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## **News Release for Churches**

For Immediate Release:

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### **[Church Name] Takes on Vladimir Putin**

[your church city, state], Feb. xx, '15 – [Church name] of [local city] today announced it is joining a national drive organized by Save Ukraine Now, a charitable organization formed to alleviate Ukraine's humanitarian crisis. [Your church name] has pledged to fill a shipping container with emergency supplies for the suffering refugees and hard-hit residents of eastern Ukraine.

The war waged by Russian supplied separatists and troops from Russia has driven more than a million and a half people from their homes, with up to five million requiring some form of relief, including 1.7 million children. Relief organizations, both international and domestic, are stretched to the breaking point, and Save Ukraine Now has escalated its shipping container campaign to meet the additional need.

Dr. Gary Kellner, President of Save Ukraine Now, said, "[Your church name] is doing something few churches would dare to think about: it's taking on Vladimir Putin. Thanks to organizations like [your church name], our shipping container campaign will be successful in saving the lives of men and women, boys and girls. Your humane and generous congregation is not afraid to do what it takes to relieve suffering and support hurting people around the world. Every church should be like [your church name]."

[first name, last name], Senior Pastor of [your church name], said, “This campaign is our way of launching a counterattack against Russian aggression and Putin’s war against the people of Ukraine. Maybe we can’t stop the Russian army, but we can keep innocent people alive. Compassion is not the property of one church or religious tradition; for us, it is at the heart of who we are and the message we preach.”

Save Ukraine Now is working with thousands of civic organizations, churches and synagogues across America to collect clothes, blankets, medical supplies and personal hygiene items. [Your church name] is asking churches, synagogues and service organizations in [your city] to participate.

[Your church name] has assumed a leadership role in many other noble causes including [list of your missions or church projects]. It is currently [customized sentence(s)].

The church holds services at [days of the week and times] at [your church location]. For more information, please contact [your church’s secretary’s name] at [your phone] or email [your church email address]. For more information on the humanitarian crisis, go to [www.saveukrainenow.org](http://www.saveukrainenow.org). Save Ukraine Now also maintains a blog at [www.saveukrainenow.org/blog](http://www.saveukrainenow.org/blog).

### **About [your church name]**

Write a paragraph summarizing relevant philosophy and details about your church.

### **About Save Ukraine Now**

Save Ukraine Now (<http://www.saveukrainenow.org>) assists refugees and needy persons suffering due to the humanitarian crisis in eastern Ukraine. Founded by Dr. Gary Kellner, a professional with more than 15 years of experience running social programs in Ukraine, Save Ukraine Now uses 12,000-to-15,000 local churches and congregations to distribute its supplies. Currently, Save Ukraine Now has organized a nationwide effort, joining with hundreds of faith-based communities and civic associations across the United States to ship emergency supplies to Ukraine. Save Ukraine Now has achieved a new paradigm for emergency relief, combining government agencies, NGOs and faith-based organizations.

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