

Anne Chermak Dillen Named to Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation's Board of Directors

Anne Chermak Dillen has been named to the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation (UCEF), a registered 501(c)(3) whose mission is to ensure that the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU), located in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv, has the financial resources it needs to educate new generations of young people, form leaders to serve with professional excellence in Ukraine and internationally, and build a Christian foundation for a democratic, prosperous Ukraine.

In 2017, Anne created the San Francisco Friends of UCU, connecting UCEF with new supporters in the wider Bay Area community, and organizing events to raise awareness of and benefit the university.

Anne is Co-Director, Dillen Associates, LLC, specializing in strategic communications, public relations and marketing consulting. She has organized projects in support of women's leadership development in Ukraine, and engaged a group of IWF NorCal members in that effort, in addition to giving talks on Ukraine to our Forum. In 2018-2019, she was a visiting lecturer on public relations and public diplomacy in the Masters Program in Media Communications at the Ukrainian Catholic University.

Previously, Anne was Minister Counselor for Public Affairs with the U.S. Department of State, honored with the Secretary of State's Career Achievement Award in recognition of her distinguished diplomatic service to the U.S. Government in Berlin, Belgrade, Rome, Madrid, Moscow, Sofia, Bonn and Washington and with appreciation for her outstanding efforts in promoting U.S. national interests.

Anne served two terms on the IWF NorCal Board of Directors, and three years as Programs Chair. She is also a member of IWF Colorado.