INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE
marking the 400th anniversary of the Council of Zamość

CODIFYING THE TRADITION:
THE 1720 KYIVAN
METROPOLITANATE
COUNCIL
OF ZAMOŚĆ
(CANONICAL SOURCES, UNIATE THEOLOGY, CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS PROGRAMME)

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav

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In 2020, 300 years have passed since the time when the Polish city of Zamość hosted, from August until September 1720, a local Council of the Kyivan Eastern-Catholic Metropolitanate that gathered almost 150 representatives of the Ukrainian-Belarusian clergy under the leadership of Metropolitan Leo (Kyshka). This local Council, the second of its kind in the history of the Kyivan Church in union with Rome, took place during the golden age of baroque culture and the Enlightenment movement. The Council dealt with ecclesiastical matters in the wake of the 1709 Poltava battle and Ivan Mazepa’s defeat, which accelerated the expansion of Russia and the decline of the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth – the state within which the Kyivan Metropolitanate was politically framed. A visible sign of these geopolitical changes was the division of Ukrainian lands between the neighbouring countries and the 1686 subordination of the Kyivan Orthodox Metropolitanate to the Moscow Patriarchate. The Council of Zamość—the first since the Union of Brest, offered a wide-ranging programme of reforming organizational and pastoral structures of the Ruthenian Church that was in union with the Roman Apostolic See. The 1720 Council also dealt with post-Tridentine theology and Roman canon law, and searched for a dialogical balance between its Catholic identity and the Byzantino-Slavic (above all liturgical) legacy. Until the end of the 19th century, the decisions of the bishops in Zamość determined the identity of the Greek-Catholic Church and her pastoral principles of inculturation of the Word of God for the vast territories of Eastern and Central-Eastern Europe. During the 20th century, the independent nations of Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russia, and Ukraine re-emerged from the ruins of former empires and totalitarian regimes.

One of the research hypotheses to be discussed during this international scholarly conference is the thesis that the Council of Zamość did not merely adopt the legacy of the Tridentine reform within Latin Christianity but also codified the indigenous cultural, spiritual, and, to some extent, social experience of the unity of the Kyivan Metropolitanate with the Roman Church. The Council also gained a great deal through dialogue with the Orthodox during the 17th and the first decades of the 18th centuries. Critical analysis of existing sources, as well as ecclesial and cultural contexts prompts for considerable revision of the conventional theological and historical interpretation of the Council of Zamość. More analytical attention needs to be given to the internal ecclesiastical sources of forming a conciliar cultural and religious programme: constitutions (regulations) of eparchial councils, decisions of the cathedral chapters of the Basilian Order, pastoral exhortations, and the hierarchy’s letters, as well as acts of ecclesiastical courts. Thus, the architects and creators of the Zamość reform were not only the Roman Apostolic See and the Latin Church of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, as was claimed until now, but also the Kyivan Eastern Catholic Metropolitanate itself. The cultural and religious revival within the Roman Catholic Church of the last quarter of the 17th and early 18th centuries made it possible for the “new unions” of the Kyiv (1714), Lutsk (1702), Lviv (1700), and Przemyśl (1691) Eparchies with the Roman Apostolic See. These upheavals could and had to be dealt with by the 1720 Council of Zamość, which marks “the golden age” in the history of the Union of Brest by uniting the old Lithuanian-Belarusian and the new Ukrainian traditions of Slavia Unita.

Another research hypothesis is the assumption that a successful and rather rapid reception of the reforms of Zamość initiated within the Kyivan Eastern Catholic Metropolitanate a process of gradual implementation of the particular local canon law into practice. This local canon law tended to comply with both the regulations of the Latin Church (in particular, canonical regulations of the Council of Trent) and local Ruthenian (Kyivan) canon law of the pre-Brest period. And in some eparchies, the resolutions of the Council of Zamość, in terms of tradition and canon law, even superseded the universal regulations of the Catholic Church, creating grounds for forming the self-awareness of an Ecclesia sui iuris, and at the same time an institutional ecclesiology concentrated around a Roman-centred conception of loyalty to the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth via allegiance to the Apostolic See of Peter. Moreover, the Council of Zamość had impact not only on the Kyivan Metropolitanate, but also on other Eastern Catholic communities in the south—the Eparchy of Krizevci (Peć tradition), the Eparchy of Mukachevo (Kyivan tradition), and the Eparchy of Făgăraș (Wallachia tradition) in the Kingdom of Hungary which initiated in 1773 their own Council of Vienna. Indirectly, the Zamość Council influenced also the Ukrainian-Belarusian Orthodox Church within the boundaries of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

Ihor Skochylias
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

November 8
Arrival of the conference participants and their accommodation at the hotel Villa Letizia (Via Diomede Marvasi, 30)

November 9
FIRST DAY
(Library of the Pontifical Oriental Institute) (Piazza di Santa Maria Maggiore, 7)

09:00–11:00 Divine Liturgy at St. Sophia Cathedral (Via di Boccea, 478)

11:00–13:00 Transfer to the Pontifical Oriental Institute (Piazza di Santa Maria Maggiore, 7)

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–14:15 Grand Opening of the Conference. Inaugural Address of His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

14:15–15:10 Lecture of Professor Ihor Skochylias
Ecclesial, Historical, and Cultural Memory of the Uniates (Greek-Catholics) Regarding the Zamość Provincial Council (last quarter of the 18th – early 21st centuries)

14:15–14:35 Greeting words
Rev. Dr. Davyd NAZAR SJ (Rector of the Pontifical Oriental Institute)
Rev. Dr. Bohdan PRACH (Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University)
Rev. Dr. Mark MOROZOWICH (Dean of the School Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America)

15:10–15:40 Coffee-break

Session One
15:40–18:10
Forerunner of the Council of Zamość: The Kyivan Metropolitanate in the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth in the Age of Confessionalization (Culture, Religion and Society)

Moderator: Dr. Ivan ALMES (Ukrainian Catholic University)
Discussant: Prof. Maksym YAREMENKO (National University “Kyiv Mohyla Academy”)

15:45–16:10 Prof. Andrzej GIL (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)
Kyivan Uniate Metropolitanate in the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth in the period of Council of Zamość: On its way from East to West

16:10–16:35 Dr. Natalia SINKEVYCH (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)
The Uniate Church on Its Way to Preserving the Tradition of the Old Ruthenian Kyivan Metropolitanate

16:35–17:00 Prof. Alfons BRÜNING (Protestant Theological University, Amsterdam)
Parish Clergy in the Resolutions of the Council of Zamość (1720) and in “Spiritual Regulations” (1721): Different Confessional Cultures?

17:00–17:30 Discussion

17:30–18:10 Book Presentation

Moderator: Dr. Andriy YASINOVS’KYI (Ukrainian Catholic University)
Participants: Dr. Iryna SKOCHYLIA, Dr. Taras SHMANKO, Dr. Ivan ALMES

18:30–20:00 Dinner
November 10
SECOND DAY
(Library of the Pontifical Oriental Institute)
(Piazza di Santa Maria Maggiore, 7)

Session Two
10:00−12:20
Moderator: Rev. Prof. Leszek ADAMOWICZ (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)
Discussant: Rev. Prof. Thomas NÉMETH (Universität Wien)

10:05−10:30 Rev. Dr. Mark MOROZOWICH (Catholic University of America)
The Council of Zamość in the Context of Reforming the 18th century Eastern Catholic Churches

10:30−10:55 Bishop Dr. Teodor (MARTYNIUK) (UGCC, Pontifical Oriental Institute)
The Resolutions of the Zamość Synod as a source for the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches

10:55−11:20 Rev. Dr. Andriy TANASIYCHUK (Canonical Department of the UGCC Patriarchal Curia, Society of Ukrainian Canonists)
The Zamość Synod as a Source of the UGCC Particular Law

11:20−12:20 Discussion

13:00−14:00 Lunch

Session Three
14.00−17.30
Resolutions of the Council of Zamość: Liturgy, Holy Sacraments, Dogmatics, and Pastoral Care
Moderator: Rev. Dr. Daniel GALADZA (Sheptytsky Institute, University of Toronto)
Discussant: Rev. Prof. Marek BLAZA SJ (Catholic Academy in Warsaw)

14:05−14:30 Dr. Taras SHMANKO (Ukrainian Catholic University)
1738 Pastoral Message of Kyiv Metropolitan Atanasiiy (Sheptytsky) “On the Correction of Liturgical Books”

14:30−14:55 Dr. Margarita KORZO (Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences)
1722 “Собрание припадков краткое” [Sobraniye pripadkov kratkoye]: Stages of Text Formation and Its Sources

14:55−15:20 Rev. Dr. Panteleimon (TROFIMOV) OSBM (Joseph Veliki Basilian Institute for Philosophy and Theology Studies)
The Dogmatic Aspects of the 1720 Resolutions of the Council of Zamość

15:20−15:45 Rev. Prof. András DOBOS (St Athanasius Greek-Catholic Theological Institute, Nyiregyháza)
The Reception of the Zamość Council Resolutions in the Mukachiv Eparchy in the 18th century

15:45−16:15 Coffee-break

16:15−17:00 Discussion

17:00−17.30 Closing Remarks
Moderator: Dr. Andriy YASINOVSKYI (Ukrainian Catholic University)
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            discussant – up to 15 min.
            participation in discussion – up to 5 min.
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