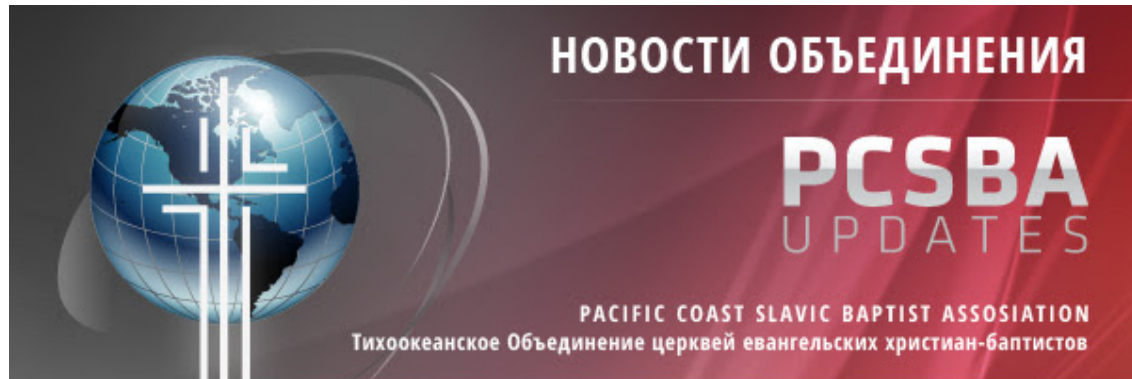


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## **OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**

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

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#### **YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 84TH SPIRITUALLY EDIFYING CONVENTION!**

Dear friends! You are invited to the 84th spiritually edifying convention of the Pacific Coast Association's churches of ECB! The theme of the convention is "Revival – the Life of Contrast (Personal Sanctification)". The main text is: "Arise, o sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Eph. 5:14). The convention will take place at Grace Family Church on October 28-29. The opening of the convention will be in English with synchronized translation into Russian. [For more information about the convention visit the convention's website – click this link.](#) The website is in Russian only.

You can also take advantage of the following links as well:

- [Convention Schedule](#)
- [Convention Almanac](#)
- [Access to Live Stream](#)



## VISITING CHURCHES IN WASHINGTON

With the invitation of The Source of Life Church in Mukilteo, I. V. Mileyev attended their church service on October 9 during which he ordained Edward Yarin and Andrey Karbut as deacons. That same day, he also attended the harvest service at the Slavic Baptist Church in Seattle, where Sergey Bystritskiy is currently serving. [For more about this trip – read here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*The Source of Life Church pastors with their wives. Newly ordained ministers are to the right of I. Mileyev.*

## VISITING CAROLINAS

On September 28 to October 4, I. Mileyev traveled to South and North Carolina to get to know new communities and churches that are being opened up by migrants coming from the western states. For the most part, these are young families with children who saw better financial opportunities for their families, as well as “voluntary” options for vaccinations for their children in public schools. Some of these groups began to establish churches in their new locations, and asked for help from the Association. [More details can be found here.](#)



*During one of the meetings*

## **ORDINATION AT FORWARD CHURCH**

Forward Church in Irvine, California, where Bogdan Kipko is the Senior and Founding Pastor, held their first ever ordination service, where two men were ordained for official gospel ministry. This was an amazing celebration of God’s faithfulness for the entire church. Ivan Mileyev, President of PCSBA, was present for the ordination. Pastor Victor Chayasirisobhon, First Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention and President of the California Southern Baptist Convention, was also in attendance and took part in this ordination service. [More details here.](#)



*New ministers of the church with their spouses and pastor Bogdan Kipko with his wife*

## **HARVEST CELEBRATION**

On October 25, there was a church service dedicated to celebrating the Feast of the Harvest at the Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento. There was wonderful singing of the choir and soloists, thanksgiving prayer, four sermons, and congratulations to the guests at the morning service. There was also a picnic in the afternoon. This event was a wonderful reminder of God's mercy. About 1,500 people joined the celebration that day. The details of the service [can be found on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Church Celebration*

## **ONE THING IS NEEDED**

The Women's Christian Camp "Salon of Unperishable Beauty" was held from September 23 to 25 at Zephyr Point (Lake Tahoe). This is the 14th women's gathering of this type. The theme of the retreat, "One Thing Is Needed", was based on an event that took place in Bethany when Jesus visited Martha's house. This account is recorded in Luke 10:38-42. About 80 women participated in the retreat. [For more information – read here \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Retreat Participants*

## REVIVAL CHURCH RETREAT

“Incomparably More” - these are the words that became a motto for the Revival Baptist Church in Vancouver, WA. The church organizes retreats for key leaders of ministries twice a year. This is an opportunity to be united as one team, to pray together about the most pressing needs and plans, and to answer together, “What do we want God to do for our church?” For more about the retreat and what was covered during the retreat, [read an article by the church’s pastor, M. Cherenkov \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*During the Retreat*

## CHURCH CAMP

More than 100 new refugee immigrants benefited from the Cornerstone Church’s ministry for families who experienced persecution and who traveled a difficult journey to come to our country. They were in great need of rest and warm fellowship in a safe environment with people who love them. For more information, [read an article by K. Kostyuk – click this link.](#)



*The camp brought special joy to children*

## **FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF “CORAM DEO”**

The pandemic affected the plans for the graduating ceremony of [ICI “Coram Deo”](#) in Sacramento, but finally it took place on October 1 at Bryte Church. During this celebration, 18 people from 11 churches in California and Pennsylvania were officially recognized as graduates and were awarded certificates as biblical counselors. Out of the whole group, 16 graduates were from the Association’s churches. Thanks to those who made this a reality! [For more details, read this article \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Graduates and Some of the Instructors*

## **MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS**

This was the title of a missionary conference that took place on September 24 at Bryte Church. The speakers were well-known Slavic missionaries who have a lot of experience in sharing the Gospel and planting churches: Vitaliy Fomin (Greece), Sergey Mativasyan (Russia), Igor Bagirov (U.S.), and Sergey Kirnev (Moldova). For more about the conference, [read an article by Aleksey Yanovskiy \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Speakers and Some of the Conference Attendees*

## **OLD INSTRUMENTS SOUND NEW**



On September 24, the Sunday School Ministry organized a conference at Second Slavic Baptist Church called “Old Instruments Sound New”. The event included an address by the Association’s President, Ivan Mileyev, on “The Methods and Strategies of Teaching Memorable Lessons”, and a detailed overview of the teaching materials in preparing lessons, and was presented by Jennifer Dyachenko. For more about the conference, [visit the Association’s website.](#)



*Directors and Teachers of Sunday Schools*

### **THOU SHALL NOT KILL!**

Why does God allow killing and bloodshed? What are Christians to think of the war in Ukraine? Why are the churches in Russia silent? – these are difficult questions that were answered by Mikhail Tsin on October 8 at a theological seminar organized by the joint efforts of The Cornerstone Church and Grace Avenue Bible Church.

Read more about this [in an article by S. Iotko on the Association’s website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*During the seminar*

### **DAUGHTER OF THE KING – ME OR HER??**

Daughter of the King – Me or Her?” was the theme of the Women’s Prayer Breakfast which took place on October 1 at the Grace Church Avenue Bible Church. About 50 women and girls had the opportunity to reflect on how important proper self-esteem is for Christians, and how it affects relationships with God and others. Read more [in an article by Vita Shukova – click this link.](#)



*Daughters of the King*

## **TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND**

From October 9 to 18, brothers and sisters of Rockland Baptist Church traveled to Israel. It was planned to coincide with the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles and became a huge blessing for the members of the local church.

During the trip, a team of 50 people (90% of the team from Rockland Baptist Church) visited many famous and revered holy places: The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, the Temple Mount, the Wailing Wall, and others. They also visited the Jordan River, the place where Jesus was baptized. Eight people renewed their covenant with the Lord, but there were also those who were baptized by faith for the first time. For more, read [an article on the Association’s website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*In Capernaum, the city of Jesus Christ*

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## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

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### NEW ENROLLMENT FOR BIBLICAL COUNSELING TRAINING

Blagovest Institute of Ministry is partnering with the International Institute of Discipleship, “Coram Deo”, and will be helping in organizing and providing training for those who wish to do biblical counseling. The new group of students began their first session on October 4, at the Bryte Church. More than fifty people from the churches in Sacramento completed the first of twelve modules. There will be an additional enrollment opportunity in December. [Read more here.](#)



*New group of students*

### 59TH CONVENTION OF THE EURO-ASIAN FEDERATION OF ECB UNIONS

From October 4 to October 9, the 59th Convention of the Euro-Asian Federation of ECB Unions was held in Turkish Antalya. The forum brought together delegates from 14 countries: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Germany, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Moldova, Russia, USA, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Scotland. Representatives of some countries that are members of the Federation could not come because of military operations in their countries.

The Convention elected and blessed the new leadership of the E-A Federation for the next two years. The current president of the Union of ECB Churches of Moldova, Nikolai Grigoryevich Vozian, became the President. Asatur Nagapetyan (Armenia) and Sergey Kondauronov (Kazakhstan) became Vice-Presidents. The service of the executive secretary of the Federation will continue to be carried out by Yuri Arkadyevich Apatov. For more about the convention, read on [the union of ECB of Moldova's website – click this link](#) and [on the InVictory](#) website. The articles are in Russian only.



*Convention's participants*

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### WHAT DO TEENS THINK OF JESUS?

What do today's teenagers from different religious groups think about Jesus, the Bible, and justice? US-based Christian sociological organization Barna asked this question to nearly 25,000 teenagers in 26 countries and received encouraging responses.

“The data shows that teenagers rarely think badly of Jesus,” says Barna, who found that most of them feel positively about Jesus: 49% of teenagers describe Jesus as “loving,” 46% believe that Jesus brings hope to the people, and 43% say He cares about people. Only 8% said He was detached from today's real issues, 7% thought He was judgmental, 6% thought He is irrelevant, and 4% thought He was hypocritical.

Read [a full article here](#).

Source: [Christian Post](#).

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER**

The Women's Ministry of the Baptist World Alliance invites women to participate in the Women's International Day of Prayer, which will be held on **November 7**. The theme for 2022 is “The Victorious Life,” taken from the truth of 2 Corinthians 2:14, “But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place”. Click here for [BWA Women's Guide to a Day of Prayer](#).

## **THE TITLE OF PASTOR CAN ONLY BELONG TO MEN**

The Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution reaffirming its president's position that only men can be pastors, an indirect response to Rick Warren's Saddleback Church ordaining three female pastors last year.

At their fall meeting, the trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, unanimously approved a resolution urging the seminary administration to continue the theological training of both men and women, but only men are to be recognized as pastors.

[Source: Christian Post](#).

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## **EVENTS**

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### **LEARN TO PREACH GOSPEL THROUGH FITNESS**

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