

National CYMK-UOY Fall 2021 Newsletter

Greetings to all of our CYMKivtsi, families, and Ukrainian Orthodox Community members! Throughout these past challenging months with COVID, our National Executive has continued to meet regularly working to find ways to best support our organization at this time and into the future. Although we are not all able to gather with one another as we used to do (pre-pandemic), we are proud of the ways our locals have managed to stay active and continue some normalcy of CYMK in their lives! We have a number of updates we are wanting to share with you all, so please see below for all of our exciting news!

President's Message

Welcome to the third (and final) year of our current National CYMK Executive's term. As you all know, we continue to be in a global pandemic which has greatly affected the way all our locals and even our National Executive have been able to stay active and communicate with one another. The good news though, is that we are excited to be planning a (hopefully) in-person National USRL/ CYMK Convention for next summer!

In other exciting news, we recently held a meeting with our local presidents and advisors from across Canada, and got many great ideas on how our Executive can best support our many locals and members. Some of the ideas included using various communication platforms to stay in contact with all, creating monthly "themes" for our locals to work with, and encouraging CYMK locals to share what they are doing with our National Executive to be posted on our social media platforms.

Our Executive is also meeting with acting Metropolitan, Bishop Ilarion, to help strengthen our relationship with our UOCC!

Please make sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more CYMK updates and activities!

If you have any questions or ideas for our Executive, please send us an email

at nationalcymk@gmail.com

Yours in CYMK,
Max Kowalchuk

Chaplain's Message

Slava Bohu! Glory be to God!

We are all well aware that our society, here in Canada, and throughout the world continues to live with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are at the same time, and as a direct result of this world-wide pandemic challenged to live our lives, and to love and serve.

We have just marked "Remembrance Day" across Canada. This most solemn commemoration recalls the service and the sacrifice of young people - especially those wounded or killed in action, who were of approximately "CYMK" age.

Amongst the lessons that we are challenged to learn are the following: First, Our God has revealed Himself to us - human beings, as a God who is always with us, and always stead-fast. As the Psalm writer states - He is "quick to hear," - that is, to hear our fervent prayer, and cry when we call out to Him. Let us never hesitate to do so in whatever trials, tribulations or difficulties we may find ourselves.

Second, we are always growing... either we are growing closer to loving and knowing God, or we are growing away from or farther from God. It is an illusion and most certainly in the modern world of instant social media that we can be somehow neutral or even indifferent to the presence and love of God in our lives. We are always moving... let us seek to be moving ever-closer to God. And third, prayer begins with a conscious, deliberate thought upon which we are called to act. This is why the Holy Men and Women of the Church have

taught us that we even pray and ask that God "pray within us" when we are for whatever reasons unable to or unwilling to.

My dear CYMKivtsi - we are headed into this second "Covid winter," with the days getting shorter, and the temperatures getting colder. Let us remain steadfast in our faith, in living the very values that have been handed down to us from generation to generation in and through our Ukrainian Orthodox traditions. Let us strive to be gentle and kind and helpful to and with one another, knowing that always and at all times - z name Boh! God is with us!

May God bless you all!

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CYMK Local Update

Winnipeg Senior CYMK Update:

Winnipeg Sr. CYMK started the year off volunteering for UCC-MPC Ukrainian independence Day activities held at St. Vital Park in Winnipeg. This event featured a giant unfurling of a Ukrainian flag along with children's activities and entertainment.

A fun kick-off event was held in October with Sr. CYMKivtsi attending Six Pines Haunted Attractions followed by a vatra at the Kowalchuk's.

As things start to open, one of our parishes will be holding our first social event in November, "Blingo Night." Sr. CYMK will be participating as volunteers for this event and will also be participating in upcoming Holodomor Commemoration activities, as well as collecting gently used clothing for a young serving organization in Ukraine.

-Update provided by Michelle Kowalchuk, Local Advisor



Photo from the Ukrainian Independence Day activities in Winnipeg, MB.

2021-2022 Membership Registration

CYMKivtsi, it is the time of year where we will need you to complete our online National CYMK Registration form for this year!

If you are part of a CYMK local, please complete our registration form here [also available on our website]: <https://forms.gle/xETxa1n6M5EJKJM7>

If you are not currently a member but are interested in joining CYMK, please feel free to email our National CYMK Executive for information on a local near you, supports to help start a local, or how to join as an independent member!

Membership fees [\$10/person] can be submitted by e-transfer to nationalcymk@gmail.com or by mail to:

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Our deadline for registration/ fee submission is **December 31, 2021!**



National CYMK-UOY Membership Registration Form 2021-2022

This information is for National CYMK-UOY and USRL use, and Provincial CYMK (in applicable regions). Please note with this being a Convention year, there IS a National CYMK Fee reinstated, and the *required member information has been indicated for planning and contact purposes. If you have any questions, please email our National CYMK Executive.

National CYMK Service Trip to Ukraine

As per our Resolutions from the 2019 National USLR/ CYMK Convention, our National Executive had put together a Service Trip to Ukraine, in which we planned to also visit multiple Orphanages connected with our UOCC. The trip had originally been planned for the summer of 2021, then being moved to summer 2022. Due to the impacts and restrictions with COVID-19 and the uncertainties of international travel in a year's time, it is with heavy hearts our National Executive has once again chosen to postpone the tour to a future date.

We are grateful for all the accommodation and work gone into this planning, with Cobblestone Freeway Tours, and look forward to continuing putting together the trip at a later date!

If you are a member of our UOCC and would be interested in taking part in this tour, and would like to receive future updates on when it may occur, please let our National Executive know to add your name and contact information to our Service Trip mailing list!

USRL National Convention

In some very exciting news, please save the date for our upcoming National USLR/ CYMK Convention!

The Convention will be held in Edmonton, AB the week of **August 10-13, 2022**. Our National and Alberta Provincial Executives will be putting together the CYMK program for the weekend, and are excited to hopefully see all our CYMKivtsi reunite in person, once again!

Please stay tuned for more information to come on the Convention, and make sure you have filled out your registration, so we have an accurate membership count!

As well, keep in mind that with the Convention, we will be holding elections for the new National Executive! If you are interested in taking on a position, or would like more information on the roles and responsibilities of the Executive members, please reach out to us for your name to be included on a slate at the General Meeting.

National CYMK Koliyada Project

As per discussion with local presidents and advisors, our National Executive will be sharing "themes" in which we will challenge our locals to hold events or fundraisers catering toward a certain common idea, to be shared on our social media pages and among our locals!

As a first "theme" our National Executive is preparing for the upcoming Christmas season, and we are inviting all locals (and parish youth groups/choirs) to share videos of them singing their favourite Ukrainian Christmas carol (koliyada) as a group! We will be compiling these videos for a Christmas CYMK Greeting video, to be shared early January 2022!

If your local would like to participate, please submit your videos via email to nationalcymk@gmail.com by **December 26, 2021**.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces, and hearing all your beautiful voices celebrating the wonderful time of the year!



We hope you are all staying healthy and are continuing to find normalcy in your lives through school, work, church, and other extracurricular activities. We are grateful to see our CYMKivtisi finding ways to stay engaged within our church communities, and are here to lend any support we can in helping our locals continue on!



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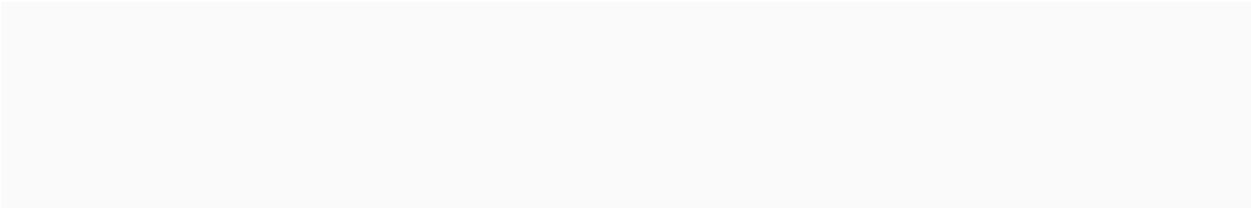
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