

SOBOR 2010

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SOBOR 2010 WHO CAN ATTEND:

The SOBOR is a Meeting of our highest legislative body, the General Council of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Presently, it meets every five years. SOBOR 2010 is the 22nd Meeting of the General Church Council.

Each Member Church Parish/Congregation of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada is allocated a proportionate number of delegates, who would be eligible to attend as voting representatives. The allocation is **one delegate per 25 members**. If there are fewer than 25 members in a Parish/Mission, they nevertheless have the right to send one voting delegate to the SOBOR. Please refer to the "*By-laws of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada*" (Section 4.03) for a more detailed explanation.

All Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada are members of the General Church Council. Additionally, all Clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada can attend as voting delegates, as can also Members of the Consistory, Members of the Standing Committees created by the General Council (for example, the Internal Audit Committee, Church Court), Editor of the official publication of the Church and two representatives from St. Andrew's College.

At the 19th Sobor, in 1995, a Resolution was passed making a provision for all Parishes/Congregations to be allowed one voting **Youth Delegate**, in addition to their approved proportionate allocation. The Youth Delegate should be between the ages of 18-30. All Congregations and Parishes are strongly encouraged to send a Youth Delegate representative to SOBOR 2010. (The full delegate registration cost applies)

GUESTS

Guests are welcome as observers at the SOBOR. Guests do not have the right to vote, nor the right to participate in the official discussions of the SOBOR. Only fully-accredited delegates can do so. Guests also may be asked to sit in a separate section. Guests at the SOBOR must be members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and must pay a guest registration fee. The guest registration must be approved by their Parish/Mission and Parish Priest.

YOUTH RALLY

As in past years, there will be a **Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Rally** at SOBOR 2010. A discounted Youth Registration rate is offered for those who attend as participants of the Youth Rally. While they will have their own program of activities, the Youth Rally participants are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible of the SOBOR, as guests. Although they will not have the right to vote, an opportunity will be provided, however, for the Youth Rally participants to present their viewpoint and concerns.

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ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE SOBOR

As stated in our “By-Laws of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada” (Section 4.03) each Church Parish/Mission can send one delegate to the SOBOR, for every 25 members. Those with fewer than 25 members can send one delegate. All Parishes/Missions are allowed one additional representative – as a Youth delegate.

To be eligible to send a delegate to the SOBOR, the Parish/Mission must be "in good standing" with the Consistory, with paid-up levies.

Delegates to the SOBOR should be elected at a Special Parish General Meeting. The Sobor Nominations Committee recommends that the following criteria be considered in selecting candidates for delegates to the SOBOR, and candidates to the Consistory:

To be eligible as a candidate for election as a Sobor delegate, the candidate must be a practising Orthodox Christian, who regularly attends Divine Liturgy and other Church Services, goes to Confession and receives Holy Communion.

The candidate must be a member in good standing of the Parish/Mission which he or she represents, including fully paid-up membership dues for the current year(2010).

The candidate's service to the Parish/Mission should be an important consideration (for example, service on the Executive or a Parish Committee, participation in the Church Choir, teaching in the Church School, work with "CYMK", Sadochok, or other youth groups, service in the Church Brotherhood or Church Sisterhood, and other responsibilities or tasks in the Parish/Mission).

The candidate must have the recommendation of the Parish/Mission and the Priest.