



NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

ONE MORE YEAR OF MINISTRY OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS PASSED

Just like all the other organizations, the Association's fiscal year ends at the end of September. That is why our conventions were always scheduled for October. The goal was to give reports to all of the churches for the ministries and to affirm the budget for the new year.

Due to the pandemic, there will be no convention this year. Instead, with the approval of the churches' head pastors and the Association's acting committee, the ministry reports of the Association will be presented on the special meeting of pastors who are part of the Association. This meeting is scheduled for October 31 and will take place at First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento.

Later we will provide all of the details about this meeting. In this letter, we would like to provide the reports of the Association's ministries. Click on the link of the ministry name in order to open a given report. If there is no link, then the ministry leader did not provide an annual report on time. (EN) in the links indicates that this report translated to English. The rest of the reports are in Russian only.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Our Days" Newspaper – Ivan Bruyako• "God's Vineyard" Magazine – Lyubov Pavlyuk• Missionary Ministry – Igor Zhukhov (EN)• "Moms in Prayer" Ministry – Olga Drovorub• Ministry to Widows and Orphans – Tatiana Senin• Women's Ministry – Nina Yurkov (EN)• Education Ministry – Aleksandr Pronin (EN)• Youth Ministry – Peter Makletsov (EN)• Sunday School Ministry – Oleg Lakhno | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children with Special Needs Ministry – Natalya Smolikov• Information Ministry – Olga Avetisova (EN)• Video Ministry – Aleksandr Vivsik• Radio Ministry – Igor Voronov• Music Ministry – Sergey Yanovskiy• Prison Ministry – Viktor Butayev (EN)• Teens' Ministry – Martin Kryanov• Pacific Thrift Store – Pavel Tsvirinko• Sierra Pines Camp – Nikolay Bugriyev• Administrator – Aleksandr Semeryuk |
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NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION MINISTRY

Apparently, the pandemic had very little effect on this ministry. The teaching sessions continue, and the instructors began to come even from far countries like Belarus. For more about the ministry, [read an article on the Association's website – click here](#).



Students at Bryte Church Campus

ABOUT THE DIVINE VINEYARD MAGAZINE

The editor of the journal L. Pavlyuk in her article published on the website of the Association talks about the tasks that the new editorial board is trying to implement. She also encourages everyone to get acquainted with the journal.. You can [read the article here - click this link \(in Russian only\)](#).

WHAT SHOULD THE CHRISTIANS' ATTITUDE BE TOWARD THE ELECTION?

What should the Christians' attitude be toward the election? Should they participate in the election or not? For whom should they vote? Many ask these questions. Pastors I. Sheremet and I. Milejev tried to answer those questions in their video interviews. To access recordings, please click the links below. The video recordings are in Russian only.



[The Election Is Approaching...Should Christians participate? I. Sheremet](#)



[Concerning Voting in 2020. I. Mileyev](#)

A CALL TO PRAY FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION

A few leaders of unions and associations of ECB churches exhort the people of God to pray and spend **November 1** in fasting and prayer for the upcoming election that will take place on **November 3rd**. The country is going through some very difficult times. Those who will be chosen for the leading positions of governments will exercise a lot of influence. That is why it is important for Christians to unite in prayer to God so that He will extend His mercy for America and establish the leaders who will honor God's laws.

[I. Mileyev's article concerning prayer on November 1 can be found on the Association's website.](#) The recording of the unions and associations leaders' appeal [can be found here](#) – [click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



NEW RESOURCE ON OUR WEBSITE

Under the section of [Resources – Church Resources](#), there is a new article with links to materials on Arminian teaching. There is not that much information about the Arminian teaching in the internet. This article offers links to a few video recordings and some books recommended by professor of the Theological University of Moldova, A. G. Gyrbu. To access [the article – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

UPDATE ON THE JESUS ON TRIAL CONFERENCE

The online conference organized by the Cornerstone Church, *Jesus on Trial*, has passed. The well-recognized speakers of both conservative and liberal circles talked about the reliability of the Gospels, apocryphal books, the proofs of the events described in the New Testament, and about defending the apparent contradictions. Among the speakers were also a few Russian-speaking theologians, some of whom were previously unknown among the Slavic community in America. The recordings of these lectures available for purchased download and [can still be found at the Jesus On Trial Website and App](#).

Although all the speakers, on the basis of indisputable historical evidence, were completely confident themselves and convinced the listeners of the reliability of Christ's resurrection from the dead, the explanations of one of the theologians, Mike Lecona, of the differences in the description of this event in the Gospels caused complete disagreement on the part of some listeners. [Read about this article by Andrey Zabolotnyy on the Association's website - click here \(in Russian only\)](#). English version will be published later.)

ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

ATTENTION Twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday, from 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm, we broadcast on **87.7 FM**. You can also listen to this radio via the Internet using a direct link - <http://ethno.fm:8500/ethnofm.mp3>.

[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. All recordings are in Russian only.

- [Jesus on Trial Conference. N. Kostyuk](#)
- [Statement: «To Consider the Bible as the Word of God is considered as Ignorance». Comments by I. Milev](#)
- [Election – What should a Christian's attitude be? I. Sheremet](#)
- [Woman as a keeper of the family hearth. F. Avramenko and M. Gusenkov](#)
- [Interview with the new leader of the women's ministry, Elena Milev](#)
- [Family Crises. S. Sipko. O. Askalenok, and V. Zuyev](#)
- [Election. Why should we participate in it? I. Milev](#)
- [Teenagers... Who are they, and why are they this way? O. Gorban](#)
- [Physical and spiritual virus, the virus of sin. P. Zagaynov](#)

NEWS FROM MISSIONARIES

GOD'S INSTRUMENTS

Not every Christian decides to go on a mission's trip. The reason is not because there are no opportunities, but because of the fear of the unknown, the possible challenges, as well as the culture clash. However, there are some true instruments in God's hands who, despite the challenges, leave their own comforts, sacrifice everything, and go to the unknown while praying for the mercy and protection of God. The love of God and love for the lost compels them to this ministry. Below are the ministry updates from the missionaries (in Russian only):

- [Ilya Danilyuk, Italy and Europe](#)
- [Eugene Evva, Cambodia](#)
- [Hope for the People Ministry, Ukraine and other Countries](#)
- [Kirnev's Family Ministry in Tanzania](#)

MISSIONARY REUNION

On November 7, 2020, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm Grace Avenue Bible Church will host the 13th annual reunion of missionaries and those who continue to support this ministry. The attendees will give updates about what God is doing among those who continue proclaiming the Gospel around the world. Everyone is welcome.

Registration fee: \$15.00 (including lunch) – for those who register before November 1, and \$20.00 (including lunch) – for registration after November 1.

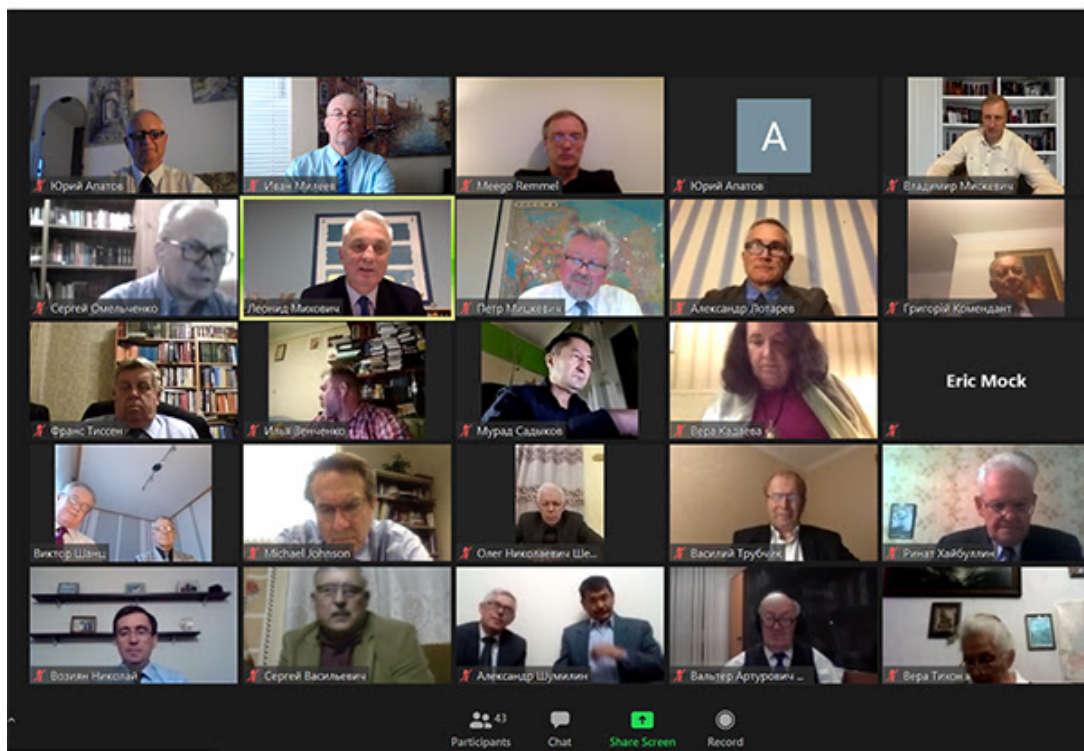
Church address: 1425 Grace Ave, Sacramento, CA, 95838. Registration is online at the Missionary Ministry website: <http://ptmissions.org/reunion>.



UPDATES FROM OUR PARTNERS

58TH CONVENTION OF EURO-ASIAN FEDERATION

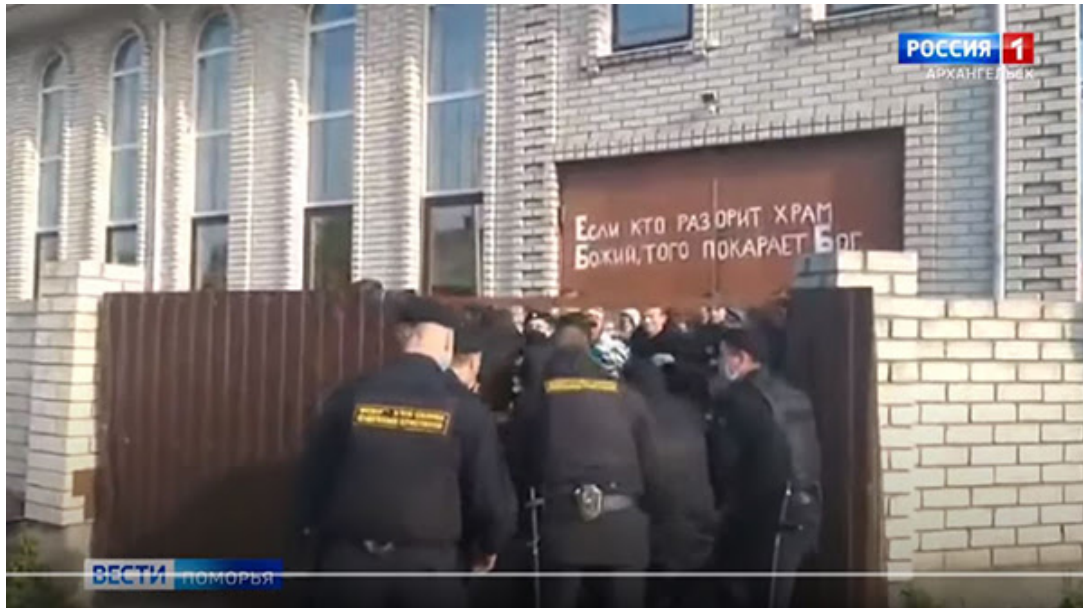
On October 1-2, the Euro-Asian Federation of ECB Unions had its 58th convention. The convention covered the topics of evangelism during the pandemic. In addition, the participants talked about their unions and churches lives, and discussed the politically charged events that happen in many countries around the world. To watch one [of the recordings from the convention, visit this YouTube channel](#) or read an article by I. Mileyev [on the Association's website – click here](#) (in Russian only.)



At the Time of the Convention

Under different pretexts, there is a continuing persecution of Christians in various parts of Russia. They are fined, beaten and forbidden to gather. However, the Orthodox Church is not persecuted and honored everywhere today.

On Channel 1 of Russian Television, there was a video of an attempt to demolish an Evangelical church at Arkhangelsk. [You can watch the video here.](#) The justification for the actions of the local authorities sounds familiar to those who experienced the persecutions under the Soviet Union, doesn't it?



The Bailiffs Attempting to Enter the House of Prayer

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

THE HOPE IN SUFFERING FUNDRAISER"

Every year, The Barnabas Fund is doing "The Persecuted Church" fundraiser. This year it is planned for **November 1-8**. The whole point of the fundraiser is to organize in your church or Bible study group an event to support the persecuted Christians. This can be done during the Sunday service or, for example, at the fundraiser breakfast.

This year the fundraiser is called "Hope in Suffering". For more information read in [a summary located on the Association's website – click here](#) (in Russian only.)

WHAT DO AMERICANS BELIEVE IN TODAY?

What do Americans think about Jesus Christ, the Bible, the truth, and ethics? An analysis of the spiritual state conducted by Ligonier Ministries gives us some information. Every two years, they measure the Theological "temperature" in the United States in order to help Christians to better understand the culture and to equip the church for a deeper understanding of the much-needed discipleship. [The results of the survey can be found here.](#)

THE HEAD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH UPHOLDS HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES

«Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God," Francis said in an interview, as reported by The Associated Press. "You can't kick someone out of a family, nor make their life miserable for this. What we have to have is a civil union law; that way they are legally covered.»

In a response to Pope Francis' approval of same sex unions, the leaders of the Southern Baptists upheld their support of the authority of Scriptures and what it teaches about same-sex marriages. For details, read the [BaptistPress](#) website.



PRAY!!

1. For the election of the leaders of America, so that the established leader would honor God's laws and ordinances that benefit the people of America
2. For peace for our country
3. For the protection of churches and wisdom for pastors of the churches in America to make the right decisions
4. For peace in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Russia, and other countries around the world

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