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## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### THE DATE OF THE UPCOMING REPORTING AND ELECTION CONVENTION

The Association's executive committee made a decision to have the 83rd reporting and election convention to take place on October 29-30. Although the convention will be mostly focused on business issues, there will be two general church services with guest preacher Peter Valterovich Miktsevich, who is the chairman of the Russian Union of Baptists. The theme of the convention will be: "Be on the Alert, Stand Firm in the Faith, Be Courageous" 1 Cor. 16:13-14. The convention will be hosted by Bryte Church.

### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The executive committee is chosen to take care of all the spiritual and administrative tasks of the Association. The committee usually meets a few times a year, and the last meeting took place on May 21 at the Association's office. Although meetings on the ZOOM are convenient, specifically to those who live in other states, for the local committee members the time has come to return to the format that everyone is used to, meetings in the office. For more about this meeting, what issues were discussed, and their outcomes, [read an article by the President of the Association, I. Mileyev – click this link.](#)

### BRYTE CHURCH CHOSE A NEW HEAD PASTOR

During the church members' meeting which took place on May 16, Mikhail Yuryevich Avramenko was chosen as the new head pastor of the Bryte Church. We welcome him to such an important ministry in the largest Slavic church of our Association and wish God's blessings upon him. May the Lord guide him so that the ministry would be for the edification of the church and its members for the glory of God.

### «MOMS IN PRAYER» MINISTRY

First Slavic Baptist Church had a women's breakfast of the Mom's in Prayer Ministry. For more details, read an article by O. Bugriyev which can be located on the Association's website ([click](#)



[here](#)). Also, A K. Malysenko shared a brief story about how this ministry was established and is growing at Second Slavic Baptist Church. [You can access her article here](#). Both articles in Russian only.



*During the meeting at the First Slavic Churches*

## **YOUTH TRIP TO THE CONFERENCE**

Youth of the Grace Avenue Bible Church went to Washington for a conference and came back with positive impressions. The conference was at the Word of Grace Church, and the theme of

the conference was «Gospel for Everyday Life. For more information, [read an article by Grace Avenue's youth leader E. Belous – click this link.](#)



*Memorable Photo*

## **UPDATE OF THE WORK IN THE EDUCATION MINISTRY**

Despite the continuing limitations of the pandemic, the Education Ministry continues active service. A. Pronin, who leads this ministry, shares about the teaching sessions which took place in various cities of California. [Read his article here.](#)



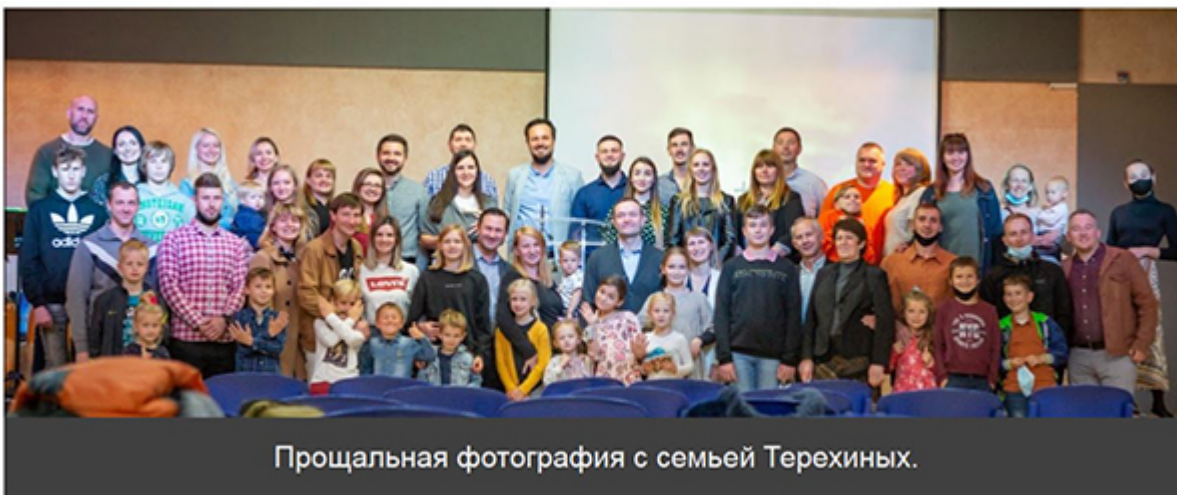
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Лекции в церкви Монтебелло.  
Преподаватель: Сергей Тарасенко

## NEWS FROM SPAIN

The first baptism, the new marriages, the strengthening and easing of quarantine, church services online, a picnic, and the departure of a part of the team to America - you can learn about all this [by reading the letter from Alik Shipuk, our missionary in Spain](#). And after reading, thank the Lord for His wonderful deeds performed by Him among our former compatriots in this country.



## VISITING THE HAYWARD CHURCH WITH THE «MOMS IN PRAYER» MINISTRY

Olga Drovorub, who is responsible for the Moms in Prayer ministry at the Pacific Coast Association, and Dinah Law who is the Slavic Team leader in «Moms in Prayer International», visited the Hayward Church and shared with the local women about this ministry, and gave them «Moms in Prayer» books. This visit moved the local women to organize prayer groups based on locations and children's age. For more information about this, read [in an article by N. Yurkov – click this link](#) (in Russian only.)

## CELEBRATION OF SPECIAL MOMS OF SPECIAL CHILDREN

It is rare to hear such a mother's title: «Special mom of a special child». However, that was the title of the gathering which took place on May 22 at the church in West Sacramento. Although a little bit late, these heroic and sacrificial mothers were honored for everything that they do in a Mother's Day celebration, and were given small tokens of appreciation. For more information, [read on the Association's website – click this link](#).



*Special Moms with their Special Children and Guests*

## **MINISTRY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Despite the fact that the church still has not fully returned to the previous way of life, the women's ministry actively goes on. At the end of April and at the beginning of May, there were two ZOOM meetings, and on May 22, the women of West Sacramento risked having their first meeting in person since the pandemic in order to have the prayer breakfast. Yelena Mileyev talks more about these meetings. Read about the online meetings: «[Leadership Lessons](#)» | «[Prayer Breakfast](#)». Both articles in Russian only.



*Prayer Breakfast Participants*

## **CLEANUP DAY AT SIERRA PINES CAMP**

After the winter season, the campground usually has a lot of work. The list of things to do includes fixing of porches of cabins and fences after the abundance of snows, general cleaning of camp, replacing of the once-frozen water and sewer pipes, and much more. On Saturday, May

22, the campground had a general camp cleanup. There were about 70 helpers from Sacramento churches: Bethany, Zion, and Second Slavic Church. There were also representatives from Bryte Church, and First Slavic Church. For more details about the volunteer cleanup, [read the note by the camp director P. Tsvirinko - click here.](#)



*A small part of the volunteer team*

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Why are youth mass gatherings necessary? What is their purpose? Is this true ministry to God? Petr Makletsov, who is the Association's Youth Ministry leader, answers these questions in an article that is located on the Association's website. [Click this link to read the article and to find out about the reasons for their gatherings.](#)

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## **MISSIONARY NEWS AND IDEAS**

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Many Slavic people in America would like to take a part in any missionary ministry but do not know how. We would like to offer you to experience opportunities with a few mission organizations which are dedicated and have stood the test of time. The websites of these organizations have newsletter subscriptions. By visiting these websites, you can always know what they are doing, and how their projects are progressing.

## **INVITATION TO MUTUAL MINISTRY**

Organized by a simple Ukrainian guy from Sacramento, Michael Reznik, the Transforming Nations Ministry impacts the nations around the world for over five years now. They are changing lives and bringing the Gospel to people around the world. They began their work with the

orphans in Kenya, and then God spread their influence to other regions around the world. The organization invites everyone to join them in their ministry. [For more about this opportunity, read an article by A. Serin – click here.](#)



*Neglected Children and Orphans Whose Lives Were Changed Thanks to the Ministry*

## **MINISTRY IN UZBEKISTAN AND TURKEY**

American Christian organization, Bible Mission Slavic (BMS), well known to the Slavic churches by their project named “The Bible Truck”, invites you to join them in ministering in different countries, including Uzbekistan and Turkey. For more about why they are serving in these countries, read their letters: [About Ministry in Uzbekistan](#) | [About Ministry in Turkey](#).



**DREAMS COME TRUE– IF YOU BELIEVE!**

The names of Yevgeniy and Irina Konstantinik are well-known not only in their home country of Ukraine, but also in America. Wherever this tiny woman visited while sharing her ministry with her husband, she spoke of their wonderful ministry among the people of Papua New Guinea. Hundreds of people have come to faith, a few churches have been planted, and schools for both the adults and children were established. To find out more about their ministry, [visit their blog – click this link](#). They also provide information about how to support their ministry. You may learn more about their ministry by watching [an interview with Yevgeniy](#) (in Russian only.)



*Son of Yevgeniy and Irina with His Friends*

## **BARNABAS FUND**

The main ministry of the Barnabas Fund is to help Christians who are suffering from discrimination, oppression, and afflictions for their faith. Their projects are intended to support specific Christians, churches and their congregations in order to provide financial and spiritual support based on their needs as they are assessed by the local pastors. Numbers speak louder than words when it comes to their ministry. You can see this information below.



The Fund's Website is located at: <http://barnabasfund.ru/ru>. This organization has a news channel that is constantly being updated and can be found at: Telegram Barnabas Fund. They publish information about the persecuted churches, and their prayer needs. The website is in Russian and Romanian only.

## Благодаря вашим пожертвованиям

помощь Фонда Варнава получили  
**600,000** христиан, пострадавших  
от пандемии и/или саранчи

кроме этого, за прошедший год\*...

**2,000**



Поддержка 2,000 христиан, перешедших из других религий, в 11 странах

**26,000**



Жертвы насилия и несправедливости: помощь получили 26,000 христиан в 19 странах

**117,000**



Писание: 196,000 экземпляров, включая 13,000 Библий и 117,000 Новых Заветов, в 18 странах

**320**



Поддержка 320 служителей полного времени (213 пасторов и 107 проповедников) в 16 странах

**12,000**



12,000 христиан получили помощь в развитии малого бизнеса в 12 странах

**19**



19 церковных зданий построено и отремонтировано в 7 странах

**44,000**



Продуктовую помощь получили 44,000 христиан в 17 странах

**69,000**



Помощь получили 69,000 жертв природных бедствий в 11 странах

**1,400**



11 проектов по медицинской помощи: 1,400 христиан в 8 странах

**14,000**



Обучение 14,000 детей в 138 школах/институтах в 15 странах

**30,000**



Обучение 30,000 служителей в 22 странах

**150**



150 проектов по воде: в 5 странах

\* с 1 апреля 2019 по 31 марта 2020.

## OLD TRICKS OF THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES THAT ARE USED TODAY

While being a member of ICC ECB in Arkhangelsk, Russia, Vyacheslav Koldyayev was convicted and jailed in a high security prison for the false accusations of resisting authorities by force. In the accusations against V. I. Koldyayev, it indicated that:

*«Koldyaev V.I., being near the house 30 on the street. Valyavkin in the city of Arkhangelsk, in response to the actions of the representative of the authorities - the junior bailiff to ensure the established procedure for the activities of the courts A.V. Vezhlyvtseva, grabbed him (A.V. Vezhlyvtseva) by his right hand, pulled it on himself with force and began to twist his hand, causing to Vezhlyvtsev A. physical pain and injury by his deliberate actions... In doing so, Koldyayev V. I. demonstrated violence and posed a health danger to the governing authorities...»*

The report is not supported by any of the witnesses, and is not supported by the medical examination. However, that did not stop the judge from reaching such a harsh conviction. The video recording made [during the anticipation of the verdict can be accessed here](#) (in Russian only.)



*Vyacheslav Koldyayev with his wife and children*

## DO NOT KILL THE CHILD! GIVE HIM TO THE CHURCH!

The Patriarch of the Moscow and all of Russia, Kirill, addressed women who are ready to give birth to the child but cannot support him or her on their own not to go through with abortions, but to give the child to the Russian Orthodox Church. He declared it in an address at the X

Interchurch Convention of Social Service which began in Moscow on May 13. For more information, read [on the «In Light» website – click this link](#). It would be very good if the churches of other Christian denominations would follow their example.

### **SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION'S CHURCH ORDAINED THREE WOMEN PASTORS**

The news of the women ordained for the pastoral ministry among the Southern Baptists has shocked many. The Saddleback Church, headed by a well-known pastor Rick Warren, is a megachurch located at Lake Forest, California, and is part of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is the biggest church in California, and one of the largest in the United States whose weekly attendance in 2020 was 23,494 people. Not only for the Southern Baptist Convention, but also many other Baptist churches, ordination of women as pastors was a shock. This is an indicator of the liberalism's infiltration not only into the churches of nominally Christian churches, but also those prominent ones like Saddleback church. Historically they have been the ones to hold to fundamental teachings.

Source: [Christian Post](#).



*Ordination of Women at Saddleback Church*

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## **EVENTS**

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### **SEMINAR FOR THE STAFF OF ASSOCIATION AND CHURCHES**

**On June 3**, at 7:00pm to 9:00pm, there will be a seminar about «How to Write a News Article» The seminar is intended for the Association's and church staff. It will be online through ZOOM. The first part will lay out the main principles of writing articles; the second part will cover the possible tools which can be used in converting speech to text, check grammar and style, and learn typing skills in general.

Information for joining:

Topic: Seminar "How to Write a News Article "

Time: Jun 3, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86863310058?pwd=VmFEQVB0UURjaIN1NithaEVKNDJKZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 6331 0058

Passcode: 801963

You will need to connect **through a computer, and no later than 5-10 minutes before the beginning of the seminar.** Those who will be late will not be admitted.

### PLEASE PRAY!

1. For peace in Ukraine, Russia, and Israel
2. For rains in California
3. For restoration of the churches that suffered as a result of the pandemic

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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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