

A MISSION INVITATION IN WARTIME UKRAINE

After meeting with Rev. Dr. Ivan Rusyn, President of Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary (UETS), the Global Mission Network encourages NCP congregations and members to consider supporting



UETS in Kyiv.

July 8 was the 500th day of the large-scale war waged by Russia against Ukraine. War continues to take its toll, but UETS (like other faith-based outreach efforts) is responding with creative ministry.



In the words of Dr. Rusyn, "We have learned that the best thing we can do for our wounded nation is to be with them and to

support them by our presence. Through such incarnated ministry and presence, people can feel that the church is there. And through our presence, people can feel that maybe God is also there. God is with them and God is with us. In such times, you can ask a lot of questions of God. And, you know what, I realize that I have hope. We are going through this horrible war together with our nation; we have the same scars. And yet we have something different. My own apartment in Bucha was looted by the Russian soldiers. My seminary was hit by six missiles. I had to run a funeral for my graduates. But we have something different. We have hope in our eyes because we know the Lord has the final word. It is my calling to serve my wounded nation."

Some of UETS' special wartime ministries include: sharing the best they have with whoever comes, accompanying people in crisis, sharing the Word of God face to face, training military chaplains and trauma care workers (the first female military chaplain in Ukraine was trained at UETS)...



...and sharing the Lord's Table ecumenically on the front lines, where some receive the sacrament for their first time...and some receive it for their last time.

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