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NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear brothers and sisters! We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy upcoming 2017 year!

Christmas Celebration – is a miracle of God humbling Himself for our salvation! “He emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man”. Today, many religious leaders, philosophers and “truth seekers” still can’t reconcile two concepts: God and man. But this is a foundational truth of Christianity—Jesus Christ is God-man.

I wish that in this time of celebration, we would be especially filled with thankfulness to God, God's light, immeasurable joy, and love! May the praise of angels: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!” would accompany all of us throughout this season, and would fill our hearts with heavenly sounds!

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I wish that the new 2017 year would be a year of special God's blessings and a renewal of service to Him. May this new year be a year of spiritual awakening, evaluation of spiritual priorities, and a return to the basics of Christianity!

Merry Christmas and a happy 2017!

With best wishes,

Ivan Mileyev,
President PC CECB

Please click on the photo below for Ivan Mileyev's video greeting (In Russian only)



FIRST MEETING OF NEWLY ELECTED ASSOCIATION'S COMMITTEE

First meeting of the newly elected PC a Association's committee took place on December 2nd. Current issues of the life of the Association were discussed, as well as the ministry plans for 2017.

The main functioning "instruments" of the PCSBA are the current departments. Based on the decision of the previous convention, the Association's Committee has received the status "Executive Committee". One of the most important discussion topics during the Association's Committee meeting was delegation of responsibility for various spheres of service among all the Committee members. They are entrusted with the responsibility of "spiritual discipleship" over the PC departments, not to be in charge of the departments, but to give spiritual as well as prayerful support to the departments'

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Committee's members in the departments would lead to even more blessings in ministry.



[New Executive Committee](#)

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

On December 4th, there was a meeting of the national leader of CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) Dr. Czeslaw Bassara (Poland), Ivan Mileyev, Nicolay Bugriyev, and Konstantin Tsaplin.

Considering that CEF has effective methods of teaching the Bible to children and teens, there was a discussion of partnership between PCSBA and CEF. Realizing the importance of teaching Biblical truth and basics of Christianity effectively, there was a suggestion to train leaders of children ministry in the Pacific Coast Association's churches using the program of this international mission.

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50th ANNIVERSARY OF A CHURCH IN ORANGE COUNTY

On November 27, Slavic Baptist Church in Orange County, whose pastor is Yuriy Konstantinovich Ovcharenko, celebrated their 50th anniversary. Our Association has only a few churches with such longevity and that is why this church's celebration is a celebration for all of us.

Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev who was present at the celebration shares more about this event. You can read his [article on the Association's website- click here \(In Russian only\)](#). At the end of the article you can find references to the church's history, as well as photos of the celebration.

Let us wish God's blessings to this church, abounding growth in love, fruitfulness, and Gospel preaching.

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ORDINATION OF THE MINISTERS AT A "NEW HOPE" CHURCH

On December 11th "New Hope" Church had ordained four ministers: Yuriy Gorbanyuk and Anatoliy Golodnyak for pastoral ministry, Sergey Tsurkan and Sergey Melnik for deacon ministry. In addition to the local ministers, Association's president Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev, and his deputy Mikhail Yuriyevich Avramenko participated in the ordination and instructing process. After the ordination, the Association's President gave them certificates affirming their right to perform ordinances.

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[Four new minister with their wives](#)

For more details about the church , read an [article on the Association's website \(In Russian only\)](#). You will also be able to find pictures from the service.

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Association's women's ministry committee had a meeting on December 10. As it has been previously announced, Vera Kitsen who was a leader of the department for many years, has relinquished her responsibility at the last convention. Nina Yurkova, who is a member of a church in Castro Valley with Pastor Yuriy Nikolayevich Zherebnenkov, was nominated and confirmed as the new department leader.

During the women's ministry committee meeting, there was a discussion of plans of the ministry, new challenges, and direction of the ministry. All of the committee members representing various local churches noted the necessity to improve ministry among young sisters.

Elena Gerhard captivated everyone with her presentation about various study programs for sisters both in Russian and in English. The list of the program may be found on the Women Ministry page on the Association's website.

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[Members of the sisters' committee and a few guests](#)

РОЖДЕСТВЕНСКИЕ ЖЕНСКИЕ ОБЩЕНИЯ ПО ЦЕРКВАМ"

Many churches have a tradition of having women's Christmas meetings in early December. Women of each church organize such meetings differently, but all these meetings are usually accompanied by wonderful presentations, well-prepared spiritual, as well as an entertaining program.

Those who attended the Christmas celebration at Rockland Church will remember an extremely well-decorated presentation, and an interesting program. Bryte Church had a sisters' meeting of those involved in "Moms in Prayer" ministry, and those in ministering to the desolate and widows. For details about this meeting, read Nina Yurkovoy's [article at the Association's website](#) (In Russian only).

Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento, whose pastor is Igor Antonovich Verstak had also such a meeting. Galina Andrushenko who leads the church's women's ministry, led the program, but before that, she shared a little about the location and the type of ministries in which the sisters are involved. She emphasized that their women's prayer group met 52 times this year praying for children, families, ministers, and interceding for the needs of the people before the throne of God's grace. For more

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ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – programs of this month

The following programs were aired during this month-see below. Click on the links to listen.

- [German missionary in Portugal](#)
- [Ordination at "New Hope" Church](#)
- [Story about the "God's Vineyard" magazine by Oleg Bubnyak](#)
- [Christmas Congratulation](#)
- Happy New Year Congratulation
- News: [12/01/06](#) | [12/08/16](#) | [12/15/16](#) |

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

MISSION TRIP TO SOUTH SUDAN

One brother from Sacramento and three brothers from Moldova went for another trip to South Sudan in order to continue a ministry which has been previously started. If they were shocked by the things that they saw during their first trip, according to the group leader Igor Mordvinov, it is impossible to express the impression of this trip. "We were tired of crying while listening to stories of our brothers and sisters with each story sounding more horrific than the one before", - he said in the phone conversation. "The things that people are going through here is impossible to even comprehend."

Read Igor's letters here : [First Letter](#) | [Second Letter](#) | [Third Letter](#) | [Forth Letter](#) | [Fifth Letter](#) | [Sixth Letter](#) | (in Russian only).

If anyone is moved by the hardships that our brothers and sisters in Christ are going through and would like to help in any way, please contact the Association's missionary department. Financial support can be sent to the following address:

PCSBA - South Sudan Ministry
639 Welland Way
West Sacramento, CA 95605

Please indicate "South Sudan Ministry" in **For** field of your check.

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