

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE'S ADDRESS REGARDING COVID-19

Millions of people found themselves in an unprecedented situation. The regular activities of life have been disrupted and many found themselves in isolation. Some were gripped by panic, fear of being infected, as well as the fear of death. However, as children of God, we always and at all times have hope and assurance in God.

That is what the Association's Committee addresses in a statement to the churches – <u>read</u> the full text here.

CORONAVIRUS DO NOT FEAR AND DO NOT PANIC! PRAY!

Our Lord is still with us, and He controls everything in our lives! «Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age». (Matt. 28:20)

Follow the requirements of the doctors and the government!

Listen to pastoral advice

I.V. Mileyev, G.B. Gavelovskiy, and V. Stupin

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE MISSIONARY CONGRES

Because of the restrictions put in place by our government, as well as the leaders of other countries, the organizers of the Congress decided to move it to September 25-27. Read the details in <u>a letter of the association's president, I. V. Mileyev – click here</u>.



ONLINE STREAMING OF CHURCH SERVICES

Right now, at the time when the majority of the churches are off limits for fellowship of the saints, the live stream over the internet became more important than ever.

The website of the Pacific Coast Association has a page that has links to the church services' live stream. If you cannot attend the church and your church does not have the live stream, you can virtually visit any one of these churches there. Click this link to open the page.



Media Team at Second Slavic Church during the Annual Convention

ASSOCIATION'S PASTORAL MEETING

On March 13th, the House of Prayer church hosted another semi-annual meeting of the pastors of the Association's churches. Over 40 people attended the meeting. During the time of fellowship, there were two seminars, as well as discussion of various issues of church ministry in the Association. For more information, read <u>an article by I. V. Mileyev published on the Association's webiste (in Russian only.)</u>



How Good it is for the Brothers to be Together!

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S YOUTH DEPARTMENT

On March 14th, there was a meeting of the Youth Ministry Department and the local churches' youth leaders. Those who were not able to attend in person were able to attend virtually via ZOOM. It was very pleasant to see young Christians of our churches who were actively discussing the ministry plans for the youth of both the churches and the department. For more information about this meeting, read an article by the department leader Peter Makletsov– read his article here.



Peter Makletsov, the department leader, and some virtual meeting participants behind him

TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH IN HONOLULU

On Sunday March 8, 2020, Slavic Church of Honolulu, which is the farthest partner church of the Pacific Coast Slavic Baptist Churches, celebrated their ten-year anniversary. Among many guests were N. A. Bugriyev, who did the initial prayer of dedication of this church, as well as L. Bak who is a deacon of the Hayward church. For more about this celebration and pictures visit the Association's website – click here. The church's new YouTube

channel also has <u>the video presentation of the history of this church</u>. All information is in Russian only.



During the Celebration Service

REFORMATION OF THE HEART – A HEART READY FOR EVANGELISM

That was the name of an annual conference of Grace Family Church. The speakers were: D. Zherebnenkov (Washington, USA), A. Kalinskiy (Zdolbunov, Ukraine), and A. Prokopenko (Samara, Russia). During the Q&A session, the panel consisted of pastors from the local church as well as T.N. Pristupa who is a pastor in Rivno and the head of Hope to the People Ministry in Ukraine. A link to the recordings of the conference and interview with A. Kalinskiy can be located on the church's website — click here. Recordings are in Russain.



Pastors Answering Questions from the Audience



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Moms in Prayer Ministry of the Pacific Coast Association organized a women's prayer breakfast, which took place on February 29, 2020 at Bryte Church. The theme of the prayer meeting was "Who is to Blame for my Grievance?" Rufina Peychev, who is an instructor of the Precept Ministries, the Eurasia Precept Ministry Institute, was invited as a speaker. Ninety women from various churches of the Association attended the breakfast. Pastor Leonid Petrovich Kioroglo from Bryte church opened and blessed their fellowship. A summary of this event can be found on the association's website – click here (in Russian only.)



During the Prayer Breakfast

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT THE ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH

The conference took place on February 22 at the Orange County Church where Benjamin Gorelov is the pastor. The conference was attended by women from churches of Montebello, Hollywood, and "Bethany" as well as by about twenty people from churches of

Sacramento, Fresno, and Castro Valley. There were many young women who took an active part in this event: they sang and shared their testimonies. The theme of the conference was "God's Glory as an Instrument for Victory". For more information, read an article by N. Yurkov, <u>uploaded to the Association's website – click here (in Russian only.)</u>



Conference Participants

ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

Twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:10 - 3:30 there is the Association hosts a radio program on 1690AM station. 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.

- "Jesus on Trial" Conference N. Kostyuk
- <u>Missionary Congress 2020. About Ukrainian Baptist Churches Association and a seminar on "Bible Translation as the Foundation for Missions". R. Kapran</u>
- Gospel to the neighbors. A story about Grace Family Church's ministry. E. Bardosh
- How to share the Gospel with the locals? V. Dashkevich about his seminar at the Missionary Congress
- "Under the Dome of Love". O. Kostyuk about the ministry of the Cornerstone Church to the new immigrants
- "Be Wise!" Advice and warnings regarding the virus. G. Gavelovskiy
- What to do during these perilous times? I. Oselskiy
- Word of encouragement from the PCSBA's president, I. V. Mileyev
- Interview with P. Makletsov, the Youth Ministry leader

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ANN GRAHAM LOTZ: CORONAVIRUS — IS IT A SIGN OF THE LAST TIMES?

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association website has an article by Anne Graham Lotz, who is the daughter of Billy Graham, in which she shares her thoughts on the events of our times: "Right now is the time to lift up our eyes heavenward...as we pray on our knees!"

Her original article <u>can be located here – click this link</u>. The Russian translation can be located on the <u>Jewish Missionary portal</u>.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Because of the quarantine, the children are sitting at home, and the parents are challenged by what could be useful activities for them during the time of the forced isolation. The adults also would like to do something useful during the extra free time that they have from not working.

The website of the Russian chapter of the "Light on the East" mission has a lot of books and publications, which are accessible for reading and download. For example, the Tropinka magazine has all of their publications from 1990s until today, Faith and Life, from 1974 until 2019, and Menora from 1995 until 2005. All of those resources are in different formats that are easy for download.

Take a look! Perhaps you will find something that you would love to read with your children at home.

- Tropinka http://www.lio.ru/magazines/tropinka/2020
- Faith and Lfie http://www.lio.ru/magazines/vera/2019
- Menora http://www.lio.ru/magazines/menora/2006
- Books http://www.lio.ru/books
- Recordings of the Tropinka group http://www.lio.ru/disks/tropinka

All resources in Russian only.

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Because of the quarantine, the churches moved their services online so that adult Christians can continue receiving their spiritual food and nourishment from their pastors. However, what about the children? If they regularly attended the Sunday school or the AWANA groups, the quarantine is difficult for them as well.

The children's ministry at the churches in Balti, Moldova solved this problem by hosting the Sunday School online. Their first online lesson <u>can be viewed here</u>, <u>on YouTube</u> channel.

Perhaps your church would like to do something similar. The children will experience great joy of seeing their teachers and receive the instruction from them for the upcoming week.



First online lesson at the children's center in Balti, Moldova

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

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