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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Only a week ago, America was celebrating Father's Day. We would like to also join in celebrating this important day, and would like to wish Christian fathers strength, health, God's blessings, to reflect the image of God, be kind, compassionate, and to be both leaders and priests of their families! Happy Father's Day dear fathers!



ORDINATION AT THE WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

On June 13, Slavic Baptist Church "Word of Life" had a special service during which the church ordained two young servants as deacons: Serge Padurary and Aleksandr Nastasiychuk. For more information [read an article by Ivan Mileyev – click this link.](#)



Prayer of Dedication

TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORD OF TRUTH CHURCH

Ten years ago, on May 15, 2011 with God's providence, another lamp of Christ's glory was lit in one of Seattle's neighborhoods. Over the following years, the church had a special awareness of God's grace in their lives which was manifested in enriching many hearts with the joy of the Gospel. Read about this [in an article by the church pastor P. Lvutin – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)

Happy anniversary dear church! May you continue to be the light of God's grace and mercy! May many more people find their way to the Light as a result of your ministry!



During the Church Anniversary Service

BAPTISM AND ORDINATION AT THE ROCKLAND CHURCH

Baptism and ordination are always joyful celebrations for the church. When young people commit themselves to the Lord or begin a new kind of ministry, such events become twice as joyful. That is what Rockland Baptist Church' pastor, N.

Bugriyev [shares in his article – click here to access it \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Baptism at the River



The Team of Ministers Increased by Five New Deacons

VISIT TO WASHINGTON

The Association's President I. Mileyev was invited to the Convention of the Eastern-Ukrainian Association of Churches in the USA, which took place at the end of May. During the visit, he had an opportunity to also visit the Slavic Baptist Church in Seattle and Pastor Aleksey Timofeyevich Kozorezov, who has been serving the church for many years and is a dear brother in Christ. For more about this visit, read [an article by I. Mileyev on the Association's website – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Convention Participants

MOM, TALK TO ME!

This was the theme of the meeting of the sisters in the Second Slavic Church. The conversation was about femininity, chastity, which should be instilled in daughters and granddaughters. Read more about this meeting [in the article by V. Kostrikina, leader of the women's ministry of the church \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Guests and Organizers of the Event

NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION MINISTRY

One of the greatest events of this ministry was the graduation of students from the Montebello Church. The graduates completed four years of training and were awarded the Masters of Divinity degree.

The graduation ceremony was officiated by Peter Valterovich Mitskevich, who is the Chairman of the Russian Union of Baptist and dean of the Moscow's Theological Seminary, Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev, President of the Pacific Coast's Association, Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev, director of the Blagovest Institute of Ministry, Aleksandr Pronin, Pastor of the Montebello Church, Valeriy Konopelkin, and instructors Vadim

Yurchak and Sergey Pronin. For more information about the department's news, [read an article by A. Pronin, which is uploaded to the Association's website.](#)



Newly Graduate Masters of Divinity, Instructors, and other students

NEW ISSUE OF GOD'S VINEYARD MAGAZINE



Although God's Vineyard Magazine is not printed by the thousands, it still has a wide spectrum of readers and is edifying for many of the grateful subscribers. The Magazine's editor, L. Pavlyuk, talks more about the new issue and provides some details of what it will be about.

Read her [article on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)

BRYTE CHURCH MINISTERS' VISIT TO KIRGISTAN AND TAJIKISTAN

Bryte church is known for being sacrificial and for participating in multiple projects in the region of the former USSR and Europe. Its ministry is made possible thanks to the generosity of its members. Two of the members of the Missionary Department of the church, M. Savenko and V. Butayev, decided to visit Kirgizstan and Tajikistan to see with their own eyes what is happening there, to find out about the needs of the local churches, and how they could be of help to them. To find out more about this visit, [read an article on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#) [To listen to a conversation with him, click this link.](#)



One of the Fellowships with the Believers of Tajikistan

HELP FOR CHURCH STAFF AND THE ASSOCIATION

Gathering information for the newsletters is always difficult. Many of the ministry leaders and ministers are expressing their concern that they are not able to do this, that it is too difficult, etc. At the request of the Association's staff, there was a seminar on «How to Write a Newsletter Article». During this seminar, there was information on the different types of newsletters, their structure, gathering and editing of information, writing articles, and their final processing. Besides explaining the main rules of article writing, the listeners found out about different tools for converting speech to text, spell checking and style of writing, as well as touch typing in both English and in Russian. To access the seminar's content, see the following: «How to Write a Newsletter Article». [Part 1: Rules and Practices of Writing a Newsletter Article](#) | [Part 2: Resources to Help the Article's Writer](#). The recordings are in Russian only.

The content of the seminar could be helpful not only for the Association's staff, but also for everyone who is engaged in Church ministry.

MISSIONARY NEWS

STREET EVANGELISM OF GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

In early June, with the leadership of the church pastors, a number of young and not so young, church members at Grace Family Church went to the streets of North Highlands with the message of the Gospel. They set up the posters there to bring the message of salvation through Jesus Christ and invited others to repent and be saved. Read more about this in an article by O. Avetisova, [which can be located on the Association's website – click this link.](#)



The Church Senior Pastor D. Zherebnenkov Preaches with His Kids on One of the Intersections in North Highlands

FUNDRAISING CONCERTS OF THE KIRNEV FAMILY AND OASIS CHAMBER CHOIR

Kirnev Group and the Oasis Chamber Choir are planning to have a few fundraising events in Sacramento in order to raise some funds for the Church construction in Bulgaria for the new Turkish converts.

The concerts will take place at Grace Family Church on July 16 in English, on July 17 in Russian, and at the Bryte church on July 18. All of the concerts will begin at 6:00 P.M. You can get the event tickets here: <https://kirnevfamil.org/event/>. More information and pictures can be found [on the Association's website – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)

THE «KOVCHEG» MISSIONARY GROUP IN SACRAMENTO

This group has been serving God and people for about fifty years. Having started their music ministry in the early eighties, when it had not yet been heard or dreamed

of vocal and instrumental ensembles in our churches, the group quickly gained fame and became a welcome participant in many Christian events. At the beginning of the perestroika, this group took the shape of God's instruments to be used in many evangelistic and fundraising purposes. Recently this group visited Sacramento and took an active participation in many of the church services. Read more about this [in an article by A. Pronin which can be found on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



The current members of the «Kovcheg» group

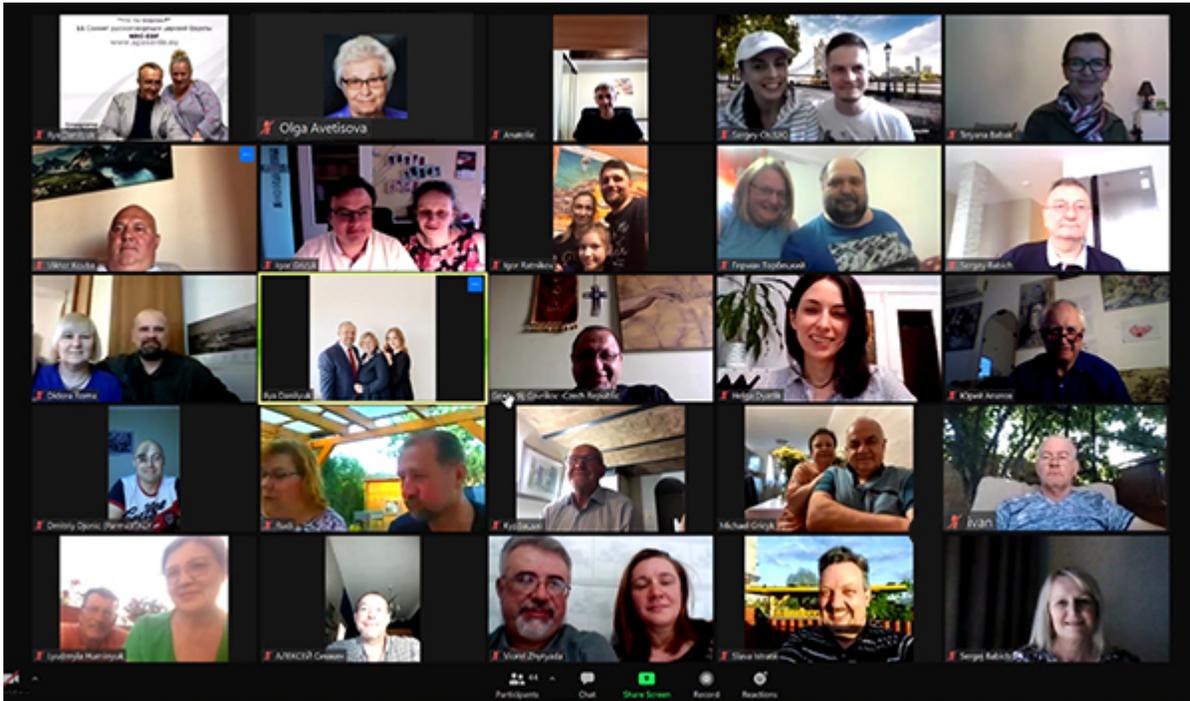
SUMMER 2021 IS FAVORABLE

This was the headline of the newsletter by I. Danilyuk who is the head of the missionary ministry in Italy. [To read his letter, click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

11TH SUMMIT OF THE EUROPEAN SLAVIC CHURCHES MOVEMENT

At the beginning of June, there was an online summit of the European Slavic Churches Movement. The theme of the summit was «What Do You See?». The pastors of Slavic churches in the countries of Europe, as well as other summit's guests, were able to listen in on the seminars about the work of missions, share their ministry experience among the Russian speaking emigrants in Europe, and also share their challenges and blessings from God. The summit's recordings can be located on the links: [NRC-EBF](#) and [YouTube](#).



Part of the Summit's Participants

RUSSIA IS PREPARING FOR MASS EVANGELISM

Russian Protestants have come together and are getting ready for mass evangelism with the involvement of the head of Evangelistic Association of Bill Graham and the Fundraising Organization of «The Samaritan's Purse» of Franklin Graham. After receiving the invitation from the Russian Union of ECB, Dr. Graham is planning to visit St. Petersburg in the summer of 2022 and be a part of the «Festival of Hope». Source: [BOFNews](#).



Organizational Meeting with the Participation of Viktor Gamm

BORIS BEREZHNOY WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD

The earthly journey of a well-known singer and evangelist, Boris Berezhnoy, and his wife, Raisa Dmitriyevna, has come to an end. Both of them served the Lord in their individual ministries, both of them got sick with COVID, and both of them passed away. Many people knew Boris Arseniyevich. He was a talented singer with a unique voice, participant of hundreds of evangelistic events, was well-recognized all over the former Soviet Union and beyond. His wife was quiet and gentle, barely noticed by anyone while always serving in the shadow of her husband. However, according to Shirinay Dosova, she was a vital support and a source of strength for Boris Arseniyevich and their children.

We are grieving along with all of their loved ones. Until we meet again, dear Boris Arseniyevich and Raisa Dmitriyevna.



Berezhnoy's Family

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ONLY 6% OF AMERICANS HAVE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Only 6% of Americans have a "biblical worldview," according to research from notable evangelical pollster George Barna released as part of a new endeavor with the Christian conservative advocacy organization Family Research Council. The results of the study indicated that although 51% of adult Americans declared that they have «biblical worldview», only 6% of the American adults actually stay true to this worldview.

Source: [Christian Post](#).

LEGAL SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH LEADERS

The right to freely share the religious convictions, personal faith, and the message of the Gospel is now, more than ever, in serious trouble. Some of the government officials openly declare that this freedom must be limited. This poses the greatest danger to the church leaders. When it comes to freedom of speech, church leaders need to understand their legal rights.

In order to help in navigating this issue, a team of lawyers at the Alliance Defending Freedom provided an excellent resource for the churches. [Click this link to access](#)

[it.](#)

Source: Christian Post.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN CENTRAL ASIA

Sherkhan Bandar, was at a customs and trade crossing on the Tajik-Afghan border, and was captured by the Taliban on June 22. Tajikistan is preparing for an influx of refugees, which can be up to 30 thousand people, and is afraid of the Taliban attacks on the territory of Tajikistan.

The leaders of the Mission Eurasia Field Ministries of Tajikistan, along with the local church leaders, are holding special prayer meetings and preparing to minister to refugees from Afghanistan, responding to their needs and testifying of hope in Christ.

Support our young leaders in prayer right now. Please Pray for peace for the region and God's protection for Christians.

Source: [Mission Eurasia Field Ministries](#).



EVENTS

WOMEN'S DINNER

On July 17, there will be a women's dinner for those who are participating or would like to participate in any ministry. The details and goals of this event [can be located on the Association's website – click this link](#). The event begins at 4:00 p.m. and hosted by Grace Avenue Church located at: 1425 Grace Avenue, Sacramento, CA

95838.

Registration - \$27:00. [Click this link for registration.](#)

PACIFIC COAST SLAVIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

You are invited to a

GALA DINNER FOR

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer"
2 Samuel 22:2

SATURDAY JULY 17th

DOORS OPEN AT 3:45 P.M.
EVENT STARTS AT 4:00 P.M.

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