



MEMO

Date: October 30, 2018

From: UCC National Holodomor Awareness Committee

To: UCC Board of Directors, UCC Provincial Councils, UCC Branches, UCC Member Organizations and Committee Chairs

Re: National Holodomor Awareness

NATIONAL HOLODOMOR AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 19-25, 2018

National Holodomor Awareness Week will be launched from November 19-25, 2018, commemorating the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor.

As we gather this year, let us pray for the victims of the Holodomor while remembering the sacrifices being made today fighting the same aggressor. Ukrainians continue to defend the territory of Ukraine and protect the right of every Ukrainian to live with dignity on Ukrainian soil where fundamental human rights and freedoms are respected.

National Holodomor Awareness Week Events

- **Event details**

We kindly ask that you forward details about your events as planned for this year's commemoration of the Holodomor to the UCC National Office (national@ucc.ca) as soon as they are finalized. We will post your information on the UCC web site which serves as an excellent resource for our community, the Canadian public, public officials and the media.

- **National components**

1. Honoring survivors – We are grateful to the survivors of the Holodomor living in our communities for their active engagement with commemorative initiatives and for sharing their stories with our children, youth, the community, Canadians and the media.

2. Engagement of descendants of survivors - We encourage descendants of Holodomor survivors to participate in events across the country. They are key to ensuring that the stories live on to educate future generations.

Please also share with descendants in your communities the opportunity to register with the Ukrainian World Congress to be included in a database to enable the sharing of information on



Holodomor awareness initiatives. Descendants can register at this link:
<http://ukrainianworldcongress.org/index.php/id/835>

3. Installation of black flags – We ask that you continue with the black flag installations. It is proposed that every city set up a display of 33 black flags along with one Ukrainian flag in a high traffic area for the week. Alternatively, indoor installations can also be prepared for use in government buildings and schools. For more information:
<http://www.ucc.ca/2018/10/24/about-black-flag-installations/>

4. Reading names of victims – We continue to personalize this horrific crime by remembering individuals by name. As we have dedicated events around the world in this 85th anniversary year to the children who perished, we encourage our communities to continue this dedication by reading the names of children - victims of the Holodomor. Names of children are available at this link: <http://www.ucc.ca/2018/10/24/children-victims-of-the-holodomor/>

- **Resources**

1. Brochure - A brochure produced on the 85th anniversary by the UCC National Holodomor Awareness Committee is available for downloading in two formats - digital and print ready. The brochures are available for download on this page:
<http://www.ucc.ca/programs/committees/national-holodomor-awareness/>

The brochures can also be downloaded from the links below:

[The Holodomor – Genocide of the Ukrainian people – ENGLISH](#)

[The Holodomor – Genocide of the Ukrainian people – UKRAINIAN](#)

[The Holodomor – Genocide of the Ukrainian people – FRENCH](#)

Print versions of the brochures available below:

English: <https://bit.ly/2Q4CcKe>

French: <https://bit.ly/2DaT4Mn>

Ukrainian: <https://bit.ly/2RkS6k0>

2. Holodomor Brief on the 85th anniversary - A 3-page brief is available on the relevance of the Holodomor in 2018. It is available in the English, Ukrainian and French languages at this link: <http://www.ucc.ca/programs/committees/national-holodomor-awareness/>



The brief can also be downloaded here:

[The Holodomor: Genocide of the Ukrainian people. On the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor \(3-page brief\) – ENGLISH](#)

[The Holodomor: Genocide of the Ukrainian people. On the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor \(3-page brief\) – UKRAINIAN](#)

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3. Share the Story – Please remember that we have two web sites that feature the poignant testimonies of Holodomor survivors. Please use these clips, which are available with English subtitles, during your commemorations.

We also encourage all of our member organizations to promote the sites by sharing the links on your organizational sites. The two sites: www.sharethestory.ca and www.holodomorsurvivors.ca.

4. A comprehensive list of resources has been made available by the UCC National Holodomor Education Committee.

<http://www.ucc.ca/programs/committees/national-holodomor-education/holodomor-education-resources/>

- **International Holodomor Memorial Day: Saturday, November 24**

On *Saturday, November 24* we encourage all Canadians to take a moment to remember the victims:

- At **19:32** (7:32 p.m.) local time pause for a moment of silence wherever one may be to honour the memory of the victims.
- Light a candle of remembrance in one's home.
- Post photos of your candles on social media with your thoughts of remembrance.
- Request local churches to toll their bells at 19:32 in honour of the victims.

On *Sunday, November 25*:

- Memorial services will be celebrated in our Ukrainian parishes.

REMINDERS

National commemoration of the 85th anniversary - November 20

The national commemoration of the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor will be held on November 20 in Ottawa on Parliament Hill. The event is co-organized by the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada, Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group and UCC National.



Light a candle of remembrance

The international action “Light a candle of remembrance” continues around the world. Please visit www.holodomor85.com and the Ukrainian World Congress social media sites to follow its progress and more importantly, to share the information with your community. The initiative will conclude in Kyiv, Ukraine, on November 24.

Commemorative events in Ukraine

Below is a list of events being organized in Kyiv, Ukraine, to mark the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor.

- 1) International Forum “Ukraine remembers, the world acknowledges!” on the 85th Anniversary of the Holodomor 1932-33 in Ukraine - 22-23 November 2018 (morning to evening);
- 2) Commemorative Session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - 23 November 2018 (in the afternoon for approximately 2 hours);
- 3) Cultural event at the National Opera of Ukraine - 23 November 2018 (in the evening);
- 4) Solemn Commemoration with the participation of the President of Ukraine - 24 November 2018 (during the day)

Please note - Some of these events have limited capacity. If you plan to be in Ukraine and would like to attend please contact the Ukrainian World Congress Head Office for more information. E-mail uwc@ukrainianworldcongress.org or tel. 416-323-3020.

Ukraine remembers - the World Acknowledges

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