing any references to auxiliary Bishops and that these amendments be submitted for consideration at the next SOBOR. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R21

MOTION: (Z. Cherak/D. Huzyk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution passed in 2000 calling for the nomination and election of auxiliary Bishops be rescinded. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution B22

MOTION: (St. Mary's Winnipeg, MB)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory reexamine the current formula and prepare a revised formula for the next SOBOR of one delegate for every 100 members, as well as a formula for fractions above each 100 (for example, a congregation with 175 members would be entitled to two delegates); and take all necessary steps for the implementation of the new formulas. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution B23

MOTION: (St. Mary's Cathedral Winnipeg, MB)

BE IT RESOLVED that the period between Regular SOBORS of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada be reduced from 5 to 3 years, and the Consistory take all necessary steps to implement this reduction.

DEFEATED.

Resolution R14

MOTION: (A. Zapata/A. Alexander)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting in its present format and bylaw be amended to allow an election of officers to the Church Council every two years, and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Congregational Annual Meeting be held at the end of the fiscal year and that reports from elected Church Council members be given along with the Yearly Financial Audited Report. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R26

MOTION: (Z. Cherak/D. Huzyk)

Proposed amendment from the All Canada Clergy Conference regarding the role and service of a parish priest with respect to a parish's administration. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution F13 and B15

MOTION: (Y. Panchuk/M. Kostash and M. Kostash/Fr. R. Shiyan)

BE IT RESOLVED that the eparchial issues be dealt with at the eparchy level until the eparchy requests assistance from the Consistory Offices. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution F23 (floor)

MOTION: (V. Hetmanczuk/Donna Reed)

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual base levy payment per member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada be established at \$82.00 for 2016, \$84.00 for 2017, \$86.00 for 2018, \$88.00 for 2019 and \$90.00 for 2020.

FORMAL AMENDMENT:(W. Pylypchuk/Dr. P. Kondra) Increase the levies by \$5.

Discussion.

Discussion closed.

VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT: CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED.

Resolution R4

MOTION: (A. Triska/M. Zukiwsky)

BE IT RESOLVED that the levies charged to the Parishes of the UOCC be frozen at the 2015 rate per member until SOBOR 2020. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R29

MOTION: (Z. Cherak/D. Huzyk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada adopt a balanced budget fiscal policy to fund operations of the Office of the Consistory, through diligent control of expenses and through increased levies to ensure that revenues cover 100% of operational costs and that the budget is not exceeded. The budget and any increases in levies must be approved by each SOBOR. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution B3 and B4

MOTION: (M. Kalimin/M. Olynyk and G. Blyzniuk/W. Chewchuk)

BE IT RESOLVED that Parishes consider a merger with neighbouring Parishes to continue serving the needs of their Parishioners and achieve financial stability, and that this would be realized at the sole discretion of the Parishes involved, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should a Parish dissolve, that the monies realized from the dissolution be immediately allocated using the following formula: 50% be transferred to the geographically closest Parish, 25% be transferred to the Eparchy in which the Parish resides, and 25% be transferred to Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada Foundation, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (section 14) be amended to reflect this change. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution F16 (floor)

MOTION: (V. Hetmanczuk/O. Holowaty)

Motion to rescind Resolution 16 from the 21st SOBOR in 2005. Change paragraph 16.1. to read:

BE IT RESOLVED that when a parish of the UOCC is dissolved, and if not already completed, an inventory be conducted of all church contents, 34% of the principal realized from its closure be transferred to the UOCC Foundation.

This allocation will be in place until the 2020 SOBOR.

Motion on allocation of monies acquired from the dissolution of a UOCC parish.

BE IT RESOLVED that when a parish of the UOCC is dissolved, and if not already completed, an inventory be conducted of all church contents, 66% of the principal realized from its closure be transferred to UOCC. This allocation will be in place until 2020 SOBOR.

The funds will be designated as “Operations Contingency Funds” and held in the Restricted Funds account.

It will be used for:

- i) decline in parish levies
- ii) legal costs
- iii) cover costs of disbanded parishes if no funds available
- iv) hierarchical travel

FORMAL AMENDMENT: (D. Reed/S. Gray) add as point v) perpetual care of cemeteries

No Discussion.

VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT: **CARRIED.**

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: **CARRIED.**

Resolution R15 and R23

MOTION: (W. Chewchuk/G. Blyzniuk and Z. Cherak/D. Huzyk)

Both Resolutions having to do with monastic communities. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R10

MOTION: (M. Kalimin/M. Olynyk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the 23rd SOBOR of the UOCC table the establishment of a women’s monastery until such time as more women indicate their interest and commitment to a monastic community in Canada, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one there is a sufficient number of women interested in a monastic community, the UOCC then undertake a thorough study of the costs and principles of self-sustainability for implementation of such monastic community, and that the results of this study be presented at the next SOBOR for review. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R16

MOTION: (N. Jemetz/G. Blyzniuk)

BE IT RESOLVED that St. Andrew’s College be closed, and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee be created to deliver a recommendation within six months on how best to educate our candidates for priesthood to ensure they are fully prepared and qualified to serve the unique needs of the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution F17 (floor)

MOTION: (L. Skyba/A. Zerebecky)

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC mandate St. Andrew’s College to create a course based on some of the challenges specific to the UOCC and have Clergy guest speakers present these issues. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above motion take no more than 2 years to establish. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R12

MOTION: (St. Andrew's College Board of Directors Winnipeg, MB)

BE IT RESOLVED that the portion of the UOCC annual membership levy be \$10 per member as of January 2016 and thereafter remain at \$10 until the next regular SOBOR in 2020, and that the Consistory forward these funds to St. Andrew's College in support of the Theology Program, and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collection of this annual levy for St. Andrew's College be implemented by the Consistory and be based on the UOCC membership for the preceding year. **CARRIED.**

Resolution F2 (floor)

MOTION: (Subdeacon I. Triska/V. Hetmanczuk)

- a) BE IT RESOLVED that the SOBOR approve inclusion of child orthodontic care (\$2500) lifetime in the benefit package for the UOCC at an increased monthly cost for 2015 of \$4.14 for single and \$11.65 for family paid 50% by clergy and UOCC staff and 50% by congregations.
- b) BE IT RESOLVED that the clergy minimum salary be increased by \$600 per year on the first pay of each year 2016 through 2020.

Resolutions Committee broke Resolution F2 into two separate resolutions:

F2a) benefit package for the UOCC "staff" ... 50% by "members" (instead of "by clergy and UOCC staff") **CARRIED.**

F2b) same language used **CARRIED.**

Resolution F9 (floor)

MOTION: (G. Luciuk/V. Hetmanczuk)

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that the Standing Committee on Bylaws be tasked to review the issues identified in the Internal Audit and to bring forward such amendments to the Bylaws that would strengthen and ensure an independent mechanism elected by and reporting to SOBORS on management by the Consistory and its administrative components and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such amendments be brought forward by 2018. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R11

MOTION: (E. Wojcichowsky/C. Strub)

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC Consistory submit an annual audited financial statement in January to all parishes, and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual budget accompany the levy requests.

DEFEATED.

Resolution B12

MOTION: (G. Tkachyk/R. Mauch)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board be reduced in number in its make up by reducing the laity and cleric representatives by a third each. This will make the body more manageable and efficient as well as saving costs. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution B13

MOTION: (L. Klopoushak/T. Kolodziejcki)

Proposed Bylaw amendments to Bylaws 5.01, 6.01a, 7.01, 11.02, 11.06, 15.01 **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R1

MOTION: (St. Vladimir's congregation Calgary, AB)

BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1) no less than \$50,000 annually from levies be directed to a restricted fund to be used solely to support the activities of the Office of Missions and Education ("OME"), and
- 2) the Consistory identify and carry out opportunities to operate OME using clergy and/or other individuals from across Canada. **CARRIED.**

Resolution F14 (floor)

MOTION: (N. Schaplowsky/Fr. P. Yamniuk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board, through the Office of Missions and Education, implement a national youth retreat program similar to the Western Eparchy Youth Retreat with the following principles to apply: a) the first retreat to be held no later than 2017, b) a retreat to be held approximately every two years, c) the retreat rotates to different locations, which could be SAC, St. Vladimir's Institute, Mohyla Institute or St. John's Institute, d) the duration of at least a week e) costs to be funded as close to 100% as possible – by the Consistory with support from the UOCCF, Eparchies, Parishes and national fundraising. E) Cost to Consistory budget \$20,000 per year. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R40

MOTION: (St. John the Baptist Edmonton, AB)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board seek out and hire a director for the Office of Missions and Education by the 2016 Consistory Board Spring Session. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R2

MOTION: (St. Vladimir's congregation Calgary AB)

BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1) the publication of the Visnyk be reduced to no more than six issues per year,
- 2) the primary method for delivery of the Visnyk to members be in an electronic or online format, with a transition to a combined model of electronic/online and hard copy delivery, to be completed within 12 months of the SOBOR, and
- 3) the Office of the Consistory develop and use a database of emails for all parishes, clergy and members as the primary method for regular communication to reduce paper distribution and related costs.

FORMAL AMENDMENTS: (S. Luciuk/W. Pylypchuk) moved that **R2** 2) and 3) be adopted stay as written, with **R2** 1) be deleted and replaced with the following: "the format of the Visnyk be referred to the Consistory Board for review and consideration".

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: (Fr. B. Hladio) format "and frequency" of the Visnyk...

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED.

Resolution F10 (floor)

MOTION: (A. Triska/R. Mauch)

BE IT RESOLVED that the current Church Goods operations be wound down promptly and prudently in no more than 30 months, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Consistory establish resources to assist members and parishes with procurement of supplies through other sources, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Consistory continue to market and sell its own publications.

CALL FOR VOTE: 108 in favour. 41 opposed. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R9

MOTION: (M. Kalimin/M. Olynyk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada Presidium conduct a review of all resolutions passed th the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd SOBORS, and ensure action steps are identified and implements for each passed resolution withing 6 months of the conclusion of the 23rd SOBOR.

DEFEATED.

Resolution F11 (floor)

MOTION: (K. Swinton/G. Udod)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board prepare and publish in Visnyk by June 30 each year a report detailing the status of each resolution of this SOBOR and of any outstanding resolutions of previous SOBORS, the actions taken to implement those resolutions, and proposed steps to implement them. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R27

MOTION: (Z. Cherak/D. Huzyk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board make it a priority to establish a virtual network for members and clergy to communicate with the leadership and with each other regarding issues of concern to our Church. **CARRIED.**

Resolution F5 (floor)

MOTION: (M. Oleskiw/B. Shumsky)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Reports to SOBORS generated by the Consistory Board, its committees or the Presidium be made available or distributed in an electronic format to registered delegates for a SOBOR at least two weeks prior to the SOBOR so that delegates have time to read the reports and formulate questions for that SOBOR.
2. Sufficient time be allocated during the SOBOR'S timetable to the question and answer period following major reports such as the Chancellor or Consistory Board's Financial Committee to ensure that a reasonable number of questions can be presented and responded to;
3. The Chancellor and/or the Finance Committee reports address the specific actions taken and funds expended during the interval since the last SOBOR in implementing each of the resolutions from that SOBOR. **CARRIED.**

Resolution F3 (floor)

MOTION: (H. Nichiporik/N. Schaplowsky)

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC Consistory Board add "Member Sustainability" as a standing meeting agenda item to encourage an immediate and continuing focus on actions and programs that are aimed at stabilizing or increasing the number of church members across Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Consistory Board discussions on Member Sustainability regularly include a broad range of issues needing immediate attention such as: attracting and retaining youth and young families; aids and assistance to parishes to facilitate a greater understanding of scriptures and Orthodoxy.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: (H. Nichiporik/N. Schaplowsky) membership sustainability as agenda item – only added to regular meetings of Full Consistory Board.

Discussion.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED.

Resolution R7

MOTION: (M. Kostash/Fr. R. Shiyan)

BE IT RESOLVED that parishes be encourage to organize cultural and/or spiritual activities to invigorate and strengthen their communities. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R31

MOTION: (M. Zip/V. Bakowski)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada create a Stewardship Committee with the mission of developing a stewardship program with resources and materials to be available for education local parish members and adherents on the need for time, talent and financial commitment in order to fulfill the vision and mission of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R32

MOTION: (M. Zip/V. Bakowski)

BE IT RESOLVED that full information concerning the mandate, purpose, responsibilities, news and accomplishments on all committees of the Consistory of the UOCC be made readily available in The Herald and the UOCC website. **DEFEATED.**

(Subdeacon I. Triska, Chair declared a COFFEE BREAK)

(Meeting resumed 3:25pm)

Resolution R3

MOTION: (M. Zukiwsky/G. Tkachyk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the SOBOR 2015 delegation support the adoption of the Gregorian I Modified Julian Calendar.

MOTION TO REFER: (S. Luciuk/W. Pylypchuk) To refer R3 to the Hierarchs and Liturgical Commission for consideration. **CARRIED.**

Resolution F20 (floor)

MOTION: (O. Metulynsky/Fr. M. Shmyhelskyy)

WHEREAS the light of the Church is in the Body and Blood of Christ. And the central focus of the Church is one that leads us all to the participation in the Eucharist,

BE IT RESOLVED that the definition of a “member in good standing” include participation in the services and sacraments of the Orthodox Church, namely Confession and Communion, at least four times a year. Noted by Bylaw and Resolutions Committees: this practice is already in Canons in our bylaws, and, being that this resolution is from the floor, a bylaw amendment cannot be discussed at this time due to lack of required notice.

No vote taken.

Resolution R25

MOTION: (Z. Cherak/D. Huzyk)

a) BE IT RESOLVED that Parishes be encouraged to extend individual Parish membership to Dobrodiky and to consider waiving or covering the membership fee for Dobrodiky; and

b) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that membership for Dobrodiky in the UOCC generally other than through membership in the Parish not be considered; and

c) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dobrodiky may not attend SOBOR as voting members unless elected as delegates from the respective Parishes in which they hold membership and unless they agree to vote the wishes of their Parish as instructed by the respective Parish council.

VOTING: Resolutions Committee asked if it was the will of the SOBOR to vote on Resolution **R25** in three parts. Chair asked the SOBOR with a show of hands. SOBOR in favour of voting in three parts.

R25a) CARRIED.

R25b) CARRIED.

R25c) DEFEATED.

Resolution F7 (floor)

MOTION: (W. Chewchuk/M. Waler)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UOCC through the Metropolitan and the Consistory Board respond to misinformation as soon as possible once the source and effect of the misinformation has been determined. **DEFEATED.**

S. Luciuk: In the plenary sessions it was supported in principle, but lack of clarity. The Resolutions Committee suggested that the issues identified in **F7** will be considered by the next Consistory Board.

Resolution F8 (floor)

MOTION: (W. Chewchuk/M. Waler)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT for all future SOBORS, the Nominations Committee publish a full biography of each candidate who submits his/her candidacy application within the required time lines. **DEFEATED.**

S. Luciuk: In the plenary sessions it was supported in principle, but lack of clarity. The Resolutions Committee suggested that the issues identified in **F8** will be considered by the next Consistory Board, prior to the next SOBOR.

Resolution R35

MOTION: (Holy Trinity Cathedral Winnipeg, MB)

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC commission and fund a DVD and BOOK project to celebrate the centennial of the UOCC. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R18

MOTION: (G. Blyzniuk/W. Chewchuk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the fullest possible range of interaction, co-operation and exchange with non-Moscow patriarchal churches in Ukraine must be acted on immediately, consistent with the Articles of Agreement and with the resolutions passed at previous General Councils (SOBOR), with the primary focus reserved for the Kyivan Patriarchate, and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UOCC actively engage with the Ecumenical Patriarch to constructively and urgently pursue the realization of a single, national, autocephalous, canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine that is based in Ukraine, and is free of foreign control. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R20

MOTION: (Z. Cherak/D. Huzyk)

in reference to a SOBOR 2000 Floor Resolution **DEFEATED.**

Resolution F18 (floor)

MOTION: (V. Lahoda/W. Sydorenko)

WHEREAS in 1998 a legal assessment on the relationship of the UOCC with the Ecumenical Patriarch was drawn up by Mr. Orest Sametz, pointing out issues of concern,
BE IT RESOLVED that this document be revisited to review these points of concern. **DEFEATED.**

Resolution R5

MOTION: (K. Herzog/P. Shabatows)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada recognize these efforts and sacrifices of Canada's active Military Service Personnel, First Responders Services Personnel and the Medical and the Scientific Community by offering a statement(s) of support/thanks to individuals who have personally sacrificed, and the governments for their support; from the Hierarchs, clergy and parishioners of the UOCC, in congregations via the clergy, on the UOCC web page relating to the incidents when they occur and offering collective prayers for those on the front lines of duty and prayers for those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, or by collateral damage; by expressing said prayers on the web page of the UOCC, and in churches across the nation, immediately after the incidents occur. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R30

MOTION: (M. Zip/V. Bakowski)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada petition the Prime Minister's Office to work to limit the harm done by the Supreme Court's decision on assisted suicide by supporting restrictive legislation regarding physician-assisted suicide.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: (I. Franko) To bring one of the WHEREAS' into a "be it resolved" - BE IT RESOLVED not to use extraordinary means to maintain life in those instances when a person is hopelessly ill. The movers of this motion are not in attendance at this time, therefore, the SOBOR cannot accept a friendly amendment. Friendly amendment ruled out of order.

METROPOLITAN YURIJ spoke to Resolution R30 – to replace "the Prime Minister's Office" with "all appropriate authorities".

FORMAL AMENDMENT: (S. Luciuk/W. Pylypchuk) To replace "the Prime Minister's Office" with "all appropriate authorities". **CARRIED.**

FORMAL AMENDMENT: (I. Franko/Y. Balan) Add "BE IT RESOLVED not to use extraordinary measures nor extraordinary means to maintain life in those instances when a person is hopelessly ill and has a living will to this affect".

Discussion. I. Franko withdraws the formal amendment in support of the following amendment:

FORMAL AMENDMENT: (L. Boychuk/I. Franko) Resolution R30 states: WHEREAS the Orthodox Church makes a precise differentiation between euthanasia and the decision not to use extraordinary means to maintain life in those instances when a person is hopelessly ill. The Proposed amendment is to change the "WHEREAS" with "BE IT RESOLVED" and expand "Orthodox Church" to the "UOCC".

Discussion. **DEFEATED.**

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: "BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada petition **all appropriate authorities** to work to limit the harm done by the Supreme Court's decision on assisted suicide by supporting restrictive legislation regarding physician-assisted suicide." Scrutineers called to count the vote – 95 in favour. 47 opposed. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R33

MOTION: (Holy Trinity Cathedral Winnipeg, MB)

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC apply to the Federal Government of Canada (the appropriate office) to issue a **POSTAGE STAMP AND/OR COIN** to recognize this significant commemoration anniversary of one of the most important Christian traditions in Canada. **CARRIED.**

Resolution F12 replaced Resolution R36

Resolution F12 (floor)

MOTION: (V. Balan/P. Bayrachny)

BE IT RESOLVED that: The UOCC continue to work with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople to recognize a canonical church in Ukraine not affiliated with the Moscow Patriarch. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R24

MOTION: (Z. Cherak/D. Huzyk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC continues to pray that the Lord grant unity and harmony to the Bishops, Clergy and Laity in Ukraine; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until such unity is realized, the UOCC establish and maintain formal relations with all branches of Orthodoxy in Ukraine treating all as equals; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UOCC continue to facilitate symposiums and encourage mediation to bring about the unity of all branches of Orthodoxy in Ukraine in the form of a unified, antocephalous Orthodox Church in Ukraine; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UOCC call upon the Mother Church and the Ecumenical Patriarch to bless these efforts and the objective of realizing these aspirations.

DEFEATED.

Resolution F21 (floor)

MOTION: (I)

BE IT RESOLVED that the 23rd SOBOR of the UOCC acknowledge this important 400th Anniversary with a congratulatory Metropolitan's Epistle (Similar to the one issued by of blessed memory Metropolitan Ilarion (Ohienko) on the 350th Anniversary in 1965.) to the National University "Kyiv Mohyla Academy".

CARRIED.

Resolution F22 (floor)

MOTION: (V. Hetmanczuk/D. Reed)

BE IT RESOLVED that the 23rd SOBOR of the UOCC rejoices and congratulates the National University "Kyiv Mohyla Academy" in initiating such a strategic intellectual undertaking in the service of Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the 21st Century and asks its membership to support this strategic initiative in every way possible. **CARRIED.**

Resolution F4 (floor) and **Resolution F19** (floor)

MOTION: (W. Sydorenko/N. Jemetz and St. Mary's Winnipeg, MB)

BE IT RESOLVED that Frs. Sametz, S.W.Sawchuk and D.E.Stratychuk be recognized as Righteous Enlighteners of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that Fr. Stepan Hrebenuk be added to the resolution of Wasyl Sydorenko, as recommended by Volodymyr Senchuk, Archivist, UOCC

MOTION TO REFER: (S. Luciuk/W. Pylypchuk) Recommend these two amalgamated resolutions be referred to the Hierarchs for consideration. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R19

MOTION: (G. Blyzniuk/W. Chewchuk)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian religious tradition of our Church remain as a fundamental defining characteristic of the UOCC, and that the UOCC protect, nurture and leverage our distinct Ukrainian identity and religious tradition to ensure they are never undermined, diluted or diminished, nor replaced by the religious tradition of other ethnic or pan-orthodox churches.

MOTION TO DEFER: (S. Luciuk/W. Pylypchuk) Recommend R19 be deferred to Vision discussion at a future SOBOR. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R6

MOTION: (M. Kostash/Fr. R. Shiyan)

Proposed change to wording of 1.2 of the Guiding Principles of the UOCC.

MOTION TO DEFER: (S. Luciuk/W. Pylypchuk) Recommend R6 be deferred to Vision discussion at a future SOBOR. **CARRIED.**

Resolution R17

MOTION: (G. Chewchuk/G. Blyzniuk)

BE IT RESOLVED that a consistent protocol be instituted whereby these clergy members be allowed to pray in our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada churches and socialize with our faithful.

MOTION TO REFER: (S. Luciuk/W. Pylypchuk) Recommend this resolution be referred to the Hierarchs for consideration. **CARRIED.**

***Secretaries note in regards to Resolution R8: no notations taken for R8. The audio recording is also missing for Resolution R8.*

MOTION: (?/G. Udod) For the next SOBOR to be in Saskatoon 2018. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: (W. Pylypchuk/G. Luciuk) BE IT RESOLVED that all standing committees of the UOCC as currently constituted continue, and that the Consistory Board be authorized to fill any vacancies or any necessary additions as may be required from time to time. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: (V. Hetmanczuk/D. Moskaluk-Rutkay) That the 23rd SOBOR accept the following people as the next Consistory Board for 2015-2020 term: **CARRIED.**

CHANCELLOR: Fr. T. Udod
WESTERN EPARCHY: Fr. C. Zubritsky (Edmonton, AB)
Fr. Peter Haugan (St. Paul, AB)
Fr. Slawomir Lomaszkiewicz (Vegreville, AB)
Stephania Luciuk (Calgary, AB)
Walter Pylypchuk (Vancouver, BC)
Donna Reed (Edmonton, AB)

CENTRAL EPARCHY: Fr. Eugene Maximiuk (Winnipeg, MB)
Fr. Taras Makowsky (Saskatoon, SK)
Fr. Roman Bozyk (St. Andrew's College)
Wasył Rybalka (Prince Albert, SK)
Zennia Yuzik (Saskatoon, SK)
Tony Harras (Regina, SK)

EASTERN EPARCHY: Fr. Dr. Ihor Kutash (Montreal, QC)
Fr. Bohdan Hladio (Oshawa, ON)
Ivan Franko (Toronto, ON)
Lesia Skyba (London, ON)
Bohdan Shumsky (Ottawa, ON)

*(Carol Shewchuk Congratulated the Resolutions Committee on an amazing job.) (Applause)
At this time there was some discussion and METROPOLITAN YURIJ spoke to the withdrawn floor Resolution F6 as to the titling of Bishop not proceeding.*

(S. Chewchuk recommended that in advance of the next SOBOR, to have a one-day or half-day pre-Sobor laity day (with an agenda), much like the clergy do. She volunteered to organize it for the next Sobor, as she had done 5 years ago for SOBOR 2010. Subdeacon, I. Triska, Chair suggested that the Consistory Board take this under advisement.)

(To the new Chancellor – W. Chewchuk spoke to using the strengths of the members; delegate some of your roles to us. We are happy to help.) (Applause)

MOTION: (Fr.C. Zubritsky/S. Luciuk) All in favour of the Salutary Resolutions. **CARRIED.**

(Fr. T. Udod thanked all of the secretaries for their work. (Applause) It's imperative to get these minutes out so that work can begin).

SESSION XVI – SOBOR CLOSING

*(The Chair, Fr. T. Makowsky [on behalf of all co-Chairs], thanked the gathering for the opportunity to co-Chair the SOBOR. His Eminence, METROPOLITAN YURIJ, thanked all the hierarchs, clergy and lay delegates for their prayerful and sincere deliberations. **With his final blessing, His Eminence, Most Rev. Metropolitan YURIJ OFFICIALLY CLOSED THE 23RD SOBOR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA.***

CLOSURE OF THE 23RD SOBOR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA AT 3:55pm.

(singing of Dostoyno)

(Processional exit of the Hierarchs with the Holy Icon of the Canadian Mother of God, to the singing of the Troparion by the clergy and the assembly).

MINUTES OF THE 23RD SOBOR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

L. Skyba
(Holy Trinity, London)

M. Spytkowski
(Holy Trinity Cathedral, Winnipeg)

Fr. P. Powalinsky
(Wakaw-Melfort-Nipawin SK Parish District)

S. Demchinsky
(St. Mary's, Ottawa)

Fr. C. Pawlyshyn
(Victoria/Parksville)

N. Obraztsova
(Sobor Parish of St. Mary, Winnipeg MB)

MINUTES OF THE 23RD SOBOR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA APPROVED BY:

**+YURIJ, METROPOLITAN
ARCHBISHOP OF WINNIPEG AND THE CENTRAL DIOCESE
PRIMATE OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA
PRESIDENT OF THE 23RD SOBOR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF
CANADA**

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 23-RD SOBOR 2015

PART A: SALUTORY RESOLUTIONS

1. **WE GREET His All-Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I**, and thank him for the greetings, blessings and love conveyed by his Exarch in Canada, **His Eminence, METROPOLITAN SOTIRIOS**, whose presence and comments at this 23-rd SOBOR we appreciate and value. We pray His All-Holiness might ever be inspired and strengthened by the Grace of the Holy Spirit in his most weighty ministry and leadership, including that of guiding the Daughter Church of Constantinople in Ukraine in its efforts to attain a unified canonical status in keeping with the aspirations of the people of Ukraine to live in peace, dignity and freedom among all the Orthodox of the world.
2. **WE GREET His Eminence, Most Reverend YURIJ, Archbishop of Winnipeg and the Central Eparchy, METROPOLITAN of Canada**, our beloved Primate, and extend to him our prayerful wishes for good health and spiritual strength in bearing his weighty responsibilities as our Church's Archpastor.
3. **WE GREET His Eminence, Most Reverend METROPOLITAN EMERITUS JOHN**, and extend to him our prayerful wishes for his good health and spiritual strength in his retirement.
4. **WE GREET their Graces, Bishop ILARION and Bishop ANDRIY** and extend to them also our prayerful wishes for good health and spiritual strength in bearing their weighty responsibilities as Archpastors in the Western and Eastern Eparchies of our Church.
5. **WE GREET** our sister-Church, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America, their Primate, **His Eminence METROPOLITAN ANTONY**, and **His Grace, Bishop DANIEL**, who are representing Her at this 23-rd SOBOR, and thank them for enhancing our deliberations by their comforting Archpastoral words and prayers. May God grant them all many blessed years of fruitful service in the Lord's Vineyard.
6. **WE GREET** the Right Reverend **Protopresbyter Fr. Victor Lakusta**, the out-going Chancellor of our Church. We thank him for his years of dedicated and self-sacrificial endeavours on the Consistory and extend to him our prayerful wishes for good health and spiritual strength in his future priestly ministry.
7. **WE GREET** the newly-elected Chancellor, the Very Reverend **Archpriest Fr. Taras Udod**. We pray God grant him wisdom, strength, and vigilance as he takes upon himself the burden of serving the Church and the new Consistory in the role of Chair of the Consistory Presidium.
8. **WE GREET** the Very Reverend **Archpriest Fr. Roman Bozyk**, the Acting Principal of St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg and Dean of the Faculty of Theology, together with his academic and administrative staff, thank him and them for their diligent work and extend to him and them all our prayerful wishes for good health and God's blessing upon their continuing demanding labours.

9. **WE GREET Marusia Kaweski**, the Editor of the Church press “Visnyk/The Herald” of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, thank her for her diligent work and extend to her our prayerful wishes for strength and God’s blessing in her continuing demanding labours.
10. **WE GREET** all the Clergy and Laity of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, especially as the 100th anniversary of its founding will very soon be upon us. We pray for our Bishops and the Consistory as they lead preparations for the commemoration, by God’s gracious Will and Blessing, of this most solemn and auspicious event in the life of our Church.
11. **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all the Clergy and Laity of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada who are shut-in or infirm, and prayerfully extend our wishes for spiritual strength to them in bearing the cross of illness and, by God’s will, full healing from any sickness.
12. **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** the people of God in our ancestral homeland, Ukraine, and especially our brothers and sisters in all the branches of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and extend to them our prayerful best wishes for ever increasing unity in the all-forgiving and all-embracing Love of Christ.
13. **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** the Sovereign Ukrainian State on the 24th anniversary of its arising after centuries of oppression and pray that the Lord aid and help its people in these most difficult times of foreign invasion and civil conflict, in the growth and development of true fraternal love and justice under the rule of law, as a pluralist democracy like the one that we enjoy in our dear motherland of Canada, to which we also extend heartfelt thanks for its strong support of Ukraine in the current challenge by its northern neighbour to its sovereignty and territorial integrity.
14. **WE UNITE IN PRAYER** with all the people of Ukraine on their ancestral land and in the diaspora for the repose of the souls of all those murdered in the Holodomor (Famine) Genocide of 1932-33, as well as of all who have laid down their lives in defense of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine in response to the invasion by the forces of the Russian Federation, which not only supports the separatist terrorists in eastern Ukraine with money and weapons, but also sends members of its armed forces to lead them and augment their manpower. We call upon all the faithful of the Church to pray, donate and do all in their power to support the people of Ukraine so that peace, harmony and love may be restored among them by the grace and intercessions of the Prince of Peace and that their enemies might vanish like the dew upon the rising of the sun.
15. **WE EXTEND DEEP THANKS** to the **staff of the Consistory Office** and all who laboured in the organization and conducting of the 23rd SOBOR.

PART B: RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE 23-RD SOBOR 2015:

The following resolutions in their final form were considered by the 23-rd SOBOR and approved.

All Resolution numeration is given as it will appear in the official Minutes of the SOBOR.

Resolutions were given the following designations: “B” for bylaw amendment

“R” for general resolutions

“F” for floor resolutions

Resolution B1

Proposed Amendments to Article 14 of UOCC Bylaws on Parishes, Missions and Parochial Districts:

14.01 Parishes and Missions constitute the basic components of organizational membership within the Church and the official status of the parishes and missions which were accepted into and gained affiliation with the Church prior to the passing of these Bylaws shall remain unchanged and shall continue to be recognized, provided they remain in good standing with the Church at the time these Bylaws are passed.

Affiliation

14.02 (a) A group of Orthodox Christians who adhere to the faith, dogma and ritual practice of the Orthodox Church as defined in Article 2.01 of these Bylaws (“the applicant group”) and seek to become affiliated with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada as a parish or mission organized for religious worship and instruction, must signify their intention by formal notice, in writing, to the Eparchial Bishop in the eparchy where the parish or mission is sought to be located. Subject to the written consent of the Eparchial Bishop in question, the applicant group must confirm its intention in that regard by a resolution passed at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose, a copy of which shall be delivered to the Eparchial bishop within (30) days of the conclusion of the meeting. The consent of the Eparchial Bishop shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(b) If the Eparchial Bishop refuses his consent to the establishment of a parish or mission under (a) above, the applicant group may appeal the decision directly to the Consistory Board within sixty (60) days of receiving notice in writing of the Eparchial Bishop’s decision. The Consistory Board must make its decision on such an appeal at its next meeting after providing the applicant group and the Eparchial Bishop an opportunity to be heard either in writing or orally. The onus justifying the reasonableness of the refusal of consent shall be on the Eparchial Bishop. The decision of the Consistory Board on the issue shall be final and binding on the applicant group and the Eparchial Bishop.

14.03 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 14.02, the applicant group must submit a written application in the prescribed form to the Consistory Board, together with a certified copy of the resolution confirming its intention duly passed in that regard and a copy of the applicant group’s draft by-laws which must be substantially in the form of the “Model Bylaws for Parishes and Missions” appended to these bylaws as Schedule “A”.

Resolution B1 (cont'd)

14.04 The Consistory Board must make its decision accepting an application for affiliation with the Church as a parish or mission in consultation with the Eparchial Bishop in question. It is a condition of any acceptance of affiliation that the parish or mission becoming affiliated with the Church shall, within sixty (60) days after receiving written notice of acceptance from the Consistory Board, pass a resolution adopting bylaws substantially in the form of the "Model Bylaws for Parishes and Missions" appended to these bylaws as Schedule "A" with such reasonable modifications as local circumstances may require and are approved by the Consistory Board in consultation with the Eparchial Bishop in question. Approval of reasonable modifications must not be unreasonably withheld by the Consistory Board. A certified copy of such resolution and the bylaws adopted by the parish or mission must be submitted to the Consistory Board within thirty (30) days after the meeting at which the resolution was passed and upon receipt thereof, the Consistory Board may issue a "Certificate of Admission" in the form appended to these by-laws as Schedule "B" to the newly affiliated parish or mission, as the case may be.

14.05 Every affiliated parish or mission must conduct its affairs in accordance with its approved bylaws and shall, as a constituent part of the Church, abide by and operate in accordance with Church Tradition, the Act and bylaws of the Church, decisions of the Council of Bishops and the General Council and directives of the Consistory Board.

14.06 Every affiliated parish and mission must pay into the general fund of the Church such annual levies and assessments as may be determined by the General Council from time to time.

14.07 (a) Every parish and mission shall, within thirty (30) days following its annual meeting, submit a written report to the Presidium of the Consistory Board, providing a copy of the financial statements for the past fiscal year, particulars of activities and operations conducted during that year and names and addresses of members of the newly elected executive of the parish or mission for the current year.

(b) Every parish and mission shall also submit a certified copy of any amendments made to its bylaws during the past fiscal year for approval by the Consistory Board. Approval of reasonable amendments must not be unreasonably withheld by the Consistory Board.

14.08 The assets and property, both real and personal, of a parish or mission are under the ownership and control of the members thereof and shall remain under the management of the executive thereof. In the event of disbandment of a parish or mission, or after liquidation of assets, subject to the exception in paragraphs 14.08.1 to 14.08.4, the residue of the assets and property thereof shall, after payment of all debts and expenses, accrue to and vest in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

Amalgamation

14.08.01 (a) Where two or more parishes or missions seek to amalgamate, they must signify their intention by formal notice, in writing, to the Eparchial Bishop in the eparchy where the parishes or missions are located. Subject to the written consent of the Eparchial Bishop in question, the applicant parishes or missions must confirm their intention to amalgamate by a resolution passed at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose in each of the parishes or missions affected, a copy of which shall be delivered to the Eparchial Bishop within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the meeting. The consent of the Eparchial Bishop shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Resolution B1 (cont'd)

14.08.01 (b) If the Eparchial Bishop refuses his consent to the amalgamation under (a) above, the applicant parishes or missions may appeal that decision directly to the Consistory Board within sixty (60) days of receiving notice in writing of the Eparchial Bishop's decision. The Consistory Board must make its decision on such an appeal at its next meeting after providing the applicant group and the Eparchial Bishop an opportunity to be heard either in writing or orally. The onus justifying the reasonableness of the refusal of consent shall be on the Eparchial Bishop. The decision of the Consistory Board on the issue shall be final and binding on the applicant parishes or missions and the Eparchial Bishop.

14.08.2 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 14.08.1, the Eparchial Bishop must submit a written application on behalf of the affected parishes or mission in the prescribed form to the Consistory Board, together with certified copies of the resolutions confirming their intention duly passed in that regard and a copy of the applicant parishes or missions' draft bylaws which will govern the amalgamated parish or mission and which must be substantially in the form of the "Model Bylaws for Parishes and Missions" appended to these by-laws as Schedule "A".

14.08.3 The Consistory Board must make its decision accepting an application for amalgamation in consultation with the Eparchial Bishop in questions. It is a condition of any acceptance of amalgamation that the amalgamated parish or mission shall, within sixty (60) days after receiving written notice of acceptance from the Consistory Board, pass a resolution adopting bylaws substantially in the form of the "Model Bylaws for Parishes and Mission" appended to these bylaws as Schedule "A" with such reasonable modifications as local circumstances may require and are approved by the Consistory Board in consultation with the Eparchial Bishop in question. Approval of reasonable modifications must not be unreasonably withheld by the Consistory Board. A certified copy of such resolution and the bylaws adopted by the amalgamated parish or mission must be submitted to the Consistory Board within thirty (30) days after the meeting at which the resolution was passed and upon receipt thereof, the Consistory Board may issue a "Certificate of Amalgamation" in the form appended to these bylaws as Schedule "?" to the newly amalgamated parish or mission, as the case may be.

14.08.4 In the event of amalgamation of a parish or mission with another parish or mission, the assets and property of the affected parishes or missions shall, after payment of all debts and expenses as the case may be, accrue to and vest in the new amalgamated parish or mission.

14.08.5 Where the amalgamation results in the decommissioning of one or more churches, the parishes or missions affected must jointly provide a copy of a plan outlining the proposed disposition of parish or mission assets in accordance with applicable law ("disposition plan"). The disposition plan must be developed in consultation with the Eparchial Bishop and must provide an inventory of parish or mission assets, including record books, bank accounts, land title, personal property, relics and other sacred church items. The disposition plan must identify persons with the legal capacity to dispose of parish or mission assets through sale, donation or transfer as may be applicable.

Resolution B1 (cont'd)

14.08.6 Where one or more neighbouring parishes or missions have given notice of intention to disband under paragraph 14.16(a), the Eparchial Bishop may recommend to the affected parishes or missions that they consider amalgamation as an alternative to disbandment. The affected parishes or missions shall have up to six months to consider the Eparchial Bishop's recommendation and the Eparchial Bishop may assist the affected parishes or missions to develop a plan to amalgamate. If no decision to amalgamate is made within the six-month time period, disbandment shall proceed in accordance with paragraphs 14.16 to 14.19.

Disorder and Trusteeship

14.09 In the event the members of a parish or mission, or the executive thereof, fail to comply with the rules of conduct or directives of the Metropolitan, Council of Bishops or the Eparchial Bishop, or otherwise contravene the provision of the Act or these bylaws, or decision of the General Council or Consistory Board, or permit un-Orthodox teachings in the parish or mission, or if a divisiveness or general disorder among the members shall occur so as to threaten a normal and harmonious existence of the membership, the Consistory Board may appoint three (3) trustees, subject to paragraphs 14.09.1 to 14.09.3, from among the membership of the parish or mission in question to manage and supervise the general affairs of the parish or mission until order and normal Christian life are restored.

14.09.1 Where the Consistory Board is unable to find three members within the parish or mission in question that are able or willing to serve as appointed trustees, the Consistory Board may appoint three members in good standing from a neighbouring parish or mission to act as trustees in accordance with paragraph 14.09.

14.09.2 Where the Consistory Board is unable to find three members within a neighbouring parish or mission in question that are able or willing to serve as appointed trustees, the Consistory Board may appoint three members in good standing from anywhere within the Eparchy to act as trustees in accordance with paragraph 14.09.

14.09.3 When the Consistory Board is unable to find three members within the Eparchy that are able or willing to serve as appointed trustees, the Consistory Board may appoint three members from the Consistory Board to act as trustees in accordance with paragraph 14.09.

14.09.4 Where trustees have been appointed by the Consistory Board and other members of the parish or mission affected file an objection in writing with the Consistory Board, the Consistory Board must place the matter for a hearing before the Eparchial Tribunal in accordance with paragraph 19.06 within 60 days of receiving notice of the objection. The onus justifying the appointment of the trustees shall rest with the Consistory Board in all circumstances.

14.09.5 If the Eparchial Tribunal finds that the appointment of trustees was not justified, the appointment expires immediately and the control of the affected parish or mission must be returned to the elected board.

Resolution B1 (cont'd)

Direct application for membership

14.10 Individuals or families residing in areas where there is no parish or mission may apply directly to the Eparchial Bishop for membership in a parish or mission within his eparchy by making such declaration of the Orthodox faith and providing such other information as the Eparchial Bishop may require. When considering such application, the Eparchial Bishop may consult with the executive of the parish or mission in which membership is being contemplated and if the application is approved by the Eparchial Bishop, membership gained thereby shall be subject to compliance with the duties and obligations of members in the parish or mission.

14.11 The Eparchial Bishop may establish a Parochial District with two or more parishes and missions to be served by at least one priest.

14.12 Establishment of a Parochial District shall be evidenced by the issuance by the Eparchial Bishop of a "Certificate of Establishment" in the form appended to these bylaws as Schedule "C" and a copy thereof shall be forwarded to each parish and mission names therein.

14.13 Immediately after receiving a copy of the Certificate of Establishment aforesaid, the parishes and missions named therein shall take all necessary steps to hold a combined meeting of their representatives, with an equal number of members of the parishes and missions in attendance, for the purpose of having bylaws of the Parochial District passed and adopted substantially in the form of "Model Bylaws for Parochial Districts" appended to these bylaws as Schedule "D", with such modifications thereto as special circumstances may dictate and may be approved by the Eparchial Bishop.

14.14 A resolution passed by the Parochial District in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding paragraph 14.13 shall have, as signatories, the chairman and secretary of the meeting and the presidents of each parish and mission affected thereby and a certified copy of such resolution shall be submitted to the Presidium of the Consistory Board within thirty (30) days of the meeting at which the resolution was passed.

14.15 The establishment or realignment of a Parochial District shall be subject to the ratification and approval of the Consistory Board.

Disbandment

14.16 (a) A parish or mission which seeks to disband as a parish or mission organized for religious worship and instruction, must signify its intention by formal notice, in writing, to the Eparchial Bishop in the eparchy where the parish or mission is located. Subject to the written consent of the Eparchial Bishop in question, the applicant parish or mission must confirm its intention in that regard by a resolution passed at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose, a copy of which shall be delivered to the Eparchial Bishop within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the meeting. The consent of the Eparchial Bishop shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Resolution B1 (cont'd)

14.16 (b) If the Eparchial Bishop refuses his consent to the disbandment of a parish or mission under (a) above, the applicant parish or mission may appeal that decision directly to the Consistory Board within sixty (60) days of receiving notice in writing of the Eparchial Bishop's decision. The Consistory Board must make its decision on such an appeal at its next meeting after providing the applicant parish or mission and the Eparchial Bishop an opportunity to be heard either in writing or orally. The onus justifying the reasonableness of the refusal of consent shall be on the Eparchial Bishop. The decision of the Consistory Board on the issue shall be final and binding on the applicant parish or mission and the Eparchial Bishop.

14.17 Subject to the provision of paragraph 14.16, the Eparchial Bishop must submit a written application on behalf of the affected parish or mission in the prescribed form to the Consistory Board, together with a certified copy of the resolution confirming its intention duly passed in that regard.

14.18 The Consistory Board must make its decision accepting an application for disbandment of a parish or mission in consultation with the Eparchial Bishop in question. It is a condition of any acceptance of disbandment, within sixty (60) days after receiving written notice of acceptance from the Consistory Board, pass a resolution adopting a disposition plan substantially in the form acceptable to the Consistory Board in consultation with the Eparchial Bishop in question. Approval of a disposition plan must not be unreasonably withheld by the Consistory Board. A certified copy of such resolution and disposition plan adopted by the parish or mission must be submitted to the Consistory Board within thirty (30) days after the meeting at which the resolution was passed and upon receipt thereof, the Consistory Board may issue a "Certificate of Disbandment" in the form appended to these bylaws as Schedule "?" to the parish or mission, as the case may be, which will become effective on date when all assets have been disposed of in accordance with the disposition plan.

14.19 The Certificate of Disbandment must contain a provision ratifying the actions of the outgoing executive board of the disbanded parish or mission, including all steps taken to disband the parish or mission, and absolving the outgoing executive board and trustees of all liability associated with the disbanded parish or mission.

Decommissioned churches

14.20 The Consistory Board is responsible for all aspects of decommissioning churches provided that the Consistory Board or Sobor may from time to time establish an Office for Decommissioning Churches ("ODC") or such other committee whose responsibility shall include, but not be limited to, advising parishes or missions which are disbanding or amalgamating, on the preparation and implementation of a disposition plan as required by paragraphs 14.08.5 and 14.17, and taking charge of or otherwise overseeing the continued preservation of graveyards, holy relics, and other church assets.

14.21 The Consistory Board must ensure that sufficient funds are made available to carry out the mandate in paragraph 14.20.

Resolution B1 (cont'd)

General

14.22 Subject to the approval of the Eparchial Bishop and the Consistory Board, a parish or mission, or parishes or missions, may withdraw an application for amalgamation or an application for disbandment at any time.

14.23 The Consistory Board may from time to time establish or approve such policies as may be necessary to give effect to Article 14, including policies for the preservation of historical rural churches and cemeteries, preservation of archival records of decommissioned churches, retention or disposition of church relics, holy icons, books and other related artifacts.

Resolution B6

WHEREAS the current By-law 11.03 states: "The election of the Chancellor at a General Council, shall be held prior to and separately from the election of the other clergymen to the Consistory Board.";

AND WHEREAS Current bylaws do not allow for the removal of Chancellor in term for not fulfilling duties;

AND WHEREAS with our current bylaws, a special Sobor would be required for an involuntary change of Chancellor;

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 11.03 be amended to read: "The election of the Chancellor at a General Council, shall be held prior to and separately from the election of the other clergymen to the Consistory Board. The Chancellor may be removed from his position by a 2/3 majority of Consistory Board members votes cast."

Resolution B14

WHEREAS there is a significant trend of decreasing numbers of parishes and members in the UOCC in accordance with the November 2014 Eastern Eparchy Report;

AND WHEREAS economies in scale of both human and fiscal resources may be achieved with the restructuring of the current UOCC infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS a restructuring of the UOCC infrastructure would entail amendments to the UOCC Bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory create a committee within 6 months to research and prepare a report on the feasibility of human and fiscal savings attributed to a restructuring of the current UOCC infrastructure. The committee will consist of one representative from each Eparchy and two from the Consistory in addition to the Metropolitan and Chancellor as ex-officio. The report would be published in the Herald and posted on the UOCC website by one year from date resolution is passed at SOBOR 2015.

Resolution B19

WHEREAS the current Bylaw 10.12 states: "A priest shall not engage in secular employment without the permission of the Eparchial Bishop in consultation with the Metropolitan and Consistory Board.";

AND WHEREAS the UOCC must ensure that appropriate permissions have been received and documented for future reference through transitions of Bishops in the Church;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 10.12 be amended to read: "A priest shall not engage in secular employment without the written permission of the Eparchial Bishop in consultation with the Metropolitan and Consistory Board."

Resolution B20

WHEREAS the current Bylaw 11.14 states: “A resolution in writing, signed by all of the members of the Consistory Board entitled to vote on that resolution and having received the written consent and approval of the Metropolitan, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Consistory Board duly convened and held.”;

AND WHEREAS Current text is likely not as intended and does not allow an approved motion by the majority of the members to be approved until all consistory board members sign off;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 11.14 be amended to read: “A resolution in writing, including electronic format, once approved in writing by a majority of members of the Consistory Board after notice of the resolution is given in writing to all members of the Consistory Board, shall be valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a convened and held meeting of the Consistory Board duly, subject to Article 11.12.”

Resolution B21

BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Bylaws Committee be directed to review, create or otherwise incorporate a protocol for the election of Bishops and the Metropolitan as an Appendix to the Bylaws which ensure a practice consistent with the Bylaws and that such amendment be submitted to the next SOBOR for consideration.

Resolution R1

WHEREAS previous Sobors have directed that the Office and Missions and Education (the “OME”) be staffed and funded by levies;

AND WHEREAS positions within the OME have remained vacant for almost the entire period following the last Sobor;

AND WHEREAS centralization of OME activities in Winnipeg is not required in order to effectively organize and carry out OME activities;

BE IT RESOLVED that 1) no less than \$50,000 annually from levies be directed to a restricted fund to be used solely to support the activities of the Office of Missions and Education (“OME”), and 2) the Consistory identify and carry out opportunities to operate OME using clergy and/or other individuals from across Canada.

Resolution R2

WHEREAS other churches have significantly changed their communications strategies to reduce paper communication and improve electronic communication with members and the public;

AND WHEREAS the UOCC’s communications strategies remain largely unchanged over the last decade;

BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1) the format and frequency of the Visnyk be referred to the Consistory Board for review and consideration
- 2) the primary method for delivery of the Visnyk to members be in an electronic or online format, with a transition to a combined model of electronic/online and hard copy delivery, to be completed within 12 months of the SOBOR, and
- 3) the Office of the Consistory develop and use a database of emails for all parishes, clergy and members as the primary method for regular communication to reduce paper distribution and related costs.

Resolution R5

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Canadian people provide financial, logistical, material, moral and spiritual support to the people and government of Ukraine;

AND WHEREAS Canada provides active military support in Iraq for the legitimate government of Iraq and the defenseless Christians and others against ISIS/ISIL;

AND WHEREAS Canadian Military First Responders Services Personnel in their home country of Canada often stand in the face of tyranny and radical/terrorist outbursts, some of which have lost their lives serving their country;

AND WHEREAS Canada provides personnel, medical and financial aid to the countries suffering from the Ebola Crisis and other infectious diseases;

AND WHEREAS Canada comes to the aid of disasters of all types throughout the world;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada recognize these efforts and sacrifices of Canada’s active Military Service Personnel, First Responders Services Personnel and the Medical and the Scientific Community by offering a statement(s) of support/thanks to individuals who have personally sacrificed, and the governments for their support; from the Hierarchs, clergy and parishioners of the UOCC, in congregations via the clergy, on the UOCC web page relating to the incidents they occur and offering collective prayers for those on the front lines of duty and prayers for those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, or by collateral damage; by expressing said prayers on the web page of the UOCC, and in churches across the nation, immediately after the incidents occur.

Resolution R10

WHEREAS previous UOCC Sobors have affirmed the wish of the UOCC to initiate a formal monastic community;

AND WHEREAS the opportunity for a monastic community is based on the presence of a single female monastic;

AND WHEREAS the economy of scale would dictate that a greater number of women would need to participate in the monastic community to warrant the initial cost and to assure self-sufficiency of such community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the 23rd SOBOR of the UOCC table the establishment of a women's monastery until such time as more women indicate their interest and commitment to a monastic community in Canada, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once there is a sufficient number of women interested in a monastic community, the UOCC then undertake a thorough study of the costs and principles of self-sustainability for implementation of such monastic community, and that the results of this study be presented at the next SOBOR for review.

Resolution R12

WHEREAS St. Andrew's College is the Seminary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada;

AND WHEREAS St. Andrew's College requires stable funding on an annual basis to continue to provide education for our Theology students;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent on the members of the UOCC to support their Seminary;

BE IT RESOLVED that the portion of the UOCC annual membership levy be \$10 per member as of January 2016 and thereafter remain at \$10 until the next regular SOBOR in 2020, and that the Consistory forward these funds to St. Andrew's College in support of the Theology Program, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collection of this annual levy for St. Andrew's College be implemented by the Consistory and be based on the UOCC membership for the preceding year.

Resolution R22

BE IT RESOLVED that in the future, any attachments containing resolutions be scanned and made part of the relevant SOBOR minutes either by insertion directly into the text of the minutes or as appendices.

Resolution R25

WHEREAS at the 22nd SOBOR in 2010, the following resolution was passed:

“Be it Resolved, the 22nd SOBOR mandate the development of specific policy on Dobrodiky membership in the UOCC in consultation with the Dobrodiky at the 22nd SOBOR of the UOCC.”

AND WHEREAS membership status for Dobrodiky needs clarification;

BE IT RESOLVED that Parishes be encouraged to extend individual Parish membership to Dobrodiky and to consider waiving or covering the membership fee for Dobrodiky; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that membership for Dobrodiky in the UOCC generally other than through membership in the Parish not be considered.

Resolution R27

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board make it a priority to establish a virtual network for members and clergy to communicate with the leadership and with each other regarding issues of concern to our Church.

Resolution R30

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada struck down existing laws criminalizing assisted suicide in February 2015;

AND WHEREAS as Canadians, we are now confronted with the sobering fact that our nation's highest court has set itself in direct opposition to the law of God: "You shall not kill.";

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court wants parliament, within a year, to draw up a new law which, at very least, must allow physicians to assist in the suicide of those suffering from what it calls "grievous and irremediable medical conditions" (and it does not say that those conditions must be terminal);

AND WHEREAS the Orthodox Church teaches that euthanasia is the deliberate cessation of human life, and, as such, *must* be condemned as **murder**;

AND WHEREAS the Orthodox Church makes a precise differentiation between euthanasia and the decision not to use extraordinary means to maintain life in those instances when a person is hopelessly ill;

AND WHEREAS the Orthodox Church affirms the holiness of life, and that it is the duty of each Christian in every way possible, to protect life as a sacred gift of God and that the sole form of "a good death," from the Church's point of view, is the peaceful acceptance of the end of earthly life, enriched by faith and trust in God and in the hope of resurrection in Christ;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada petition all appropriate authorities to work to limit the harm done by the Supreme Court's decision on assisted suicide by supporting restrictive legislation regarding physician-assisted suicide.

Resolution R33

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2018;

AND WHEREAS the UOCC has played a major and important role in the Ukrainian Canadian community as well as in the Canadian Christian tradition;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC apply to the Federal Government of Canada (the appropriate office) to issue a POSTAGE STAMP AND/OR COIN to recognize this significant commemoration anniversary of one of the most important Christian traditions in Canada.

Resolution R40

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board seek out and hire a director for the Office of Missions and Education by the 2016 Consistory Board Spring Session.

Resolution R41

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada faces serious structural, administrative and financial challenges;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board engage an external consultant to conduct an analysis of operations of the UOCC and report to the Consistory Board within 24 months, including recommendations for potential changes to Chancellor's position, and;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board report to the next SOBOR regarding the report and its implementation. (Cost \$10,000)

Resolution F1

WHEREAS and increasing number of parishes and mission of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada are contemplating amalgamation or disbandment;

AND WHEREAS clergy and laity often require assistance in the decision making for the complicated processes of amalgamation or disbandment;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Heritage Subcommittee of the Rural Issues Committee draft a guide that is in keeping with the Bylaws of the UOCC and the resolutions passed at SOBOR 2015 and prior SOBORS that will guide the clergy and laity in matters of parish amalgamation or disbandment, care of parishioners after amalgamation or disbandment, care of church properties after amalgamation or disbandment, disposal of church properties, and other related issues, and that such a guide be subject to the approval of the Consistory Board.

Resolution F2 a)

BE IT RESOLVED that the SOBOR approve inclusion of child orthodontic care (\$2500) lifetime in the benefit package for the UOCC staff at an increased monthly cost for 2015 of \$4.14 for single and \$11.65 for family paid 50% by members and 50% by congregations.

Resolution F2 b)

BE IT RESOLVED that the clergy minimum salary be increased by \$600 per year on the first pay of each year 2016 through 2020.

Resolution F3

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC Consistory Board add "Member Sustainability" as a standing meeting agenda item to regular meetings of the Full Consistory Board, to encourage an immediate and continuing focus on actions and programs that are aimed at stabilizing or increasing the number of church members across Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Consistory Board discussions on Member Sustainability regularly include a broad range of issues needing immediate attention such as: attracting and retaining youth and young families; aids and assistance to parishes to facilitate a greater understanding of scriptures and Orthodoxy.

Resolution F5

WHEREAS in regard to temporal matters the UOCC is governed by its Sobors;
AND WHEREAS the Sobor delegates the responsibility for the management of the UOCC between Sobors to the Consistory Board;
AND WHEREAS the Consistory Board may further delegate the supervision of the day-to-day operations of the UOCC to its Presidium and the Chancellor;
AND WHEREAS a Sobor is not only responsible for setting future policy through by-laws and resolutions but is also responsible to the UOCC membership to ensure that resolutions from previous Sobors have been acted upon;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Reports to SOBORS generated by the Consistory Board, its committees or the Presidium be made available or distributed in an electronic format to registered delegates for a SOBOR at least two weeks prior to the SOBOR so that delegates have time to read the reports and formulate questions for that SOBOR.
2. Sufficient time be allocated during the SOBOR'S timetable to the question and answer period following major reports such as the Chancellor or Consistory Board's Financial Committee to ensure that a reasonable number of questions can be presented and responded to;
3. The Chancellor and/or the Finance Committee reports address the specific actions taken and funds expended during the interval since the last SOBOR in implementing each of the resolutions from that SOBOR.

Resolution F9

WHEREAS the 23-rd Sobor has received the report from the Internal Audit Committee;
AND WHEREAS the Committee has identified certain differences in interpretation of the role of Internal Audit Committee as defined in Paragraph 13.07 of the UOCC Bylaws;
AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Bylaws concurs with the need and intent of the current UOCC Bylaws for an independent mechanism elected by Sobors that ensures accountability of Consistory and its administration between Sobors;
BE IT RESOLVED therefore that the Standing Committee on Bylaws be tasked to review the issues identified in the Internal Audit and to bring forward such amendments to the Bylaws that would strengthen and ensure an independent mechanism elected by and reporting to SOBORS on management by the Consistory and its administrative components and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such amendments be brought forward by 2018.

Resolution F10

WHEREAS the Church Goods reported cumulative losses of over \$200,000 between 2009-14;
AND WHEREAS reasonableness for procurement of supplies are available through other sources;
BE IT RESOLVED that the current Church Goods operations be wound down promptly and prudently in no more than 30 months, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Consistory establish resources to assist members and parishes with procurement of supplies through other sources, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Consistory continue to market and sell its own publications.

Resolution F11

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board prepare and publish in Visnyk by June 30 each year a report detailing the status of each resolution of this SOBOR and of any outstanding resolutions of previous SOBORS, the actions taken to implement those resolutions, and proposed steps to implement them.

Resolution F12

WHEREAS the UOCC supports international efforts to find a peaceful and just solution to the Russian military occupation of Crimea in 2014 that has expanded to become a Russian invasion in Donetsk and Luhansk regions killing over 8,000 people and displacing more than one million residents of Ukraine in this past year;

AND WHEREAS the consequence of the Moscow Patriarchate's active support for Russia's military aggression means that normal relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the UOCC have become untenable;

AND WHEREAS UOCC faithful find it very difficult that we are in communion with the Patriarchate of Moscow, which houses the terrorists, and their weapons and ammunition in Moscow Patriarchate Churches and blesses the killing of Ukrainian soldiers;

AND WHEREAS many of our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Christ are being martyred in the name of "Ukrainian Orthodoxy", and remain not as yet recognized by the Patriarch of Constantinople and world Orthodoxy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UOCC continue to work with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople to recognize a canonical church in Ukraine not affiliated with the Moscow Patriarch.

Resolution F14

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consistory Board, through the Office of Missions and Education, implement a national youth retreat program similar to the Western Eparchy Youth Retreat with the following principles to apply: a) the first retreat to be held no later than 2017, b) a retreat to be held approximately every two years, c) the retreat rotates to different locations, which could be SAC, St. Vladimir's Institute, Mohyla Institute or St. John's Institute, d) the duration of at least a week e) costs to be funded as close to 100% as possible – by the Consistory with support from the UOCCF, Eparchies, Parishes and national fundraising. E) Cost to Consistory budget \$20,000 per year.

Resolution F15

WHEREAS in order to render explicit what is implicit in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada Policy and Procedures Manual – Policy 21 (non-payment of levies):

BE IT RESOLVED that Policy 21 Article 4 be amended to read:

Congregations (parishes) which are in arrears may not send delegates to Church Sobors or Eparchial Conferences. Members of such congregations may of course, be present at such gatherings as guests. In a Sobor year congregations (parishes) must have all their levies paid, both to the Consistory and to their Eparchy, or have made arrangements for full and timely payment of their levies in advance of the Sobor.

(note: changes are underlined)

Resolution F16

Motion to rescind Resolution 16 from the 21st SOBOR in 2005. Change paragraph 16.1. to read:

BE IT RESOLVED that when a parish of the UOCC is dissolved, and if not already completed, an inventory be conducted of all church contents, 34% of the principal realized from its closure be transferred to the UOCC Foundation.

This allocation will be in place until the 2020 SOBOR.

Motion on allocation of monies acquired from the dissolution of a UOCC parish.

BE IT RESOLVED that when a parish of the UOCC is dissolved, and if not already completed, an inventory be conducted of all church contents, 66% of the principal realized from its closure be transferred to UOCC.

This allocation will be in place until 2020 SOBOR.

The funds will be designated as “Operations Contingency Funds” and held in the Restricted Funds account.

It will be used for:

- i) decline in parish levies
- ii) legal costs
- iii) cover costs of disbanded parishes if no funds available
- iv) hierarchical travel
- v) perpetual care of cemeteries

Resolution F21

WHEREAS the National University “Kyiv Mohyla Academia” (KMA) is celebrating its 400th anniversary in 2015 (1615-2015);

AND WHEREAS the KMA played a key role in the XVII and XVIII centuries in propagating Ukrainian national and Ukrainian Orthodox identity;

AND WHEREAS the KMA was restructured as a modern Western model and Ukrainian centered university in 1991 – today one of the leading universities in Ukraine;

AND WHEREAS the Kyiv Mohyla Academy was an inspiration for the rebirth of Ukrainian Orthodoxy in Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED that the 23rd SOBOR of the UOCC acknowledge this important 400th Anniversary with a congratulatory Metropolitan’s Epistle (Similar to the one issued by of blessed memory Metropolitan Ilarion (Ohienko) on the 350th Anniversary in 1965.) to the National University “Kyiv Mohyla Academy”.

Resolution F22

WHEREAS the National University “Kyiv Mohyla Academy” has established a major graduate program of theological studies, the first such university initiative in Ukraine’s modern history and known as the “Institute of Theological Studies”;

WHEREAS the Institute of Theological Studies has the potential to be one of the leading Christian graduate schools and primary research centres of the Kyivan Orthodox Tradition in the World;

AND WHEREAS their first major conference will take place in October 2015 on the occasion of the 400th Anniversary of the Kyiv Mohyla Academy and will focus on the Kyivan Theological Tradition;

BE IT RESOLVED that the 23rd SOBOR of the UOCC rejoices and congratulates the National University “Kyiv Mohyla Academy” in initiating such a strategic intellectual undertaking in the service of Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the 21st Century and asks its membership to support this strategic initiative in every way possible.

Resolution F23

WHEREAS the mean standard of inflation since Sobor 2010 (from the 3rd quarter of 2010) has been 1.5% according to the Bank of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the aim of the Bank of Canada is to hold the coming inflation (through the 2nd quarter of 2020) rate to 2.0%;

AND WHEREAS the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada is projecting operating expenses, salaries and national programs that reflect this rate;

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual base levy payment per member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada be established at \$85.00 for 2016, \$90.00 for 2017, \$95.00 for 2018, \$100.00 for 2019 and \$105.00 for 2020.

PART C: RESOLUTIONS REFERRED OR TABLED BY SOBOR 2015

REFERRED TO THE HIERARCHS and LITURGICAL COMMISSION:

Resolution R3

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, Governments at all levels within Canada, workplaces in Canada and the vast majority of churches in Canada, follow the Gregorian/New Julian Calendar to adhere to statutory holiday declarations and to celebrate the Nativity;

AND WHEREAS the UOCC, with its choice of celebrating the birth of Christ on January 6 and 7 is actually causing its members and members' children with the task of asking for a day away from work or school and pot-secondary classes;

AND WHEREAS some, if not most people have to take time away from work to attend church services are sacrificing a day's pay, days in lieu, vacation days or personal business days in order to do so;

AND WHEREAS not every member may not feel confident enough in their employment position to "afford" to ask for that time away from work;

AND WHEREAS the choice of date to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on January 6 and 7 is actually causing a degree of mental burden on some of its membership because of the conflict between their desire of religious worship versus their particular secular reality;

AND WHEREAS changing to the Gregorian/New Julian Calendar would permit/allow more Canadian Ukrainian Orthodox families to celebrate and honour the nativity as family units due to travel days allowed in statutory declarations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SOBOR 2015 delegation support the adoption of the Gregorian I Modified Julian Calendar.

REFERRED TO THE HIERARCHS:

Resolution R17

WHEREAS Hierarchs and clergy of unrecognized Orthodox Churches in Ukraine do, from time to time, travel to Canada;

AND WHEREAS these visitors are invited by various Ukrainian Canadian organizations and/or individuals;

BE IT RESOLVED that a consistent protocol be instituted whereby these clergy members be allowed to pray in our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada churches and socialize with our faithful.

Resolution F4 and Resolution F19

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada will be celebrating its centenary in 2018;

AND WHEREAS every Orthodox Church honours its Founding Fathers;

BE IT RESOLVED that Frs. Sametz, S.W.Sawchuk and D.E.Stratychuk be recognized as Righteous Enlighteners of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fr. Stepan Hrebeniuk be added to the resolution of Wasyl Sydorenko(F4), as recommended by Volodymyr Senchuk, Archivist, UOCC

DEFERRED TO VISION DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT SOBOR :

Resolution R19

WHEREAS the UOCC is an autonomous, fully independent, conciliar (sobornopravna) ecclesiastical entity, based on the Kyivan tradition;

AND WHEREAS the UOCC was founded by courageous, forward-thinking Ukrainian immigrants;

AND WHEREAS the UOCC's unique history continues to be a source of pride and inspiration;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukrainian religious tradition of our Church remain as a fundamental defining characteristic of the UOCC, and that the UOCC protect, nurture and leverage our distinct Ukrainian identity and religious tradition to ensure they are never undermined, diluted or diminished, nor replaced by the religious tradition of other ethnic or pan-orthodox churches.

Resolution R6

WHEREAS the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada is a Mission Church serving communities that are culturally and linguistically mixed;

AND WHEREAS Mission services require provision of diverse languages;

BE IT RESOLVED that 1.2 of the Guiding Principles of the UOCC be reworded to reflect the Church's current reality, to say that, "while Ukrainian is the traditional language of the Church's teachings, the vehicles for conveying Orthodox teachings today may be English, French or any other language as required by those present at services in order to bring understanding to potential new members."

Defeated but identified by the Resolutions Committee as suggested issues for the Consistory Board to consider:

Resolution F7

WHEREAS from time to time there is misinformation, intentional or unintentional about the UOCC, its Hierarchs, or clergy, which may damage the well-being of the church;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UOCC through the Metropolitan and the Consistory Board respond to misinformation as soon as possible once the source and effect of the misinformation has been determined.

Resolution F8

WHEREAS delegates to Sobor vote for candidates to the Consistory Board from all three Eparchies;

AND WHEREAS delegates should be able to make an informed choice about candidates;

AND WHEREAS the Nominations Committee provides a very brief biography about each candidate in the Herald/Visnyk;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT for all future SOBORS, the Nominations Committee publish a full biography of each candidate who submits his/her candidacy application within the required time-lines.

PART C: RESOLUTIONS DEFEATED, WITHDRAWN OR REPLACED
BY SOBOR 2015:

Several resolutions were defeated or withdrawn or replaced after consideration by the Plenary break out Sessions:

Resolution F6 Title of Bishop not proceeding

Resolution R28 (electronic option of *The Herald*) was replaced by R2

Resolution R36 (canonical recognition of Kyivan Patriarchate) was replaced by F12

The Following Resolutions were withdrawn: B11, R13, R37, R38, and R39

The Following Resolutions were defeated for reasons of duplicity, lack of specificity, already in progress or lack of clarity: Resolutions B2, B3, B4, B5, Resolutions B7, B8, B9, B10, Resolutions B12, B13, Resolutions B15, B16, B17, B18, Resolutions B22, B23, Resolution R4, R7, R9, R11, Resolutions R14, R15, R16, Resolution R18, Resolutions R20, R21, Resolutions R23, R24, R25c), R26, R29, R31, R32, R34, R35, Floor Resolutions F13, F17, F18

Resolution F20 no vote taken (amendment to Bylaws cannot be moved from the floor)

Resolution R8: notations unrecorded