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Much Anticipated Teaching Resource on the Holodomor Genocide Now Available

TORONTO, CA | June 18, 2018 – What does a teacher need to be able to teach students about the Holodomor—the deliberate starvation of millions of Ukrainians by the Soviet regime in 1932-1933? A new comprehensive teaching resource authored by Valentina Kuryliw, Director of Education for the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium, entitled *Holodomor in Ukraine, the Genocidal Famine 1932-1933: Learning Materials for Teachers and Students* (308 pp., \$49.95 CDN) is now available for educators and the general public. Targeted at educators teaching students in primary and secondary schools, it features stand-alone teaching materials, lesson plans and assignments with straightforward, sensible and basic information about the Famine. As one of the genocides recognized by the Canadian government, it was covered up, denied and ignored for over five decades. The long-awaited resources it offers are prime new learning materials for students.

“The book is a first-of-its-kind resource for educators that was developed for use in a range of courses and grade levels. It provides a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the Holodomor in social studies, media and religious studies, social justice, the literary and visual arts, history and genocide. Its teaching methods and strategies focus on developing the student’s critical and historical thinking skills while using lots of primary sources,” Kuryliw said.

Printed in full colour, the richly illustrated book contains archival documents excerpted and translated for ease of use, timelines, maps, memoirs, photographs, eyewitness accounts, age-appropriate literary works, multimedia links and resource listings. Text-dependent questions are provided for each resource. The book is accessible, instantly useable and packed with ideas and photocopyable resources.

*“Educators will find **Holodomor in Ukraine** to be an invaluable resource filled with engaging lessons, meaningful assessments and thorough background information about Ukraine’s genocide,”* writes Tamara Kowalczyk, a history teacher with the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

About the Author

Valentina Kuryliw is a retired department head and history teacher with over 35 years of teaching experience who has promoted awareness of the Holodomor and human rights as an educator and

activist for most of her adult life. The daughter of Holodomor survivors, Kuryliw has advocated for the inclusion of the Holodomor in the Ontario curriculum, across Canada and beyond for more than a decade. She published a book for Ukraine on methodology for teaching history and authored “The Historian’s Craft” founding lesson on the Holodomor Mobile Classroom of the Holodomor National Awareness Tour. That lesson won two international awards for its visionary fusion of educational content, interactive teaching methodology and innovative technology into a seamless immersive learning experience for students. Valentina Kuryliw’s recent article “The Ukrainian Genocide – The Holodomor, 1932-1933: A Case of Denial, Cover–Up and Dismissal” will be published in Samuel Totten’s *Teaching About Genocide: Insights and Advice from Secondary Teachers and Professors, Vol. 1* in October of 2018 in the USA (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield publishers).

Holodomor in Ukraine, the Genocidal Famine 1932-1933 will be promoted widely through a series of book launches and other activities. A complimentary copy of the book will be distributed to faculties of education and school boards. The book will be translated into French and Ukrainian.

The book is published by the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press (CIUS Press), University of Alberta, and is a project of the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC).

To view details and purchase: <http://education.holodomor.ca/holodomor-in-ukraine-book/>

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In Toronto: The book can also be purchased from the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre (UCRDC) by e-mail (at office@ucrdc.org), by telephone (416-966-1819).

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