

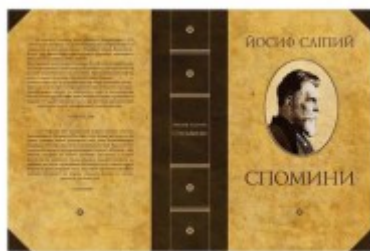
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Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko presented the book "Josyf Slipyj. Memoirs" at the Synod of the UGCC at Bryukhovychi

On September 7, 2014, at the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC on "Responsibility for the Gifts of God," the book "Josyf Slipyj. Memoirs" was presented. The book was published for the first time and was presented personally by its editor-in-chief, Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko.



The book presents the life of the outstanding figure of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj from childhood until his liberation from imprisonment in 1963. These memoirs were written 50 years ago. The publication is dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the departure to eternity of the untiring patriarch.

During the Synod His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), Head of the UGCC, and Bishop Borys (Gudziak), President of UCU, with warm words supported the publication of the book. The President of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko, as editor-in-chief of the book, presented fresh copies of the bestseller to all the bishops.

It should be noted that Fr. Iwan Dacko, who was the personal secretary of Patriarch Josyf, contributed to the publication of the book. The mutual work of Fr. Iwan Dacko and Dr. Mariia Horiacha on the book lasted for two years. The book "Memoirs" has been published by the Institute of Pope St. Clement in Rome at the Ukrainian Catholic University in cooperation with the Institute of Ecumenical Studies at UCU.

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Historical truth with Vakhtanh Kipiani: Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko at the studio. Unique memories about political prisoner №1



What did Slipyj pay for his release, which the US president and the Pope demanded? What incredible find about Josyf Slipyj was bricked into a wall for over 40 years? What path would he have followed if not for a fortunate occasion during his admission to the seminary? This is what Vakhtanh Kipiani talked about with Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko, President of the Institute of

Ecumenical Studies at UCU, on TVchannel [ZIK](#).

Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko shared unique memories about Patriarch Josyf Slipyj at St. George's Cathedral

On September 7 in St. George's Cathedral Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko celebrated a memorial service in memory of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj to mark the 30th anniversary of the date of his death. After the service Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko shared his personal memories about Patriarch Josyf. He was the patriarch's personal secretary and chancellor for 8 years.



UCU students listened with admiration to new facts from Patriarch's life and re-discovered this extraordinary personality.

Father Roman Fihas thanked Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko for these "precious memories."

A photo report of the event is [here](#)

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The book "Josyf Slipyj. Memoirs" was presented in Lviv

The book "Josyf Slipyj. Memoirs" was presented in Lviv on September 11 during the 21st Lviv Publishers' Forum. It presents the personal memories of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, which were written 50 years old ago. The publication is dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the death of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj and is a bestseller of our time, as this manuscript has long been unavailable. This book was one of the 20 best books of the 2014 Forum.



Editors Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko and Dr. Maria Horiacha note that serious work started in June 2012 and lasted two years.

Dr. Maria Horiacha didn't personally know Patriarch Josyf Slipyj but she started editing the book. She pointed out that it was a deep sense of responsibility that made him a guide and leader.

"It is an encyclopaedia of the history of the UGCC during the life of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, a valuable historical and scholarly book for the Ukrainian public," noted editor-in-chief Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko. According to Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko, the book is planned to be published in one more edition and translated into foreign languages.

A photo report of the event is [here](#)

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"Kyrylo Korolevsky was the man whose life was changed by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky" - Liliana Hentosh

Two books by Cyril Korolevsky, "Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky (1865-1944)" and "Uniatism," were presented in October at Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv.

The books were presented by: the abbot of Holy Dormition Major Monastery Fr. Theodore (Martyniuk); Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko, President of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies; Liliana Hentosh, senior co-worker of historical research at Ivan Franko



University; and Bohdan Troianovskiy, director of the Svichado Publishing House.

According to Liliana Hentosh, it has stood the test of time, but we have to note the distance and the changes that occurred during that period. A very valuable and important fact for researchers and readers is that the author was for more than 40 years acquainted with the metropolitan and benefitted from their friendship.

The President of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko, also presented a modest but valuable book by Cyril Korolevsky "Uniatism." The book was written in 1927 and contains thoughts about the phenomenon of uniatism. "This book began the recovery process, which is happening now, though we cannot say that we have completely recovered from uniatism. But we can safely say that we are a completely Eastern church in unity with the Roman see," Fr. Dr. Iwan Dacko said.

A photo report of the event is [here](http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua)
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7th Ecumenical Social Week opens

On September 29 the ceremonial opening of the 7th Ecumenical Social Week, "The Responsibility of a Christian in Modern Society," which ran until October 4, was held at the Lviv City Council.

Participating in the press conference were: Ihor Todorov, Ph.D., professor of international relations and foreign policy at Donetsk National University; Iryna Podoliak, head of the Culture Department at the Lviv City Council; and Maria Kandyba, coordinator of the ESW.



"This year has brought a lot of changes to our country, and we have all faced many challenges. We must accordingly respond to this. That is why the organizers of the forum chose the topic "The Responsibility of a Christian in Modern Society," said Maria Kandyba.

Iryna Podolak noted that from its inception to the present day the Ecumenical Social Week has developed significantly and pointed out that Lviv is a great platform for initiatives in Ukraine, which often occur there for the first time.

Ihor Todorov said that the forum deserves total support and respect.

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The Responsibility of a Christian Today

On September 29, as part of the 7th ESW, the session hall of the Lviv Regional Council hosted an academic conference "The Responsibility of a Christian in Modern Society." The academic conference began with an ecumenical prayer for peace in Ukraine.

An advisor to the president of Ukraine, head of the Department of Constitutional and Legal Modernization at the Office of the President of Ukraine, Maryna Stavniychuk, focused on the fact that Christian values should be incorporated into the basis of legal processes in Ukraine.



Professor of Theology at Oxford University Graham Ward in his presentation "The Kingdom of God: The Other Side of Sectarianism," drew attention to the dangers of multiculturalism in the UK experience.

The head of the Kharkiv Human Rights Group, Yevhen Zakharov, analyzed the human rights situation in Ukraine. He noted that political freedom in the country, with the exception of the territory covered with ATO (anti-terrorist operations) and Crimea, is high. However, human rights violations have become the norm. The speech of Ihor Todorov, Ph.D., professor of international relations and foreign policy at Donetsk National University, who outlined the public attitudes of Donetsk area and causes that have shaped them, ended the conference.

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The responsibility of journalists during an information war discussed in Lviv



On October 1, the round table "The Profession's Mission: The Journalist's Responsibility to the Community" was part of the ESW. Participants discussed journalistic standards and the journalist's need to observe general ethical standards and the media's responsibility to society.

Media expert Larysa Mudrak noted that information is now being converted into weapons similar to nuclear ones, which are used to disarm the nation. The participants agreed that Ukrainians need substantial media education. During the debate the ways to protect the Ukrainian media space in time of an information war and attempts to establish the boundary between protecting informational identity and censorship were discussed. Sonia Koshkina, Chief Editor of the online edition "Livyi Bereh," shared her experience of online publications' work in terms of an undeclared war.

Alim Aliyev, co-founder of the initiative Crimea SOS, said that the most important motivation for the organizers of the initiative is the people's faith in the resource. Alim Aliyev said that the main wish of the founders of Crimea SOS is the fastest possible return of Crimea to Ukraine, after which the resource Crimea SOS will cease to exist. Natalia Seliukova, representative of the NGO "Ukrainian Space," declared the need to reform Ukraine's information space.

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Conference "The Legacy of the Second Vatican Council"

From September 30 to October 1 the international conference "Legacy of the Second Vatican Council: In the spirit of Lumen gentium, Unitas redintegratio and Orientalium Ecclesiarum" took place at UCU. The participants talked about the Church, ecumenism and the role of the Eastern Catholic Churches.



In his report "The Second Vatican Council's Contribution to a Better Understanding and Appreciation of the Eastern Catholic Churches," Archbishop Cyril Vasil, S.J., Secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches (Holy See), noted that the difference between the Western and Eastern Catholic Churches is an indicator of unity.

Rev. Dr. Hyacinthe Destivelle, O.P., Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Holy See), noted in his speech that Pope Francis has put Christian unity and brotherhood in the first place in his pontificate. And Dr. Antoine Arjakovsky, co-director of the Society.Freedom. Peace Department at the Bernardine College (Paris), described the perception of ecumenism by Catholics and Orthodox and expressed confidence that Christian unity is a prerequisite for the conversion of others.

Archbishop Filaret (Kuchеров), bishop of Lviv and Halych of the UOC (MP), on the second day of the conference presented a study of the history of establishing contacts between the Vatican and the Soviet Union, in particular, the participation of observers of the Russian Orthodox Church in the Second Vatican Council.

As part of the international conference, the collection "Documents of the Second Vatican Council" was presented. A new Ukrainian translation of the edition, complete with comments, was published by the Svichado Publishing House.

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Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies

On September 30 a gala dinner to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies was held. At UCU the joy of this event was shared not only with the IES staff but also with friends and long-term partners of the institute. There were words of gratitude and admiration for projects that have been implemented over the years.

"Ten years ago, in 2004, Father Borys Gudziak suggested creating the Institute of Ecumenical Studies. For me, personally, it was an existential moment. I remember the atmosphere of friendship at the Ukrainian Catholic University, the dynamics of this institution. It influenced me and encouraged me



to head the Institute." The founding director of the IES, Dr. Antoine Arjakovsky, shares his memories

Father Ihor Boiko in his welcoming speech noted the importance of the Master's Program in Ecumenical Studies. "The students who came to these lectures were motivated. In their eyes was a desire to learn and know. I still have a close relationship with some of them. What you are doing at the IES is changing society for the better," said Fr. Ihor Boiko.

During the dinner, guests shared their memories of activities of the institute. At the end, Rev. Dr. Iwan Dacko summarized the activities of the IES and thanked the staff, friends, partners and founders, thanks to whom the institute

can continue to implement unique projects and programs.

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Prospects for civil society in Ukraine

On October 1 the round table "The Formation of a Socially Responsible Society: The European Experience, Ukrainian prospects" was held at UCU.

Olha Rudnieva, director of the Anti-AIDS Foundation, described the experience of Ukraine's first private charitable foundation. The best cures for AIDS are belief and trust. As there is less stigmatization of patients with HIV/AIDS and greater belief in society that people can overcome their illness, Ukraine will overcome the epidemic sooner.



Michelle Dormal, of the L'Arche Community (France), shared the experience of work in this community. In her view, society should be open to work with people with special needs, because in such an interaction the community changes, and ordinary individualistic society becomes a responsible one.

Father Taras Mylian, director of the CF Foundation, spoke about his experience of social service, about how the church can serve society not only with prayer, not only in the spiritual sphere, but also in society.

Bernard Chevenez, General Secretary of the Social Weeks of France, noted that a paradigm of individualism is prevalent now in the world which promotes broad freedoms but ignores duties to the community.

Photo Exhibit "Charity through the Prism of the Lens" opens

As part of the 7th Ecumenical Social Week, a traveling photo exhibit "Charity through the Prism of the Lens" opened on October 1 at UCU.



The photo exhibit was opened by a representative of the Ukrainian Charity Forum, Yaryna Homtsiv. "I hope that when viewing the photos you will see how you can take part in social assistance or just get aesthetic pleasure," she said.

The exhibit features the 40 best works, which were chosen from 550 photos, participating in the 4th All-Ukrainian Photo Contest "Charity through the Prism of the Lens."

The photos that constitute the exhibit reflect diverse manifestations of good deeds. The works are intended to show the public how easy it is to help others. Special attention is paid to the care of disadvantaged people: orphans, the seriously ill, persons with disabilities and special needs, and older people.

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About the life of social organizations in Lviv

During the 7th ESW a visit was organized to social organizations of Lviv: Lviv Geriatric Home (71, Medova pechera Str.) and a home for orphans, Protection Family House (19 Kryvchytska Road Str.), on October 1.

Participating in the visit were social workers, many students, and Bernard Chevenez, General Secretary of the Social Weeks of France. The purpose of this visit was to demonstrate the practice of social work.

The elderly and people with some degree of disability live in the Geriatric Home. The territory of the home has two buildings: one for residents (two persons per room, medical room, kitchen, etc.); the other has a library, assembly hall, pool and gym. "Once there lived up to 600 people, now 70," says Deputy Director, Hanna Ivanivna Kotyk.

In the Protection Family House guests were met by Fr. Mychailo: "Our orphanage is for boys from 6 to 23 years, until the children gain education and settle down. Now it is home to 52 children. They live in little groups by age categories, each with its own living room, kitchen, bathroom. The orphans go to normal schools and it helps them to adapt socially."

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Civic responsibility and role of the Church

On October 2, as part of the 7th ESW the round table "Civil Liability in Times of Social Transformation" was held. The round table focused on the responsibility of politicians, the role of the Church in times of crisis, the influence of the civil sector, and cooperation between the Church and the military.

Professor Antonina Kolodii, Ph.D., head of the Department of Political Science and Philosophy of the Lviv Regional Institute of Public Administration of the National Academy of Public Administration under the President of Ukraine, affirmed that the Maidan in 2014 disproved the idea that Ukraine has a weak civil society, that Ukrainians are passive and detached.



Zenoviy Svereda, Doctor of Social Economics, lecturer at the Pontifical Gregorian University, talked about what "crisis" means, the concept of "the state" and its main tasks, and the Church and its social mission.

Mychailo Cherenkov, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at UCU, associate editor of "Theological Portal," the portal "Religion in Ukraine," and the magazine "Theological Reflections," drew attention to the uniting of Christians due to difficult times.

Father Stepan Sus, pastor of the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, encouraged attempts to unite people around common values, to build the society that we want to see in our nation with one's own efforts.

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Antoine Arjakovsky's book "Waiting for a Pan-Orthodox Council: Volume II" presented

On October 2, a book by IES's Founding Director, Antoine Arjakovsky, "Waiting for a Pan-Orthodox Council. Volume II," was presented at UCU.

The publication of the book was praised by Taras Kurylets, doctoral student at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas; Andriy Yurash, religious expert, Associate Professor at Ivan Franko University; Oleksandr Sahan, Ph.D., Professor at the G.Skovoroda Institute of Philosophy; and Vitaliy Khromets, Associate Professor of the Cultural Studies Department, M.P. Drahomanov National Pedagogical University.



Taras Kurylets spoke about the importance of the book and the difficulties associated with its publication: "The book is written in language at a highly scholarly level, which is why there were difficulties in translation, in particular, theological terms. It raises a huge range of issues on relevant problems, from social and religious to philosophical."

"The author not only states the facts but provides advice to people who are working on assembling a council," Oleksandr Sahan said.

"This is a stimulus to thought. This is theology, church ideology that makes us seek peace with ourselves and the outside world," Andriy Yurash says. Vitaliy Khromets noted the importance of the book: "Its idea will inspire inter-Christian dialogue and theological studies in Ukraine."

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Seminar of the Ukrainian Christian Academic Society (UCAS) "Memory, History, Identity" held



On October 2, as part of the 7th ESW, a seminar of the Ukrainian Christian Academic Society, "Memory, History, Identity," was held. The event was moderated by Taras Dmytryk, Executive Secretary of the UCAS and Head of the Lviv Stauropegion Brotherhood of St. Andrew UAOC, and

Dr. Antoine Arjakovsky, the Founding Director of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies at UCU and now Research Director of Bernadine College,.

Archbishop Ihor (Isichenko), Archbishop of the Kharkiv-Poltava Eparchy of the UAOC, spoke about religious myths which are used by Russian ideologues in the information war against Ukraine and outlined fighting tactics against the separatists in eastern Ukraine.

Fr. Mykhailo Dymyd in his report "From the Union of Hearts to a Joint Eucharist" compared the Maidan with one of the most important Christian sacraments, holy Communion. He claims that the revolution was effective thanks to sincere prayer and unity of intent.

Archbishop Yevstratiy (Zoria), Archbishop of Chernihiv and Nizhyn, UOC-KP, drew attention to the crisis in traditional family values. And Father Ihor Shaban, head of the UGCC for Promoting Christian Unity, spoke about common baptism and expressed hope that this meeting would be a good basis for future interfaith dialogue.

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Social responsibility in overcoming social crises

The round table "The Social Responsibility of a Sociologist and Social Worker as a Sign of Professionalism" was held on October 2 during the 7th ESW.

According to Ruslan Savchynsky, with a Candidate's degree in Social Sciences, the main task



of any social institution is to satisfy the needs of society. Sociology in this issue is no exception. "The professional modern sociologist is a person who not only transmits information, but provides the information with which society can make decisions," Ruslan Savchynsky noted.

Larysa Klymanska, Doctor of Social Sciences, Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work at Lviv Polytechnic National University, marked the problems of modern Ukraine and emphasized the special weight of the word in crisis

situations. Iryna Kurlyak, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor, Head of the General and Social Pedagogy Department at UCU, addressed the problem of coming out of life crises that an individual faces.

A specialist in training social workers, Nina Hayduk (Lviv Polytechnic), shared her vision of conflict resolution. "Understanding is possible only through mediation. The basic principles of dialogue should be respect and recognition of each individual," she said.

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Sung prayer for Ukraine

In the Church of the Holy Eucharist, as a part of the ESW an evening of choral spiritual singing "Prayer for Ukraine" took place on October 2. The choristers performed traditional hymns in new arrangements and folk songs.



The presenters of the spiritual concert, Anastasia Voytyuk and Dmytro Bartkovo, introduced the choirs and their programs. The chamber choir of the Church of the Holy Eucharist SOLI DEO was the first to perform. They sang "Our Father" and "Hail Mary." When the chorus performed the song "The duck sails on Tysa river," everyone rose and paid

tribute to fallen heroes. The choir Eterija, choir of the Lviv Regional Stavropigion Brotherhood of St. Andrew STAVROS, and the liturgical choir of the Armenian Cathedral in Lviv, SAHMOS, also presented their programs during the evening of spiritual singing.

The evening "Prayer for Ukraine" ended with a joint performance of the song "God alone is great."

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"We need to change people's attitudes towards the disabled" - Barbara Wojcik

The round table "Models of socialization of disabled people on the basis of experiences in L'Arche communities" was held on October 3, as part of the 7th ESW. The event was attended by leaders of the L'Arche community in Ukraine and abroad.

The moderator of the round table, Natalia Bordun, Director of the Institute of Leadership and Management at UCU, stressed that people who want to be around the disabled and remain children even in adulthood have particular success in working with disabled people.



Michelle Dormal, Head of the L'Arche Community, France, related the origin of the community in France. "Jean Vanier visited the monk Thomas and met a lot of disabled in his community. As he was leaving, people asked him to return. This was the beginning of L'Arche."

Barbara Wojcik, National Head of L'Arche in Poland, shared how the life of disabled people is organized in the Polish community. She told about common prayers, dinners and celebrations with "friends" of the community, volunteers and assistants. However, Ms. Wojcik sees a broader main task for L'Arche: "We need to change people's attitudes to disabled people, so that they understand their talent and are not afraid of them. We have to share their gifts with the world, so that it can learn openness from them."

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Youth initiatives – the future of society

On October 3, as part of the 7th ESW the BarCamp «Youth Initiatives: The requirements of time - the needs of society" was held at UCU. Participants of the BarCamp attended master classes and creative workshops.



The training session "Development of grant projects" was conducted by Olexandra Sladkova, Head of the Administration, Construction and Infrastructure Development Department of the Lviv City Council. "In the work of drafting a project it often seems that 80% of the effort gives no results. Only a small number of contests is won. But, in fact, there are results," Olexandra Sladkova said.

The workshop "My Dream Team" was conducted by Olha Sadokha, Managing Partner and Co-Founder of the River of Knowledge Training Program and a business coach. She denoted the criteria by which participants must be chosen to a team. The Vice President of the Ukrainian Students in France Association, Anastasia Fomichova, spoke about the activity of her organization, cooperation with Ukrainian students, and support of the Maidan.

Afterwards there was a creative workshop "Friends of the L'Arche Community share their experience." The members conducted a workshop on soap making.

At the end of the BarCamp a biographical film about Bohdan Havrylyshyn, a known economist and public figure, and his video appeal were shown.

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7th ESW ended with exhibition-fair of social organizations



On October 4 the traditional fair of social organizations was organized in Lviv. With this event the 7th ESW was completed. Participating in the exhibition-fair were: L'Arche, Emmaus Center (UCU), Lviv City NGO Refuge-Community of Mutual Aid, Ray of Light-Center for Down's Syndrome, Workshop of Good, Dzherelo Education and Rehabilitation Center, Caritas-Lviv UGCC, Foundation of Spiritual Revival.

The visitors were presented with items, most of which were made by people with disabilities. The project Center of Social Assistance of the Caritas-Lviv UGCC presented both decorative household items and practical items. "Our Mrs. Lidia, 86 years old, made cloth dolls. Mrs. Olha, disabled in an industrial injury, presented embroidered pictures and cards and Mrs. Tamara, 92 years old, presented knitted hats," the head of the Center of Social Assistance, Halyna Hii, said.

The Dzherelo Education and Rehabilitation Center offered candles, cards, cloth dolls and various accessories.

Visitors of the exhibition-fair liked the range of products. But they said that the important thing is that these funds will go to a good cause.

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International Conference "Theology of the Holy Spirit: Personal experience and charismatic movements in modern churches"

From November 12 to 15 in Sibiu (Romania) an international conference was held, "Theology of the Holy Spirit: Personal experience and charismatic movements in modern churches," with the participation of a researcher of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, Taras Kurilets.

During the conference, the issues of the idea of the real presence of the Holy Spirit in the church and in the human person, and the important role of the Holy Spirit in modern Christianity were raised. Participants noted the fact that this is particularly evident in Pentecostal churches, but also in charismatic movements in the womb of many traditional churches.

The participants concluded that much attention is paid to personal perception and experience in modern culture. Pentecostal churches and charismatic movements are closely related to this concept, which, it seems, is the basis of their successful development. On the other hand, traditional churches are suspicious of this type of experience since they find it extremely emotional and not consistent with the traditional teaching of the church. However, this does not mean that the idea of the personal experience of the Holy Spirit's activities is not present in the teaching of traditional churches.

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89th Social Week of France, dedicated to technical science

From November 21 to 23, 2014, the 89th Social Week of France was held at the Catholic University of Lille. It was attended by the Assistant Director of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, Iryna Rohovska, and the Methodologist of the MPES, Uliana Fedorovych. The Social Week of France was dedicated to life in a time of digital technology and technical science.



On the first day of the conference the participants had the opportunity to attend educational trips and enter the world of technical science. Depending on the type of trip, the participants visited enterprises, laboratories and, at the Catholic University met with experts who presented their research.

The next day a documentary film by Philip Borel, "[A world without humans?](#)", was shown and small group discussions were held. Also in the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de la Treille ecumenical worship took place, involving Pastor Klaveroli, Chairman of the Federation of Protestants in France, and Bishop Ulrich, Archbishop of Lille.

On Sunday morning, the last day of the conference began with worship in the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul. The events continued with interesting conversations about the acceleration of time in small groups with various specialists. The participants of the Social Week of France tried to answer the question: "How to remain human in this changing world? How to deal with human relationships, which are replaced by the growing omnipresence of machines?"

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Constantly for people and among people: About Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky

A scholarly and practical conference "The Contribution of Andrey Sheptytsky to the Development of the Spiritual Heritage of the Ukrainian People" was held on November 26 at UCU. The event was dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the birth of Andrey Sheptytsky. Organizers: Lviv Regional Institute of Postgraduate Education (LRIPE) and the Institute of Ecumenical Studies.



This theme brought together teachers from various regions of western Ukraine. All of them in their own way presented the figure of Metropolitan Andrey and his work. Larysa Vasylyshyn, Director of the Olena Stepanivna Ukrainian Humanities Gymnasium in Lviv, described the spiritual formation of the future metropolitan. "Sheptytsky taught not only by word, but, above all, with the example of an exemplary life," she noted. And Halyna Sokhan, Assistant Professor of the Social Science and Cultural Education Department at the LRIPE, focused on the charity of Metropolitan Andrey and his openness not only to Christian organizations, but also to secular education, medicine and even sports.

Much was said about the social service of the UGCC pastors at that time which resonates with today's volunteer movement.

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Institute of Ecumenical Studies invites students to study

The Institute of Ecumenical Studies invites students to study at the Master's Program in Ecumenical Studies and Certificate Program "Medical, Psychological and Social Support for People with Special Needs."

Study at the Master's Program in Ecumenical Studies offers the following specializations: Journalism; Christian Ethics; and Medical, Psychological and Social Support for People with Special Needs. Deadline for submission of documents: 10.02.2015. Entrance Exam: 12.02.2015. Start of study: 16.02.2015.



Also the IES is conducting enrollment at the certificate program "Medical, Psychological and Social Support for People with Special Needs."

Deadline for submission of documents: 30.01.2015. Study period: February 2015 - January 2016.

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