

Report of the Public Relations Committee 2013

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I. Vision

The Public Relations Committee has a two-fold purpose: to collect and/or disseminate information to chapters and members while publicizing the activities of the Ukrainian Orthodox League.

- Utilize the UOL PR outlets to support and reflect the long term vision/goals of the UOC of the USA
- Continue to determine the image and overall message that the UOL is portraying to the public

II. Introduction to Recommendations

The previous incarnations of this Committee that met over the last few years generated many worthwhile ideas and initiatives to guide us during the start-up phase. Any project faces specific challenges that occur while launching from scratch, especially when the project incorporates new tools that only a small portion of larger organization utilizes. Thankfully, we have successfully transitioned out of that start-up phase and this Committee has emerged with a stable foundation. Therefore, the approach of this year's Committee was to readjust our focus given the data we have aggregated and then recalibrate our goals accordingly.

III. Immediate Recommendations

Our deliberations generated exciting ideas that could be incorporated during this very Convention and we would like to use this forum to do just that.

- "Like" Drive on social media
- UOL Email List sign-up sheets will be available at the Banquet and Ball, the most densely populated event of the Convention week

Short Term Recommendations (2013-2014)

- Continue to fine-tune and enhance social media presence by creating a thematic overview that highlighting projects, deadline reminders and certain resources during the year (ie. Establish contact with OCF, UOL version of Craigslist [rides/rooms/recipes], Orthodox Philly example, OCF reminders to college freshmen, *et al*)
- Create a design kit including banner images, links and other resources for webmasters at individual parishes of the UOC of the USA
- Solicit volunteers for a PR Intern that would aid in the application of this Committee's initiatives in exchange for high school or college credit

IV. Long Term Recommendations (2020)

Due to the constantly evolving nature of this Committee's primary focus and associated tools, we hereby refrain from specifying any Long Term Recommendations. Given the unimaginable advances in technology we have experienced during the last few decades, none of us can even hope accurately predict what the cultural and technological landscapes will be in 2020.

This Committee will, however, continue to monitor and identify new trends in technology on hopes of integrating these new opportunities to revitalize the League and the Holy Church.

It is the hope of this Committee that these Recommendations satisfy all the goals of the Vision 2020 List.

Ways and Means - 2013

Members: Mark Meschisen(NEB)-Woonsocket, RI, Anne Anderson (Chairperson)-Youngstown, OH, Stephanie Karas-Woonsocket, RI, Diane Senedak-Youngstown, OH, Ivan Chopko-South Bound Brook, NJ, Pam Scannell-Johnson City, NY, Helen Greenleaf-Parma, OH, Olga Trypniak-Parma, OH, Michael Jogan-Parma, OH, Daniel Gulak-Maplewood, NJ, Nicholas Holowko-Maplewood, NJ, Justina Mills-Carnegie, PA, Bill Scannell-Johnson City, NY, Christopher McNulty-Philadelphia, PA

The Ways & Means Committee recommends the National Executive Board:

1. Immediately evaluate the U.O.L.'s Vanguard investments.
2. Adapt a convention format to conduct all business on Friday and Saturday. The goal is to make it more economical and manageable.
3. Expand exposure of the ABC Books to generate income and awareness of the League in the Orthodox Community.
4. Investigate the reduced contributions to the Tribute Fund.

Vocation and Clergy Support - 2013

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We, as Orthodox Christians, must recognize and nurture within ourselves where our talents and vocations lie. We must expand our understanding that vocations include more than serving as deacons, priests, hierarchs, monastics, etc.

Our definition of vocations must include those who are chanters, directors, teachers, lay leaders, etc. We, as a parish community, must create an environment that recognizes and guides individuals, men, women, and children, young or old, to discover their own vocations.

To this end, we recommend:

As the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A., develop, implement and/or participate in other Orthodox programs, to train Christ-centered lay leaders and other vocations. These individuals will utilize these skills.

We also recommend for all parishes to designate a Vocations Liaison who will work with the parish priest to support and implement the programs offered by the Diocesan Vocations Director. These individuals will participate in organized training programs to prepare them for this role. There should be scheduled

times at conventions, Sobors, etc. for Vocation Liaisons to meet, share experiences and receive further trainings. There should also be a Clergy Conference specifically designated to train our clergy in recognizing and developing various vocations in our parishes.

Membership and Chapter Development Committee Report- 2013

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Recommendations:

1. Continue last year's recommendation until completion:

Have a video professionally produced along with a professionally prepared narrative that would include the following:

- History of the UOL
- UOL accomplishments over the years
- Future goals
- How the UOL helps each parish
- Why you should join the UOL

Then train a regional UOL representative to present the video to parishes and answer questions.

2. Invite Junior chapter members and their parents to participate in all Senior UOL and other church organization events so they have a feeling of belonging. This may encourage them to continue in UOL as senior members. These inclusion activities can be church related and social.
3. Senior Chapters are encouraged to maintain contact at least 4 times a year, with junior members who have gone onto college. Examples include: notes, birthday cards, care packages, etc. This will help them feel remembered.

Resolutions Committee -2013

Members: Metropolitan Antony(Spiritual Advisor)- South Bound Brook, NJ, Stephen Sivulich (Chairperson)- Carnegie, PA, Mike Misko-Northampton, PA, Matushka Laryssa Charest-Palos Park, IL, Teresa Linck-Carteret, NJ, Pauline Witkowsky-Pittsburgh, PA, Eleanor Kogut-Woonsocket, RI, Anatolij Sufler-Philadelphia, PA, Volodymyr Vavorskyi-S. Bound Brook, NJ, Fr. Vasyl Dmytryshyn-S. Bound Brook, NJ

INTRODUCTION

Once again we are ever mindful that the grace of God has called together the officers and members of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA, gathered with our God-loving bishops: His Eminence METROPOLITAN Antony, and His Grace Bishop Daniel and express thankful appreciation for their inspiration, guidance, and spiritual direction. May God bless all of our bishops with good health and fill them with grace for many blessed years.

RESOLUTIONS

1. We affirm our filial love, profound esteem and prayers for His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of New Rome – Constantinople the Mother Church, from which Rus-Ukraine accepted the totality of the Orthodox Christian Faith and Order 1025 years ago during the reign of Prince St. Volodymyr Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles.
2. We offer prayerful support to our Hierarchs in all efforts, through the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to unite the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine and strongly encourage His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew to intensify efforts to establish a local autocephalous Orthodox Church in Ukraine.
3. We express our support of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America in their efforts to create a unity through which all of Orthodoxy may speak with a single voice about issues of life, whether ecclesiastical or temporal, in order to bring Holy Orthodoxy out of the shadows of American Society and into the mainstream life of our nation. We are proud of the fact that our Metropolitan Antony serves as the Treasurer of the Assembly and Chairman of the Committee for Financial Affairs, while Bishop Daniel serves as Chairman of the Committee for Legal Affairs.
4. We continue to be deeply aware of the chronic shortage of clergy in our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and truly appreciate the efforts of the St. Sophia Seminary staff in attempting to meet these needs. We acknowledge with profound gratitude the vital ministry of the Staff of Saint Sophia Theological Seminary in the sacred task of priestly formation and education. We rejoice at the good news that there will be two new full time resident students for the 2013-2014 Academic Year - Volodymyr Sukanetz from Ukraine and Eduardo-Mouro Gonsalves from Brazil. And we greet the new students of the current academic year who are present at our convention – Rev. Fr. Vasyl Dmytryshyn, Volodymyr Sukanetz (the older cousin of the same name above) and Volodymyr Yavorskyi, all from Ukraine. We also greet another student present at the convention: Subdeacon Ivan Chopko, and two additional students who are unable to be with us: Subdeacon Adrian Mazur, who is visiting a monastery and relatives in his native Romania following participation in the annual college student mission team to our adopted orphanages, and Subdeacon Yuriy Andreiko, who also participated in the mission team, but during a visit with family he developed a physical problem which required immediate surgery. We offer sincere prayer to our Lord for a rapid healing following surgery.
5. We honor the Blessed Memory of the ten million men, women and children who perished during the insidious genocide created by Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Government, which ravaged Ukraine from 1932 to 1933. We strongly urge the United Nations to finally declare this horror to be the genocidal act that it was, not bowing to the revisionist history written and being currently written about this time.
6. We applaud the ongoing construction of the Ukrainian Museum of New Jersey – History and Education Complex in Memory of His Holiness Patriarch Mstyslav I (HEC) – on the grounds of our Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook/Somerset, New Jersey. We urge the faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church to cooperate in and financially support the completion of this construction.
7. We enthusiastically reaffirm in the 66th year of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA our motto - *“Dedicated to our Church and Devoted to its Youth,”* - and recognize that the fulfillment of this motto is only possible through an intimate relationship with Christ and through a life commensurate with His Holy Gospel, which we accept and live without reservation.
8. We extend special gratitude and appreciation to the members of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral (Parma, Ohio) and the Senior and Junior Chapters of the Ukrainian Orthodox League for their dedicated efforts in hosting this 66th Annual UOL Convention—2013. May God bless them for their dedication and devoted efforts for the benefit of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.
9. We express our most sincere appreciation to those officers who served faithfully on the Senior and Junior National Executive Boards of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA during 2012-2013. May God bless them for their efforts.

10. We encourage all parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to establish UOL Chapters with encouragement from our hierarchs and local clergy. We strongly encourage all parishes to expend great efforts and provide support for Senior and Junior UOL Chapters and all UOL programs and activities.
11. We share the joy of our clergy who were ordained to the Holy Deaconate and Priesthood during the past year: Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Andriy Matlak, Fr. Vasyl Pasakas and Dn. Philip Harendza – all graduates of St. Sophia Seminary in May of 2013.
12. We celebrate and greatly appreciate All Saints Camp staff and volunteers under the direction of Camp Manager, Eric Senedak and of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camping Programs – Teenage Conference, Diocesan Church School Camp, and Mommy/Daddy and Me Camp – all under the direction of the Consistory Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Director, Natalie Kapeluck Nixon - for their dedicated efforts with the youth and families of our Church. We encourage all parishes, UOL Chapters and faithful to learn more about these ministry programs so that they can enthusiastically support and promote them through prayer, material support and active participation.
13. We as Orthodox Christians repeat our firm belief in the sanctity of life – from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Our Lord offered the ultimate sacrifice of love – His very own life on the Cross – for the sake of human life – the crown of His creation. No attempt to destroy life – at any point – can possibly be interpreted as the Will of God. We call for the return of the members of our Ukrainian Orthodox League, the faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and all Orthodox Christians to prayer and respect for the sanctity of life, which is threatened and destroyed by the anti-Christian secularization of our American society. The example set by true Orthodox Christians for the rest of society can work miracles.
14. We encourage all UOL Chapters to reach out to people of their local communities, including new immigrants from Ukraine and Eastern Europe, inviting them to become faithful and active members of our Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League.
15. We continue to encourage all UOL Chapters to adopt a nursing home and/or other institutions in their communities spending time each month visiting the residents—especially those bound to their rooms.
16. We recommend that the Council of the Metropolia of the UOC of the USA inform all parishes about plans for: (a) increasing the spiritual growth of our Church, (b) promoting the education of our Orthodox faithful, and (c) addressing current fiscal challenges, in order to encourage parish participation in such endeavors.
17. We abhor the senseless destruction of human life which occurs so frequently in our society today as exemplified by the murders committed by the Boston Marathon bombers and daily violent murder of our young in the inner cities in our country. We must question all forms of media, including television, movie industry, video gaming and internet, among others that seem to provoke this violent behavior on the part of sick individuals.
18. We abhor and condemn the senseless death of innocent people in Syria, Egypt and other countries and pray for the resolution of conflicts. We question how our United States government can support rebels in Syria and other countries who place videos of the decapitation of Orthodox Christian Clergy on their websites and who kidnap two Coptic Orthodox and Catholic hierarchs and their clergy assistants, leaving their fate unknown for several months as of this convention.
19. We proclaim our demand for the religious freedom throughout the world, especially for our Holy Orthodox Church and total support for all efforts to this end. In particular, we express our support for the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the entire Patriarchate of Constantinople, which continually suffers discrimination and terroristic threat in the nation of Turkey.

Education Committee 2013

Members: Daria Bourgery (Chairperson)-Woonsocket, RI, Natalie Bilynsky (NEB)- Philadelphia, PA, Betsy Abrahamson-Woonsocket, RI, Andrea Linck-Carteret, NJ, Janeene Linck-Carteret, NJ Alice Sivulich-Carnegie, PA, Janice Meschisen-Woonsocket, RI, Daren Jogan-Parma, OH, Lynne Gulak-Maplewood, NJ, Fr. Anthony Perkins-Woonsocket, RI, Fr. Anthony Ugolnik-Coatesville, PA, Tony Sufler-Philadelphia, PA, Halya Shevchuk-Maplewood, NJ, Alex Shevchuk-Maplewood, NJ

1) The UOL Education Committee suggests a project "It takes a deanery," to build networks between different members of our deanery parishes.

The UOL is a unique organization within the UOC of USA that creates bridges between parishes. Given the history of UOL in building community, the UOL can be used to build deaneries and networks within deaneries, so that they can share best practices and lessons learned.

This would include building connections between:

- Choir directors and choir members
- Parish board officers
- Parish financial officers
- Religious education department (Sunday School), Bible Study
- Altar Servers

Organized as deanery events, specific activities will be organized by the UOL Education Commission to encourage sharing of information and building a community in Christ.

Examples would include:

- Choir- time to share music, share how things are done in various parishes within the deanery
- Parish Board -times to learn how other Parish Boards operate, meeting schedules, dues,
- Financial Officers -times to learn about fundraisers, rules for non-profits
- Altar Servers
- Religious Education -what materials are used, how are teachers recruited, do they have Vacation Church School (VCS) or a summer program, how does it run, how do children prepare for Holy Confession

Suggested steps toward implementation:

- having UOL members attend parish feast days for parishes within the deanery and meet with counterparts after the service
- identifying a UOL member who would be the liaison for the deanery
- have a UOL chapter sponsor a luncheon for deanery parish boards. The purpose of the lunch would be to thank the board members for work and to have a time to share ideas that work.
- Present this project at the Sobor

2) Our committee recognizes that many parishioners are overworked and focused upon the upkeep of the parish. As such the UOL chapter can sponsor events that are spiritually renewing. Some ideas would be planning a night for chapter members and parishioners to come to Vespers and have a small social gathering after Vespers. Another idea would be to have a discussion about religious topic on a week night with a set time limit.

3) The committee encourages a focus on vocations for both men and women. It was suggested that the UOL Lenten Retreat focus upon using one's talents in the church and that this include vocations for both men and women.

Christian Care Giving and Missions- 2013

Members : Chrisitne Mills-Carnegie, PA, Kateryna Kocelko (JR NEB)-Southside, PA, Christina Perdziola(JR NEB)-Southside, PA, Constantine Shevchuk (Spokesperson)-Maplewood, NJ, Gabby Mills-Carnegie, PA, Anna Wachuck-Youngstown, OH, Olga Carey-Parma, OH, Mary Pavlyjshyn-Parma, OH, Sophia Schilling-Parma, OH, Julia Hontoruk- Parma, OH, Fr. John Nakonachny-Parma, OH, Eleanor Kogut- Woonsocket, RI, Pauline Witkowsky- South Side, PA, Nina Coker- Palos Park, IL, Tamara Host-Parma, OH, Stephanie Karas- Woonsocket, RI, Sophia Dobronos- Parma, OH, Erica Holowko- Maplewood, NJ, Chris Holowko- Maplewood, NJ, Teresa Linck- Carteret, NJ, Oksana Shevchuk- Maplewood, NJ, Katherine Anderson- Youngstown, OH, Fr. Deacon Ihor Mahlay- Parma, OH

- (Last Year} Thanksgiving Tithing: Four Evangelists Mission Parish in Bel Air, MD
- "Souper Bowl" Sunday: Soup Kitchens in Ukraine
- Short Term/ Long Term

Sunshine/Outreach Committee

- For each chapter
- Reach out to shut-ins, or the sick, military, college, those in need (food etc), new people to the parish

Convention Mission Collection

- Collect/Bring items to Convention for a specific cause/mission
- To be determined by the host of convention

Suggestions/Recommendations

- Expand utilize area of the annual report to have chapter describe what has been done for missions/outreach/church/community to secure special recognition at convention. Provide a picture collage or summary for display at convention. Certificates/ recognition will be determined by the NEB prior to convention. The recognition can also be based on the improvement of already established programs or could be started from scratch. The main Junior/Senior recognition would be a convention packet.

Youth Committee - 2013

Members: Oleh Bilynsky (NEB)-Philadelphia, PA, Tabitha Houck(NEB)-Coatesville, PA, Sarah Hershey (Jr. NEB) Coatesville, PA, Alexis Oryhon (Chairperson)-Allentown, PA, Kira Kuzmenchuk-Coatesville, PA, Vera Sufler-Philadelphia, PA, Mark Meschisen- Woonsocket, RI, Nicholas Holowko- Maplewood, NJ, Karen Ferraro-Philadelphia, PA, Justina Mills-Carnegie, PA, Matushka Laryssa Charest-Palos Park, IL, Christopher McNulty Philadelphia, PA, Jaclyn Domsohn-Coatesville, PA, Lauren Bentley-Coatesville, PA, Anna Eckman-Coatesville, PA, Fr. Vasyl Pasakas-South Bound Brook, NJ, Kira Senedak- Southside, PA, Emily Kominko-Parma, OH

In an effort to support the transition between the Junior UOL and the SR UOL this committee proposes the following:

1. Starting immediately, provide each young adult (high school senior- 25) a mentor/ liaison to create and maintain a personal connection to assist them in maintaining involvement in the Orthodox faith and the UOL.

Some ways to do this include:

- Identification of church members of this age group through UOL chapter liaisons
- Make personal contact through phone/ email/ in-person meeting
- Help the young adult identify resources to keep them involved in Orthodox Faith (OCF, local Orthodox parishes, etc)
- Continue to make personal contact several times per year throughout the specified age range

- Assign a mentor for first-time young adult convention delegates

In order to foster a sense of accomplishment and instill the idea of serving God through our works, we propose the following:

2. Incorporate a service project for all convention delegates and guests to participate in while attending the Annual UOL Convention.

*Some ideas of service projects include:

- Working at local soup kitchens
- packing supply/ care packages
- local beautification project

Membership and Chapter Development Committee- 2013

Members: Janeene Linck (Jr. NEB)- Carteret, NJ, Becky Mills- Carnegie, PA, Daria Bourgery(Chairperson)- Woonsocket, RI, Julia Hontaruk-Parma, OH, Orest Mahlay- Parma, OH, Natalia Novicky- Youngstown, OH, Sophia Schilling- Parma, OH, Delia Walkowiec-Youngstown, OH

Membership:

The committee proposes that local chapters should connect more to each other. Lock-Ins would help connect them and the Jr. UOL chapter presidents can organize them together. We can invite different chapters to local events. We can also create sing-a-longs while inviting various chapters for a party/dance for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (Fourth of July), as long as these dates do not fall during fasting periods. Movie marathons can also be included. We can use social media like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Biogs, Vine, MySpace, Websites, RSS Feed, Pintrest, and YouTube for updates and fun stuff to keep other churches updated and involved with what Junior UOL is doing. Also including a youth field day during the year, around March or so, would enhance friendships between different Junior UOL members. Also, to get the chapters more active, we could send them a Jr. UOL PowerPoint or video, which will be updated with the upcoming board information.

Chapter Development :

Since most surveys were not coming back to the Membership Committee Liaison, we figured that the questions were not getting to the point of what we wanted to know so we changed the questions a little bit to find out more about the church itself. For example, one of the questions we have is "How many children between the ages of 10 and 18 attend church services regularly?". That did not target the younger children in the church. So now a new question on the survey is "How many infants to 10 year olds attend church services regularly?". This way if they say that younger children are in the parish, we know to send them a survey and a letter later on asking if the older children would be willing to join the Jr. UOL organization. This will tell the Jr. Board what the future is in that parish and what the potential is in different churches. Changing the questions might make more churches respond to us.

Also, the Youth Ministry Office has offered to help us put the survey online. We will send out both the online and the mail version, in case the church does not have the technology to get in touch with us. This will hopefully result in more replies to the survey and more chapters joining the UOL family.

Technological Advancements Committee

Members: Elizabeth Hershey(Jr. NEB)-Coatesville, PA, Becky Mills (Spokesperson)-Carnegie, PA, Peter Cepynsky-Palos Park, IL, Josh Oryhon (NEB)- Philadelphia, PA

1. In order to capitalize on the League's visibility during the Convention, Becky Mills is serving as the Junior Media Coordinator. Any photos submitted to Becky will be included in the Convention Album on Facebook, to ensure a consistent Junior UOL presence.
2. The Vice-President of the Junior NEB serves as the Chairperson of Technology and will be tasked with submitting reminders, events and photos of Junior UOL business to the Senior Public Relations Chairperson for inclusion on the UOL website and social media accounts. We hope this will increase the Junior UOL's exposure and increase participation in our projects during the year.
3. Assist Senior UOL with their "like and share drive" for more engaged users on Facebook during the Convention and afterwards.
4. A youth prayer book is currently being developed. Thanks to Father Anthony Ugolnick, prayers have already been sent for approval to the Council of Bishops.

52nd Annual Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention Resolutions 2013

Members: Kateryna Kocelko(JR NEB)-Southside, PA, Constantine Shevchuk- Maplewood, NJ, Katherine Anderson- Youngstown, OH, Erica Holowko-Maplewood, NJ, Gabby Mills- Carnegie, PA

1. The 2013 Junior Resolutions Committee, on behalf of all Juniors, would like to extend their full gratitude to all those of Saint Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral parish family, V. Rev. Fr. John Nakonachny, Convention Chair Melanie Nakonachny, both Senior and Junior UOL chapters and all parishioners. Thank you for this wonderful convention and your hospitality.
2. We extend our love and prayers to His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel for their constant prayers, support, and never ending love to the Junior League. May we, as their flock, also keep them in our hearts and prayers as they do us.
3. We thank our current Junior National Executive Board for all their hard work, and for their dedication to their duty and faith.
4. To the first term and outgoing Junior President, Elizabeth Hershey, who has worked day in and day out for Christ's church and does everything possible to keep this organization healthy, you will be greatly missed. God's blessings in everything you do. Continue to work for Christ's church and continue your growth in the Orthodox Faith. Mnohaya Lita!
5. We would also like to wish our other two graduating board members, Janeene Linck and Nicholas Perkins, luck as they move on in the world and we hope and pray they always stay close to God and the Church. We will continue to keep you in our prayers and we as you do the same. Mnohaya Lita!
6. To our Junior National Executive Board Spiritual Advisor, V. Rev. Fr. Anthony Ugolnik and Senior Advisor Tabitha Houck for their wonderful support, generosity, time and guidance. We pray that God blesses you for your incredible service and may you continue to support the Junior UOL.
7. To the newly elected Jr. National Executive Board, we wish you the best of luck. May the Lord guide you through your triumphs and struggles. God bless you and good luck!
8. We thank all our Junior Delegates for their attendance to the 52nd Annual Junior UOL Convention. May we grow and flourish for many, many years.
9. To our high school graduates of 2013, we wish you all the best in your future. May the Lord keep you strong and guide you through the coming years of your lives.

10. Let us remember all of our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters and all Orthodox Christians who have fallen asleep in hope of His resurrection especially our spiritual father His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine. May Christ our King and God grant them rest where the Light of His Countenance shines. Memory Eternal, Vichnaya Pamyat!
11. We pray for our ancestral homeland Ukraine that she will always be guided by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through both her light and dark hours.
12. We pray for our fellow Americans, those who lost family and friends in the natural disaster in Oklahoma.
13. We pray for those in the Middle East especially the Orthodox and other Christians who struggle everyday to survive with their faith who are struggling for a chance at democracy and religious freedom and for all of those suffering through genocide, famine, and corruption in many parts of our troubled world.
14. With heartfelt adoration we would like to thank our Spiritual Fathers, parents and senior advisors who work so very closely with our individual Junior Chapters, and all of those who are devoted to the youth of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
15. We sincerely thank the Spiritual Advisor of All Saints Camp, Rev. Father Paisius McGrath, encampment Spiritual Advisors Rev. Fr. Zinovy Zharsky, Rev. Fr. John Haluszczak during Church School Camp and V. Rev. Fr. John Harvey, V. Rev. Bohdan Hladio (UOC of Canada) during Teenage Conference and V. Rev. Fr. Taras Naumenko during Mommy/Daddy and Me encampment. We also thank the director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference, Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon, and the directors of Mommy & Me, Daddy & Me, Kira Senedak and Denise Spoganetz. To All Saints Camp Manager Eric Senedak, all workers, volunteer coordinators, Michael Nakonachny and Hans Harismachuk and all volunteers who work tirelessly to make the camp experience better and better every year. May the fellowship continue to grow through our experiences with each other at All Saints Camp.
16. We thank the coordinators of the Annual UOL Lenten retreats Oleh and Natalie Bilynsky and Diane Senedak. We would also like to thank Emily Kominko and Kira Senedak who coordinated the Young Adult Retreats this year. These retreats help everyone to refresh their faith and remain closer to Christ.
17. To our Orphanage mission team members, who selflessly give their time, care, and love, to those who are suffering and less fortunate, we thank you for your dedication and efforts both in our ancestral homeland Ukraine, and our home country the United States. Good Luck to all individuals and teams who wish to participate in missions to Ukraine or to the numerous parts of the world who have the opportunity to experience the love and compassion of Christ as shared by people who embrace them. May you see the face of Christ in every person you touch, and experience the joy of His work, may God remember you and grant you many years. Mnohaya Lita!
18. To those who show us that mission work does not need to be overseas but in our own parishes and neighborhoods and here in the USA- such as our High School Mission Team and our Church's new missionary effort to the poorest areas of Appalachia. May you continue your work in this dark economic time of our country's history. We extend our prayers to the mission groups IOCC, OCMC and FOCUS North America. May God bless you for everything you do.
19. May we also continue to keep in our prayers our servicemen and women both at home and overseas, that their Guardian Angels will guide them safely back home to their loved ones.
20. We thank the UOL as a whole for dedicating themselves to the youth of the Church as we grow and flourish.

Culture and Education Committee-2013

Members: Sarah Hershey(NEB)-Coatesville, PA, Kira Kuzmenchuk (Spokesperson)-Coatesville, PA, Andrea Linck-Carteret, NJ, Jaclyn Domsohn-Coatesville, PA, Anna Eckman-Coatesville, PA

1. Our main goal is to make the Cultural Contest a big event at convention like it was in previous years. We plan to do this by:

- Creating sub-events in the contest, such as a T-Shirt design contest and photography contest.
- Increasing the advertisement of the contest and send out reminders.
- Creating a Pre-Juniors contest that they can work on during our sessions.

1. We would also like to make the Mr. and Ms. Junior UOL that was at last year's convention, an annual event. The money raised from votes for the contest would be donated to the Consistory.

Fundraising Committee Report- 2013

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The 2013 Convention Fundraising committee would like to encourage individual chapters to donate to causes such as the Monastery Fund, All Saints Camp, the reconstruction of St. Michael's Parish in Woonsocket, RI, and St. Mary Parish in Jones, OK. We believe each of these four causes to be most important and worthy causes that we should pursue contributing money towards. Chapters are encouraged to raise this money through, but not limited to, the following:

- Carwash
- Bake sale (Parma)
- Dinners (South Side)
- Picture cutouts/festivals (Many chapters)
- Raffles
- Flea markets (Maplewood)
- Can drives (Maplewood)
- Cookie walk (Woonsocket)
- Selling hoodies (Parma)
- Ukrainian Candles/ornaments made with pysanky wraps (Coatesville)
- Coffee hours (Parma)
- Parents night out (Coatesville)
- Lock-ins (Carnegie) (Youngstown)

For more information on these fundraising ideas please contact the chapters listed which had succeeded with these activities