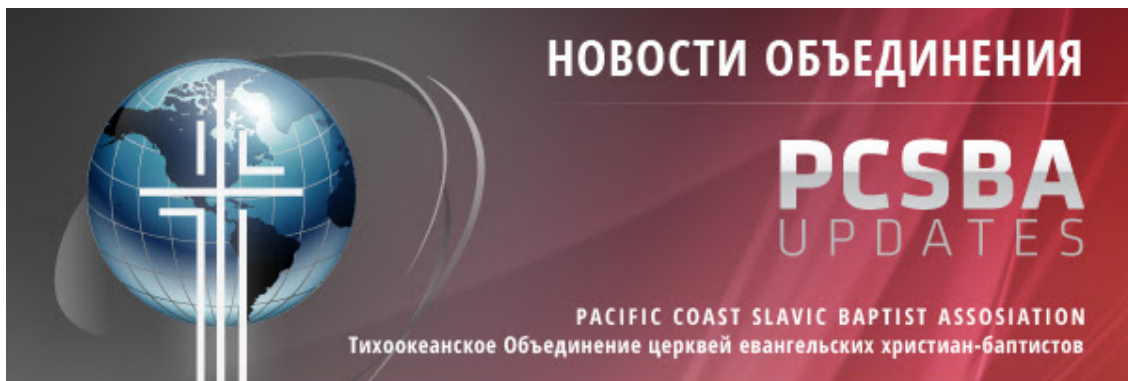


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## **JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER**

**NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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### **SEMI-ANNUAL PASTORS' MEETING**



The upcoming meeting of the Association's pastors will be held on August 20 at Grace Avenue Bible Church. Dr. Jake Roudkovski, Professor of Evangelism and Pastoral Ministry at New Orleans Theological Seminary, has been invited as a special speaker for this meeting. The theme of his presentation will be "Total Wellness", which will cover a healthy balance of the spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual, family, and professional aspects of life and ministry. All brothers and sisters who are involved in ministry are welcome to attend. The seminar will be held from 9:00am to 2:00pm, with a one-hour break from 11:00am to 12:00pm. Grace Avenue Bible Church (formerly known as Third Slavic

Baptist Church) is located at 1425 Grace Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. [For more information – visit the Association's website.](#)

### **TRANSFER OF MINISTRY**

Valery Petrovich Brutskiy-Stempkovsky, who had been the senior pastor at the Second Slavic Baptist Church for the past 16 years, handed over this responsibility of ministry to a new pastor, Sergey Vladimirovich Solonenko, on July 3. Expressing gratitude to Valery Petrovich for his many years of dedicated and sacrificial service, we wish him blessings in the further work that the Lord will entrust him with in the future.

And to the new pastor, Sergei Vladimirovich Solonenko, we wish a lot of strength, inspiration, and God's guidance in his new position of serving God and the

people! [Read more on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Both pastors and their wives*

## **BLESSING OF THE LORD**

The Sunday service at the RockLand Baptist Church on June 16, 2022 was full of special joy. First, because the church celebrated Father's Day, where they blessed and lifted up the men of the congregation. And second, because during this service, three men were ordained as deacons: Pavel Vasilkov, the director of Sunday School, Vladimir Pozhidaev, responsible for the audio ministry, and Yevgeny Utyuzh, who was recently put in charge of the AWANA children's club. [Read more about it here.](#)





*New deacons and their wives*

## **BETHANY, THE OLDEST CHURCH OF THE ASSOCIATION**

There are a variety of churches that are part of the Association. Some have more than a thousand members, while some are very small—only a few dozens. But regardless of the size of the church, they have their own church life, they preach the Scriptures, pray, and sing hymns. One such church is Bethany Church, which turns 112 this year. [Read more about it on the Association's website – click this link.](#)



*Bible study led by A. Ageyev*

## CHOOSE LIFE!

Every day we make dozens of choices. Every day we choose how to act. However, there is a decision that affects our eternity. The members of the Choose Life Church regularly remind California residents about the importance of choosing eternal life. They do it through various means, including preaching at the oceanside. [Read more about it here.](#)



*Oasis Choir's performance*

## NEW HOPE CHURCH: WE PROCLAIM CHRIST

Taking advantage of every opportunity to preach Christ is what seems to drive the New Hope Church in Rancho Cordova. The “Block Party” and Independence Day parade was a very good way to share the news about salvation, and hand out Gospel tracts to a large number of people. [Read more details in an article by Kristina Gofman.](#)





*At the time of the parade*

## **GOOD TRADITION**

Choirs visiting churches for the purpose of encouragement and support is an old and good tradition of the Slavic churches. Unfortunately, in the context of immigrants, especially during the time of the pandemic, this good tradition has slowly become a thing of the past. Grace Avenue's Church's men's choir decided to renew this tradition, and on June 26 they visited the House of the Gospel Church in Fresno. For more information [about their visit, read here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Choir's participation during the church service*

## **VBS AT ROCKLAND CHURCH**

Week-long VBS (Vacation Bible School) has become popular at the Slavic churches during the summer break, and are sometimes also called children's camps. RockLand church also held one of these camps, where they had a great balance of Bible teaching, entertainment, and mutual fellowship of children. [Read more about it here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Lesson time in one of the groups*

## **LEVITES OF THE MODERN CHURCH**



On June 25, the Pacific Coast Baptist Association had a seminar for conductors and choir members at Grace Avenue Bible Church. During this time, there were master classes for both vocal and conducting. The Word of God was also preached, and a lot of valuable information was given by experts in the field. Thirty people from various churches of Sacramento were able to attend this event. [For more information, visit the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Seminar participants*

## **BLESSING FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS**

“We have been organizing such camps for the past fourteen years, and every year it brings great joy and blessing for both the children and the parents. This year, there were about 65 children, 30 of which are from outside of the church.” This was what Pastor Yuriy Korniyenko said about the camp which took place on June 24-25 in one of the parks in San Diego. [Read more details on the Association's website.](#)



*May the Lord bless them so that they all would be Christians!*

## **“GOD’S VINEYARD” MAGAZINE**

Our churches have always had people who understood the power of the printing press. Today, “God’s Vineyard” Magazine continues its active ministry and invites creative people, poets, and writers to join its team.

For more information about the magazine, refer to [an interview of S. Iotko with the editor, Lyubov Pavlyuk – click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)





## WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?

For more than 10 years, Aleksandr Vvisik has been leading the video ministry of the Association. He has been doing the online broadcasts since 2004, and is ready to help live broadcasts of services in other churches that need help. Read about his ministry [in an article by S. Iotko – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Ministry in action...*

## **READINESS NUMBER ONE**

*Slavic Bible Church of Orange County* is greeting all the churches and reminds everyone about the importance of being ready for the coming of Christ. This was the topic of Sergey Tupchik, a well-known pastor from Ukraine, theologian, and author of a book on spiritual development, who visited this church one Sunday. [Read more about this in an article by S. Iotko – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)





*Sergey Tupchik shares about his book and ministry, as well as other resources*

## **WOMEN'S GALA DINNER**

More than 100 women from the Association's churches, who are involved in various ministries, gathered together on July 23 at Bryte Church. This was a time of fellowship, encouragement, and getting to know each other, as well as sharing about the ministries that are available to women. The topic of the meeting was "Rest in Jesus" (Matthew 11:28-30) and the speaker was Nicole Gorban, who serves at the Fresno church. For details of this meeting and photos, [see the Association's website - click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Dinner participants*

## **HELP FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES**

Along with Peter Babich, a pastor from the Fresno church, a support team was able to visit Ukraine and help the refugees. Donations from various American and Slavic churches made it possible to bring food and spiritual literature to these churches, as

well as finances to support refugees with particular needs of refugees. [Read more in the letter of P. Babich, published on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



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## NEWS FROM MISSIONARIES

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### CHILDREN'S CAMP FOR REFUGEES

A children's camp for refugee children from Ukraine took place in Torrevieja, Spain on July 11-15. The camp was held from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The children were able to receive three full meals a day and were surrounded by the love and care of the counselors. V. Kovba, who is a missionary that is supported by our Association, [shares more about this event – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)





*A moment of joy and fun after the horrors of fleeing their home country*

### **ORDINATION IN BARCELONA**

Over the course of the last few years, The Good News Church and the Association have invested a lot of resources in developing a few missionary projects and churches in Spain. It is a great blessing to see God's work in action! V. Stupin, M. Terekhin, and A. Shipuk were able to participate in the ordination of pastor Roman Zelenskiy as a new pastor of the Spring of Life Church In Barcelona, Spain.



*Ordination*

## REGISTRATION FOR THE CORAM DEO PROJECT IS CONTINUES!

The registration of students for training in counseling under the program of the International Institute of Counseling "Coram Deo" is being continues. Classes start on October 4 at 6:30 pm. Classes will be held throughout the week in the evenings and two full days on Saturday and Sunday.

Training is paid.

Read more on the Association's website - click this link.



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### НОВЫЙ НАБОР НА ОБУЧЕНИЕ В САКРАМЕНТО

Начало занятий: 4 октября, 2022 в 6:30 р.м.

Место проведения занятий:

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## NEWS OF OUR PARTNERS

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### SUMMIT OF THE RUSSIAN-SPEAKING EVANGELICAL CHURCHES OF EUROPE

Pastors of the post-Soviet Union times, who served in Europe, gathered on June 22-25 in France for an annual summit which was organized by the NRC-EBF ([www.spasenie.eu](http://www.spasenie.eu)). The theme of the summit was: "The Door of the Gospel Is Wide Open, But...", a reference to 1 Cor. 16:9, where Paul writes that he has a door wide open in front of him, although there are many opponents. Today there is also much opposition to what God is doing in Europe. [Read more information here \(in Russian only.\)](#)





## CAMBODIA – A COUNTRY FULL OF SMILES

This is what the Ukrainian missionaries discovered when they arrived in Cambodia. The locals there rarely use profanities, and smile even when they are guilty. Unfortunately, very few of them know about the true God, and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Yevgeniy and Tatyana Evva, along with their two children, came to Cambodia four years ago, and since then they have testified of the wonderful acts of God. But what will happen to their ministry, since the war in Ukraine has made such a tremendous impact? The support from the All-Ukrainian Union of ECB has almost fully been cut off, as well as contributions from the U.S... Could it be that they will be forced to end their ministry? [Watch an interview with Yevgeniy on the Association's YouTube channel.](#)



THE PATH OF KNOWING GOD

Since 1994, the Moscow Theological Seminary of the ECB has been publishing the journal "The Way of the Knowledge of God" (ISSN 1815-8803), which presents the work of students, teachers, and various evangelical authors both from Russia and abroad. The journal is intended for a wide range of readers interested in theological issues. Some of the 2013-2018 editions are [available on the seminary's website \(in Russian.\)](#)

## **CONSULTATION MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

In connection with the termination of the activities of the [Euro-Asian Accreditation Association \(EAAA\)](#), there was a need to create a new structure that would continue to embody the ideas and goals previously set by the EAAA. From July 6 to 8, 2022, a consultation meeting of representatives of 18 evangelical educational institutions from the Republic of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Uzbekistan was held at the Almaty Bible Institute. The participants signed a declaration of intent, which [can be found here \(in Russian.\)](#)

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## **EVENTS**

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### **WOMEN'S CAMP "SALON OF IMPERISHABLE BEAUTY"**

The "Salon of Imperishable Beauty" camp will be held **in September** at the Zephyr Point Conference Center.

**Theme:** "...One thing is needed" (Luke 10:42.)

**Dates:** 23, 24, and 25 September, 2022.

**Address:** Zephyr Point Conference Center, 660 Highway 50, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448

**Registration fee:** \$133.00. From August 15 - \$143.00.

Registration will start **on July 23rd** on the PCSBA website. [More details here.](#)



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