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## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### PLAN FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION'S CHURCHES IN 2019

At the beginning of the year during the meeting of head pastors of the Association's churches, I. Mileyev introduced a plan for spiritual growth. After much deliberation, all of the Association's pastors unanimously supported the plan in attendance. Half of the year has passed since then, so it is fitting to remind the pastors and inform the church members of the content of the plan. [For more information, click here.](#)

### CONTINUED WORK ON THE BYLAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

After being entrusted during the 81st convention to renew the Association's bylaws, there was progress updating it based on the current situation of the Association's churches. Over the course of these months, there was regular work done in all of the sections of the bylaws. The members of the Association's committee, and all of the head pastors of the churches, took part in this revision. In the upcoming meeting of the Association's pastors on August 24, which will take place at Russian Church of Bryte, a final version of the bylaws will be established. After that, the result will be presented for confirmation by the delegates during the 82nd Association's convention. [For a full version of this article, read on the Association's website \(in Russian only\).](#)

### MEETING OF LEADERS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MINISTRIES

On July 19, under the leadership of the Association's president, I. Mileyev, there was another meeting of the Association's ministry leaders. Representatives of nine out of seventeen departments of the Association were present. Each of the leaders gave reports of the ministry done in the last two months, shared their blessings and difficulties in ministry, and shared their prayer requests. Some time was also allocated to discuss the preparations for the next convention and each ministry's involvement in it.

### TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF A CHURCH IN WEST SACRAMENTO

On June 30, Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento whose head pastor is I.A. Verstak, celebrated their 25-year anniversary. During this service, there was also a deacon ordination of Viktor Smolikov, who along with his wife Natalya, led the ministry to children with special needs.

During this commemoration service, a joint choir performed wonderful pieces, there were poems, greetings, and best wishes. The Association's vice president G. B. Gavelovskiy also took part in the service by preaching the Word. By the end of the service which took over three hours, everyone was welcomed to the feast of love – an abundant reception during which the fellowship continued among both church members and guests. [For pictures and videos, click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*During the commemoration service*

## **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

On June 29, the Montebello campus had another session of the Master's program with the involvement of Gannadiy Gavelovskiy who taught on Shepherding. On July 12 and 13, the Bryte Church campus had their session in the Master's program in partnership with the Moscow's Theological Seminary. Aleksandr Pronin taught a Greek Grammar course.

In September, there is anticipation of opening another campus in Valencia, Spain. Sergey Tarasenko will teach the Bible doctrine. Please pray for our students and learning process in

the Blagovest Institute of Ministry.

## “MOMS IN PRAYER” MINISTRY IN TAJIKISTAN

With the invitation of the Dushanbe church in Tajikistan and the blessing of Bryte Church (supported by the Moms in Prayer ministry which has been focusing on praying for Tajikistan), a team of three, Valeriy and Fatima Avramenko, and Olga Drovorub, visited Tajikistan this spring with a goal of hosting a women’s conference “Moms in Prayer” and visit many churches as the opportunity would present itself. This was a very successful trip full of meeting new people, fellowship, and various kinds of ministries. Olga Drovorub gives a detailed summary of the trip [in her article – click here.](#)



*Conference Attendees in Dushanbe*

## MINISTRY UPDATES FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

The Association continues to support many missionaries who sacrificially labor in many countries of the world. Some of their reports are available and can be accessed on the Association’s website under the sections [News – Missionary Updates – Missionary Updates and Reports.](#)

This month we received updates from the missionaries who serve in:

- Moldova: [V. Tsvirinko](#), [I. Kalkavura](#) и [Pavlov](#)
- Poland: [С. Ротаров](#) – letter directed to the head of the missionary department, Aleksey
- Italy: [Алик Шипук](#)
- Spain: [M. Terekhin](#)

Click on their names to access their stories.





*Children's Camp in Poland*

## **UPDATES FROM GOOD NEWS CHURCH**

This summer was very eventful for the Good News Church in Tacoma. Their teenagers travelled to California and visited famous sites there. The church had a Worship Night which was attended by people from different churches, bid farewell to the Terekhin family who was leaving for their missionary ministry in Spain, participated in the youth camp of Second Slavic Church, had a family camp, and much more. For more about this, visit the article [which can be accessed on the Association's website – click here.](#)



*During California Visit*

## **BAPTISM IN THE "HOUSE OF PRAYER" CHURCH**



Two young men, one of which comes from an Uzbek background, were baptized. May the Lord bless them with His abundant blessings and may He give them the ability to bring the Gospel to those who have never heard it!



*After the Baptism*

## **SOME STATISTICS ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION**

### *Did you know that...*

Over the course of the Pacific Coast Association's ministry, many well-known ministers were serving in it. Their stories and short biographies are available on the Association's website under [About Us – Our History – Well-Known Ministers](#). This section is in the development stage. We are gathering material, organizing the information, translate into English, and then publish it. May the impact and example that is left by the lives and ministry of these impactful Christians not be lost, but may our children and grandchildren learn to emulate their faith. Below is a list of just a few people whose stories can be found on the website:

- Pavel Iosifovich Rogozin
- John Mark - Galustyan (Galustyants)
- Rodion Mikhailovich Berezov
- Nicolay Aleksandrovich Vodnevskiy
- Vera Sergeevna Kushnir, and others

[Read more on this page.](#)

[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.

- [Shelter for Children from the Streets in Kenya. M. Reznik](#)
- [Ministry in the Middle East. M. Reznik](#)
- Ministry in Belarus. [Part 1.](#) [Part 2.](#) V. Trubchik
- ["Rejoice Always. How is this Possible?" A listener's question answered by Y. Sipko](#)
- [Celebration of the 100-Year Anniversary of the Russian-Ukrainian Union of ECB in America. I. Mileyev](#)
- [About Our Partner Mission Eurasia. M. Cherenkov](#)
- [Ministry to Children with Special Needs. N. Smolikova](#)
- [Ministry of Our Partner Connect International Mission. A. Melnichuk](#)

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## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

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### TIMOTHY SCHOOL OF PRECEPT MINISTRY

Beginning early in June, Eurasia Precept Ministries hosted Timothy School for teens. During the first session, the students learned the following: "Lord, teach me to study the Bible", and "Keeping the faith in the face of all trials" based on the Bible's Joseph character. The teaching was done in English. Over the course of 10 days, the youth learned how to find the answers to some of life's questions in the Bible. For more about the school, read [an article by G. Neverov on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Students, teachers, and helpers of the ministry*

### ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN UNION OF ECB IN AMERICA

On June 28-30th, in the picturesque state of Connecticut at the Ashford Campground, which is well known to the American Slavic population, a historical event took place – the 100-year anniversary of the Russian-Ukrainian union of ECB in the U.S. One hundred years is a significant event, which is connected to a rich history of ministry of many generations of



immigrants in America. This Union has a wonderful history; its members and churches served and continue to serve to the utmost in many countries. What is also interesting that many years ago there was an event that was forgotten by many: the union of this union with Pacific Coast Association.

For more information about that read an article by I.V. Mileyev who was present at the celebration. [Click here to access the article.](#)



*During the Celebration*

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### THE LAWLESSNESS OF “JUSTICE”

In several cities of Russia, court hearings were held on employees of rehabilitation centers who were accused of allegedly kidnapping drug addicted people and holding them against their will in the centers, forcing them to go through rehab. Some people in the rehabs leadership were convicted to 6-8 years in high security prison. [Thousands of people sign petitions about the re-evaluation of these cases](#), but as of now, no changes in these cases are foreseen.

A lot of believers are concerned about these results, especially because of mass media publications about the local authorities confiscating churches that lawfully belong to Evangelical Christian Baptists, Pentecostal and others. Pray that the time of freedom of religion and preaching of the Word of God would be extended in Russia. Pray for the spiritual and financial support of those who suffered in these persecutions.

Sources: [MKRU](#), [Baptist RU](#)

### REQUEST OF RELIEF FOR THE VICTIMS

Bible Mission Slavic, USA, is asking all of the believers to help the Russian fellow believers who experienced abnormal rains that poured heavily in Irkutsk region. In a few places, the water level arose 46 feet killing some and leaving others with absolutely nothing. In the flood

region, there is no drinkable water, no food or hygiene products. For more about this calamity and about how you could help, read a [letter of Bible Mission Slavic – click here](#).

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## EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENTION!** *IF you would like to have events' announcements to be included in our newsletters, please email that information to [pcsbaca@gmail.com](mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com) no later than the 23rd of the current month.*

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- Grace Family Church will host a conference on **August 3-4** for fathers and young men who wish to join the men's ministry. The conference's schedule:
  - August 3 – 10:00am-3:00 p.m.
  - August 4 – morning service, dedicated to the calling of fatherhood – “Way of fear and love”; the conference will resume from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Speaker: Sergey Khripunov.

The registration cost is \$10 per day until July 31, or \$20 for both days. Beginning August 1, the registration will be \$20 per day. The registration will open on July 1 at the Grace Family Church website - [www.gfchurch.com](http://www.gfchurch.com) [www.gfchurch.com](http://www.gfchurch.com) under “Calendar” section – Registration for Men's Conference.

Russian-speaking fathers are welcome regardless of family experience or church affiliation. Invite all your friends for this somber discourse on the calling of fatherhood.

- The women retreat "Salon of imperishable beauty" will be held on August 23-25. The retreat's theme is “From heart to heart” (Gal. 6: 2). Speaker is Victoria Hripunova. The camp will be held at the Zephyr Point Conference Center at 660 Highway 50 Zephyr Cove, NV 89448. Registration costs is \$ 155.00 dollars until July 14, from July 15 to August 3 - \$ 175.00. The deadline for registration is August 4, and the registration fee is \$ 195.00. The completed registration form and payment should be transferred to Olesya Yalanzhi (tel. 916-284-4998.)





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- The department of ministry to children with special needs invites families who either have children or other relatives with special needs to have a special time of fellowship with other families at Sierra Pines Camp on August 23-25. Some of the activities include worship of the Lord, lessons for children, discussions with parents, and rest in the outdoors!

Should you have any questions about this event, please call or text Natalya - (916) 833-5510 or Viktor - (916) 400-1186. Dear brothers and sisters! This year we are experiencing some challenges and we are asking you to contribute either financially or physically as a volunteer in helping the children. Please let us know if you are available to help by contacting us through the contact information given above. We really appreciate any help that you can provide!

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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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