



17TH ECUMENICAL  
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# COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

A Path to Healing and Restoring the Country



Towels "Tree of Life"  
Yuriy Melnychuk's collection

PROGRAM  
of the 17th Ecumenical Social Week

October 7-10, 2024, Lviv  
offline / online





For seventeen years, Ecumenical Social Week has been an international platform for dialogue and cooperation. In the wake of the pandemic and Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the last few years have become a difficult trial for Ukrainians. At the same time, these circumstances provided an opportunity to speak to the world, share the significance for Ukrainians, and rally around Ukraine international experts, scholars, educators, public figures, businessmen, journalists, and representatives of Churches of various denominations from more than 50 countries.

Together with our partners, during this year's forum we are planning an international opening panel, seminars, workshops, discussions, and presentations on community resilience, justice and solidarity, healing the trauma of war and rebuilding the country at various levels and in various fields.



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Unit 1: Religious-Ecumenical and Ethical

Unit 2: Sociocultural

Unit 3: Sociopsychological

The war is unwittingly woven into the visualization of the 17th Ecumenical Social Week. During the shelling, Ukrainians hide from rockets in underground shelters (subways, basements, and bunkers). In the dungeons, we strive to preserve our lives and our identity. The visual design of the forum features a juxtaposition of light and darkness, which we will definitely overcome.

A Ukrainian embroidered towel with a tree of life on the canvas symbolizes a family or a community, because the branches are paired like a family in a family tree. In the background, we see a grid - the weave of fate on which the tree of life is embroidered. These threads and cloth are connected to each other, just as Ukrainians are connected to each other now: sadness, joy, faith, strength, resilience, language, culture, desire to live, to live in a free country. The main color of the embroidery is red: the color of love, of flowers, of the Mother of God, but also the color of blood, of and war. The unifying element of all designs the layouts is the diamond, which symbolizes stability in embroidery. A diamond is also a kind of square, the most stable shape. The significance semantics of the square are matter, fertility, fecundity, and abundance; the four cardinal points, four seasons, four formative elements, and a connection to one's ancestors. The four sides have unified facets: Mel, family, society, and God. Towels with the tree of life were usually embroidered with the tree of life mainly for weddings, when a new family couple was formed. A girl, embroidering a towel before her wedding, embedded within the symbols her entire family up to the third generation, as well as her vision of her happy family.

The towels symbolize communities of people who have their own values and traditions and want to live and develop, give birth to a new generation, to provide new color, and resist this darkness that has come over them.

The idea of visualization: Iryna Hron. Ethnographer: Yuriy Melnychuk



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Kyiv time is indicated in the program**

**7 October, Monday**

**14:30** Registration of participants

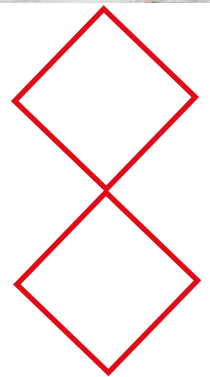
**Unit 2 15:00** Opening of the exhibit of vintage embroidered towels

**Exhibit Curator:** YURII MELNYCHUK

Senior Research Fellow at the All-Ukrainian Center for Embroidery and Carpet Weaving, ethnographer, member of the National Union of Folk-Art Masters of Ukraine, master of folk-art in embroidery, collector of antiquities

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## Unit 2 **16:00** Opening International Panel “Community Resilience: A Path to Healing and Restoring the Country”

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**16:00-16:10**

**Introduction moderated by:**

**Rev. Dr. ROMAN FIHAS,**  
Director of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies

**16:10-16:20**

**Greetings:**

**HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV,**  
Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church

**METROPOLITAN-ARCHBISHOP IHOR VOZNIAK,**  
Metropolitan of Lviv, UGCC

**ANDRIY SADOVYI,**  
City Mayor of Lviv

**Rev. Dr. IWAN DACKO,**  
President of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies

**Rev. Dr. YURII SHCHURKO,**  
Dean of the UCU Philosophy and Theology Faculty

**Dr. JAN-PHILIPP WOELBERN,**  
Deputy Director of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in Ukraine

**EKD REPRESENTATIVE**

**HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP NIKITAS OF THYATEIRA AND GREAT BRITAIN,**  
Ecumenical Patriarchate, President of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)

**16:30-18:00**

**Speeches by participants:**

**Moderators:**

**Dr. TARAS DOBKO,**  
Rector of Ukrainian Catholic University

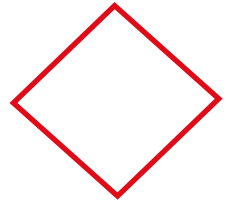
**Rev. Dr. ROMAN FIHAS,**  
Director of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies

**Participants:**

**YEVHEN HLIBOVYTSKYI,**  
Director of the Frontier Institute, Expert in Long-term Strategies  
*The Need for Renewed Ethics for Resistance, Transformation and Reconstruction*

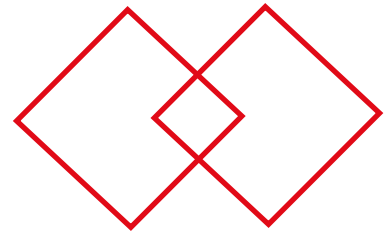
**JOSEF ZISSELS,**  
Executive Co-President of the Vaad of Ukraine, Executive Vice-President of the Congress of National Communities of Ukraine  
*Reflections on the Religious Aspect of Civilizational Identity*

**Rev. Dr. ANDRII ZELINSKYI,**  
Military Chaplain, Deputy Head of the Military Chaplaincy Department of the UGCC Patriarchal Curia  
*The Armed Forces of Ukraine as a School of Life: Values of Community*





**Dr. CATHERINE WANNER,**  
Professor of History, Anthropology, and Religious Studies  
at Pennsylvania State University  
*On the Importance of Social Cohesion*



**17:30-18:00**

**Discussion, closure**

**8 October, Tuesday**

**Unit 2**

**10:00-11:30**

**Panel “Stories and Testimonies of Resilience in Time of War”**

**Partner-organizer:**

**UCU SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Working languages:**

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**Venue:**

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**Moderator:**

**Rev. Dr. ANDRII SHESTAK,**  
Director of the UCU School of Journalism and Communications

**Participants:**

**OLENA DZHEDZHORA,**  
Professor of Ukrainian Catholic University, author of the Small Stories of the Great War project

**DMYTRO FEDORCHAK,**  
Head of the Leadership and Service Program at the Ukrainian Educational Platform Charitable Foundation

**Rev. YURII OSTAPYUK,**  
Head of the Lviv Archeparchy (UGCC) Center of Student Chaplaincy, ACT Mental Health Hub

**Rev. ROMAN HRUM,**  
Priest of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church, Head of the Mahura Non-Governmental Organization

**11:30 - 12:00**

**Coffee break**

**12:00-14:30**

**Panel discussion “One among one’s own. Reintegration of communities and military personnel”**

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**Moderator:** **TETIANA KALENYCHENKO,**  
Sociologist of Religion, Dialogue Facilitator, Analyst, Coordinator of the Dialogue in Action Initiative

**Invited speakers:** **OLENA KOPINA,**  
Mother of a soldier, dialogue facilitator, sociologist and psychologist, developer of the Program “A Defender at Home”

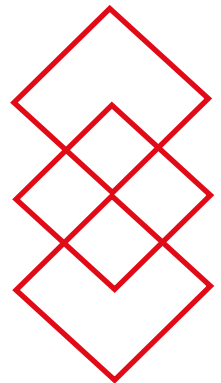
**Rev. VOLODYMYR KOTKEVYCH,**  
Syncellus for the affairs of priests and parishes of the Sokal-Zhovkva Eparchy of the UGCC

**TARAS DYATLYK,**  
Theologian and manager of Theological Education in Ukraine

**PAVLO KOVAL,**  
Veteran, head of the UCU Office for Veterans and their Families

**Rev. YAROSLAV VOITIV,**  
Full-time chaplain

**Lieutenant ANASTASIIA BALAN,**  
Head of the Combat Stress Management Group



**Unit 2**  
**12:00-14:30**

## **Seminar “Ukrainian Communities Abroad: Resilience, Development, Advancement”**

**Partner-organizer:** **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND DIASPORA RELATIONS, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY “LVIV POLYTECHNICS” (NU “LP”)**

**Working languages:** Ukrainian

**Venue:** National University main campus,, 12 Stepan Bandera Street. \*\*\*In the event of an air raid alert there is a shelter on site

**Welcoming speech:**  
**Moderator:**

**Dr. IRYNA KLIUCHKOVSKA,**  
Director of the International Institute of Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations of the Lviv Polytechnic National University

**Panelists:** **BISHOP STEPAN SUS,**  
Curial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Major Archeparchy of Kyiv–Halych, head of the UGCC Pastoral and Migration Department, Kyiv, Ukraine

**Dr. YURIY BOBALO,**  
Rector of the Lviv Polytechnic National University, Lviv, Ukraine

**Dr. TARAS DOBKO,**  
Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine

**Rev. Dr. ROMAN FIHAS,**  
Director of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies, Lviv, Ukraine

**Dr. JAN-PHILIPP WOELBERN,**  
Deputy Director of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine



**Panel discussion:**  
**Moderator:**

**ANDRII YATSIV,**  
Deputy Director of the International Institute of Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations of the Lviv Polytechnic National University

**Panelists:**

**Rev. Dr. IWAN DACKO,**  
President of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies of the Ukrainian Catholic University

**ANDRII SHEVCHENKO,**  
Head of the Mission of the Ukrainian World Congress in Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine

**LIUBOV LIUBCHYK,**  
Chairman of the Ukrainian World Congress International Educational Coordinating Council, Paris, France

**Dr. IRYNA KLIUCHKOVSKA,**  
Director of the International Institute of Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations of the National University "Lviv Polytechnics"

**MYROSLAVA KERYK,**  
Chairman of the Ukrainian Home Foundation, Warsaw, Poland

**YEVHENIA PETROVA,**  
Ukrainian World Congress Community Relations Manager, Honorary Chair of the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations Toronto, Canada

**NATALIA POSHYVAYLO-TOWLER,**  
Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress in Oceania and Asia, Melbourne, Australia

**YURII DANYLYSHYN,**  
Vice-President of the Ukrainian World Congress in South and Central America, Buenos-Aires, Argentina

**KATERYNA TEREK,**  
Deputy Representative of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Lviv, Ukraine

**YEVHEN SEMENOV,**  
Vice-President of Ukrainian World Congress in the Middle East and Central Asia, Abu-Dhabi, UAE





**15:30-18:00**

**Unit 1**

**Ukrainian Christian Academic Society**

**International Seminar**

**“Church-State Relations:**

**Specifics of the Approaches of Orthodox, Catholics, and Protestants, and the Search for an Optimal Strategy”**

**Partner:** RENOVABIS

**Co-organizer:** UCU ETHICS-POLITICS-ECONOMICS PROGRAM

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**Moderator:** **Dr. YURII PIDLISNYI,**  
Head of the UCU Ethics-Politics-Economics Program

**Participants:** **Dr. ROCCO BUTTIGLIONE,**  
Professor of political science at Saint Pius V University in Rome, and member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

**Dr. GEORGE WEIGEL,**  
Honorable Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center

**Dr. ANDRII KOSTIUK,**  
President of Nexia Ukraine

**Dr. VIKTOR YELENSKYI,**  
Head of State Service of Ukraine for Ethno-Politics and Freedom of Conscience

**Dr. JAN PHILIPP WOELBERN,**  
Deputy Director of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in Ukraine







**9 October, Wednesday**

**Unit 1**

**9:30-11:30**

**Discussion “Hospitality of the Christians: Who is my Neighbour?”**

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**Moderator:** **EDUARD BERDNYK**,  
Junior Research Fellow of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies

**Participants:** **Dr. ROMAN SOLOVII**,  
Rector of the Eastern European Institute of Theology

**BISHOP FEDIR (BUBNIUK)**,  
Metropolitan of Poltava and Kremenchuk, OCU

**ROMAN NAZARENKO**,  
Director of the UCU Institute for Religion and Society

**11:30-13:00**

**Unit 2**

**Panel discussion «Hromada as a Community. Practices for Developing Resilience and Cohesion»**

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**TARAS DYATLYK**,  
Theologian and manager of Theological education in Ukraine

**ANNA DOVBYK**,  
Specialist of peacebuilding, facilitator and manager of peacebuilding projects



**OLENA TSYTSULNIKOVA,**

Community support and development specialist,  
senior trainer of MHPSS Charitable Foundation “Right for Defense”

**OLENA KOPINA,**

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**13:15** \*Departure for the Liturgy

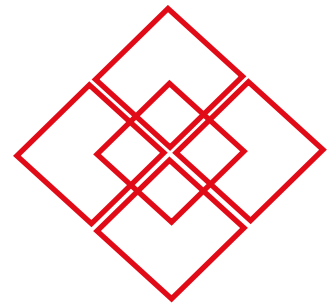
**13:30-15:00** University Liturgy

**Venue:** Church of the Holy Wisdom of God (UGCC), 1 Kozelnytska Street St. Sophia the  
Wisdom of God avenue, UGCC Church of the Holy Wisdom of God

**16:00** Visiting the communities:

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**10 October, Thursday**

**10:30-11:30**

**Unit 3**

**Art-therapy training-lecture Personal Resilience –  
Community Resilience**

**Lecturer:**

**OLHA KITURA,**  
Doctor-psychotherapist

**Working languages:**

Ukrainian

**Venue:**

Room 101, Philosophy and Theology Faculty of Ukrainian Catholic University, 35A  
St John-Paul II Avenue. Also online via ZOOM, YouTube, and Facebook \*\*\*In the  
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**12:00-13:30**

**Unit 1**

## **Discussion "Persecution of Religious Communities in the Temporarily Occupied Territories "**

**Partner-organizer:**

**RISU**

**Working languages:**

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**Venue:**

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**Moderator:**

**TARAS ANTOSHEVSKYI,**

Director of the Religious Information Service of Ukraine (RISU)

**Participants:**

**YURIY RYKOV,**

German Lutheran Church, Kremenchuk

**MYKHAYLO BRYTSYN,**

Pastor of Grace Church, Melitopol

**Rev. BOHDAN HELETA,**

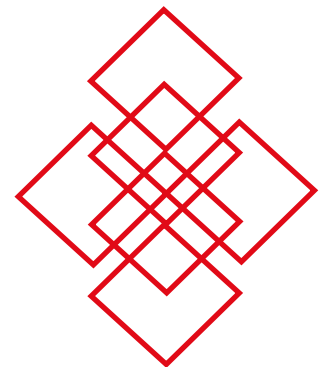
UGCC, Lviv

**Rev. OLEKSANDR BOHOMAZ,**

UGCC, Zaporizhzhia

**Rev. OLEH HORBOVSKYI,**

OCU, Henichesk-Bohorodchany



**15:30-18:00**

**Unit 1**

## **Ukrainian Christian Academic Society seminar "Categories of Particularity and Universality in the Light of the Compendium of the Bishop of Rome: the View of Eastern Catholics and Orthodox"**

**Partners:**

**CNEWA, L'ŒUVRE D'ORIENT**

**Co-organizer:**

**COMMISSION FOR INTERCONFESSIONAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS**

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Research Fellow of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies, UCAS Academic Secretary

**Participants:** **Dr. VOLODYMYR BUREHA,**  
Vice-Rector and Professor at the Kyiv Theology Academy of UOC  
*"Eastern Catholic Churches in the Light of the Document 'Bishop of Rome'"*

**Rev. Dr. IWAN DACKO,**  
President of the UCU Institute of Ecumenical Studies  
*"The Bishop of Rome and Eastern Catholic Churches"*

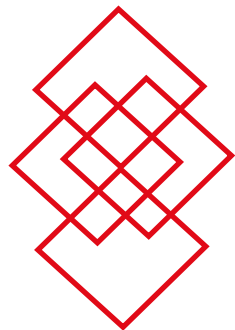
**Rev. IHOR SHABAN,**  
UGCC Commission for Interconfessional and Interreligious Affairs  
*"The Bishop of Rome: Primacy and Synodality in Ecumenical Dialogues and in Responses to the Encyclical Ut unum sint"*

**Dr. ANATOLII BABYNSKYI,**  
Professor at the Ukrainian Catholic University, Research Fellow of the UCU Church History Institute  
*"Eastern Catholic Churches in the Light of the Document 'Bishop of Rome'"*

**18:00 Forum Closure**

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