



DIRECTIVES FOR NEW EVANGELIZATION IN THE UGCC Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, August 2013

I. Development of a missionary spirit among the faithful of the UGCC.

1. Proclaim the time from Ascension to Pentecost as “Mission Days of the UGCC.”

2. Define the following levels for development of a missionary spirit in the Church:

1) Personal and parish level:

- pray for the strengthening and spreading of the faith;
- share the faith through personal witnessing;
- share gifts (time, talent, treasure) to spread the faith;
- pay particular pastoral attention to the role of the Christian family in nurturing and transmitting the faith;
- develop practices and programs that promote spiritual unity of Eastern and Western Ukraine, and also among the faithful of the UGCC in different parts of the world.

2) Eparchial level:

- develop evangelization programs for new potential members of the Church;
- develop programs for pastoral care of Ukrainian immigrants, especially in Western countries;
- take measures to ensure the pastoral care of our faithful in their new places of residence within the existing structures of the UGCC in North and South America;
- develop programs for the return to the UGCC of non-practicing Christians (similar to the «Welcome home» program in the Diocese of Toronto);
- develop programs for evangelization of different social categories of people (those involved in arts, science, education, justice, medicine, politics, etc.);
- develop programs for evangelization of mixed marriages;
- develop different types of chaplaincy;
- develop program for pastoral practicum of seminarians on mission territories;
- develop spiritual and material exchange programs between mission territory parishes and parishes, eparchies and deaneries of the UGCC.

3) UGCC level:

- explore opportunities and methods for missionary activity *Ad Gentes*.
- establish a maritime apostolate in the UGCC.

3. Entrust the Working Group for the Implementation of the Strategic Plan of the UGCC till 2020 with responsibility to further develop the Directives for New Evangelization in the UGCC and coordinate their realization.

4. Establish the development of a missionary spirit as a priority in 2014 for clergy formation in the UGCC.

5. Ask the Father and Head of the UGCC to create within the Working Group a Subgroup to develop and implement the Directives for New Evangelization in the UGCC.

II. Creation of an Institute for New Evangelization.

1. Instruct the Working Group for the Implementation of the Strategic Plan of the UGCC till 2020 to develop a concept and a program for an Institute for New Evangelization.

2. Ask eparchial bishops to consider not only the needs of local eparchies, but also the missionary needs of the whole UGCC and the universal Church when accepting candidates to seminaries.

3. Instruct UGCC seminary rectors and priestly formation directors to cultivate a spirit of sacrifice and dedication, with particular consideration of the celibate priesthood.

III. Creation of training programs for exarchate and eparchial administrations on mission territories.

1. Instruct the Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC to:

- organize management courses for bishops working in missionary territories;
- assess the current staffing situation in in exarchates and eparchies;
- organize staff training programs, professional development, meetings for guidance and experience exchange, etc.

IV. Budget for missionary activities of the UGCC.

1. Ask the eparchial bishops and the Father and Head of the UGCC to:

- establish eparchial and patriarchal missionary funds to finance the missionary activities of the UGCC;
- throughout the Mission Days of UGCC gather donations in all parishes of the UGCC to support the missionary needs of the eparchy and the Church as a whole;
- redirect a portion of the collected funds for the general missionary needs of the Church;
- establish a system of priestly solidarity to provide material assistance to missionary clergy.

2. Appoint Bishop Peter (Stasiuk) as chairman of the missionary fund.