



## IRF SUMMIT SPECIAL EVENT – UKRAINE PANEL

### ***The Impact of War on Religious Freedom in Ukraine***

Tuesday, January 31, 5:00-6:00 PM at the Washington Hilton  
Holmesmead Room (Lobby Level)

A panel of senior Ukrainian religious leaders and legal experts will discuss the devastating impact of Russia's war on Ukraine on religious organizations and religious freedom in Ukraine. They will address the critical role the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate) has played in supporting the war and the challenges this presents to the Ukrainian government, which must stop harmful actions of the ROC-MP without violating its own laws regulating religious affairs. They will describe the 26 year work of the All Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations and its important role in strengthening democracy and religious freedom in Ukraine and in supporting the nation during wartime.

*Moderator: Lauren Homer, President Law and Liberty Trust*

*Speakers:*

*Oleksandr Zaiets, Founder and Chair, Institute for Religious Freedom, Kiev*

*Maksim Vasim, Executive Director Institute for Religious Freedom, Kiev*

*Anatoliy Kozachok, First Deputy Bishop of the Pentecostal Church "Ukrainian Church of Christians of Evangelical Faith"*

*Igor Bandura, First Vice President, All-Ukrainian Union of the Churches of Evangelical Christians-Baptists*

*Dmytro Bodyu, Founder and Pastor, Word of Life Church in Melitopol, Ukraine, former Prisoner of Conscience*

*Andriy Dudchenko, Archpriest, Orthodox Church of Ukraine, and Lecturer at Kyiv Orthodox Theological Academy*

*Valentin Siniy, Rector, Tavriski Christian Institute*