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Topic 1: **WAR**

An Analysis of the Causes of Russian Aggression Against Ukraine and the Western World

The war in Ukraine has been raging for over eight months. To respond effectively and strategically to this massive crisis, the world and the church community must understand the causes of this war. This analysis focuses on the formation of new pro-Russian nationalistic values and ideologies in Putin's anti-Western and imperial Russia, and the role of society, including "Christian/Orthodox" Russian churches, in forming these values and ideologies. Leading voices from Ukraine will present their expert perspectives on these topics during the plenary session of the consultation.

Topic 2: **CRISIS**

The Impact of the War in Ukraine and Large-Scale Global Processes

The war in Ukraine is disastrous for the Ukrainian military and civilian populations, but as a complex, multifaceted phenomenon, war has a destructive effect on the entire civilized world, including its values and its structure. This session assesses the scale of the social, economic, and humanitarian crises caused by the war. The Western world and Christian community need a clear understanding of how this war affects all social institutions in Ukraine, and how this relates to providing diverse support for Ukraine. First-hand reports from prominent Ukrainian leaders are featured in the presentation of this topic.

Topic 3: **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

The Threat to Religious Freedom in Ukraine

Ukraine is an example of religious freedom among post-Soviet countries. The goal of Russian aggression in Ukraine is not only to destroy military targets and infrastructure, but to attack religious freedom and the church. Temples and churches are attacked, religious leaders and clergy are persecuted, and the rhetoric of occupying "authorities" clearly shows their intentions to destroy freedom of religion. We will analyze religious persecution and develop solutions to aid persecuted people and churches. Modern martyrs will share first-hand reports of how they escaped Russian captivity and how we can pray for those in need.

Topic 4: **MINISTRY**

Theology and Ministry in Time of War

The infamous Soviet/Russian dictator Joseph Stalin once sarcastically questioned the power of the church, asking, "The Pope? How many [military] divisions has he got?" Yet, history shows that the church has played a powerful role in resolving conflicts, exceeding the capabilities of tyrants. We will discuss the theology of the church during war and its strategic and spiritual role in building post-war Ukrainian society. Ukrainian church leaders will discuss the role of the church in the midst of this crisis and lead in prayer about how the global Christian community and American Christian churches can consolidate their efforts to help suffering members of the Body—churches in Ukraine and all Ukrainian people.

A summary document/resolution will be prepared and signed by all Ukrainian leaders and participants attending this event and delivered as an open letter to the global community. It will include action items related to humanitarian aid, prayer support, and continued global political pressure against the Russian regime, and will challenge the global community to support Ukraine, Ukrainians, and Ukrainian churches.

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DAY 1 NOVEMBER 10

8:00-8:30AM.....**BREAKFAST**

8:30-9:00am.....**WELCOME & NASHVILLE CONSULTATION
ON UKRAINE OVERVIEW**..... Sergey Rakhuba

PRAYER..... Jay Strother, Station Hill Church

MUSIC

9:00-10:40am.....**SESSION 1:**..... **Moderator:** Dr. John Bernbaum

ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSES OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE AND THE WESTERN WORLD

John Bernbaum

Pavel Shchelin

Yevstratiy Zorya

Valerii Antoniuk

10:40-10:50AM.....**COFFEE BREAK**

10:50-11:00am.....**RUSSIAN CHRISTIAN LEADER FROM MOSCOW VIA ZOOM**

11:00am-12:30pm.....**PANEL DISCUSSION/Q&A**.....**Moderator:** Dr. John Bernbaum

Valerii Antoniuk

Yevstratiy Zorya

Pavlo Unguryan

Anatoliy Kozachok

Oleksandr Yazlovetskiy

12:30-1:30PM.....**LUNCHEON**..... Jason Dorsey, Mission Eurasia Board Member

Samuel Waitt, ACW Foundation

MUSIC

1:30-3:10pm.....**SESSION 2**..... **Moderator:** Dr. Mark Elliott

IMPACT OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE ON THE LIFE OF THE NATION AND LARGE-SCALE GLOBAL PROCESSES

Mark Elliott

Igor Bandura

Oleksandr Markushyn

Maryan Zablotskiy

Pavlo Unguryan

3:10-3:20PM.....**COFFEE BREAK**

3:20-5:00pm.....**PANEL DISCUSSION/Q&A**.....**Moderator:** Dr. Mark Elliott

Oleksandr Markushyn

Barry Gardner

Igor Bandura

Maryan Zablotskiy

Denys Gorenkov

Bria Blessing

5:00-6:30PM.....**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

*Overview of the refugee crisis in **Moldova** and Mission Eurasia's response*

Alexandr Belev

Valeriu Ghilețchi

Sergey Rakhuba

*Overview of the refugee crisis in **Poland** and Mission Eurasia's response*

Don Parsons

Diane Knopp

Sergey Rakhuba

Raymond Le Clair

6:30-7:00pm.....**NETWORKING**

7:00PM.....**DINNER**

PRAYER..... Barry Gardner, Mission Eurasia Board Member

MUSIC..... Ukrainian Anthem

DAY 2 NOVEMBER 11

8:00-8:30am **BREAKFAST**

8:30-9:00am Opening/Devotions/Prayer.....Igor Bandura, Michael Johnson, Mission Eurasia Board Member
MUSIC..... Prayer for Ukraine

9:00-10:40am **SESSION 3** **Moderator:** Wayne Shepherd

ATTACK ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ON RUSSIA OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Oleksandr Zaiets	Andriy Yurash (via Zoom from the Vatican)
Mykhailo Brytsyn	Igor Bandura

10:40-10:50AM **COFFEE BREAK**

10:50am-12:30pm **PANEL DISCUSSION/Q&A:**.. **Moderator:** Wayne Shepherd

Anatoliy Kozachok	Mykhailo Brytsyn
Oleksandr Zaiets	Igor Bandura
Denys Gorenkov	Valeriu Ghilețchi

12:30-1:30pm **LUNCHEON** Jon Wiebe, MB Foundation, Mission Eurasia Board Member
Maryan Zablotsky, Member of Ukrainian Parliament

MUSIC

1:30-3:10pm **SESSION 4** **Moderator:** Dr. Richard Scheuerman

ROLE OF CHURCH MINISTRY IN TIME OF WAR

Richard Scheuerman	Valerii Antoniuk
Valeriu Ghilețchi	Anatoliy Kozachok
Oleksandr Yazlovetskiy	

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Igor Bandura	Yevstratiy Zorya
Anatoliy Kozachok	Alexandr Belev
Denys Gorenkov	Jon Wiebe

5:00-6:30pm **READING THE RESOLUTION.** Wayne Shepherd

SIGNING THE RESOLUTION

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE..... Valerii Antoniuk, Valeriu Ghilețchi, Anatoliy Kozachok, Paul Mercer

HYMN How Great Thou Art

6:30pm **NETWORKING AND GUESTS DEPART**

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CONSULTATION PERSONALITIES



Rev. Dr. Valerii Antoniuk, President of the Baptist Union of Ukraine, one of the largest Baptist conventions in Europe; Senior Pastor of Temple of Love, Unity and Peace Church in Kyiv; an outspoken and prominent voice on the issues of Russian aggression against Ukraine and the role of the church in a time of war.



Dr. John Bernbaum, Senior Scholar at Paul Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics at Calvin University; former President of Russian-American Christian University with expertise in Russian-Ukrainian-United States relations.

Yevstratii Zorya, Archbishop of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine; Archbishop of Chernihiv and Nizhyn; spokesman for the Orthodox Church of Ukraine; Deputy Head of the External Affairs of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine; professor of the Kyiv Orthodox Theological Academy.



Rev. Dr. Igor Bandura, Vice President of International Affairs for the Baptist Union of Ukraine; pastor, missiologist, expert in the field of global partnerships of church and missions; leading voice on the issues of Russian aggression against Ukraine and the role of the church in the time of war.

Oleksandr Markushyn, Mayor of Irpin, Ukraine, the location of Mission Eurasia's headquarters which was destroyed during the first months of the war and the city that has suffered the most from Russian atrocities.



Oleksandr Yazlovetskiy, Priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamianets-Podilskyi; Rector of the Major Theological Roman Catholic Seminary; Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kyiv-Zhytomyr; Auxiliary Bishop of the Kyiv-Zhytomyr.

Rev. Dr. Valeriu Ghilețchi, Former candidate for president of Moldova; member of the parliament of Moldova; former president of the Baptist Union of Moldova; member of the European Parliament; expert on relationships between the church and society.



Oleksandr Zaiets, President of the Institute for Religious Freedom (Kyiv, Ukraine); a leading expert on religious freedom and human rights issues in Ukraine and its occupied territories.



Dr. Mark Elliott, Retired Professor of European and Russian history; expert on East-West church relations; editor emeritus of *East-West Church and Ministry Report*.

Pavlo Unguryan, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine of the 6th and 8th convocations; coordinator of the executive committee of the All-Ukrainian Council (Sobor) of Evangelical Churches.



Dr. Andriy Yurash, Former Head of the Department of Religious Affairs and Nationalities of the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine; Ambassador of Ukraine to the Vatican; religious scholar, political expert, and diplomat.

Sergey Rakhuba, President of Mission Eurasia; leading strategist and missiologist on the relationship of missions and the church with a focus on countries of Eurasia (former Soviet Union).

Dr. Richard Scheuerman, Professor Emeritus of education and history at Seattle Pacific University; longtime board member of Mission Eurasia; recently co-directed Operation Harvest Hope to provision orphans and others in need across Ukraine; twice named a Washington Governor's Author for books on cultural history including early German settlements in Ukraine and Russia.



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CONSULTATION PERSONALITIES



Rev. Mykhailo Brytsyn, Pastor of Grace Evangelical Baptist Church in Melitopol, Zaporizhia region of Ukraine (currently occupied by the Russian Army); recently arrested by Russian special forces and with his family was deported to the unoccupied territory of Ukraine after his church shut down.

Pavel Shchelin, Associate Expert of the Ukrainian Institute for the Future; postgraduate of the Central European University in Vienna; philosopher, historian, and PhD Candidate in International Relations.



Dmytro Zhyvytskyy, Sumy Oblast Governor; Knight of the Order of Bohdan Khmelnytsky III Degree (awarded for personal courage and selfless actions shown in defense of state sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine).

Rev. Anatoliy Kozachok, Vice-President of International Affairs and Partnerships of Ukrainian Pentecostal Church; senior pastor of Pentecostal Church Kyiv; a prominent voice on the issues of Russian aggression against Ukraine and the church's role during war and crisis.



Maryan Zablotskyy, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine; Ukrainian politician and economist; former head of the Ukrainian Society of Economic Freedoms and the Center for Effective Legislation.

Andriy Putilov, Politician and member of Parliament of the 7th convocation; former Governor of Kherson Oblast (2014-2015); was held captive by the FSB of Russia in the Kherson Oblast from April 9 - June 19, 2022.



Bria Blessing, Long-time missionary to Ukraine; American-Ukrainian singer, songwriter, and humanitarian activist; regularly holds charitable concerts and participates in various Christian initiatives in support of Ukraine.

Oleksiy Arestovych, Adviser to President Volodymyr Zelenskiy; politician, well-known blogger and media host; leading political analyst.



Rev. Don Parsons, Director for Mission Eurasia's Unreached People Groups Initiative; Director of Mission Eurasia's ministry in Poland; lifelong missionary to Ukraine and missiologist.

Dr. Rudolf Myhovych, Medical doctor; President of the Christian Medical Association of Ukraine; graduate of Danylo Haytsky Lviv National Medical University and Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary; provides leadership to an extensive humanitarian effort connecting the global church, NGOs, and medical institutions in Ukraine helping the displaced and refugee community in Ukraine.



Denys Gorenkov, Executive Director of Mission Eurasia Field Ministries; director of Mission Eurasia's Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative; oversees all of Mission Eurasia's ministries in Eurasia and humanitarian iCare Program; missiologist.

Rev. Alexandr Belev, Director of Mission Eurasia's International School Without Walls; senior pastor of Church Without Walls; Director of Chisinau iCare Refugee Assistance Center, Moldova.

