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## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### JANUARY AND FEBRUARY UPDATES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Because of the scarcity of news in January, it was decided to combine the January and February newsletters into one in February. This newsletter will include the updates for both months.

### THERE IS ONLY TWO AND A HALF MONTHS UNTIL THE CONGRESS!

The International Missionary Congress of 2020 is one grand event which will be hosted by the Association's mission department as well as by a large team from various churches of four associations and unions. To find out more information about the congress' schedule, seminar topics and speakers, visit the congress website: <https://smc2020.com>. You can also register for the conference at this link. In addition, listen to the [audio interview with I. Milejev](#) (in Russian), where he shares about the preparations for the congress and answers some of the questions of the believers from our churches.

# INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONVENTION

## "Church & Missions"

### May 15-17, 2020

## WWW.SMC2020.COM

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO A NEW DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY!

After studying at the International Theological Seminary for five years, pastor of the Rockland Church, Nicolay Alekseyevich Burgriyev, received his Doctorate degree. The awards ceremony for the five graduates, including Nicolay Alekseyevich, took place on February 16th at the Rockland Church. To watch the ceremony, [visit the church' YouTube channel – click here](#), and more pictures [are given on the website - click here](#).

It is amazing that with all the business (pastoral ministry, director at Sierra Pines Camp, and other obligations), he was able to complete this difficult study. We wish him God's blessings! May the knowledge that he gained at the seminary serve for the benefit of the church and for the edification of many people.

#### GOD'S VINEYARD MAGAZINE WILL BE PUBLISHED BY A DIFFERENT PUBLICATION



Over the course of many years, the magazine was published thanks to the sacrificial ministry of Oleg Bubnyak. The magazine was full of illustrations, filled with exclusive content and wonderful reproductions. However, time has come when Brother Oleg could no longer continue this ministry. The leadership of the Associations been looking for someone to continue this ministry. The responsibility of the head of the production team was placed on Lyubov Pavlyuk. Read more about this transition on the Association's website – [click here](#) (in Russian only).

#### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN FRESNO

N. Yurkova, head of the women's ministry department published an article on the Association's website where she shares about the blessings of the conference, which took place in January in Fresno. The main speaker was Olga Sannikov who is the wife of a well-known S. Sannikov. The

theme of the conference was “God is my Strength and Protector in Distress” [The article can be accessed here](#) (in Russian only.)



*Sisters, Conference Particip*

### **ANOTHER MISSIONARY TRIP TO EUROPEY**

Despite the difficulties of flying and traveling, Vasilii Khripunov, who is a missionary and one of the pastors of Grace Family Church, tirelessly continues to visit the countries in Europe to help the local missionaries. In February, he made another trip to Ukraine and Poland, and then took part in the summit of the European Churches in Germany. His brief summary and pictures of the trip [can be accessed on the Association's website – click here \(in Russian.\)](#)

### **THE EDUCATION MINISTRY'S UPDATES**

On January 10 and 11, as well as February 6 and 7, Bryte Church had their training sessions on the Bachelor and Master's level. The students were instructed in “Missiology: Church and Missions” and “Missions in a Multicultural environment”. Leonid Kioroglo and Vladimir Miskevich taught the lectures.

On January 18 and February 8, there were training sessions in San Francisco taught by Vadim Yurchak on “Old Testament”. On February 15, Sergey Pronin taught “Apologetics” as part of the



“Theology” course. On January 5, the Montebello training center had a session on “Exegesis of Romans” by Sergei Tarasenko.

On February 14–16, there was a training session in Valencia, Spain by Sergey Nagirnyak, a Ukrainian instructor, who taught on “Theology” (Christology and Pneumatology).

Please pray for God’s blessing upon the Ministry of Education

## **UPDATES FROM OUR MISSIONARIES IN SPAIN**

Michael and Natalya Terekhin, who are the Association’s missionaries, have been serving in Spain for the past six months. They share about their ministry there in their January newsletter – [click here for access \(in Russian.\)](#)

## **UNDER THE DOME OF LOVE**

«Under the Dome of Love» - was the theme of the romantic dinner hosted by the Cornerstone Church for the recently arrived immigrants. There were about 320 people who were able to enjoy a great program and then a wonderful dinner. This is not the first event for the immigrants hosted by this church. The pastor of this church O. Kostyuk – [read his article on the Association’s website](#), explains the purpose of this event. The article is in Russian only.

## **CHURCH SAFETY**

Church safety was the theme of the conference that took place on January 17-18 and was hosted by Second Slavic Baptist Church. There were many important topics covered during the conference, questions such as church safety, danger of drugs and vaping, methods of defense and prevention, first aid, evacuation, as well as the need for the church safety team. The speaker of the conference was an American Russian-speaking licensed specialist from Minnesota.

Although the question of safety is not taken very seriously in the Slavic churches, the conference was still attended by about a hundred people who found the conference to be very informative and beneficial.



*Church Safety Conference Participants*

## **WINTER GETAWAY FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN**

On February 1, the Special Needs Ministry had a one-day getaway for families with special needs. Sixteen families from various churches of Sacramento could visit Sierra Pines Camp and were very happy and thankful to everyone who helped in organizing and hosting this getaway. Some said that from their arrival to the U.S., this was their very first time in the snow. Read more about this event in [a summary by N. Smolikov – click here \(in Russian.\)](#)



*Enjoying the snow*

### **PACIFIC THRIFT STORE & LOGISTICS – THE MINISTRY CONTINUES**

Pavel Tsvirinko, who is the manager of Pacific Thrift Store, says the following: “Praise God that we continue our ministry. This month we sent out two containers, which means that there will be income that helps to support the Association’s missionary ministry. Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev visited us and was a great encouragement to us. Come help us, donate the things that you may no longer need. We are always welcoming of this aid, and the ministry for the glory of God continues to expan

More details are in the [article by V. Stupin - click here.](#)



*Warehouse and Store Associates during the Visit of I. Mileyev*

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

Twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:10 – 3:30 there is the Association hosts a radio program on 1690AM station. [During the past month, the following programs](#) were aired on the Association’s radio – see below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name.

### January Broadcasts:

- [Holiday Greetings and Ministry Updates of the Rockland Church. N. Bugriyev](#)
- [Merry Christmas!](#)
- [Update on "Jesus on Trial". New Speakers. N. Kostyuk](#)
- [Moms in Prayer in Tadjikistan. Testimony of sister Natalya. \[Part 1\]\(#\) | \[Part 2\]\(#\).](#)
- [Update of the New Hope Church Ministry. A. Golodnya;](#)
- [Another Missionary Visit. V. Khripunov](#)
- [Ministry beyond the Arctic Circle. A.Z. Oselsky. \[Part 1\]\(#\) | \[Part 2\]\(#\).](#)

### February Broadcasts:

- [The Ministry of the Missionary Singer, Leonid Borisovich. \[Part 1\]\(#\) | \[Part 2\]\(#\) | \[Part 3\]\(#\).](#)
- [News](#)
- [«Love like 1 Corinthians 13 – is it possible?!» Listener’s question answered by Y. Sipko.](#)
- [Preparations for the Missionary Congress. I. Mileyev](#)
- [Ministry at Sierra Pines Camp. N. Bugriyev.](#)
- [What is Currently Happening at the Association. I. Mileyev.](#)

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## UPDATES FROM OUR PARTNERSB

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### ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT OF THE CHURCHES IN EUROPEЫ

Summit-forum of the ECB churches of Europe, along with NRC-EBF, celebrated their ten-year anniversary. Under the leadership of I. V. Mileyev, a few of the pastors of the Association’s churches took part in this celebration. For more about this festive meeting, [read an article on the Association’s website – click here \(in Russian.\)](#)

### ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF LIGHT IN THE EAST MISSION

The Association’s partner, Light in the East Mission, is celebrating their 100-year anniversary of their ministry. This ministry has had a great journey. The ministry began by the Mennonite preacher Yakov Cracker who ministered among the war prisoners in Germany after the First World War. Presently, the Missionary Union Light in the East includes 13 missions, and this union ministers in 62 countries. For more about this union, read [on the website of the Russian union of ECB.](#)

This mission [has a website](#), which has a lot of important information. For example, you can access publications in digital format such as “Tropinka”, “Faith and Life”, and “Minora”. There are also books that could be downloaded or acquired as a hard copy. “Studying the Bible” section gives the visitors an opportunity to go through a small course of training in the Christian faith basics. In addition, “Tropinka Group” section has audio recordings of children’s songs.

Visit this website and take advantage of the resources! You will find it very interesting and beneficial.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR WORLD?!

What is happening in our world is by no means normal. Michael Snyder, who is a publisher and blogger, whose articles are shared to various websites including the Christian ones, shared only about ten calamities that are affecting the countries of the world. However, even this short list



compels one to seriously contemplate the times we are living in, and what is coming in the near future. Read [the original article here](#) and [article in Russian is here](#).

## IMPORTANT PRAYER NEED

The central theme of the annual presidential breakfast this year was the command of Jesus to love one's enemies. The breakfast took place right after the concluding session of the government over the issue of impeachment of the country's president. For many, the obedience to the commandment of the Lord happened to be too difficult.

"Inside the International Ballroom at the Washington Hilton, the mood at the National Prayer Breakfast was half church service, half political rally" – that was the characterization of this meeting by Bob Smietana who wrote an article [published on the Christianity Today's website](#).

The Scripture's commands in 1 Tim. 2:1–2 "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." Pray for President D. Trump and his staff so that our country and our government will return to the biblical values and practical obedience to God's commandments.

Pastor of the Good News Church Vasilij Stupin invites us to join him in prayer - [please read his invitation 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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- On **March 6–8**, Grace Family Church will host an annual Bible Conference: "Reformation of the Heart: A Heart Ready for Evangelizing". The speakers will be well-known preachers Aleksandr Kalinskiy, Aleksey Prokopenko, and Dmitriy Zhrebnekov. For more information and schedule [visit the church's website – click here](#).

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 @ 7:00 - 9:00 PM SATURDAY, MARCH 7 @ 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 10:00 - 12:00 PM & 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**heart REFORMATION** **March 6-8**

Bible Conference

**Eager to Spread the Gospel Heart**

...I am so eager to preach the gospel... Rom 1.15

**DMITRY ZHREBNEKOV**  
Pastor at "Word of Grace" Church  
Vancouver, WA

**ALEX KALINSKIY**  
Pastor at "Spring of Life" Church  
Zdolbunov, Ukraine

**ALEKSEY PROKOPENKO**  
Pastor at «Transformation» Church  
Samara, Russia

- On **March 20 and 21**, the Russian Baptist Church of Bryte will host an apologetics conference "Jesus on Trial", organized by the Cornerstone Church. The conference will focus on the events of the resurrection of Jesus, which is the foundation for the Christian faith. The conference will have world-renowned speakers. For more information about the conference, visit the conference's website: [www.jesustrialconf.com](http://www.jesustrialconf.com) or contact the conference coordinator –Nikita Kostyuk at 916-719-1929 or by email [help@jesustrialconf.com](mailto:help@jesustrialconf.com).



- The Association's women ministry department is inviting you to a conference, which will be hosted at Second Slavic Church on **March 21** at 10:00am – 1:00pm. The theme of the conference is "Unrealistic Expectations" with Olga Zherebnenko as the speaker. The registration will be available on **March 1** through Yaroslava Popova: (916) 595-1858. The cost is \$10.00 at the door. Address: Second Slavic Baptist Church, 6601 Watt Ave. North Highlands, CA 95660.
- Russian Baptist Church of Bryte will host the evening of poems and music with the participation of poet Margarita Kolomiytsev and Pastor Aleksey Kolomiytsev on April 18 at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Вечер музыки и поэзии

«Свет и соль»

в субботу, 18 апреля | 18:00

Bryte Church - г. Сакраменто

Мargarита Коломийцева

Алексе́й Коломийцев

- Women's Christian Retreat "The Salon of Unperishable Beauty" invites the ladies to have a great time of fellowship at Lake Tahoe. The retreat will take place at Zephyr Point Conference Center at Lake Tahoe on **August 21–23**, 2020. Registration will be open on April 5, 2020. Plan ahead for this retreat and pay



attention to further announcements of this event.

## Save The Date

August 21-23, 2020  
Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe

Дорогие сестры !

Христианский Женский Лагерь  
"САЛОН НЕТАЛЕННОЙ КРАСОТЫ"

приглашает вас провести благословенное время в  
общении на берегу озера Тахо

## Не пропустите !

21-23 августа 2020  
Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe

Регистрация начинается с 5 апреля 2020

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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