

## Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Ukraine

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TO: President Timothy Teuscher

And all faithful of Lutheran Church Canada

Dear pastor and brother in Christ Timothy

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you...

I am writing to you on behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ – members of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Ukraine. First of all, I would like to thank you for many years of friendship and cooperation with the SELCU, and the immense support that your Church provides to our Synod, and also, through us – to many thousands of disadvantaged Ukrainians, those who remain in the country, and those who were evacuated during the war.

We thank you for the fact that, from the beginning of the full-scale aggression of Russia against Ukraine, LCC – without hesitation – extended helping hands to us and stood by us, helping us in serving the Lord and our people.

I would especially like to thank you for your faithful support of SELCU pastor – Oleksiy Navrotskyy, as he fulfills his pastoral and missionary vocation in Mykolaiv city and region. Pastor Oleksiy devotes himself to the "work of service" selflessly (Eph. 4:12). And I am very happy that pastor Oleksiy and the entire SELCU brotherhood have such faithful friends and sacrificial partners in you. And I hope and ask you to continue to support pastor Oleksiy and his family and the direction of their wonderful ministry in the future.

May the Lord richly bless you, your family, and the church (mission) during this special season of Advent and Christmas. May God's grace protect us all.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Galatians 4. 4-5

With prayers for you and love in Christ Jesus,
Bishop of the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran
Churches of Ukraine & all congregations of SELCU