

THE HOLY SYNOD OF THE UKRAINIAN GRECO-CATHOLIC CHURCH 2010 SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

To the Glory of the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-giving and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and for the good of the People of God entrusted to us. Amen

*BY THE GRACE OF GOD
AND IN FULL COMMUNION WITH
THE APOSTOLIC SEE OF ROME,*

LUBOMYR
*Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych
of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church*

To the Most Reverend Bishops,
the Reverend Fathers, Venerable Monks and Nuns and the Lay-Faithful
of the Particular Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church

I DECLARE AND PUBLISH

THE RESOLUTIONS

**Of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church,
which took place in Lviv-Brukhovychi
from 2nd to the 9th of September in the year of our Lord: 2010**

1. The text of the appeal of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church (UGCC) to the Faithful and to all people of good will, is confirmed.
2. For the amelioration of the pastoral care of Migrants:
 - A. The Pastoral-Missionary Department in collaboration with the Hierarchy of the UGCC is commissioned to prepare and present to the Permanent Synod for review - a project of directives for pastoral ministry among the Faithful of the UGCC living in a migration situation.
 - B. The Commission for Migrant Affairs is reorganized and placed into the structure of the Pastoral-Missionary Department;
 - C. It is recommended that all local Hierarchs appoint in their eparchies and exarchates individuals responsible for the pastoral care of migrants;
 - D. Academic institutions, especially the Ukrainian Catholic University, are requested to organize conferences and other events in countries with the most

numerous Ukrainian populations for the advancement of knowledge about the identity and mission of the UGCC in the Catholic Church;

E. The Pastoral-Missionary Department, in collaboration with the academic formation institutions of the UGCC, is charged with organizing special centres for the training of missionaries and other candidates for ministering to Ukrainian émigrés.

F. The Pastoral-Missionary Department and the Ukrainian Catholic University are charged to develop a concept for the creation of a Pastoral-Missionary Institute and present it to the Permanent Synod for review at their first session in 2011;

G. The Society of Ukrainian Canonists is requested to develop, by the end of 2010, a rulebook of canonical procedures for the dispatching and recalling of missionaries, and that it would be made congruent with the appropriate institutions of the Catholic Church. This project should be presented for review at the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011;

H. The Pastoral-Missionary Department, in collaboration with the Hierarchs of the UGCC that serve in Central and Western Europe, is charged with organizing a European congress of Ukrainian pastors for a sharing of experience and the further development of ministry among émigrés;

I. The Patriarchal Liturgical Commission is charged with preparing bilingual texts of the Liturgy of John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, as well as the Rites of the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and Marriage for the pastoral needs in countries where the most numerous populations of the Faithful of the UGCC are found;

J. The Society of Ukrainian Canonists is asked to prepare a canonical-pastoral rulebook with regard to the conferring of the holy Sacraments – especially that of Marriage – to Ukrainian émigrés, and submit it for review and approval by the Permanent Synod at its first session in 2011;

K. It is recommended to the local Hierarchs of the UGCC that they establish in their eparchies and exarchates counselling centres for émigrés;

L. The Pastoral-Missionary Department is charged with facilitating collaboration with international organizations which activity is directed toward battling human trafficking.

3. The Statutes of the Patriarchal Commission for Evangelization – with the corrections and amendments – are accepted for a three-year trial period.

4. Members of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC are charged to submit to the head of the Patriarchal Commission for Evangelization, The Most Reverend Taras (Senkiv), by the end of the calendar year, their observations and proposals for the project of the Concept of Evangelization for the UGCC.

5. The Patriarchal Commission for Evangelization is charged with developing and presenting at the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011 - a project for a

Strategy for Evangelization, including the necessary structures and competent individuals.

6. The Financial Report of the Patriarchal Economic Committee of the UGCC for 2009 is taken into account and approved

7. The budget for the Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC for 2011 is approved.

8. The financial report for the “Andrew’s Pence” Fund for 2009 was reviewed and approved.

9. The new procedure for determining the budget of the Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC was approved.

10. The report of the working group for the development of canons for the Particular Law of the UGCC was reviewed and approved and continued work of the Patriarchal Canon Law Section on this document was blessed - with the goal of presenting it for approval at the 2011 Synod of Bishops of the UGCC.

11. For the continued work on the Catechism of the UGCC and its publication:

A. The Theological Dicastery of the Patriarchal Curia was entrusted with studying the text and is to submit its conclusions regarding the possibility of publication to the Head of the UGCC;

B. [the Catechism] will be published on behalf of the Synod of Bishops as an official publication of the UGCC;

C. The Patriarchal Catechetical Commission of the UGCC, in collaboration with the working group for the compilation of the Catechism, is entrusted with the development and realization of a program for its presentation and popularization;

D. The Catechism Fund of the UGCC will be involved according to its statutes and in conformity with the 2008 decree of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, to continue its activity for the next 5 years, for the realization of translations and printings of the Catechism and for the realization of programs of presentation and popularization.

12. The continued work of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission is blessed with regard to the matter of applying the practice of the Catechumenate.

13. The establishment of a Patriarchal Commission is blessed for the preservation of cultural and artistic achievements of the UGCC.

14. The Postulation Centre of the UGCC is transferred from the Archeparchy of Lviv to the Patriarchal Curia as a dicastery.

15. The report of the work of the Patriarchal Liturgical Commission is accepted.

16. The Patriarchal Liturgical Commission is entrusted with developing a project of directives for the translation of liturgical texts into Ukrainian and other languages and is to be submitted for review at the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011.

17. The Patriarchal Liturgical Commission is entrusted with gathering information in the eparchies and exarchates regarding the three most important questions on liturgical life in these territories and submitting the results for review at the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011.

18. The Patriarchal Commission for Training in Seminaries is charged with developing directives for the pastoral care of vocations.

19. It is recommended to the Ukrainian Catholic University to establish a Chair for Pastoral Theology.

20. A blessing is given for the continued activity of the Church in the area of the maritime Apostolate, which is encouraged to continue seeking possibilities for inter-denominational collaboration in this ministry.

21. The Synodal Committee on Migrants, Refugees and Seafarers is reorganized into the following two: 'The Committee for Emigrants and Refugees' and 'The Committee for Civilian Seafarers'.

22. The following Synodal committee personnel have been approved:

The Committee for Civilian Seafarers:

- The Most reverend Bishop Basil (Ivasiuk), Committee Chair;
- The Most Reverend Bishop Paul (Chomnycky), Committee member

The Committee for Emigrants and Refugees:

- The Most Reverend Dionisij (Liachowych), Committee Chair;

The Committee for Beatification and Canonization:

- the Most Reverend Michael (Hrynychshyn); Committee Chair;
- the Most Reverend Ihor (Vozniak), Committee Member;
- the Most Reverend Hlib (Lonchyna), Committee Member;
- the Most Reverend Richard (Seminak), Committee Member.

The Committee for Monasticism:

- the Most Reverend Benedict (Aleksichuk), Committee Chair;
- the Most Reverend Myron (Mazur), Committee Member.

23. The development of social communication is recognized as one of the most important means for the building up of the Church / the eparchy / the exarchate.
24. It is recommended that all presiding hierarchs of the UGCC appoint a qualified individual to be responsible for the press-service of their eparchies or exarchates, where this has not already been done.
25. For the appropriate preparation for the 5th session of the Patriarchal Council of 2011, which is dedicated to the theme of Consecrated Life:
- A. The extant emblem of the Patriarchal Councils is to be maintained without change;
- B. The program of the 2011 Council that was presented by the Council Secretariat is accepted;
- C. The praying of the Prayer for vocations to the consecrated life, which was proposed by the Council Secretariat, is recommended;
- D. The proposed program of preparation for the Council within eparchies and exarchates of the UGCC is approved.
26. The Blessing is given for the creation of a permanent acting Secretariat of the Patriarchal Council of the UGCC.
27. The Statutes of the 5th Session of the Patriarchal Council of the UGCC are accepted.
28. The year 2011 will be dedicated with a theme of consecrated life.
29. The Most Reverend Bishops Bryan (Bayda) and Dionisij (Liachowych), in collaboration with the UGCC Commission on Youth, are charged with developing a program of shared events for the youth of the UGCC during the 2011 World Youth Day to take place in Madrid and with promoting this program in all the eparchies and exarchates of the UGCC.
30. The practice of celebrating an annual Youth Day in our Church is to be cultivated with an emphasis of the personal participation of bishops in the program.
31. The proposed programme for the 5th Session of the Patriarchal Council and Synod of Bishops in 2011 is accepted.

These Decisions take effect

21 September in the Year of our Lord 2010, on the feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos.

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