



NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

83RD CONVENTION OF PCSBA'S CHURCHES

According to the previous announcements, the 83rd reporting and election convention of the Association's churches will take place on October 29 and 30. The theme of the convention will be: "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men" (1 Cor. 16:13.) The speaker will be P. V. Mitskevich who is the chairman of the Russian Union of ECB. A large portion of the convention will be dedicated to reports and discussions of business related questions, and only the church delegates will be allowed to participate. However, during the evening services on Friday and Saturday, the sessions will be open to everyone. To access the schedule of the convention, [visit the convention's website \(click here\)](#). Registration of delegates will be done at their churches and [online on the Association's website](#). There is an article available by I. Mileyev, [which can be located on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



PREPARATIONS FOR THE MISSIONARY FORUM

Due to circumstances that are outside of our control, the International Missionary Congress has been rescheduled three times. Initially it was planned for May 2020, but due to the pandemic, it was moved to September 2020, then to spring 2021, and finally to May 2022. A lot has happened during this time. International travel experienced a lot of new restrictions, and the speakers had schedule changes.

The organizing committee made a decision to rename this event to "International Mission Forum" and to do everything possible to have this event May 20-22, 2022. Intense preparations have resumed. There is an ongoing conversation with the speakers about their participation in the forum, and soon the registration will be open. Stay up to date by visiting [the forum's website](#), [the forum's facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).



DEACONS' ORDINATION AT HOUSE OF THE GOSPEL CHURCH

House of the Gospel Church in Fresno, CA, had an ordination service for five young deacons. Viktor Rybalko, Artem Kulik, Valeriy Yasnitskiy, Konstantin Komissarov, and Vitaliy Gorokh decided to take that step and dedicate themselves to minister to the church. It is always great to see young people in ministry, but what's even better to see young people who are dedicating themselves for the Lord's work. Each one of them has already been active in church ministry. Read more details [in an article by the church pastor, A. Ivanov.](#)



Awarding of Certificates to New Ministers

MEETING OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

September 11 was another date for the parents and their children with special needs to meet at Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento. The head pastor Igor Antonovich Verstak always tries to find the opportunity to take part in these events. That was also the case this time. He shared a word of encouragement, exhortation, and inspired both the parents, as well as the children. For more information about the meeting, read [an article by N. Smolikova on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



As always, after the end of the fellowship, it's time for a group photo

TRIP TO MALAWI

In September, the editor of the newspaper «Our Days», Ivan Bruyako, along with two other brothers visited the small African country of Malawi. The goal of the trip was to familiarize themselves with the current situation and find out about providing aid in building the church and orphanage houses. In his article, which can be located on the Association's website, Ivan Nikolayevich shares that initially only a few people came to this country in order to provide medical help and share the Gospel message to the people who are living in great poverty and spiritual darkness. The seed that has been sown started to grow, and there are now a few Christian converts so that the first Church was already formed. To read [the entire article – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Wonderful Fruit of Missionary Ministry

EVANGELISTIC EVENING IN MINNESOTA

Friends, acquaintances, neighbors, firefighters, and police officers were all invited to the Block Party, the evangelistic event organized by the youth of the Transfiguration Church in Minnesota. The youth from California helped them in this. Everyone who came received a warm greeting, was offered a tasty dinner, and then heard about the gift that is offered to everyone by Jesus Christ, and that is eternal life with God. Read more about [this in article on the Association's website – click this link](#).



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO EVANGELIZE

Indeed, spreading the «sweet aroma of Christ» can be done in many ways, including cleaning the trash on city streets where we live. That is what brothers and sisters from Grace Family Church did. On Saturday, September 25, they went to Watt Ave, and beginning from their church, they cleaned the street for a few blocks while sharing the Gospel, and about why they are cleaning. [For a full version, read this article](#).



Good job, dear brothers and sisters!

THE HOMELESS ALSO NEED TO HEAR THE NEWS OF SALVATION

They are not «bums» but «homeless». That is what some brothers from Sacramento churches are calling them. They are visiting these people every Thursday. Having trays with sandwiches, water bottles, Gospel tracts and the Gospel, these brothers are going where it's uncomfortable, where there is a strong smell of sweaty bodies, where there are many downcast homeless people in order to tell them about the love of God and the news of salvation. Read more about this [interview by O. Avetisova and V. Khripunov – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



BLESSING UPON THE STORE'S MINISTRY

Every Monday, at the beginning of a work day at Pacific Thrift Store, there is a corporate prayer of all the store's staff. The work of this team is a great blessing for our Association and for the Missionary department because the earnings of the store are given to support the missionary work in America and around the world. The store staff are welcoming any volunteers who would like to help in the sorting process.

Please pray for the work and ministry of Pacific Thrift Store.



The staff of the store and the head of the Missionary Department V. Yurchak.

USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE PCSBA WEBSITE

We continue to inform our readers about the contents of the Association's website. The website's address is: <https://pcsba.com>. In this newsletter we are sharing the «Resources» section of the website.

- **Church Broadcasting** – this page contains links to pages of video broadcasts of church services in 16 churches. The links are being updated as soon as the churches provide them.
- **PCSBA's Radio** – contains radio broadcasts which were aired from 2016 to January 2021. All radio programs in Russian only.
- **Mission Resources** – is a small section that contains useful material for those who would like to share about Christ to others: Gospel tracts, ideas for missionaries, how to evangelize to Muslims, etc.
- **Church Resources (in Russian only)** – contains some study materials on how to study Philippians and some links about Armenian teachings.
- **Helpful Information** – is a small collection of links to websites of the Associations of Evangelical Christian Baptists, and information about some missions organizations (in Russian only.)
- **Slavic Theological Collegiate** – there is a link to the website of the collegiate which is not very well-known not only to the average church member, but also to a lot of the pastors in the Association.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

75TH CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE UKRAINIAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE U.S.

The 75th convention of the Ukrainian Baptist Association of the U.S. was held September 3-5. The event was hosted by churches in two cities of PA – Ephrata and Lancaster. The theme of the convention was «Building the Church» (1 Peter. 2:5)

I. Mileyev was invited to be the speaker of one of the seminars. Read [his overview about the convention on the Association's website](#) – [click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Associations' Leaders

RESOLUTION ABOUT THE FAMILY

It's good when the church associations define their position on the relevant issues of our times. One of these issues is a question of the Biblical approach regarding the family. This unified idea of the resolution came together right before the 75th convention of the Ukrainian Baptist Association in the U.S. and was supported by the Russian-Ukrainian Baptist Union of Churches of the U.S., the Eastern Ukrainian Baptist Association of the U.S., and the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Association of ECB churches of the U.S. [Read more here.](#)

NEWS OF THE MOLDOVAN UNION OF ECB

More than 400 delegates and guests took a part in the 34th convention of ECB of Moldova which was on September 17 at «Bethel Church» in Kishinev. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Union's board decided to have the convention in a simplified format while keeping all of the health regulations which were presented by the societal health committee. As a result of the ballot voting, the Convention extended the ministry of the currently serving members of the Union: Nikolay Voziyan was re-affirmed as a bishop, Ion Miron as an executive secretary, and Sergey Germanov as the bishop's assistant. For more information about the convention, [visit the website of the Moldovan Union of ECB \(in Russian only.\)](#)



MEETING OF INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS

How to help Christian students to develop as professionals, how to influence others and share the Gospel as a student, how to answer questions where faith and science conflict? That was the topic for students from churches of the ECB and the instructors of universities in Kiev. The meeting took place on September 20 in the Theological Seminary of Kiev. There were over 40 participants, many of whom were students and young instructors from various universities and departments. For more about the meeting, [read on the All-Ukrainian Union of ECB – click this link \(in Ukrainian only.\)](#)



Meeting's Participants

NEWS FROM THE UKRAINIAN MISSIONARY

Over many years now, a missionary from the Ukrainian Union of ECB Churches, Yevgeniy Evva, along with his family, has been serving in the Buddhist country of Cambodia. The living conditions in this country are extremely difficult for the natives, and even twice as difficult for Europeans. Despite the challenges, Yevgeniy keeps coming back to this country time and time again, and continues to find new ways of preaching the Gospel. At the present time, he and one of the local pastors decided to establish an orphanage because according to statistics, 95% of children in Christian orphanages accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, and become Christians.

This is a wonderful project, but it is impossible to accomplish alone. Brother Yevgeniy is asking us for help. [Read his letter here](#), and if the Lord is moving you to take a part in this ministry, you can find out how you can do that [by opening this page – click this link](#). For more about his ministry, visit his website, and [Facebook page \(in Russian only.\)](#)



UPDATES FROM THE LIGHT ON THE EAST MISSION'S WEBSITE

For those who love to read, you may be excited to find out that the «Light on the East» Mission has a number of new books which are accessible online. Besides these new ones, the website also has many other books and publications which are accessible for reading and purchasing. Website's address is: - <https://www.lio.ru>, new books can be [located at this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)

Новинки



New Books at the Mission's Website

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

JOSH MCDOWELL WAS FORCED TO LEAVE THE MINISTRY

A well-known Christian apologist and an author of over 150 books was forced to leave his ministry after his presentation at the American Association of Christian Counselors. During the conference, he said that technically there is no discrimination against blacks and other minorities, and if their families encouraged their children to pursue education and honest work, then they would have had the same opportunities as everyone else. This statement upset many people, and because it was hurtful to some people, he apologized over Twitter for his words.

The Josh McDowell Ministry organization that he established many years ago, will continue to exist under the leadership of the executive director, Duane Zook.

Source: [Christian Post](#).

EVENTS

SEMINAR: «HOW TO GROW DISCIPLES?»

«How to grow disciples? How to develop the disciplines for spiritual growth and help others to grow?» These are the topics of the seminars that will be held over ZOOM on **October 28, November 4, and 11.**

The goal of the course «How to Grow Disciples» is to help churches prepare and train disciples who will be able to form relationships with new church members and help them to establish the necessary disciplines of spiritual growth. For more about the program, visit [The Disciple Maker Website](#).

Seminars will begin at 7:00p.m. PST. For [ZOOM](#) attendance, use ID: **847 5745 5139**, Passcode: **Disciple**.

Speakers will be Billy Hanks and Willie Daiker. After the first seminar on October 28, you will be able to register to get e-books.

ATTENTION! Before the beginning of the course, you must read **Course Introduction**: [In Russian](#) | [In English](#).



If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at pcsbaca@gmail.com.

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