

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF TAVRISKI CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
CONCERNING THE DESTRUCTION AND PLUNDERING OF THE PROPERTY
OF THE SCHOOL BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ARMY

From March 10 to November 10, 2022, the territory and buildings of the Tavriski Christian Institute were seized by the Russian military. During this period, Russian criminals destroyed the results of 25 years of work of thousands of Christian ministers, volunteers, and missionaries. Everything that we built over years was looted and destroyed in a few months.

We are grateful to everyone who supported and continues to support us prayerfully and financially during this difficult time for our school community. We are grateful for every kind word, postcard, or personal visit. We appreciate every donated manual, dish, or blanket, and every transferred Ukrainian hryvnia or American dollar. Thanks to your support, we survived!

At the same time, the silent position of Russia's academic and religious circles regarding the crimes committed by Russian militaries at the property of Tavriski Christian Institute causes us pain and disappointment.

We condemn the war unleashed by Russia in peaceful Ukraine, the killing and torture of the civilian population, including children, the rape of women, the deportation of Ukrainians, the destruction of private property, and the cultural and historical heritage of our people. Every death, every cry of a child, or shed mother's tears is the responsibility of all of Russia.

During the occupation of our campus, the Russian invaders stole everything that could be stolen. Moreover, they destroyed everything, even things that had no value to them. For instance, almost 30,000 volumes from the school's library were just taken to the dump. They destroyed a modern dormitory, interactive classrooms, an administrative building, a modern printing workstation, and the library of the Tavriski Christian Institute.

Yet, we continue. Despite these crimes, more than a hundred future Christian leaders have enrolled in the current academic year, most of the teaching staff has been retained, training facilities have been rented in the city of Ivano-Frankivsk, and the preparations for state accreditation of the educational and professional program are underway.

Of course, we still need interested citizens to participate in the renewed activities and development of the institute. We have ambitious plans for the further development of the educational institution, fulfillment of our own mission, and service to God and the community.