



Слава Ісусу Христу!
Слава На Віки!
Glory be to Jesus Christ!
Glory be Forever!



Dear Faithful of the UOCC,
The North American Orthodox Youth Workers and Camp Conference took place in Bolivar, Pennsylvania from January 24 - 27, 2024. The UOCCF awarded grants to eight members of the UOCC from Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and London. These individuals were chosen to represent the UOCC at the Orthodox Conference due to their work within the youth ministry of the UOCC - camps and Sunday Schools.



Feedback from the UOCC attendees:

"At this conference, there were dozens of people investing their entire lives to following Christ through educating or kids. A main thought was: People don't come until they know you care! My experience of this trip was filled with love and care! "

"There is much work to do. Thank you from all of us!"

"Most importantly, the opportunity to bond with other UOCC youth and church leaders, seeing each others' work on the local level, and being encouraged to apply what works to our own situations."

"We got many new ideas for starting up a new day camp for newcomers. We found the youth very interested in reviving congregations, especially ethnic churches, since we are all Orthodox and surprising have the same challenges."

"This conference was many things: inspiring, motivating, educational but most importantly was an affirmation of my Orthodox faith and was an opportunity to engage with our Orthodox Christians from other jurisdictions to exchange ideas."

Sadly, it also shows me how our own UOCC is far behind in supporting programs such as this for the youth."

"The clergy and hierarchs are the key to getting the kids organized."

"Pan-Orthodox conferences such as this are imperative for all our Churches to continue to grow by sharing resources, etc..."

"A huge thank you to the UOCCF for giving us the opportunity to meet with our brothers and sisters who are ministering to their youth and who share in the passion to minister. Learning how we might adapt, improve and build our own camps and youth ministries."



This UOCCF Youth Ministry Grant covered registration, travel, accommodation and meals.

Grants are provided in support of programs that further the objectives of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC),

namely to promote the Orthodox faith and mission work that will lead to growth in membership. Current programs include but are not limited to: mission support, clergy development, Sunday school enhancement, parish revitalization, and parish virtual outreach.

Any parish or church organization that is a member in good standing of the UOCC may submit a grant application at any time.

Are you are unsure whether your parish event or project qualifies for a UOCCF Grant? Do not hesitate to reach out and ask questions via email: uoccf@uoccf.ca.

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