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## Call to the 47th AUUC National Convention

During its meeting in Winnipeg on April 27-28, 2019, the National Committee of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians confirmed that the 47th National Convention of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians will be convened at the Ukrainian Labour Temple in Winnipeg on October 12-14, 2019. The National Committee also confirmed that membership numbers on October 31, 2018, would be used to determine the number of delegates to which Branches would be entitled at the Convention. In addition, the National Committee also decided to entrust Convention preparations to the National Executive Committee.

Therefore, and in compliance with the Constitution of Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, the NEC AUUC hereby informs AUUC members and Branches that the 47th National Convention of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians will be convened at

the Ukrainian Labour Temple, 591 Pritchard Avenue (at McGregor) in Winnipeg, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2019, and ending at approximately noon on Monday, October 14, 2019.

The 47th National Convention of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians will meet at a time when the organization enjoys a secure material base. The challenge facing the Convention will be to project a direction, activities and leadership designed to seize the imagination of members and friends, and the broader public – to initiate a new period of AUUC growth.

The review of the organization's activities since the 46th AUUC National Convention will reveal a revitalized program of activity, based on enhanced resources.

The projection of a path into the future will reflect a rejuvenated spirit, and a vision combining respectful adherence to the AUUC heritage with bold optimism in grasp-

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## Rededication of Winnipeg's ULT

— Photo: Wilfred Szczesny



AUUC Winnipeg Branch member Myron Shatulsky (left), whose father was instrumental in establishing the Winnipeg Ukrainian Labour Temple, and Bob Seychuk, National President of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, unveiled the mock-up of the plaque commemorating the April 25 rededication of the ULT. A report on the rededication event, with pictures appears on Page 12.

## Attack on Venezuelan Territory

Heavily armed police with battering rams, cutting tools and body armour attacked the Venezuelan Embassy in Washington, DC, in mid-May. After breaking down the doors they entered the Embassy, though Venezuela had not authorized US authorities to en-

ter the building.

In clear violation of the Vienna Convention of 1961, by which embassies are considered sovereign territory of the government they represent, the action was not only a violation of international law but an act of war.

The police arrested activ-

ists who had been invited by Embassy staff. The activists prevented US-backed coup leader Juan Guaido's people seizing the building. The final four activists of the Venezuelan Embassy Protection Collective, who had been in the Embassy for about a month,

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## The Next Issue

The next issue of the "UCH" will be dated July/August, 2019. Announcements of events in July, August, or early September, 2019, as well as articles for the July/August, 2019, issue, should be in our office by June 10. Thank you for your consideration.

## Victory Day Celebrated in Winnipeg

— Photo: Glenn Michalchuk



On May 9, the victory in Europe over Nazism and fascism was publicly celebrated in Winnipeg, with the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians participating. A report appears on Page 10.

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## Indigenous Tourism

The University of Northern British Columbia website defines Indigenous tourism as “a tourism activity in which Indigenous people are directly involved either through control and/or by having their culture serve as the essence of the attraction. Aboriginal (cultural) tourism describes all tourism businesses that are owned or operated by First Nations people, Métis, and Inuit people that incorporate an Aboriginal cultural experience in a manner that is appropriate, respectful, and true to the Aboriginal culture being presented.”

That definition covers a broad range of activity. Examples include: restaurants that serve indigenous food; hotels, wineries and resorts owned by Indigenous people; museums or interpretive centres; and Aboriginal ecotourism businesses such as whale watching and nature tours, northern lights viewing, dog sledding trips and trail riding, and fishing and hunting expeditions.

An example is Moonstone Creation in Calgary, where people come to see the shop’s Indigenous-made art and gifts. The bead work, art and clothing sold at Moonstone Creation are all made by Indigenous, artists, including Amy Willier, manager of Moonstone Creation and artist, and her mother Yvonne Jobin, who also sell items they

craft themselves in store.

Ms. Willier often answers questions about her Cree culture. She finds that, sometimes, visitors come in with an immediate association between Indigenous people in Alberta and things like totem poles. Ms. Willier explains to them that the traditional carvings are actually part of Indigenous cultures in the Pacific Northwest. With such contact, she can also correct other misconceptions

In an article printed in the *Toronto Star*, writer Madeline Smith reports Ms. Willier as saying, “We’re all different, and we have separate languages, religions, cultural beliefs. We are connected to the land in different ways.”

Ms. Willier stresses the importance of seeing Indigenous people and cultural practices outside of history books, powwows or the Calgary Stampede.

“We still exist and we’re thriving — we’re still doing cultural practices, we’re still eating from the land. We still live and breathe,” she says.

Having learned from her parents that knowledge without sharing is worthless, Ms. Willier is willing to teach people who want to make connections. She says, “We are here to share our culture, share our teachings — because if I don’t share them, they’re not living. They’re not

surviving to the next generation, even if it’s someone else’s children.”

Indigenous tourism is a growing art of the Alberta economy, assisted and promoted by Indigenous Tourism Alberta.

Indigenous Tourism Alberta Executive Director Tarra Wright Many Chief says Indigenous-owned and operated ventures need to lead the way in telling to people who visit the province the Indigenous stories indelibly connected to the land and treaties 6, 7, and 8 in Alberta.

Wright Many Chief says that there are tours that talk about Indigenous history but do not include Indigenous people, do not go into the community. They use a lot of the research from the settler perspective.

Indigenous Tourism Alberta was incorporated as a non-profit just last year to assist and market Indigenous tourism businesses — ventures that are at least 51% owned and operated by Indigenous people, and that demonstrate a connection and responsibility to local Indigenous people and the territory where they work.

“We’re seeing a lot more people taking the opportunity to start a business, and it really supports the community,” Wright Many Chief says. “They are able to control what the narrative is, and what their story is. That really matters a huge amount, to be able to

share in a way that is respectful.”

“From the Indigenous side, its really knowing what is appropriate and not appropriate to share, and being able to convey that to a visitor,” according to Wright Many Chief. From the other side, “If you’re connecting with a person who’s sharing a culture, I feel that you’d have more respect as a visitor to understand where that fits in that person’s life. But it’s also about knowing that the person sharing with you is being responsible for themselves and their culture.”

Blackfoot Crossing in Siksika Nation is where Treaty 7 was signed in 1877. The historical park hosts exhibits and tours about the culture and traditions of the Siksika people.

Stephen Yellow Old Woman, General Manager of the historical park, says, “You get the authentic history and story from our voice. We are able to tell the true stories. I think in a lot of the textbooks and history books it’s a very whitewashed, noble, amicable, positive type of situation.”

The historical park also provides a place for Siksika Nation to keep spiritually and historically significant items that were taken away from the community and sold overseas. It’s a place to house a lot of those artifacts. “For us, that’s our main significance,” Yellow Old Woman says.

Indigenous tourism in Alberta contributed \$166.2 mil-

lion to the GDP in 2017 — a 75% jump compared to 2014 — greatly outpacing the 24% rise in Indigenous tourism-generated GDP in Canada overall in those three years.

Alberta’s economic benefits from Indigenous tourism are third only to Ontario and British Columbia.

Any person or organization that has an interest in advancing Indigenous tourism in Canada may apply to become an Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC) Member. There are four types of ITAC membership: Market-Ready Indigenous Tourism Experience; Indigenous Tourism Association; Non-Market-Ready Indigenous Tourism Experience; and Industry Partner.

Members have the opportunity to participate in ITAC marketing, sales and business development programs.

Members who are market-ready and no less than 51% Indigenous-owned also have the option to be listed on the IndigenousTourism.ca website and included in the *Indigenous Experiences Guide*.

ITAC has over 200 members. Every province and territory has at least one member, ranging from Indigenous retail outlets, through tourism associations and government agencies, to international airlines. A cursory review of the membership list shows that not all Indigenous members are voting members, but no (or few) non-Indigenous members are voting members.

## Fire Deaths Continue

In a *Toronto Star* article by Tanya Talaga on May 9, it was reported that, in early May, the Chapman home burned to the ground in the northern Ontario community of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Big Trout First Nation, 600 kilometres northwest of Thunder Bay, killing Geraldine Chapman and her four children and foster children.

Their deaths were needless, and totally avoidable, but in Indigenous communities they happen again and again because Canada has not made the investments required to stop the deaths.

Three years ago, in Pikangikum, another northern Ontario fly-in community, the Strang family of nine lost their lives due to a host of preventable deficiencies from the lack of a properly equipped and supported fire crew, to overcrowded housing and a lack of basic infrastructure such as working water systems.

At the time, Indigenous leaders called for improved fire protection services across Canada, but nothing has changed.

Sol Mamakwa, the NDP MPP for Kiiwetinoong, flew up to Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug to lend his support and to meet with grieving Chief Donny Morris.

He saw fire hydrants around the community that weren’t working, including one that was slowly leaking water. He saw one manhole grate that was backed up and surrounded by human sewage and two others that were also malfunctioning.

He also observed a lack of mental health workers or support for those that have been left behind.

In a show of support, the Keewatin Patricia District School Board sent their crisis support team of five, led by a school principal. The team will help keep the school running. The Board’s Education Director Sean Monteith created the team two years ago because he kept seeing the long-lasting mental health effects of crises and tragedies too common in northern communities.

Every community should have fire crews that are adequately equipped and funded.

Right now, Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) in a commu-

nity of about 500 people have \$8,500 annually for fire operation maintenance.

Band councils in northern Ontario do not have one funded fire chief position.

Once again, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler found himself echoing the message he repeats over and over again:

“Everyone in Canada deserves adequate fire protection in housing that is compliant to building codes to prevent more tragedy, a significant policy shift including improved funding and fire codes on reserve as required, because in the absence people are dying needlessly.”

“It’s time that Fiddler’s message is finally heard.” Ms. Talaga wrote.

## Sen. Beyak Suspended

The Senate has suspended Lynn Beyak without pay for refusing to delete anti-Indigenous racist website postings. The suspension only applies to the rest of the current session of Parliament, but could be repeated in the future if her defiance continues.

## Fourth Time a Charm?

On May 9, 300 Kashechewan community members, flood evacuees homeless since April 17, filled a Toronto ballroom to watch their leaders and Ministers from Ottawa and Queen’s Park sign an agreement for a permanent community on high ground, after 17 years of evacuations nearly every spring.

The signing began with ceremony: the community drum pounded, the room was smudged, and Elder Andrew Wesley said prayers. After the dignitaries praised each other, Kashechewan Chief Leo Friday signed.

Federal Indigenous Services Minister Seamus O’Regan promised, “We are going to move you to a new home.”

Afterward, Chief Friday admitted that he felt nervous and scared, because his community has been exactly here, many times before: in 2005 with Paul Martin’s government; in 2007 with Stephen Harper; and in 2017 with current Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Each time, negotiations occurred, promises were made,

documents signed, and then there were handshakes and congratulations all around.

In 2005, Prime Minister Martin agreed to move the community, but then there was a federal election.

The Conservatives came to power and Harper cancelled the deal. Instead, the Conservatives offered to repair the dike and rebuild the community for \$250 million.

In 2017, three pages of fluff was signed by Crown Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett and Indigenous Services Minister Jane Philpott. Everyone agreed to “immediately” form groups, get a strategy, and do something. That was two years ago.

With the new agreement, it will be five to eight years, the politicians now say, before the community will move.

Experience has made Chief Friday the king of dubious optimism. What, he wonders, if the Liberals lose power in October?

Forgive the community and its leadership if its celebrations are just a little restrained. This is what experience has taught.

## Global War Threats

Having resumed illegal sanctions on Iran in opposition to countries supporting the unilateral nuclear treaty President Trump is moving military forces into positions threatening Iran with war.

Similarly, the US administration has been building tensions in Europe, increasing the risk of war with Russia.

While engaged in a trade war with China, the USA has been manoeuvring its navy

close to that Asian power, as though daring its rival to try to counteract the American provocations.

Overtaking the progress made by President Obama, President Trump has heightened the threat to Cuba, and has also orchestrated crushing attacks on Venezuela.

## Was It Time Travel?

On May 18, the *Toronto Star* reprinted an article from the *New York Times* written by Dennis Overbye. The article concerned a scientific paper purportedly published on the internet.

The bulk of the article is printed below, because, if the story is legitimate, the accomplishment of the scientists is truly significant. However, readers should be aware of some questions that arise in considering it.

First, it is unusual for a serious scientific paper to be published on the internet. The generally accepted practice is to publish such papers in a peer-reviewed journal, where other scientists evaluate the quality of the science and look for errors.

Second, the validity of a work like this, an experimental verification of a theory, is confirmed in some sense if other scientists can duplicate the results. The assertion that, for the time being, everybody can make qubits younger, is questionable.

Third, only specialists can determine whether the scientific team has actually done what they claim to have accomplished. On the one hand, they seem to claim that a single simulated particle travelled back in time; on the other, that a process (aging) has been reversed. These are two different processes, and how significant is either, when applied to a simulated particle?

With these caveats, we invite you to enjoy the article.

On paper, the basic laws of physics are reversible; they work mathematically whether time is running forward or backward.

Albert Einstein said that time is just another dimension of space-time, but in the real world it's a strange one-way dimension. In space we can go up or down or left or right or forward or backward, but in time we can only go in one direction — toward the future.

A team of quantum physicists reported this year that they had succeeded in creating a computer algorithm that acts to undo the aging of a single, simulated elementary particle by one-millionth of a second.

They did it using an IBM quantum computer, using manipulations so unlikely to occur naturally that their success only reinforced the notion that we are "helplessly trapped in the flow of time".

It seems that, under general conditions, even a single particle probably can not go backward without help and careful tinkering. Time-reversing even one quantum particle is an insurmountable task for nature alone.

The uncertainty principle, which lies at the heart of quantum mechanics, states that, at any given moment, either the location or the velocity of a subatomic particle can be specified, but not both. Therefore, a particle such as an electron, or a system of electrons, is represented by a mathematical entity called a

wave function, whose magnitude is a measure of the probability of finding a particle in a particular place or condition.

The wave function extends throughout space and time. The law describing its evolution, known as the Schrodinger equation, after Austrian physicist Erwin Schrodinger, is equally valid running forward or backward. But getting a wave function to go in reverse is not easy.

Valerii M. Vinokur of Argonne National Laboratory, said in an email message that he is one of a team of five people, led by Gordey B. Lesovik of the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology to accomplish this.

"It remains to be seen," the team wrote in their paper posted online in February, "whether the irreversibility of time is a fundamental law of nature or whether, on the contrary, it might be circumvented."

Regular computers process a series of zeros and ones, or bits. Quantum computers are made of qubits, each of which can be zero and one at the same time. A quantum computer can perform thousands or millions of calculations simultaneously — so long as nobody looks to see what the answer is until the end.

Lesovik and his colleagues set out to try to make a wave function go backward, using an IBM quantum computer that is available online to the public.

The IBM computer they

used represents a baby step in the direction of what theorists call "quantum supremacy". It had only five qubits (IBM devices with 16 and 20 qubits are also available), compared to Google's top-of-the-line 72-qubit "Bristlecone" computer. To keep things even simpler, the group only used two or, sometimes, three of the qubits.

The time-reversal experiment was a four-step process.

First, the qubits were teed up in a simple state that mimicked "an artificial atom". Moreover, the qubits were entangled by what Einstein called "spooky action at a distance" — whatever happened to one qubit affected measurements of the other one (or two, depending on how many were deployed).

Then the team tapped the qubits with a series of microwave radio pulses, which nudged the qubits from a simple state into more complexity. After a millionth of a second, the scientists halted this phase — "the evolution program" — and treated the qubits with another microwave pulse, to reverse their phase and ready them to devolve to their youthful selves.

This was equivalent to converting spreading rings in a pond into rings that were ready to go back to their origin. That took an other millionth of a second.

Finally, the team turned the "evolution program" back on. The qubits went back to their original alignment — back to their own past. In effect, they got a millionth of a second younger.

The algorithm succeeded in returning the qubits to their original states 85% of the time when the calculation involved two qubits, but only half the time when three qubits were used.

The authors believe that the reduced reliability was due to imperfections in the quantum computer, and to the tendency of qubits to fall out of sync when their numbers increase.

It will take computers with hundreds of qubits to achieve the ambitions of quantum mathematicians. When such computers become available, the team's time-reversal algorithm could be used to test the hypotheses, according to Andrey V. Lebedev, a physicist at ETH Zurich in Switzerland and an author on the paper. For the time being, everybody can make qubits younger.

## Current Eclectic

### Tariffs Lifted, Some Limits Remain

After an extended period during which the Trump administration applied tariffs on Mexican and Canadian aluminium and steel on the pretence of US national security, a deal has been reached to lift the tariffs. Many observers believe that this will open the door to the ratification of the USMCA trade deal that would replace NAFTA.

The US tariffs on metals from Canada and Mexico have been in effect for nearly a year, with steel imports subject to a 25% tariff and aluminium to a 10% hike. Retaliatory tariffs from Canada and Mexico have been in place for nearly as long.

President Trump announced the agreement during an appearance at a National Association of Realtors event.

President Trump, showing his usual acuity, then called on Congress to ratify the USMCA, to "make our economy even more successful than it already is — if that's

possible. Which, it is possible."

Mexico's Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for North America, Jesús Seade, said the deal was received with great enthusiasm in Mexico. He added, "This action opens the path to advance toward the ratification" of the replacement NAFTA deal.

The joint US-Canada statement says the two countries will establish a way to monitor aluminium and steel trade between them, with an eye to preventing the "transshipment" of aluminium and steel produced by a third country.

The deal calls on both countries to prevent the importation of aluminium and steel that are "unfairly subsidized and/or sold at dumped prices".

There are no quotas, but the pact also leaves room for tariffs to be reinstated if "imports of aluminium or steel products surge meaningfully beyond historic volumes of trade over a period of time, with consideration of market share."

## Khadr-Owned Mall Tenants Attacked

The haters will hate; they will not care whom they hurt. A case in point is the mid-May attacks online and with harassing phone calls against tenants of an Edmonton strip mall after it became known that Omar Khadr had bought the property.

Among the businesses affected are an auto shop, a daycare, and a travel agency — all of which have been serving the community for several years. The haters don't care that the longtime business owners in the commercial space have no connection to Omar Khadr and have long term commitments and investments in their businesses. The Skyview Travel Agency, for example has been in the location for almost 10 years.

The owners of Bluesky Daycare, who did not want to be named for fear of threats to them, have owned the daycare for five years, and it has been operating out of the strip mall for almost 30 years in total.

Khadr's ownership of the property was revealed after a document began surfacing on social media, showing that Omar Khadr had purchased the property in November for \$3 million. The document has been verified independently by *Star Edmonton*. Omar Khadr

is listed as one of two owners of the property.

The story in the *Toronto Star*, reprinted from *Star Edmonton*, says that, "Khadr, who was born in Canada, was formerly detained in Guantanamo Bay when he was 15 years old after he was caught throwing a grenade that killed an American soldier in Afghanistan in 2002."

There is no indication that there is more than a little question that Mr. Khadr had thrown the grenade. Nor is it mentioned that Omar Khadr should have been treated as a child soldier, rather than being subjected to years of torture.

It is reported that the federal government settled a lawsuit filed by Mr. Khadr for a reported \$10.5 million following a ruling in 2010 by Canada's Supreme Court that Khadr's Charter rights were violated in Guantanamo. His case has since ignited divisive debate in Canada over issues surrounding terrorism and human rights.

Mr. Khadr has been a model citizen while out on bail pending his appeal of an 8-year sentence imposed by an American military tribunal in 2010. He is seeking to have Alberta Youth Court to rule that his sentence has expired.

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## Rededication

### A Statement by Glenn Michalchuk

*Opening Remarks to the Ukrainian Labour Temple  
100th Anniversary Rededication in Winnipeg on April  
25.*

Today we are marking 100 years of the Ukrainian Labour Temple. It is recognized by all three levels of government as an historic site. We deeply appreciate this, because it is a reflection of what the Ukrainian Labour Temple represents — it stands for the commitment of ordinary people to progressive ideals and the advance of social conditions.

In this regard I want to recognize the importance of the issue of reconciliation with First Nations.

The Ukrainian Labour Temple is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. Nationally, the AUUC is committed to respecting the Treaties that were made with Indigenous people across Canada, and acknowledging the historic and ongoing impacts of colonization. Here in Winnipeg, we have made efforts to work in partnership with Indigenous communities in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

The young immigrants who built the Labour Temple with their sweat and sacrifice committed themselves to creating a place for progressive human ideals.

Many describe the Ukrainian Labour Temple as an iconic place. I agree with that. In its designation as a National Historic Site specific tribute is paid to the social and political movements centred in this building. A building can be more than bricks and mortar it can also reflect human purpose.

A few months after it opened, the Labour Temple was raided by the police in the closing days of the Winnipeg General Strike. It withstood the shocks of the great depression, the fear and chill of the cold war.

Through all of this, the Labour Temple remained a centre of progressive activity despite official censure and the pressure to retreat.

I am proud to say that the Ukrainian Labour Temple remains a place safe for progressive discourse and gathering.

100 years later, we look forward to the Ukrainian Labour Temple playing a role and serving a need. In a world of uncertainty it will remain a place of certainty.

## Call to the 47th AUUC National Convention

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ing today's realities.

The first decade of the Ukrainian Labour-Farmer Temple Association — the 1920s — was a decade of growth and innovative programming in the AUUC, and a period of cultural development and social activism. In the decade of the 2020s, the AUUC will highlight the lessons of the 1920s and apply them to generate a new decade of growth, innovation and activism. Ukrainian Canadian culture will be stimulated to imaginative development; new models of modern communications will stimulate effective international exchange and public outreach; social issues affecting AUUC members, families, and friends will be central foci for AUUC action both alone and in cooperation with others.

The election of a national leadership to guide the work of the AUUC in the period between the 47th and the 48th National Conventions, the first three years of this exciting decade, will be a constitutionally mandated obligation of the 47th National Convention of the AUUC. AUUC Branches and members must start now to consider who can rise to the demands of the coming decade.

The Convention will consider many items of significance to our Association as we face the future.

The performing arts and other aspects of culture are a key component of AUUC heritage. The Convention will review the achievements of the recent period; it will also consider proposals for the future. How will this Convention initiate a period in which the traditional Ukrainian components are leavened with elements of contemporary Ukrainian Canadian life?

Unveiled to delegates at this Convention will be a new communications model, featuring more effective inner-organizational exchange and unprecedented AUUC digital presence on the internet, with

Kobzar Publishing and the *Ukrainian Canadian Herald* able to reach the entire world as an audience.

AUUC policy on major current social issues will be considered, ushering in the new era of sociopolitical engagement.

The AUUC as a living organism requires a flexible skeleton; Constitutional amendments will be on the agenda to ensure that the organization's rules meet the organization's needs.

We call on all Branches, in preparation for the Convention, to organize discussions among their members of the issues which they consider important to consider.

All members and Branches, as well as the National Committee and the National Executive Committee, have the right to refer reports, resolutions, questions or business to the National Convention for consideration by the Convention. Submissions will be received at any time up to and during the Convention, but only those received adequately in advance will be published.

To encourage the exchange of opinions regarding matters of concern to members, a preconvention discussion bulletin shall be published from time to time, as sufficient amounts of material for publication are accumulated. Materials for publication in the preconvention discussion bulletin should be sent by mail to Preconvention Bulletin, 595 Pritchard Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2W 2K4 or by email to

mail@auuckobzar.net.

We call on Branches to attend the Convention through their delegates, to be elected as specified in the Constitution of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians. The number of delegates each Branch may elect will be based on the number of Branch members in good standing as of October 31, 2018, as recorded at the AUUC National Office. It is

the responsibility of each Branch, in consultation with the staff of the AUUC National Office, to ensure that the membership records at the AUUC National Office are complete and correct.

Note that the Convention will consider a motion to seat the National Committee with voice and vote at the Convention.

The National Executive Committee shall prepare and distribute suitable forms, including, but not restricted to, delegate credentials, as required for the proper registration of delegates and other purposes of the Convention. Deadlines for the return of these forms to the NEC will be established, as appropriate, by the National Executive Committee.

As specified in the Constitution, the cost of the Convention shall be paid by members of the Association as a whole.

Branches may elect alternates for their delegates, but the cost of participation by such alternate delegates will be borne by the Branch and/or the alternate delegate. On adequate notice of requirements, the NEC will endeavour to arrange lodgings for alternate delegates and try to meet their other needs as though they were delegates. Alternate delegates may attend Convention sessions on the same conditions as apply to other observers. Prior to the Convention, alternate delegates may replace elected delegates if notice of the change is sent by the Branch President or the Branch Treasurer to reach the NEC no later than the day before the start of the Convention. During the three days of the Convention, alternate delegates may replace delegates only by the agreement of the Convention as expressed in a motion adopted by the Convention.

Observers may attend the Convention, at their own expense and by their own arrangements, except for sessions which the Convention may declare to be closed.

— **Bob Seychuk**  
**National President**  
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## WGS Conference Held in Winnipeg

“There’s a feeling that if you want to understand Winnipeg you have to understand this cataclysmic event a hundred years ago.” — **Jim Naylor**

The 100th anniversary of the historic 1919 Winnipeg General Strike was marked by a four-day conference entitled: 1919 Winnipeg General Strike Centenary Conference (WGSCC): Building a Better World (1919-2019). It was held at the University of Winnipeg from May 9 to 11, and was attended by 300 people including scholars, trade unionists, and labour and social justice rights advocates from across Canada, as well as interested members of the general public.

The Conference took three years of extensive preparatory work by a committee of 16 very dedicated and hard working people.

The Winnipeg General Strike of 1919 has long been recognized as a landmark moment in North American working-class history. It has been the subject of individual scholarship and investigation, but this is the first time it has received such concentrated attention in one event.

This is an important anniversary year, but the Winnipeg General Strike has always represented a watershed for working class politics in particular and Canadian politics in general. In a time when many are looking for social change, the General Strike holds special significance.

A press conference announcing details of the four-day event was held on May 7 at the University of Winnipeg. In his remarks to the media WGSCC Chairperson and Brandon University history professor Jim Naylor noted: “There’s growing interest in unions because the type of issues that gave rise to them in the first place are rampant (today): low wages, precari-

ous employment, exploitation in general. It’s relevant for that reason and it’s relevant for the reason that the Winnipeg General Strike was at a moment when labour played a role of leadership and being a focal point for all sorts of issues around discrimination and marginalisation and a lot of those of course are important again today and the labour movement does speak out about those sorts of things.”

The very appropriate title for the Conference explains well what the organizers set out to do — provide historical and contemporary context to the Winnipeg General Strike.

The Conference featured 23 panel presentations and three public round-table discussions comprised of local and international speakers.

Rhonda Hinter, Organizing Committee member and Brandon University professor, said: “The round tables as we have set them out feature a fantastic array of activists, scholars, folks that are working in the labour movement (and) working in other various social justice movements ... bringing them together in conversations that talk about ways that we can all work together to move things forward to create social change, social justice in the world.”

In looking at the experience and lessons of the Winnipeg General Strike, the Conference explored three broad themes, all of which confronted the leaders of the strike during those fateful weeks in 1919, and confront social and labour movements of today: the fight for a better life, solidarity across boundaries and building a working class alternative.

The genesis of the strike did not consciously rest on those three issues, but for six weeks in May/June, 1919, they became implicitly bound up with the conscious activity of the

Strike Committee and the 30,000 striking workers as they waged their struggle against the powerful forces arrayed against them. The overarching thesis the Conference explored is that while the particular substance of those three issues has changed they remain the focus and challenge of today’s movements.

Therein, for the Conference organizers, is the connection between the struggle of the 1919 strikers and today’s movements.

The Call for the Conference described the three issues as follows:

### The Fight for a Better Life

“Just as workers in 1919 sought to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty and win a fairer share of the fruits of economic growth, 21st-century workers are facing worsening material conditions: stagnating wages and increasing precarious employment, along with cuts to social services that increase demands upon working-class families. The ‘Fight for 15,’ struggles for family supports such as child care, and the rise of antipoverty movements are at the forefront of today’s organizing, reflecting the ways in which neoliberalism has forced the fight for a living wage and a working-class economic security onto centre stage.”

### Solidarity across Boundaries

“A century ago, Winnipeg was a divided city – not only along the lines of class, but workers were, themselves, divided along lines of race and ethnicity. A capitalist labour market pitted ‘British Canadian’ and ‘immigrant’ workers against each other; the First World War heightened fears of the ‘foreigners,’ and the economic insecurity that faced

— Photo: Elioena Malabanar



The organizing Committee of the Winnipeg General Strike Centenary Conference Committee: front row, left to right — Paul Moist, Amber Osterman, Juanita Froese, Sharon Reilly, James Naylor, Scott Price, Tim Gordienko; back row, left to right — Jeff Taylor, Julie Guard, Krishna Lalbiharie, David Camfield, Rhonda Hinter, Janis Thiessen, James Mochoruk, Victor Dobchuk. Not in the photo: Basia Sokal.

## 1919-2019 Centenary

# WGS Winnipeg General Strike

returning soldiers at the end of the war led, on occasion, to confrontations on the streets of Winnipeg. Amazingly, attempts by employers to use bigotry to divide the city’s strikers failed. Today, governments and businesses use international borders, an exclusionary ‘citizenship’ which often denies workers from abroad a range of social and labour rights, and post 9/11 xenophobia, to ensure their control over labour. The lessons of overcoming these divisions and fighting for common, expanded rights, are as central today as they were then, and include a growing understanding of the rights of Indigenous people as First Peoples and as workers.”

### Building a Working-Class Alternative

“The Winnipeg General Strike was part of a continent-wide, even an international, labour revolt that saw unions, mass strikes and working-class parties act in their own name. In Winnipeg, despite the defeat of the strike, socialist and labour parties continued

the fight by other means. This was an era in which labour was the voice of the dispossessed; if there was a solution to the problems that capitalism brought, it was represented by labour. In the 21st century, a wide range of social movements address issues that were often unimagined a century ago. Building an effective response to a wide range of assaults on the environment, and in defence of Indigenous rights, gender rights, on the rights of the disabled, and so much more, requires education, organizing, and mobilization. To what extent are these class issues that labour needs to centrally address? Can labour lead in building a better world in which all forms of oppression and exploitation are fought?”

The Conference provided much valuable information and the next issue of the *Ukrainian Canadian Herald* will feature reports of some of the panels attended by our Winnipeg Bureau.

— Glenn Michalchuk

## Welcome to Conference Participants

Printed below is the welcome extended by AUUC Winnipeg Branch President Glenn Michalchuk to the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike Centenary Conference: Building a Better World (1919-2019).

Welcome everyone.

On behalf of the Winnipeg Branch of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians I want to say that we are truly honoured that the organizers of the Strike Symposium chose the Ukrainian Labour Temple for this gathering. It is very important to us that the larger community sees this Hall as a significant place in Winnipeg.

Since its foundations were laid, the “Hall” has remained in the hands of the organization which took the decision to build it. The organization was first known as the Ukrainian Labour Temple Association, but eventually became the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians. This continuity has ensured that its history has been preserved and its function as a centre of progressive political activities remains one of its roles in the community.

The Ukrainian Labour Temple is also celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. By chance, or fate, it shares its anniversary with the Winnipeg

General Strike.

Just one week ago, in this hall, more than 100 people gathered in a ceremony to mark the centenary of the Labour Temple, and to rededicate it to the coming generations. One of the high points of the ceremony was the unveiling of a plaque which will take its place alongside the historical plaques placed by the province and the federal government. The text of the plaque is short so I would like to read it to you:

“On the 100th anniversary we rededicate the Ukrainian Labour Temple to the memory of those visionary volunteers who built this important meeting place, and to future generations who will carry forward its legacy of progressive thought and action.”

I think that sums up very well what I want to highlight in order to give some sense of the significance of the Ukrainian Labour Temple.

The impetus for building the Labour Temple was not founded on chance. It emerged

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## Spring Concert at Calgary AUUC

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**“My z Ukrainy” (We Are from Ukraine), choreographed by Trevor Shular, opened the concert. Performed by the Hopak Dancers with members of the Hopak Dance School, this dance featuring the regions of Ukraine bade the audience members welcome with the traditional offering of bread and salt.**

On Sunday, May 5, the Calgary Hopak Ensemble presented a sold-out spring concert titled *Past, Present and Future — Reconnecting*. What a wonderful afternoon filled with music, song and dance!

How wonderful to reconnect with the Trembita Choir from AUUC Edmonton Branch, under the direction of Olesya Nazarenko, that travelled to Calgary to join their voices with ours. What a wonderful sound the joined choirs made!

The four songs we sang under the direction of Violetta Dimitrova, accompanied by the Calgary Hopak Orchestra, reconnected with the homeland — “*Oy tam za Dunayem*”; reconnected with lost love — “*Suliko*” and “*Oy divchyno shumyt hai*”; and reconnected with old friends — “*Pro dozvelya e vesellya*”.

The Calgary Hopak Choir will reconnect with the Trembita Choir when we travel to

Edmonton for their up-coming concert.

The concert began with the dance, “*My z Ukrainy*”, choreographed by Trevor Shular. It was performed by the Hopak Dancers with members of the Hopak Dance School, bedecked in traditional costumes from the various regions of the Ukraine. This robust dance welcomed the audience with the traditional bread-and-salt greeting.

This was followed by our Cherevichky dance group, which is our youngest group of dancers. In this dance, choreographed by Natashia Jeanson with assistance from Isabelle Barrett, these youngsters twirled and stomped into our hearts. How delightful to reconnect, through these children, to OUR beginnings in Ukrainian dancing.

The next group of dancers was Chervony Venochek. These young ladies performed a high spirited “*Kozachok*”, choreographed by Liza

Makarova with assistance from Nykol Kroeker. The performers connected and reconnected with each other in lovely patterns on the stage. Well done, girls!

Dianne Gereluk, with assistance from David Klassen, choreographed the “*Farmer Dance*” for our group of young boys, Harniy Sharavary. They brought down the house! Much to our delight, these young farmers truly reconnected with the trials and tribulations of working on a farm!

The Hopak Dancers returned to close out the first half of the concert with the very quick paced “*Volynska Polka*”, choreographed by Trevor Shular. The leaps, spins and footwork were absolutely amazing! One wonders how these fast-moving dancers stayed connected to the floor. How could the Hopak Orchestra even stay connected to their chairs while playing this music?

The Hopak Dancers also opened the second half of the concert, with “*Bukovyna*”. This Bukovinian dance, also choreographed by Trevor Shular, reconnected the dancers with the music in their feet. It amazes me how rhythm can be carried so effectively through the feet.

The Hopak Orchestra presented two beautiful pieces of music during the concert: “*Waltz*”, from *Masquerade Suite*, composed by A. Kachaturian, and “*Hopak*”, composed by M. Moussorgsky. Our very fine musicians reconnected with the reason they play in an orchestra. Thank you, Violetta!

Three beautiful young ladies who make up the Tynok Dance Group presented the Bukovinian Polka, choreographed by Jenna Dudar. These young ladies danced such beautiful pictures that it allowed us to reconnect to a time when we were so young and so in love with life.

The Hopak Dancers closed out the concert with “*Seema*

Hopak”. We are still reconnecting with the flowing ribbons in the girls’ hair and high flying leaps for the men. Thank you, Trevor, for choreographing this traditional hopak.

Thank you to all who attended our final concert of 2019.

Thank you to Deb Skrabeck, who was responsible for printing tickets and the program, and providing food for all our guests. Love the coffee party after the concert!

A huge “thank you” goes out to Kay Skrabeck, who has been our wardrobe mistress for forever, and who has taken care of all the beautiful costumes. We cannot thank you enough for your dedication to the Hopak Ensemble over the years. Enjoy your retirement!

Thank you to all our dance teachers for their hard work, and to Trista Bailey for over-

seeing the needs and wants of the Dance School.

Thank you to Katya Gereluk for being our MC for the day. Well done, Katya!

Thank you to Fiona Bailey and Julie Meeder for manning the doors and keeping the concert numbers flowing.

And thank you to all our parents, who continue to reconnect with their Ukrainian roots by supporting the activities at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre. We will see you in September.

Remember that on Saturday, October 5, 2019, we will be hosting an evening social and buffet to celebrate the AUUC 100th anniversary and reconnect with people who have attended the Calgary AUUC hall.

Please call the Ukrainian Cultural Centre for more information.

— D. Hrynchyshyn



**Cherevichky, the youngest dancers in the school, delighted the audience with “*Kohanochka*”.**



**Chervony Venochek presented the spirited “*Kozachok*”.**



**Harniy Sharavary brought down the house with the “*Farmer Dance*”, reconnecting with the trials and tribulations of working on a farm.**



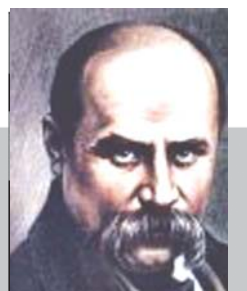
**The three young ladies who make up the Tynok dance group presented the “*Bukovynian Polka*”.**

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The Winnipeg Mandolin Orchestra, conducted by Annis Kozub.

## Annual Concert of WMO

On Saturday, May 4, at the Ukrainian Labour Temple of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, the Winnipeg Mandolin Orchestra held their annual concert.

The Orchestra began as a Ukrainian female youth group in 1920. Now, the Orchestra consists of members of many backgrounds and ages, and usually has between twenty and twenty-five members.

The group performs at a variety of venues throughout the city, and in other locales in Manitoba, but their home is, and has always been, the Ukrainian Labour Temple.

While they perform many times throughout the year, their annual concert is a dedicated showcase of their mu-

sical talents, their biggest concert of the year, and a fitting conclusion to the Winnipeg AUUC's cultural season.

Under the direction of conductor Annis Kozub, the Orchestra plays a diverse repertoire, including music from Ukraine, but also pieces from elsewhere in Eastern Europe and from around the world. Highlights from this concert included "Variations on a Ukrainian Theme", which featured oboist Sherry Bonness, and "Two Guitars", featuring talented guitarist Duncan McGregor.

The Orchestra always invites a guest to perform at the concert, and this year the invitation was extended to the Bart House Band. The group

is a family collective of five men, fronted by twin brothers and fiddlers, David and Andrew Bart. They play what they describe as "old world music", and are inspired by a range of cultural influences.

At the concert, their contributions were lively and energetic, and had the crowd tapping their toes to the beat. A highlight was their rendition of "Oy susidko", an upbeat Ukrainian folk song.

No concert is complete without refreshments and time to mingle and catch up with both old and new friends. At intermission, the hall was alive with conversation and laughter as guests enjoyed home-made baking, graciously provided by orchestra members and volunteers.

Many thanks are due to those who participated in this event as performers, volunteers and bakers.

As we conclude another cultural season, we are already planning for the next one, and for the celebration of the Orchestra's 100th birthday in 2020.

— Emily Halldorson



Guest performers at the concert on May 4 were the Bart House Band.



As usual, the annual Winnipeg Mandolin Orchestra concert drew a large audience.

## Attack on Venezuelan Territory

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Shortly after the break-in, an ambulance arrived at the scene and a gurney was wheeled inside. It is still unclear who needed the help and why.

Despite the failure of self-declared "interim president" Juan Guaido to launch a coup

in April, US authorities continue to recognize him as the legal authority in Venezuela.

A note on the building the day before the raid stated that the US doesn't recognize the authority of President Nicolas Maduro's staff, and urged the activists to "depart immediately."

Crowds of people opposed

to Maduro's government have been gathering outside the Embassy attempting to blockade the people inside from receiving food and other vital resources. Police arrested several people for attempting to throw food and hygiene supplies in, while authorities cut off the power and the water supply to the building.

## Pysanka Workshops in Winnipeg

On Saturday, April 13, the Winnipeg branch of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians hosted two pysanka workshops. Although the Branch has hosted these workshops in the past, it has been many years! The morn-

ing workshop was attended by families, while the afternoon workshop was for adults.

Many thanks to Kim Boss for her work in organizing, hosting and teaching these workshops!

— Emily Halldorson



The morning session was attended by families, with children enjoying the activity.

— Story photos: Kim Boss



The afternoon session was reserved for adults.



Two samples of the decorated eggs, also known as Easter eggs, created by workshop participants.

— Story photos: Wilfred Szczesny, except as noted.

# Sorry Not Sorry



**Tyler Blashko, President of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, opened and closed the event.**



**Humaira Jaleel, Chief Operating Officer of the Canadian Muslim Women's Institute, presented a message to Sorry Not Sorry.**



**Chantell Barker, Director of Justice for Southern Chiefs Organization, is a woman from Sapotowayek Cree Nation.**



**Barbara and Clarence Nepinak performed a tobacco ceremony and a traditional prayer in Ojibway.**

AUUC Winnipeg Branch was proud to host Sorry Not Sorry, the 100th anniversary celebration of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, at the Ukrainian Labour Temple on Friday, April 26. In spite of efforts by Winnipeg's apologists for Israel's racist policies toward its Palestinian residents, the event drew hundreds of spirited participants who enjoyed an evening that was both informative and entertaining.

Sponsored by the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg and the Canadian Muslim Women's Institute, Sorry Not Sorry featured a panel of three articulate and accom-

plished women speaking to the theme "Unapologetically working for social justice". The panellists spiced their varied observations on organizing their communities for action on social issues with wit as well as wisdom and a wealth of experience.

Keeping order among the three strong women and keeping them on track was another strong and accomplished woman, moderator Shannon Sampert. As noted in the printed program, Dr. Sampert "is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Winnipeg and the director of the Media Centre for Public Policy and Knowledge Mobilization. She is the former editor-in-chief of EvidenceNetwork.ca and was the first female Op-Ed editor for the *Winnipeg Free Press* from 2014-2017. She currently studies media treatment of women politicians."

Tyler Blashko, President of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, opened the gathering with a "welcome" to those attending and a "thank you" for the use of the Ukrainian Labour Temple after the originally contracted site withdrew. He recognized that the event was being held on Treaty One land, spoke briefly

about the SPCW, and introduced the Nepinaks.

Barbara and Clarence Nepinak extended an Indigenous welcome to their territory. They performed a tobacco ceremony and a traditional prayer in Ojibway.

After introducing the moderator and the panellists, Mr. Blashko left the stage.

Dr. Sampert asked the panellists in turn to present opening statements.

First to speak was Chantell Barker. Ms. Barker, a First Nations woman from the Sapotowayek Cree Nation, includes in her work history ten years as a probation officer with Manitoba Justice. During her time with Manitoba



**Moderator for Sorry Not Sorry was Shannon Sampert, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Winnipeg.**



**Quebec-based writer and activist Nora Loreto.**

— Photo: Dave Kattenburg



**Palestinian-Muslim-American Linda Sarsour, "every Islamophobe's worst nightmare", was born and raised in Brooklyn.**

Justice, she developed the first court-mandated Cultural Appropriate Program. Currently Director of Justice for Southern Chiefs Organization, she "strives to bring passion and a vision that restores balance and harmony within the First Nations".

In her statement, Ms. Barker spoke of the Indigenous People's aspiration to their own justice system, which would stress healing instead of punishment.

The next speaker was Nora Loreto, a writer and activist based in Quebec City. In her remarks Ms. Loreto said that justice is doing what is right, and in particular, confronting power on such issues as the CAQ government's proposed ban on religious symbols.

The final panellist to speak was Linda Sarsour, "every

Islamophobe's worst nightmare", whose many credits include prestigious recognition as an influential person (*Time Magazine*), Muslim, and leader (*Fortune*).

After recognizing herself as "the threat which you were warned about", which drew a supportive laugh from the audience, Ms. Sarsour spoke of her beliefs, which included (among others values) dignity and equality for everyone, and freedom of speech.

Following opening remarks, the moderator posed four categories of issues: Building movements across cultures and communities; the role of education in movement building; intergenerational communication; and growth through conflict and controversy.

The panellists' answers to these questions and to the source of their motivation, what helps them get out of bed every morning to continue the struggle, reflected their own diversity, as well as their similarities as activists.

Nora Loreto claimed not to know the source of her energy. "We fight for people's security," she said.

Chantell Barker's strength comes from the knowledge that the land is her home, the home of her ancestors, and the home of her descendants.

Linda Sarsour gains her strength from her children, and fighting for the children to yet come.

— Wilfred Szczesny



**Attendance at the Ukrainian Labour Temple in Winnipeg was full, almost filling the balcony, for the Sorry Not Sorry event cosponsored by the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg and the Canadian Muslim Women's Institute on April 26.**



**AUUC Edmonton Branch member Bill Uhryn chatted with a Ukrainian Canadian Bear Clan member.**



## Ukrainian Miscellany

### Zelensky Becomes President

On May 20, Volodymyr Zelensky was inaugurated and officially became the president of Ukraine. At a session of the Supreme Council, Ukraine's parliament, after reading aloud the text of the oath of allegiance to the people of Ukraine, as prescribed by the "Law of Ukraine on the Election of the President of Ukraine", he received a presidential certificate, a badge, the presidential seal, and the presidential *bulawa* (mace).

On April 30, the Central Election Commission (CEC) officially declared Mr. Zelensky winner of the presidential run-off election of April 21. He gained 73.22% of votes, while incumbent president Petro Poroshenko got 24.45%.

President Zelensky "hit the ground running" and announced a number of immediate aims. Shortly after his inauguration, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told reporters that his first decree would be to disband the *Verkhovna Rada* (Supreme Council), precipitating early elections.

However, it is not certain, as we go to press, that such a move would succeed. On May 17, the People's Front parliamentary leadership decided to withdraw from the European Ukraine parliamentary coalition. Andriy Parubiy, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Ukraine announced that the coalition no longer existed. That would mean that parliament had a month to form a new coalition.

Failing the creation of a new governing coalition, the president would have the right to announce the dissolution of parliament and schedule snap elections. However, under election laws, there is a moratorium on the early dissolution of the *Verkhovna Rada* six months before the next (regular) parliamentary elections, which are scheduled for October 27.

Two major political groups, the Petro Poroshenko Bloc and the People's Front said that they accepted President Zelensky's decision to dissolve Ukraine's parliament, and would prepare to contest the parliamentary elections. If accurate, this report ends speculation about manoeuvres by the People's Front to prevent early elections.

(The People's Front is a right-wing party largely based on the former Fatherland party.)

### New President Raises Concerns

US Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch was recalled two months earlier than expected by the USA because, as Rudolph Giuliani, the lawyer for President Donald Trump, said in an interview with Ukrainian journalist Dmytro Anopchenko, she resisted the Trump agenda.

What Mykola Vorobiov, in his article printed on May 16 by the Atlantic Council may have got right is that President Poroshenko may have wanted her out for criticising his administration.

He may also have "nailed it" with the observation that, "The lack of an ambassador puts the United States in a weak position with a new Ukrainian president about to take over and parliamentary elections in October."

"Recalling US Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch is an untimely move," he wrote. "It may threaten the country's European future by creating a vacuum of American leadership in the country. Without doubt the Kremlin will

try to fill this gap by installing as many loyalists (as possible) into Zelenskiy's (sic) fragile team."

Urging the quick replacement of Ms. Yovanovitch, Mr. Vorobiov wrote, "This is not only a matter of survival for Ukraine's Western path. US interests in the broader region could fall into the Kremlin's sphere of influence under an unexperienced president. Kyiv needs all the support it can get."

Mr. Vorobiov noted that, "... being a newcomer without any previous political experience, Zelenskiy's (sic) team lacks professionals and a clear strategy for its first steps in office."

"After Zelenskiy's (sic) victory, power seekers moved to influence him, including those who don't necessarily share Western values."

Raising the ultimate fear to haunt the Atlantic Council, Mr. Vorobiov warns, "Together, pro-Russian forces could do well, especially if they unify."

### Naftogaz: Preparing Privatization

An early issue facing the new Ukrainian president and soon-to-be elected parliament will be the restructuring of NJSC Naftogaz in preparation for privatization of parts of the company. Currently, the government is demanding that the company "approve and implement" decisions required to allow the government to complete the process of unbundling the state-run company by the end of 2019, following the model approved in July, 2016, based on Ukraine's commitments to the European Energy Community.

Speaking at the meeting of the Coordinating Council for Energy Reforms, then Ukrainian Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman stressed that the 2016 model of unbundling takes into account all the requirements of Ukraine's international partners, and requires neither any changes to legislation nor any other actions that could delay the process of unbundling of the gas transmission function of Naftogaz of Ukraine.

Effective unbundling will be a guarantee of the formation of an independent, and certified under the European requirements, operator of the Ukrainian gas transit system. The existence of such an operator will enable strengthening the position of Ukraine in negotiations with the Russian Federation to continue the transit function and preserve the Ukrainian gas transport system (GTS) beyond 2020.

"One of the objectives I put before the leadership of Naftogaz of Ukraine in July, 2016, and later the Company's Supervisory Board, was to

fully implement the decisions on the unbundling, which would enable the GTS certified operator to fully comply with the obligations of the Third Energy Package," Groysman said. "By force of circumstances, I can assert that the work of NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine on this issue has failed. We have engaged in a number of talks and issues, but Naftogaz of Ukraine has not approved any decisions that would be taken as part of the implementation of the Government's commissions. The OU (Full ownership unbundling) model is the most relevant and unique, which can be implemented by the end of 2019.

"Today is May. Since July, 2016, Naftogaz of Ukraine has lost time to achieve the (then set) goals."

Prime Minister Groysman stressed that there are no obstacles, especially of a legal nature, which could be delaying the unbundling under the defined model. Participants of the Coordinating Council, including officials, representatives of the Energy Directorate of the European Commission, the World Bank, heads of the international financial institutions' agencies, agreed to this position. They also noted it was urgent to start the process of transferring assets to the GTS operator, in accordance with the government-approved plan, as well as involving international partners in the joint management of the gas transit system.

In early November, 2016, the Cabinet of Ministers adopted a decision to create a new operator of Ukraine's

GTS, namely PJSC Mahistralni Gazoprovody Ukrainy (Trunk Gas Pipelines). At the same time, Naftogaz's management created a new subsidiary, the Operator of the Ukrainian GTS, within the structure of state-run Ukrtransgaz, which is wholly owned by Naftogaz.

Naftogaz believes that the establishment of a new legal entity, and the involvement of a European partner in its management, is necessary for European companies to be able to buy gas on the eastern border of Ukraine and transfer it to the European market, preserving transit volumes after the current contract with Gazprom expires.

On February 4, 2019, NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine registered a new company, LLC Operator of the Gas Transmission System of Ukraine, which is wholly owned by Ukrtransgaz JSC, as part of the unbundling.

Ukrtransgaz operates 12 underground gas storages (USFs) with a total storage capacity of about 31 billion cubic metres (bcm). The USFs are an integral part of Ukraine's gas supply system and gas transit through its territory. The company also operates trunk gas pipelines carrying gas from Russia to the European Union.

Natural gas stocks in Ukraine's underground storage facilities (USFs) have increased by 19.9% to 10.49 bcm since April 5, when Ukraine started the season of pumping natural gas into its reserves. As of May 18, the USFs were 33% full.

### Conflict With Egypt

Egypt's authorities have detained the tanker Sea Shark, registered to Panama, with 17 Ukrainian crew members.

"According to the Embassy of Ukraine in the Arab Republic of Egypt, a member of the crew of the Sea Shark vessel got into contact with the diplomatic office and reported that the vessel had been detained by the authorities of Egypt for violating the border of Egypt," Director-General for Consular Service at Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Serhiy Pohoreltsev told UNIAN.

The captain of the vessel, Vitaliy Nesterenko, told the consul of the Ukrainian embassy that the vessel had gone adrift and accidentally entered into the territorial waters of Egypt. At that time, the ship was in the port of Berenice (subordinate to the Ministry of Defence of Egypt).

"According to information available to the embassy, the Egyptian side fined the ship-owner company over the said offence and the crew's passports were seized," Mr. Pohoreltsev said.

Requests sent by the company that owns the ship to Egypt's authorities to replace the crew (as the contracts of 11 out of 17 Ukrainian sailors expired) were not approved. To resolve this issue, a consular officer met with the Foreign Ministry of Egypt.

It was noted that the Ukraine had not been properly informed of the incident by local authorities. Ukraine sent a request for official information why the Ukrainian sailors had been detained and accused.

On March 7, 2019, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry informed the Ukrainian Embassy that Egypt had no claims against the Ukrainian sailors and did not object to their possible replacement. Nevertheless, Egyptian authorities delayed the matter, and on April 22, 2019, another request for information was sent.

On April 25 the ship was moved from the port of Berenice to Egypt's Ein El Sokhna Port, located 100 km from Cairo, where the replacement of crew members was to take place. However, on April 27, when the ship arrived at the port of Ein El Sokhna, the Egyptian military prosecutor's office demanded that the crew unload the crude oil the ship was carrying, claiming an alleged environmental threat if the oil leaked into the water.

According to Sea Shark captain Vitaliy Nesterenko, the crew members considered the decision of the prosecutor's office illegal and refused to execute it. Egypt refused to allow replacement of the crew until the oil was unloaded.

## Welcome to Conference Participants

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ged out of the progressive and revolutionary currents which arose at the close of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century.

The young Ukrainian workers and intellectuals who came to Canada as part of the surge of immigration from all corners of Europe brought with them those ideas. They were determined to make those ideas a reality. They needed organization and institutions to organize for social progress. Their organization was the Ukrainian Social Democratic Party and the Ukrainian Labour Temple would serve as the centre of organizing. It would be home to their press, their cultural groups and a centre of education for the new immigrants.

In the 1920s and '30's it would create the Workers Benevolent Association and the Workers and Farmers Co-operative Association which later became The People's Co-op.

This magnificent building was built with voluntary labour and money raised entirely from the community. It was designed by Robert E. Davies, who worked for the City of Winnipeg. It was Robert Davies who suggested the inclusion of the sculpture above the entrance doors bearing the phrase *workers of all countries unite*. It is hard to imagine today that such ideas could be so much part of the movement that a British immigrant engineer working with Ukrainian immigrants emblazons this defiant mes-

sage on the building.

In September, 1918, the Ukrainian Social Democratic Party and other left-wing and anti-war organizations were banned by the federal government through order-in-council. The Ukrainian Labour Temple Association became the leading voice of socialist activism amongst Ukrainian Canadian workers.

The Ukrainian Labour Temple opened on February 14, 1919. A few months later it was caught up in the tumult of the Winnipeg General Strike. The Labour Temple was a centre for Ukrainian Canadian workers who lived in the north end and worked at the CPR shops, Vulcan Iron Works, Manitoba Bridge, and other factories a stone's throw from their neighbourhoods. The North End of the city was the industrial centre, it was working class through and through.

On June 17, 1919, the Labour Temple was raided by authorities searching for evidence of alleged sedition and conspiracy, the charges that were being levelled against the leaders of the Strike.

It is not possible to capture the depth of this building's history, and the movements which emanated from it, in my brief remarks to you.

If we could only recount the

past accomplishments, then Ukrainian Labour Temple would be relevant from a historical perspective. However, throughout its existence the Labour Temple has remained a centre of progressive activity. Just two weeks ago it served as the location for a very important political event in this city.

When the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg found its event celebrating social justice under attack because of one of its speakers, the Ukrainian Labour Temple stepped forward to serve as a venue when others would not.

Some, including the Mayor, took exception to Linda Sarsour — an American activist, Muslim, and a staunch supporter of Palestinian rights. The pressure on the sponsoring organization to cancel was enormous, and pressure was brought to bear on us to withdraw the Hall as a venue.

On April 26, the event went ahead as planned, to a sold out audience and, most importantly, a discussion about the urgency of social activism took place despite the efforts of some to prevent it.

In closing, let me say this.

A building can be more than bricks and mortar; it can also reflect human purpose. The Ukrainian Labour Temple

did that when it opened its doors 100 years ago, and it does so today. The Labour Temple has been a centre of progressive activity despite official censure and the pressure to retreat. It will remain true to the values of social justice and the courage to defend what is right.

I can tell you that a big change is coming. In January the National Committee of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians took the important decision to make the Ukrainian Labour Temple an accessible space — both this main hall and the lower level. It is costly work which is being supported by a capital campaign.

The present timetable calls for the work to begin July 1, with completion in early fall. This work is essential for the Labour Temple to remain a viable community asset and resource both to the North End and the city as a whole.

Organizations such as the University of Winnipeg have recognized the importance of the North End as a viable community with its role in the development of the former Merchants Hotel as a place of learning and community.

Thank you for coming to the Ukrainian Labour Temple and listening to a small bit of our history, and our optimism for the future.

## National President on Rededication

Printed below are the remarks of AUUC National President Bob Seychuk at the rededication of the Ukrainian Labour Temple in Winnipeg on April 25.

Good afternoon, and welcome to all of our guests to the Ukrainian Labour Temple, a National Historic Site — in fact the building is also a Provincial and City of Winnipeg historic site.

We are here this afternoon to participate in a ceremony of rededication of this building. 100 years ago, in February, 1919, the doors of this building opened. Construction started in May, 1918. The property here at Pritchard and McGregor, according to records, cost \$2,350. The completed building, cost just under \$74,000.00, most of which was raised from donations from the new immigrants, and these same people offered volunteer labour which was instrumental in the construction.

In the early 1900s, hundreds and hundreds of immigrants from Eastern Europe — mainly Ukraine — were arriving in Canada. Most were on their way west to settle the prairies and beyond. Many stayed and settled in Winnipeg. Many were members of the Ukrainian Social Democratic Party, and they began to organise meetings and gatherings in rented facilities. At a mass meeting in March, 1918, a decision was made to build their own facility — a Ukrainian Labour Temple. It would be the centre of their social, educational, cultural and political life in Winnipeg.

Although those members of the Ukrainian Social Democratic Party who had emigrated to Canada were somewhat experienced in political activities, they formed a new organization: the Ukrainian Labour Temple Association, which was granted a federal charter in 1918. This was the original name of today's Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, which also is 100 years old. Soon after, in May and June, 1919, the new Labour Temple became one of the meeting places for strikers involved in the Winnipeg General Strike. This building remains the last Labour Hall which was used in 1919 and still remains in use.

Those early members of the Ukrainian Labour Temple Association had a vision of a better world which included bringing people together to celebrate, to share experiences about the struggles and victories of working people, and to organise themselves into a force to bring about improvements in general working conditions for all.

The Association of United Ukrainian Canadians intends to honour and continue that legacy into its next 100 years, and this rededication ceremony is but one step in that process.

Thank you.

## VE Day Commemorated

Once again, May 9, Victory Day, also known as VE Day, was celebrated in Winnipeg. Victory Day marks the end of World War II in Europe, and the defeat of Nazism and fascism.

Beginning with the 70th anniversary in 2015, Victory Day has been marked publicly by the Winnipeg Russian community. It has been joined in this by the wider community, especially the progressive Ukrainian and Jewish communities.

About 70 people attended the gathering, held at the main war memorial in Winnipeg. It

included speeches, songs and poetry.

The Winnipeg Branch of the AUUC has provided a supportive role to this commemoration. Winnipeg Branch President Glenn Michalchuk again spoke to this year's gathering. In his remarks he spoke of the progressive values the Ukrainian community has shared with others since its immigration to Canada, and why it naturally values, shares and honours the significance of Victory Day.

He noted that, while the struggle against Nazism and fascism was one taken up by

many, the greatest debt is owed to the people of the Soviet Union, who withstood the greatest assault and ferocity of Nazism and made the greatest sacrifice in its defeat.

He pointed out that the enormity of the Soviet Union's sacrifice is recognized by those in the west, and quoted from British historian Max Hastings, who wrote: "It was the Western Allies' extreme good fortune that the Russians, and not themselves, paid almost the entire 'butchers bill' for defeating Nazi Germany, accepting 95 per cent of the military casualties of the three major powers of the Grand Alliance."

In a comment to the "Herald" following May 9, AUUC Winnipeg Branch President Glenn Michalchuk said, "Next year will be the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II. There was interest expressed by the organizers to have a significant celebration on May 9, 2020. I will be asking our Council and Branch to think of ways we can participate."

— Winnipeg Bureau

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In next month's issue, look for an interview with Palestinian, Muslim. American activist Linda Sarsour!

## Rededication of ULT

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 assisted by Myron Shatulsky, cut the cake, decorated with the logo developed for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Ukrainian Labour Temple. Each person present was able to enjoy the cake, as well as the wine, coffee and other refreshments offered that evening.

the tins of mints provided as souvenirs of the evening.)

In his closing remarks, the MC said,

“This has been a very special evening. Look around you and we see familiar faces and new faces. This place has achieved its importance to people and the community because, from the first opening of its doors, it has been

about people, their concerns, their dreams and ideals. As we close the formal part today, I would like to read into the record of this rededication ceremony that which motivated the builders of the Labour Temple one hundred years ago.

“The Ukrainian Labour Temple in Winnipeg is being built not only for the benefit of Ukrainian workers of Winnipeg, but also for all Ukrainian workers and farmers in Canada... it will belong to us all” *Robochiy Narod*, May 20, 1918.

“We look forward to what the future holds for this place and the people who are and will be part of it in the years to come.”

— Wilfred Szczesny

## Who, What, When, Where

**Regina** — AUUC Regina Branch is sponsoring the **Poltava Ukrainian Pavilion** during **Mosaic 2019**, on **May 30, 31 and June 1**, at the **Regina Performing Arts Centre (RPAC)**, 1077 Angus St. at 4th Avenue. Passports available at RPAC Box Office, **Adults — \$15.00; Children and Seniors — \$10.00**. Phone **306-779-2277**. Mosaic is an annual event of the Regina Multicultural Council.

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**Ottawa** — In commemoration of the centennial of the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919, **AUUC Ottawa Branch** is sponsoring a **Labour History Walk**, led by historian **Borys Gengalo**, on Sunday, **June 2**, starting at **York St. Fountain** at **1:30 p.m.** and ending at **Supreme Court**. This will be followed by a gathering at **Bier Market** on Sparks. **Free parking** at World Exchange Plaza.

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**Ottawa** — In commemoration of the centennial of the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919, **AUUC Ottawa Branch** is sponsoring **Labour Stories and Songs**, featuring **Stephen Richer**, at the **Carleton Heights Community Centre**, 1111 Apeldoorn Avenue, from **2:00 to 4:30 p.m.** on Sunday, **June 9**. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. The program will be followed by **beer and perogies**. **Donations** accepted. Seating is limited: reserve by June 1. Email: **vseychuk1000@gmail.com**; phone: 613-224-9291.

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Readers are invited to submit items of interest to the progressive Ukrainian Canadian community for free listing in this column. The deadline for material is the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication.



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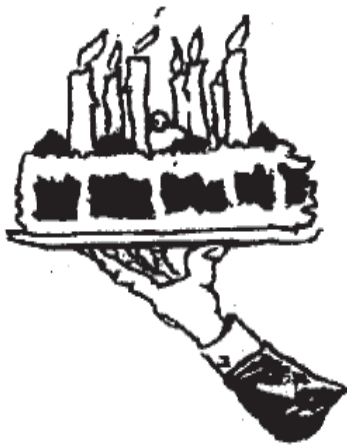
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The **Edmonton AUUC Senior Citizens' Club** wishes a happy birthday to the celebrants of June:

- Sandy Gordey
- Paul Greene
- Nick Kereliuk
- Sophie Sywolos
- Mike Uhryn
- Virginia Witwicki

May you have good health, happiness and a daily sense of accomplishment as you go through life.

The **Toronto AUUC Senior Citizens Club** extends best birthday wishes to June celebrant:

- Natalie Mochoruk

May good health and happiness be yours in the coming year!

The **Vancouver Seniors Club** extends best June birthday greetings to:

- Mary Fedosenko

Hope you have a great day!!

The **Welland Shevchenko Seniors** extend a happy birthday wish to June celebrants:

- Lida Braun
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May the coming year bring you all the best in health and happiness!

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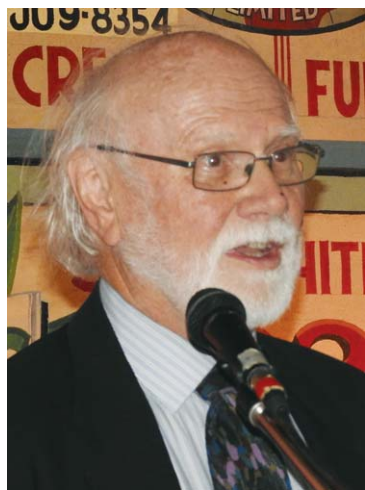
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# Rededication of ULT



Glenn Michalchuk, as MC, delivered a pithy opening statement.



AUUC National President Bob Seychuk spoke at the rededication on behalf of the National Committee, which met the next day.

Perhaps I had just forgotten how good they are, but the sound of the Festival Choir at the Ukrainian Labour Temple 100th Anniversary Rededication in Winnipeg on April 25 took me by pleasant surprise. Both in their first number (“Glory to the Pioneers”) after opening remarks at the beginning of the event and in their second song (“The Mighty Dnipro Roars and Bellows”) before closing remarks toward the end of the program, the choir produced a full, rich sound with beautiful harmonies.

Choir conductor Anna Khomenko, who doubles as the group’s pianist, has done a marvellous job with the singers in the senior choir.

M.C. Glenn Michalchuk, Branch President of AUUC Winnipeg Branch, opened the

program with a pithy statement. (See the editorial in this issue. — Ed.)

Comments by three elected representatives, representing three levels of government, followed the first song by the Festival Choir: Member of Parliament from Winnipeg North Kevin Lamoureux (who extended greetings from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau), MLA from Point Douglas Bernadette Smith, and Councillor for Mynarski Ward Ross Eadie.

These frequent visitors to the Ukrainian Labour Temple spoke about their personal relationships to the building over the years and the historical significance of the edifice.

Other political figures in attendance were Kevin’s daughter Cindy Lamoureux, MLA for Burrows, and Kyle



Kevin Lamoureux, MP (Winnipeg North), was the first guest speaker.



Councillor Mynarski Ward Ross Eadie was the final guest speaker.



MLA from Point Douglas Bernadette Smith introduced NDP candidate hopeful in the coming federal election for Winnipeg North Kyle Mason.



The Festival Choir, conducted by Anna Khomenko, produced a rich, full sound with beautiful harmonies. They sounded like a much larger and younger group.



THE UKRAINIAN LABOUR TEMPLE

The ULT 100th anniversary logo which adorned the cake and mint tins was commissioned by the AUUC Winnipeg Branch Executive and designed by Jet Tabuena.

Mason, who was seeking nomination as NDP Candidate in Winnipeg North for the coming federal election.

Completing the list of speakers was Bob Seychuk, National President of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians. Mr. Seychuk concluded a brief history of the Ukrainian Labour Temple Association with, “Those early members of the Ukrainian Labour Temple Association had a vision of a better world which included bringing people together to celebrate, to share experiences about the struggles and victories of working people, and to organise themselves into a force to bring about improvements in general working conditions for all.”

He promised that, “The Association of United Ukrainian Canadians intends to honour and continue that legacy into its next 100 years...” (Mr. Seychuk’s remarks appear in full on Page 10. —Ed.)

The speakers having completed their tasks, it was time

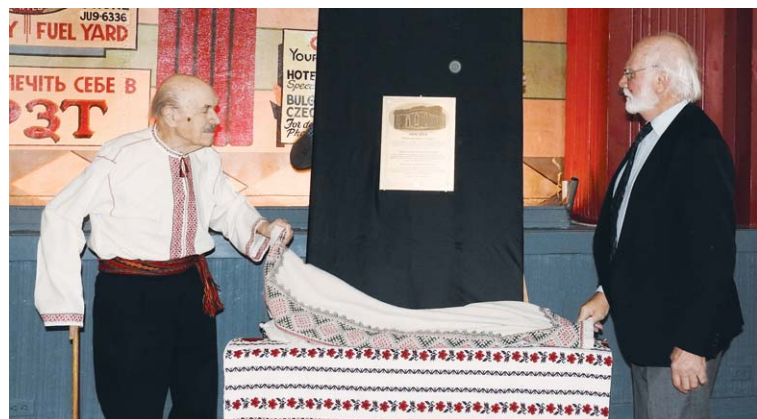
to turn to the central purpose of the gathering — the unveiling of the plaque of rededication. As the actual plaque was not ready, the MC explained, a facsimile was being unveiled.

Glenn Michalchuk called on Myron Shatulsky and Bob Seychuk to do the honours, which they did by lowering the embroidered cloth which masked it. Mr. Michalchuk then read the English-language version of the inscription which appeared in Ukrainian and French as well.

The text said:  
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On the 100th anniversary we rededicate the Ukrainian Labour Temple to the memory of those visionary volunteers who built this important meeting place, and to future generations who will carry forward its legacy of progressive thought and action.

Association of United Ukrainian Canadians  
Every major event needs a cake, and that was the next order of business. The Dance School’s youngest dancer, as-  
(Continued on Page 11.)



Myron Shatulsky and Bob Seychuk unveiled a mock-up of the rededication plaque.



The youngest dancer, assisted by Myron Shatulsky, cut the celebratory cake, while Emily Halldorson and Bob Seychuk looked on and a videographer recorded the feat.



MLA (Burrows) Cindy Lamoureux attended with her father.



Visitors were able to follow the example of Lily Stearns by viewing a display reflecting the history of the ULT.