

During the various services, speakers discussed how to "trust in the Lord with all your heart," to trust Him in all things, how to make good decisions and to stay faithful to the Lord, always and everywhere. The human heart is tainted by sin, so you cannot rely on your mind - explained Peter Kondrashov, a minister of Bryte Church.

Finally, a teacher from Victory Christian School, Daniel Kirk, spoke about the need of growing in knowledge of the Lord in all his ways.

The program of the conference also included the viewing of Christian videos and skits, sports and various crafts prepared by the teens.



The conference young participants

The full version of the article is available on the website of the Pacific Association: [www.pcsba.com](http://www.pcsba.com)

## PRAYER NEEDS

Fund "Barnabas" asks for prayers:

- For God's protection for Christians in Mombasa, Kenya, and that they may endure the persecution with firm faith and patience.
- For the authorities of Tanzania, so that they may enact laws for the good of believers.
- For the Christians who have been languishing in Eritrean prisons for years, for the Lord's support and comfort to them.
- For the Government of India, so that they may be more loyal to Christians and protect their rights.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The missionary organization "Slavic Gospel Association», based in Illinois, needs a Russian-speaking accountant. For detailed information, please contact Cindy Beaumont, (815) 282-8900.

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Committee of the Pacific Association of Baptist Churches held a regular meeting on April 17, 2015 in West Sacramento. The Committee met in full, and there was discussion of the upcoming 78th Congress. October 22-24 is the new approved date for the Congress to occur. It will be held at Russian Baptist Church of Bryte (Pastor Khakimov), in West Sacramento. The theme of the Congress will be, "The coming of the Lord is near." The main speaker at the Congress will be Valery Antoniuk, president of the Baptist Union of Ukraine.

The committee approved partnership with an organization called Mission Eurasia, (formerly known as Peter Dyneka Russian Ministries). The purpose of this organization, which is headed by Sergey Rakhuba, is to prepare laborers and support them in their work in the field of the Lord in the former Soviet Union. It is based in Chicago, Illinois.

On April 18, 2015, the department heads of the Pacific Association met in the office of the Association to look at issues concerning the ministry of each department. The meeting concluded with prayer in groups for various needs.

On April 27, 2015, on the premises of Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento (Pastor Brutsky- Stempkovsky), a meeting was held with the Chairman of the local ministers of the Baptist Union of Russia, Alexei Smirnov, and his assistant, Amir Usmanov. Our brothers from Russia shared their views on the preparation of new ministers in local churches and proposed to consider the possibility of cooperation in bringing the Gospel to Slavs scattered around the world.



After the meeting, the ministers, along with the President of the Baptist Union of Russia, Alexei Smirnov and his assistant Amir Usmanov

## II SLAVIC CHRISTIAN YOUTH OF THE US CONGRESS

From April 24 to 26, 2015, a Congress for the Slavic Youth of America was held in Minnesota. It brought together Christians from the United States, Canada, and abroad. The theme of the Congress was, "You are the light of the world," which was widely and deeply illuminated through sermons and numerous workshops. Various musical groups, choirs, groups and family ensembles participated in the program. The participants received special spiritual food from guests from abroad, such as Franz Thiessen, Alexei Smirnov, Albert Friese, Alexander Garbu ... Various missions and Christian organizations presented their work at the Congress, which inspired and encouraged young people to work. II Youth Congress was not only a place for hearing strong and practical sermons, but for encounters and a powerful spiritual charge for further service. The call to be the light of the world, which was emphasized all three days, touched the hearts of many young people to "trim their lamps" in fervent prayer of dedication.

## НОВОСТИ ЦЕРКВЕЙ

On Sunday, May 3, the "Word of Life" church in Santa Barbara held a water baptism. It was held in the morning, on the Ocean. William Mitsuk, Svetlana Trofimova – Garcia and Daniel Pryhitko fulfilled the commandment of Christ to be baptized. This service was attended by Andrei Bondarenko, Mikhail Mitsuk, Tsvirinko Michael, Ivan and Ina Senin.



Covenant with the Lord

## FIRST YOUTH MEETING IN ROME

Truly, God is great, and there is none like Him! (Ps. 71: 14-15). The youth ministry in Italy is just beginning. Many young people are leaving the CIS countries, predominantly Ukraine in view of the circumstances, and are moving to Italy for permanent residence. The first youth meeting was held on May 10, 2015. The topic of discussion was, "I am the way ....» «One way» to Jesus » («Sencounico » in Italian). God has blessed us with great weather, as well as guests from Russia, Milan, Bologna, Florence, Perugia, Naples, Rome and its surroundings. The fellowship was very edifying and many became interested in a following meeting.

The program included spiritual music and singing; young people became acquainted with each other and took part in various games. But most importantly, they listened to the truth of God's Word. After the service, they were met with a celebratory dinner and an evening walk around Rome.

Pray for the sown seed of the Word of God, so that the Lord will raise it up.

*With love, your fellow servant Elijah Danyluk.*



The first youth meeting in Rome

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Teen Conference happened on May 15-16 at the Third Slavic Baptist Church, which was attended by over 500 young people from 12 churches of the Pacific Association.