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## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### FIRST PREPARATION MEETING FOR THE MISSIONARY CONGRESS



The Association's committee made a decision to have an International Slavic Missionary Congress in Sacramento CA on May 14-16, 2020. This congress will be the first in the history of the Slavic diaspora in America. On March 16, 2019, the first planning meeting took place. The leaders of North-Eastern, and Mid-Western, Russian-Ukrainian, Russian, Ukrainian unions of ECB, and

Moldova's leaders were present physically and virtually for this meeting. There were also representatives from missions and those responsible for the planting of Russian-speaking churches of Europe. For more information [read on the Association's website – click here.](#)



*The Meeting Attendees*

### PLANTING OF A NEW CHURCH IN SPAIN

February 24th marked a great event, historical day, when the Slavic Baptist Church of Valencia began its existence. The missionaries of PCSBA, Alec Shipun and Vladimir Prizhbilov, will lead this church. The ordination of Alec for the pastoral ministry is scheduled to take place on the 26th of May. Read [the details in an article by I. V. Mileyev on the Association's website - click here.](#)



*New Church in Florence*

### **“HOUSE OF THE GOSPEL” CHURCH HAS A NEW PASTOR**



House of the Gospel Church in Fresno elected Aleksandr Ivanov as the new senior pastor. We wish him blessings in this very difficult and great charge. May the words of Apostle Paul be fully manifested in the life of this minister.

«...do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in the spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality...Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” Rom. 12:11-15.

Aleksandr’s short biography [can be found on the Association’s website – click here.](#)

### **20th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

On March 17th, Grace Avenue Bible Church, previously known as Third Slavic Church celebrated their 20th anniversary. During the same day, they ordained an English-speaking pastor Gary Ball. Dear church, may you experience further blessings!

For more about this celebration, [read an article by Irina Karkhut](#) and watch a video recording with [greetings from guests \(In Russian only.\)](#)



## **NEWS OF THE EDUCATION MINISTRY**

For updates about the education ministry in February and March of this year, [read an article by the leader of this ministry, Aleksandr Pronin on the Association's website \(In Russian only\).](#)

## **SEMINAR FOR MINISTERS OF MUSIC AND SINGING**

What does the singing and music worship should look like in our churches? What is an indicator of the quality of both the performance as well as spirituality? Why is choir singing diminishing in both the Slavic as well as English-speaking churches? How to change that? All of these questions were discussed on the seminar of conductors, worship leaders, singers, and church musicians of the Association.

The seminar was organized by the Music and Singing Ministry department of the Association and took place on March 9th at Second Slavic Baptist Church where three speakers addressed very serious issues.

For more about the seminar, [read on the Association's website – click here \(In Russian only\).](#) Recording of an interview with the speakers will be available later on the Association's website under the "Resources – Radio Programs of 2019" section.



*Part of the Seminar Attendees*

## **CHOSEN TO SALVATION OR CONDEMNATION?**

Chosen? Not chosen? Condemned to destruction? Or to salvation? So many discussions are on this topic, many broken hopes, and earnest petitions to God of wounded souls whose simple and childlike faith was shaken or even shattered by these questions! But who is right?

On March 2, Second Slavic Baptist Church hosted a conference organized by Cornerstone Church which attempted to answer these important and relevant issues.

Watch the seminar recordings on YouTube channel at *Second Slavic Baptist Church* – [click here](#). One of the seminars was in Russian. Take the time to watch the recording of Pastor A. Girbu who is a professor from Moldova. [Recording can be found here](#). Recordings are in Russian and English.

## **MINISTRY UPDATE FROM V. M. TSVIRINKO**

[February update of our missionary](#) in Moldova – V. M. Tsvirinko is published under the "News – Missionary Updates" on the Association's website.

## **FEBRUARY MINISTRY UPDATE FROM PCSBA'S PRESIDENT**



The Association's website uploads [updates of PCSBA's President I. V. Mileyev](#) on monthly basis. [Click here for the February update \(In Russian only.\)](#)

### **WOMEN MINISTRY MEETINGS IN MARCH**

The women's prayer breakfast and women's conference took place in March. For more about every one of these events, read an update of the leader of the Women's ministry N. Yurkova [on the Association's website – click here \(In Russian only.\)](#)



*Women's Conference Attendees*

### **NINTH SUMMIT OF RUSSIAN-SPEAKING CHURCHES OF EUROPE**

On February 20th through 23rd, a Christian camp near Florence hosted a ninth Summit of Russian-speaking churches of Western Europe. About 120 people came to the Summit from twelve countries of the world. For more about the event, and to find out which issues were discussed, [read an article by I. V. Mileyev – click here.](#)



*The Summit Attendees*

### **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.

- [Coram Deo Ministry and its impact. Pastor Victor Myrza, Moldova](#)
- [About the trip to Paradise. A. Chernysh](#)
- [«With fear and trembling, perfect your salvation». How to understand this? Y. Sipko answers to the listener's question.](#)
- [News - 03/14/2019](#)
- [Update from the ninth Summit of Russian-Speaking Churches of Europe. I. Mileyev](#)
- [Trip to Valencia, Spain. I. Mileyev](#)
- [About the benefit of fasting. N. Bugriyev](#)
- [Concerning the expanding of Pacific Thrift Store ministry. V. Stupin](#)

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## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

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### PRECEPT MINISTRY STUDENTS GRADUATION

On March 16th, Grace Avenue Bible Church hosted a graduation ceremony of Precept Ministry Institute. After a several years of intensive work of studying the Bible, a few students received their diplomas upon their completion. Three of them finished a special course for teachers and have the authority to train other teachers in this institute. For more about this, read an article [on the Association's website – click here \(In Russian only.\)](#) You will also find a link to the graduation ceremony there.



*Graduates, leaders of the Institute and honorary guests*

### ONE MORE SUCCESSFUL TRIP

By God's mercy and with prayer as well as financial support of many believers in America and Moldova, it was possible to have one more successful trip to the camp of refugees from South Sudan located in Uganda. A team of twelve people including a sister from Castro Valley, over the course of two weeks ministered in such a great capacity, which without God's help would not have been possible.

Igor Mordvinov who is a minister of the Moldova Union of ECB and leader of the team shares details about the accomplished work in a letter, which [can be located on the Association's website – click here \(In Russian only.\)](#)



*During the Studies*

### «BLIND RECEIVE VISION»

Those whose hearts are burning with the desire to evangelize and bring people to salvation will always find ways to do it. A good example of that is an evangelism ministry in Moldova through optometrists from America. More than 2,500 people from 30 regions could check their vision and receive glasses as a gift. About 85% of the visitors are unbelievers who were invited to see the love of God in action, as well as to hear the Word of God, which heals the heart. Read more about this [on the website of the Union of Baptists of Moldova – click here](#) (In Russian only.)

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### MOURNING ALONG WITH YOU

Barnabas Fund published news of the most excruciating murders of Christians in Nigeria. In the last two month over 300 people were killed, including 101 children. For more, read here – [In Nigeria, over the Last Two Month More Than Three Hundred Christians were Murdered by Fulai Rebels](#). Pray for mercy and protection of Christians around the world.

### WHY ARE WE HERE?

Yevgeniy Evva who is a Ukrainian missionary, along with his family and another family of believers who minister in Cambodia sent an [update which can be read here](#). Please pray for help for these courageous people and are dedicated children of God.





Lesson in the Muslim School

### **ALL ENCOMPASING RUSSIAN CONFERENCE “CHURCH AND SMI”**

It is surprising that the believers in countries from where we immigrated are sometimes more up to speed in technology than we, the immigrants. The majority of our churches do not have church websites, the church members say that they don't know how to send an email, and here Russian churches are proposing the conference topic of “Church and SMI”. The issues that will be covered there are very interesting! Interaction of local churches and ways of mass information sharing, the relationship of church and society, SMI as a form of evangelism, SMI as a way to protect the church, and SMI as a method to share about yourself. Our hopes are that example of our Russian brothers will motivate us to do something similar. [Read about this conference on the website of the Russian Union of ECB.](#)

### **SURPRISING CHANGES**

For the first time in the history of the nation, the government of Ukraine had a prayer breakfast. It took place in Kropiventsk on March 15 in the foyer of the regional philharmonic. About 150 people who were the representatives of the local government, businesses, military, volunteers, representatives of public services, and editors of local publications attended this meeting. The representatives of various religions confessions also joined for this meeting as well. Ukraine became the third country of the world to hold prayer breakfasts. The initiator of the prayer breakfast in Kropiventsk was Aleksandr Gorbunov who is a Ukrainian politician.

[Source: article from Ukranian Baptist Union's website.](#)



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## USEFUL RESOURCES

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### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE PRAYING, BUT THINGS CONTINUE TO GET WORSE?

Billy Graham's daughter Ann Graham Lots, while battling cancer reflects about an issue that concerns every Christian, and the answer to which every one of us seeks: "What to do when you are praying, but things continue to get worse?" [Read her article 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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- **April 5-6**, "Virtual World with no Limits" seminar by Dr. Johannes Reimer as a speaker will be held at the Grace Avenue Bible Church. Details can be found on the banner below - click to enlarge the format. This event is free to attend and everyone is welcome. For more information contact: (916) 220-1824.

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В КОТОРОМ НЕТ ЗАПРЕТОВ**  
НА ПЕРЕКРЕСТКЕ: В СВОБОДУ ИЛИ В ЗАВИСИМОСТЬ

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- Дорога в райство
- Онлайн-свидетельство - что это такое
- Виртуальные игры - история развития мира
- Интернет и порнография - история человеческой близости и полного удовлетворения
- Сетевая информация - история познания и мудрости
- И будущее как бог - а бог кто?
- Жизнь в свободе с интернетом или без него

GRACE AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH  
(Third Slavic Baptist Church)  
1425 Grace Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95838

- On **April 6, at 11 o'clock** in the morning, the Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento will hold a prayer meeting and perform a special prayer of blessing over children and adults with disabilities, as



well as those who serve and care about such people. All are welcome. The church address is 1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento 95691. For registration and detailed information call or write SMS to (916) 833-5510 or (916) 400-1186.

- **On Saturday, April 6**, Bethel Slavic Baptist Church, located at 2600 Clay St, Sacramento, CA 95815 will host an annual missionary training. Time of the training is 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration can be found on the Association's Missionary Ministry at: [https://ptmissions.org/missions\\_training/](https://ptmissions.org/missions_training/). Registration cost - \$10.00.
- On **April 26-27**, Russian Baptist Church of Bryte will host a conference for teenagers aged 13-19. The theme of the conference is "Refined". Church address is 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605. The conference starts at 10:00 am on April 26th. Registration, cost of participation, schedule and other details are given at <https://www.teenconference.org>.



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#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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- **Pray** for the new church in Valencia, Spain, for their ministers and their families
  - **Pray** for the search for a new leader for the PCSBA
  - **Pray** for the leaders of PCSBA's ministries, for their ministry to all the PCSBA's churches
  - **Pray** for the persecuted Christians around the world
  - **Pray** for our government and wisdom in all of the branches of government
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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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