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## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### 81st CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

On October 18-20, there will be the 81st Annual Convention of the Association's Churches at Grace Family Church. The theme of the Convention: «Blessing of Unity», and is based on a text from Scriptures «being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace» Eph 4:3.

A significant portion of the convention will be spiritually edifying. During the evening services, main sessions, and seminars, the preachers from America, Russia, and Ukraine will be covering the theme of unity in various aspects of a Christian life. Saturday will be a day for the administrative part of the convention, which will be a time of reports and elections. The evening services and seminars are open to anyone willing to come.

To be a part of the convention and to receive the convention's material, register on the [Association's Website](#), or contact the Association's secretary: (916) 452-

2626, [email@pcseba.org](mailto:email@pcseba.org). The cost of registration through the secretary is \$35.00, the cost of registration through PayPal or credit card - \$37.00. The difference of \$2.00 is for PayPal services.

[The convention's program can be found here](#). More details are on the [website dedicated to the convention – click here](#) (in Russian only.) For registration through website, click this link: [REGISTRATION](#).

## **PASTORAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Semi-annual church ministers meeting took place on August 25th at Bryte church. The program had two parts: presentation of the seminar called «How to Prepare an Expository Sermon», as well as a discussion of the current issues of the Association. For more about the meeting, [read on the Association's website – click here](#) (in Russian only.)



*The Meeting's Attendees*

## **ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF SPECIAL FAMILIES**

On September 8th, Rockland Baptist Church hosted a celebration in honor of the special families. The event was organized by the PCSBA's department of ministry to children with special needs and Rockland Church with Nicolay Alekseyevich Burgriyev as the head pastor. About 100 people, both of parents and children with various handicaps from our entire city, gathered in a spacious church sanctuary that was decorated with flowers. There were variants of tasty food, as well as a jump house in the form of an inflatable slide for those guests who had a hard time sitting still.

For more information about the celebration, [read an article by Natalya Smolikova – click here to view the article](#) (in Russian only.)



*Joy of the Fellowship*

## THE WEBSITE OF THE SLAVIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGIATE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING

The website of the Slavic Theological Collegiate can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.slavictheology.com>. On this website, you may ask a question and receive a quality answer, as well as participate in some theological discussions. For more information about the website, [read an article by Vyacheslav Komlev – click here](#) (in Russian only.)



*Home Page of the Website*

## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

September news of the department of education is available [on our website – please click here](#).

## VISITING THE NORTHERN CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The head of the women's department N. Yurkova and several others of her coworkers visited churches of Tacoma with a goal of building relationships and helping the women ministries of these churches. For more about this trip, [read her article on the Association's website – click here](#) (in Russian only.)



*Attendees of the Prayer Breakfast*

## REFORMATION OF THE HEART. LOVING HEART

That was the title of the Bible conference that took place at Grace Family Church. Well-known speakers were invited to the conference: Aleksey Prokopenko from Samara, Russia, who is a pastor, theologian, an author of many Christian books, and Aleksandr Kalinskiy from Zdolbunov, Ukraine, who is a pastor, poet, and singer. Over the course of three days, they covered the following topics: Love for God, Love for the Holy Spirit, Love for the Church, Love for the backsliders, and Love in the family, Love for the Gospel. The speakers also had a Q&A session.

Video recordings of this conference are available [on YouTube –click here](#)(in Russian only.)

## MISSIONARY MINISTRY OF THE «TRANSFIGURATION» CHURCH

«On September 15, our «Transfiguration» church took place in the secular «Ukrainian Festival» for the immigrants from Ukraine during which we gave people Bibles in three languages: English, Ukrainian, and Russian. We distributed about 75 Bibles and invited people to church. We also, met new people who did not know God, and took part in the program of the festival by singing two Christian songs, which received a warm welcome by the audience of about 200 people. We also gathered prayer requests, and if there were those who expressed the desire to be prayed for, a group of five people lifted up the prayers for them. Our entire team really enjoyed sharing the Gospel with people! We eagerly anticipate doing the same next year, if the Lord wills! » Pastor Mikhail Timoshenko. For photos of this event, [visit the Association's website – click here](#).



*The Church's Booth had Many Visitors*

#### **«NEW HOPE» CHURCH'S NEWS**

On September 9th, the «New Hope» church had a baptism ceremony during which 4 people gave testimony of the Lord's work in their lives. And from 13 to 15 of September, the church had a children's camp. The Sunday school children and the guests from neighboring area took part in this camp. To read more about these events, [please visit the website to view pictures from those events – click here.](#)



*New Church Members with the Pastor G. Gavelovskiy*

## **NEW VIDEO RECORDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The association's media group uploaded new videos, which can be viewed on the YouTube channel. Click on the title of the program of interest (see the list below). You can open and watch the recording right now.

- [«Addiction»](#), [«How to help those who are addicted and co-dependent»](#) - interview with Olga Melnichuk, the staff member at the «New Life» rehab center
- Introduction of the ministries: [missionary department](#), [education department](#), [women department](#), [“Our Days” newspaper](#) and [Pacific Thrift Store](#)
- [Conference «Reformation of the heart. Loving Heart»](#). Speakers [A. Prokopenko](#) and [A. Kalinskiy](#)
- Semi-annual Church Ministers Conference. «How to prepare expository sermons» - [in English](#), [in Russian](#)
- [“We wish we did it earlier!” The interview with Tsvirinko’s family](#)

## **ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month**

[During the past month, the following programs](#) were aired on the association’s radio - see list below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name. All programs are in Russian only.

- [Prison Ministry. V. Butayev](#)
- [Initiation to the annual Bible conference «Reformation of the Heart. Loving Heart» I. Sheremet](#)
- [The 81st Convention's Program. I. Mileyev](#)
- [Invitation to Grace Family Church's 15-year anniversary. I. Oselskiy](#)
- [Teens Missionary Ministry. A. Tokarev](#)
- [Seminar of the 81st Convention I. Sheremet](#)
- Seminars and speakers of the Convention. [Part 1](#) и [Part 2](#). I. Mileyev.

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## NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

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### MISSIONARY CONFERENCE "GET UP AND GO"

The missionary department of the North-Western Association invited I.V. Mileev for a two-day conference, which took place in the premises of the "Pilgrim" church, Spoken, from 14 to 15 September, Representatives and participants of various missionary projects from many churches of the association came to attend it. In his note posted on the Association's website, Ivan Vladimirovich talks about the issues discussed during the conference, and [about his meetings in this city - read it here](#) (in Russian only.)



### THANK-YOU LETTER FROM THE PARTNER

Brother Ivan Miron, who is the executive secretary of the Union of Churches of ECB of Moldova that partners with us in ministry, sent a letter of thanks to all who were praying for them and their ministry. Recently this Union had two very blessed retreats: missionary retreat and [family retreat for those who adopted orphans](#). For more about these retreats and other news of this Union read on [their website – click here](#).

### PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SUFFERED FROM THE HURRICANE

Franklin Graham addressed all Christians with a request to pray for the victims of Hurricane Florence and to provide them with all possible assistance. Many people lost everything they had, and among the injured are many elderly, for whom the restoration of their loss is practically impossible. [The text of Franklin Graham's letter is here](#).

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## EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **October 27**, the Living Stones church will be hosting an annual missionary reunion of missionaries of the Association. Church address is 10560 Coloma Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. For registration [visit the website of the missionary department – click here](#). Registration cost: early registration until October 22: \$15 (including lunch); late registration (after October 22): \$20. Everyone who is involved or wishes to get involved in the missionary ministry is welcome to attend.
- **October 27**, Russian Baptist Church of Bryte will host a family conference. The first session will begin at 8:30 a.m. Speaker is Stanislav Gruntovskiy, who is the head of the Family Ministry of Ukrainian Union of Churches of ECB. The cost of attendance is - \$25.00, children from 1-8 years - \$5.00. Registration can be located [on the church' website –click here](#). Church Address: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call (916) 375-1855.
- **October 27**, Grace Avenue Bible Church (Previously known as Third Slavic Baptist Church) will host a family conference with a theme of «God, Family, 21st Century». Speaker of the conference is Aleksey Kolomiytsev. The conference starts at 9:00 a.m. Registration is on [the church's website - click here](#). The cost of registration: \$20 per person, \$40 for family couple (until October 21); late registration: \$25 per person, \$50 for family couple (after October 21). Church address: Grace Avenue Bible Church, 1425 Grace Ave., Sacramento, CA 95838. Everyone is welcome.
- **November 16-17**, Russian Baptist Church of Bryte will host a women's conference with the theme of «Heaven, Hell, and Life after death». Speaker: Shirinai Dosova, who is the instructor of the International Bible Institute «Precept Ministries», a missionary from «Light in the East» Mission, and an author of «My Eternal Spring». The church address is 1000 Sacramento Ave. West Sacramento, CA 95605. Registration is on the website [www.brytechurch.org](http://www.brytechurch.org). The cost of registration including the materials and lunch: - \$25.00. For more information, please call at (916) 397-1532; (916) 254-7018.
- Calendar of the events of the Association in October:

Date	PCSBA's Event Announcement
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Meeting of the Committee of the Missionary Department</li> <li>◦ Prayer group for mothers and Bible lessons for children with special needs (1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691)</li> </ul>
12-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Department of Education – teaching session at Bryte and Castro Valley</li> </ul>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Fellowship of widows and orphans (1000 Sacramento Ave., W. Sacramento 95605)</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Department of Prison Ministry – Department Meeting</li> </ul>
18-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 81 Convention of the Association</li> </ul>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Meeting of the PCSBA's Music Department Committee</li> </ul>
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Missions Reunion</li> <li>◦ Department of Education – teaching session in Montebello</li> </ul>

- Events of a few churches in the month of October:

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Date	Church Events
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Baptism of New Converts at Russian Baptist Church of Bryte</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Harvest Celebration- evangelistic service and fellowship of Honolulu Slavic Church</li> </ul>
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Harvest Celebration at Russian Baptist Church of Bryte</li> </ul>

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## PRAYER NEEDS

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- **Pray** for the well-being of our cities and the country as a whole, for wisdom for our rulers.
- **Pray** for the blessings and peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Russia.

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If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at [pcsbaca@gmail.com](mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com).

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