

YOUTH PAGE



Special Event for Youth Leaders and Youth Workers

"Discovering Unity! 2017 Youth Convention"

■ **WINNIPEG, MB**—CYMK-UOY National Executive launches a 5-day innovative convention program at the **Biennial National USRL Convention**, designed specifically for youth interested in starting and improving a youth group at their parish, as well as for adults dedicated to youth programming.

Hosted at the Delta Hotel in downtown Winnipeg, the program features a series of workshop sessions including financial management skills, promotion and advertising skills, and conflict resolution skills. The program runs **Wednesday August 9, 2017 through Sunday, August 13, 2017**, culminating in a mass-choir at the Divine Liturgy. Young men and women ages 13-22—are invited to participate, as well as parish youth workers, parish council presidents, parish priests, and current CYMK advisors. This event is an opportunity to form new relationships, share ideas and common interests, and join efforts in creating a vibrant youth program.

Registration costs are all-inclusive (activities and meals). Youth registration is **\$290** and adult registration is **\$390**. A block of hotel rooms is reserved for a **discounted rate of \$145 +taxes**. See www.cymk.ca/convention2017 to register and for more information.

About CYMK-Ukrainian Orthodox Youth

The event is organized and hosted by CYMK—the Ukrainian Orthodox Youth group of Canada, established in 1931. Their aim is to foster hard-working young people of the Ukrainian Orthodox community into leaders with a strong base in their faith, culture and ties to their community. All local youth groups are active members of their parishes, whether donating money for windows, vestments, chandeliers, or orphanages, or planning and leading social-events for the parish.

"The Convention is an event that everyone needs to experience at least once! Not only do attendees get to explore a new city and new people, but they get to experience the ties that bring people together in close community..."

—Liza Zienchuk,
National CYMK-UOY President

With an enriching and uplifting environment, the Convention is an excellent opportunity where youth can connect and experience the power of being united in a family of volunteer organizations. All who attend return home inspired to start their own service projects. Register today! www.cymk.ca/join-us



■ The S (Soiuz) U (Ukrayintsv) S (Samostiinykiv) Foundation of Canada, has through the generosity and foresight of our past and current donors, members and friends staunchly supported the preservation and teaching of the Ukrainian Canadian culture to Canadians of all backgrounds.

For 52 years, SUS Foundation of Canada has quietly supported many of our cultural institutions, like St. John's Institute, Petro Mohyla Institute, St. Vladimir Institute, St. Andrew's College and the Ukrainian Women's Museums across Canada.

Have you seen the Kurelik exhibit and window display at the museum in Saskatoon?

We have supported summer camps Kolomayka, Barvinok, Ovita, Green Grove, Trident, St. Sofia and Pokrova as well as language programs, history books and several films and certainly not to forget USRL, UWAC, TYC, CYMK and the UOCC programs.

This has been done because of you, our supporters. From an initial pledge of \$50,000 an endowment fund was created which has grown to \$2,000,000, almost as much as has been distributed from the earnings of the fund to the above noted institutions and others.

For many years there has been concern about our missing youth. Your directors boldly stepped forward at the 2015 convention in Calgary with an action plan. We challenged the members of USRL, UWAC, TYC and CYMK to match our pledge to help create the position of a National Youth Organizer. The USRL family met our challenge. A goal to invigorate a sense of belonging, learning and experiencing in a Christian atmosphere, the customs of our parents as well as learning the basics of every day life with in a saturation of electronic media.

Christina Kowalenko was chosen for the position and introduced to you in a previous publication. Her efforts have resulted in much discussion across the country. Her efforts have already resulted in the resurrection of a CYMK-UOY branch in the east and the potential for one in the west before the convention in August. She is assessing the interests of to-days Ukrainian youth across Canada and what they seek in an organization of their own.

There have been many hours of meetings with parents, with advisors and with clergy. Religious retreats have been held. An eye catching new website has been developed as well as start up kits and a revised advisors manual. An exciting convention program has been created for the Senior and Junior CYMK and their guests spearheaded by both the Winnipeg CYMK-UOY and the National CYMK-UOY Executive. It is important for all of us to assist in getting our youth to this convention.

There is much work to be done as this is not a one year program. To this end Christina has been provided with an assistant, **Yuri Hladio**, a former CYMKivitz from Hamilton who brings with him extensive training and experience working with youth. He was an assistant program director at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camp for six years.

Yuri currently resides in Winnipeg and will be working under Christina's guidance to strengthen CYMK-UOY participation in the western provinces and encouraging all youth to attend the convention. We welcome Yuri and wish him much success.

With Christina's and Yuri's efforts and your continuous support, our dream will become a reality.

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