January 9, 1980

To the Joint Clerks,
Special Joint Committee on the Constitution
of Canada,
Postal Box 1044,
South Block,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.
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Dear Sirs:

The members of St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg, numbering over 7,000 throughout Canada, are deeply concerned that the Proposed Resolution for a Joint Address to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada does not define Canada as a multicultural nation as proclaimed by the Canadian Government in 1971 and supported by all opposition parties.

Furthermore, the Proposed Resolution protects the language and cultural rights of only the English and French minorities and offers no protection to minorities of other ethnic origins who comprise almost one-third of Canadians in regard to their opportunity to preserve their language and culture.

For the past thirty-four years St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg has served the Ukrainian community by providing an integrated program in theology and Ukrainian studies to about 1,500 youths from all parts of Canada who now provide leadership to their respective communities for the benefit of Canada as a whole. The fact that to date the entire cost of the extensive religious and ethnocultural program of the College, now affiliated with the University of Manitoba through its Ukrainian Canadian Studies Centre, is evidence of the importance and community respect for such a service. Many ethnocultural groups in Canada are making similar efforts to develop their culture. Any action by the Government of Canada, in its constitutional
reform, to deny equal democratic opportunity to all Canadian minorities to develop the language and culture of their choice would be a violation of the principles of human rights in which Canada should provide leadership to other countries.

On behalf of the 34th Annual Canadian conference of the members of St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg I submit the attached Resolution and appeal to you for your favorable consideration of the proposals which it embodies.

Additional information concerning St. Andrew's College is enclosed. Should you wish to have the College make a verbal presentation of a brief we would be glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE IN WINNIPEG

P. A. Kondra
Principal

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Enclosures
WHEREAS, St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg, through its Ukrainian Studies Centre, now part of the academic community of the University of Manitoba, was founded to reflect the multicultural reality of the Canadian nation in general, and in particular, to foster, promote and develop scholarship and research in Ukrainian studies;

"Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the members of St. Andrew's College from across Canada, assembled in Winnipeg this 15th day of November, 1980 express its deep concern to the Government of Canada that the multicultural reality of Canada is not safeguarded inadequately in the Proposed Resolution for a Joint Address to Her Majesty the Queen, respecting the Constitution of Canada; and specifically request:

1) THAT the Constitution of Canada define the basic character of Canada as a multicultural nation, a country rich in diversity of its linguistic communities, cultural heritage and regional identities; and

2) THAT the Charter of Human Rights assure all Canadian citizens and minority groups equal opportunity and assistance to maintain the language and culture of their choice and to participate in all government services, irrespective of their origin, linguistic and ethnocultural heritage or affiliation.

Respectfully submitted,

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE IN WINNIPEG,

P. A. Kondra,
Principal
Ukrainian Studies (language, literature, history).

To date 112 students have graduated, most of them of Ukrainian origin but this number includes a few of other ethnic origins, such as Romanian, Serbian, Byelorussian, Czechoslovak and Anglo-Celtic. Of the above graduates, almost eighty percent have been ordained, some of them providing leadership in the church.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Since 1946, the College has held 30 Ukrainian cultural summer school sessions of five weeks duration, primarily for youth. Attendance at these sessions has varied from 30 to over 100, and included students from various regions of Canada as well as the United States. The program includes Ukrainian language courses for grades 9 to 12, which are accredited by the Department of Education in Manitoba, and in a number of other provinces; also folk music, dancing, arts and crafts, as well as leadership training and spiritual guidance, leading to moral and character enrichment.

At times, the College has held short courses for choir directors and for Sunday School teachers, as well as workshops in instrumental music such as the bandura. Some of the above programs were cosponsored by the Department of the Secretary of State and/or the Manitoba Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.

EXTENSION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

During the summer, the students and staff of St. Andrew's College have conducted cultural extension programs at public schools, youth camps, festivals, and various public events throughout Manitoba and other centres in Canada. This included audio-visual presentations, displays, lectures, discussions, as well as the distribution of printed information on courses and programs available at the College, and at the University of Manitoba, and also information about multiculturalism. One such project, carried out by the students, served numerous communities from Vancouver to Ottawa.

The College provides accommodation and sponsors displays of Ukrainian art and exhibits of paintings by Ukrainian artists. Special lectures by distinguished guests are held at the College.

LIBRARY

The College library consists of over 40,000 volumes covering a broad spectrum of topics including religion, philosophy, linguistics, literature, social science, politics, art, history and geography, many of them relating to Ukrainian culture. This collection includes about twenty different languages of which thirteen are Slavic. The most significant component of the College library is a large collection donated by the late Metropolitan Ilarion (Dr. I. Ghienko, formerly the minister of Religious Affairs in Ukraine) which contains a number of old rare and irreplaceable books and manuscripts. Other private donations of books continue to enrich the library collection.

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

The College residence on the campus is home to many students, particularly, to those desirous of maintaining their interest in, and knowledge of, Ukrainian heritage. The cultural program for students includes folk music and dancing, arts and crafts and campus students are welcome to participate in these programs.

In Ukrainian tradition, and with appropriate food and decor, the students celebrate Ukrainian church holidays, such as St. Andrew's Day, Christmas, Easter and others. The students also carol at the homes of the Ukrainian community in Winnipeg and other centres.

Some College students assist the communities with their cultural and religious programs and services in Winnipeg and elsewhere.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

St. Andrew's College students participate in intramural sports and other activities on the campus, including the Festival of Life and Learning and University Open House at which time they sponsor key speakers and present displays or performances.

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ON THE CAMPUS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

For nearly a century the Ukrainian community in Canada has been providing educational facilities in addition to those available in public institutions. Ukrainian Canadians have integrated the development of their church and their culture as both of these were considered to be inseparable prerequisites to progress in their community and personal life, and enhanced the quality of life in Canada.

To this end St. Andrew’s College was established by the Ukrainian Orthodox community in 1946 to train candidates for the priesthood and to develop community leaders. Since its establishment its role has been expanded in accordance with its Charter.

Accordingly, St. Andrew’s College was relocated on the campus of the University of Manitoba in 1964. It now provides 17 accredited courses in Ukrainian Studies, which were not available previously, and has become formally affiliated with the University as provided for in the College Charter.

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN STUDIES CENTRE

The Centre, located at St. Andrew’s College, and affiliated with the University of Manitoba, provides the following university accredited courses:

LANGUAGE
52.091 Introductory Ukrainian (6)
52.127 Conversational Ukrainian (6)
52.349 Church Slavic in Ukrainian (6)

LITERATURE
52.242 Ukrainian Canadian Literature (3)
52.243 Ukrainian Canadian Folklore (3)
52.352 Ukrainian Poliemoical Literature (6)

RELIGION
20.135 History of Eastern Christianity (6)
20.252 Eastern Christianity in North America (3)
20.253 Eastern Christianity in the Contemporary World (3)
20.357 Major Thinkers in the Eastern Christian Tradition (6)

HISTORY
11.255 History of Ukraine (6)
11.390 Modern Ukrainian History (3)
11.391 Ukrainians in Canada (3)

GEOGRAPHY
53.360 Geography of Ukraine (3)

POLITICAL STUDIES
19.280 Government, Politics and Society in Soviet Ukraine (6)

ART
54.374 History of Byzantine Art (6)
99.310 Ukrainian Arts in Canada (3)

Some of these courses (i.e. Ukrainian Arts in Canada, Ukrainian Poliemoical Literature, Geography of Ukraine) were offered by the College for the first time in any University in Canada.

FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

St. Andrew’s College has the only long-established Ukrainian Orthodox theological seminary in the free world, and is the only source of candidates for priests and church leaders for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. The College continues to receive students from the United States, Australia, Great Britain, Europe and other countries.

The following three theological programs are offered:

1. Diploma in Theology (D.Th.) — A two-year program for mature students who have demonstrated an adequate experience and a good performance in church and community activities. They are required to complete a minimum of two years of study which includes 16 prescribed half courses in Theology, and 4 full courses in Religion and Ukrainian Studies (language, literature and history).

2. Licentiate in Theology (L.Th.) — A three-year program for students who have qualified for University entrance. It consists of 24 half courses in Theology and 6 full courses in Religion and Ukrainian Studies (language, literature and history).

3. Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) —
   a) Plan “A” — A three-year program for students who hold a B.A. degree or its equivalent. It consists of 29 half courses in Theology plus a minor thesis, and 3 full courses in Ukrainian Studies (language, literature and history).
   b) Plan “B” — A five-year parallel B.A./B.D. program. It consists of 29 half courses in Theology plus a minor thesis, and 15 full courses in Arts of which, at least, 5 full courses should be in Religion and...