

### **Topic 1: Analysis of the Causes of Russian Aggression.**

The war has been raging in Ukraine for over eight months. To respond effectively and strategically to this massive crisis, we must have an understanding of the causes of this war. Together, we will analyze the historical background of Russia's full-scale military aggression: the ideologies of the "Russian World" and the "Russian Spring." Our analysis will focus on the history of the formation of new values in Putin's, anti-Western and imperial Russia. And on the role of society, including Christian churches, in forming these values and ideology. Understanding how the anti-Christian, anti-human, and destructive force that pushed Russia into the war developed will help us win this war.

### **Topic 2: Impact of the War in Ukraine on Life of the Country and Large-Scale Global processes.**

The war in Ukraine is disastrous not only for the Ukrainian military and civilians. As a complex, multifaceted phenomenon, war has a destructive effect on the entire civilized world, its values, and its structure. We will assess the social, economic, and humanitarian manifestations of a large-scale catastrophe caused by the war. What the Western world and the Christian community need is a clear understanding of exactly how the war affects all social institutions and all spheres of society in Ukraine and how this influence relates to a broader context. This understanding will make aid to Ukraine even more effective, targeted and strategic.

### **Topic 3: Attack on Religious Freedom.**

Ukraine is rightfully considered an outpost and an example of religious freedom in the post-Soviet countries. That is why the goal of Russian aggression in Ukraine was not only to destroy military targets and infrastructure. Temples and churches are attacked, religious leaders and clergy are persecuted, and the occupying "authorities" rhetoric clearly shows their intentions to destroy freedom of religion. During the consultation, we will review the analysis of religious persecution during the war in Ukraine, develop solutions for providing assistance to the persecuted people and churches, and support for Christian community leaders who are on the occupied territories. We will hear testimonies of modern martyrs for the faith, support them in prayer and identify steps to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and on the occupied territories who are in dire need today.

### **Topic 4: Theology and Church Ministry in time of war.**

Joseph Stalin was contemptuously interested in how many divisions the Pope had. History has shown that the role of the church in resolving the most difficult conflicts is much stronger than leaders and tyrants can imagine. It will be important for the participants of the consultation to take a step towards placing new accents in the theology of the church serving during the war and clearly see its strategic role in the Ukrainian crisis and in building a new, post-war Ukrainian society. Together, we will meditate and pray about how the global Christian community in general and the Christian churches of America, in particular,

can consolidate their efforts to help the suffering member of the Body - the churches in Ukraine and all Ukrainian people. The result of the consultation will be the creation and signing of a declaration conveying the critical points of decisive and consistent actions to support the churches of Ukraine, the Ukrainian state, and the people of this country who desperately need help.