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## NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES

### PCSBA'S PASTORS MEETING

*First Slavic Baptist Church* of Sacramento held the Pacific Coast Association's pastors meeting on February 25. Common goals, benefits of serving together, importance of a unified ministry, the future of the Association, understanding of the second and third immigrants' generations, and many other similar questions were the themes of the meeting's participants. All participants have been involved in the discussion.

I. Mileyev's full [article I.V. Mileyev may be found here \(in Russian only\)](#); there also will be references to the video taken during the discussions.



### EDITORIAL MESSAGE

In the last month's newsletter we published [an article of a teacher](#), in which she was addressing the readers with serious questions. Are we being a "good neighbor" to those around us? What do we know about those who live next to us, about our neighbors? Do we know them by name? Are they Christians, or did they never hear about Christ? If not, have we ever talked to them about their future in eternity? Do we pray for them?

Could you answer a few questions below? This is not for



## HONOLULU CHURCH CELEBRATION

*Slavic Baptist Church of Honolulu* had a celebratory service on March 19, 2017. During this service, a new deacon, Leonid Bak, was ordained for deaconship.

Leonid's brother Vitaliy Bak, pastor of *Slavic Baptist Church "Bethany"* from Minnesota, was among those who ordained Leonid. Vitaliy's sermon sounded like an exhortation to the church about the role of ministers in the spiritual edification. I.V. Mileyev spoke of the Scriptures' requirements in ministry of a deacon, about God's definition of necessity of this ministry to the church, as well as about the gifts of the Holy Spirit needed for an effective ministry of a deacon. Ordination prayer was made by pastors I.V. Mileyev, Vitaliy Bak, and Aleksandr Bublik.

Full text of the article [can be found on this page – click here \(in Russian only\)](#).



## NEW EDUCATION CENTER IN FLORIDA

Could you answer a few questions below? This is not for the benefit of an editor or other people. It is for each one of us. While answering, let us analyze ourselves, how do I rate myself as far as being a neighbor is concerned? Also, in answering, let us ask the Lord to help us so that we and other listeners could become such neighbors as our Lord, our Neighbor, expects us to be?

### RESPONSE TO YOURSELF AND COMPARE YOUR ANSWER TO THE SCRIPTURE

What kind of the neighbor am I?

\* [I know all of my neighbors by names and I am always acting as a good neighbor to them](#)

\* [I know a few of my neighbors and I am good to those whom I know](#)

\* [It is enough for me to know my relatives and neighbors in the church](#)

\* [I do not care about them, just like they don't care about me.](#)

### Church News

Dear friends! A few of our readers are asking to publish more information about activities that are held in your churches, and to inform them about the life of the local churches, and even beyond the churches of Sacramento.

We would love to do that if only we could receive such information from you and your churches. Unfortunately, gathering of news – is extremely difficult and not valued by others – people hide it as if it were a national secret.

If your church or other churches are planning something

## NEW EDUCATION CENTER IN FLORIDA

The Institute of Ministry "Blagovest" in partnership with Moscow's Theological Seminary opened a new education center in Florida. The teaching course will be in accordance with "Church Ministry" curriculum. Twenty-one students from five churches, which are stationed in different cities of Florida, had their first session in Orlando. The first session of theology was taught by Alexandr Pronin.

Professors from "Blagovest" and Moscow seminary will teach this group of students. The program is designed for one-and-a-half years of study. Please pray for this project.

If your church or other churches are planning something interesting, something that can benefit others, please tell us about it and we will gladly publish your information not only in the newsletters, but also at our website. Please send us your information at [pcsbaca@gmail.com](mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com)

## SECOND SLAVIC CHURCH'S 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

*Second Slavic Church* had a 20 year anniversary on March 26. The solemn assembly drew many guests and the sanctuary was overflow. The celebration's participants were not only current ministers, but also those who were in leadership in the beginning. Church Pastor Valeriy Petrovich Brutskiy-Stempkovskiy read a historical article ([which can be viewed here](#)). There were many positive closing remarks about the future ministry of the church, and a prayer of blessings by the Pacific Coast's Association's President, and pastors V. Brutskiy-Stempkovskiy, G. Lakhno, and P. Kioroglo. [Click here to view the service's recording](#)

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT MEETING WITH BROTHER E. GONCHARENKO

February 25, a meeting for the Association's and churches' music department leaders was held on the *First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento*. Evgeniy Semenovich Goncharenko who is a head of the Christian Center "Logos" was invited there. He presented the release of a new choir hymnal "Hallelujah" and taught a masters level class in conducting musical pieces that are in this publication.

You can read the article on the Association's website – [click here \(in Russian only\)](#).





## **FIRST WEEK OF APRIL – WEEK OF SHOWING SPECIAL CARE FOR THOSE WITH LIMITED ABILITIES**

The Special Needs Children Ministry department offers to dedicate the first week of April to show special care for those with limited abilities and to their families. We exhort all Russian-speaking Christians to reach out to these families and individuals in any way possible: visit them, encourage, support, do anything your heart is moved to do. If you have desire to help, but you do not know any families, please contact the leader of the department Natalia Smolikova (916-833-5510), and she will be glad to help you get in touch with those to whom you can minister.

Please, [watch this clip yourself and show it at your church](#). Read the full [article of N. Smolikova here](#) (in Russian only) – you will discover a lot about families who have members with special needs!

## **FORUM ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE**

There is a forum on the Association's website where you can discuss various themes. The forum can be found under [News --> Forum](#). You will need to register before you can participate in it.

The forum discusses public and restricted themes. Access to the restricted themes will be released to you by I.V. Mileyev after you register on the forum.

## **ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – programs of the previous month**

During the course of the previous month, the following programs were aired on the Association's radio – see below. In order to listen to a recording of an interested program, please click on the following title.

- [Trip to Poland. I.V. Mileyev](#)
- [10 year anniversary of "Moms in Prayer" – interview with Galina Bugriyeva. Part 1 | Part 2](#)
- [Ministry to those with special children. Interview with Natalia Smolikova](#)
- ["Confessing your sins before men – is it needed?" Is answered by Y.K. Sipko](#)
- [News 03/23/17 - I. Mileyev](#)

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### MISSIONARY SUMMIT-FORUM IN WARSAW

February 21 to 24 the Seventh Missionary Summit took place in Polish Baptist Seminary near Warsaw. Missionary groups from various countries presented their prayer needs and the ministry updates in the mission's field in Europe.

Missions, educational facilities, and publishing houses offered different resources as help to the missionaries. Out of all the Slavic associations and unions, only two of them are constant in supporting the missionary ministry in Europe – they are the Ukrainian Union ECB and the Pacific Coast Association of ECB.

For more details please – [click here \(in Russian only\)](#).



### PRAYER FOR SOUTH KOREA

Please read the prayer bulletin about South Korea created by the Moldavian Brotherhood – [click here \(in Russian only\)](#).

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Grace Family Church will host a missionary training on April 1st from 9:20am -4:00pm. Address of the church is **7031 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660**. Registration cost is \$10:00. For registration visit: <https://goo.gl/r2XdP5>. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1212743568821768/> (Please mark "Going", if you plan to attend this conference). Come to worship the Lord, participate in the training seminars, and meet other missionaries from different churches in Sacramento, Fresno, Bay Area, and other places.

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- First week of April – a week of showing special care to people with limited abilities. For more information about this visit the Association's website ([click here](#)) and contact Natalia Smolikova with any questions (916) 833-5510.
- **May 13, 2017** - Children Ministry invites you to a conference that will take place at: Russian Baptist Church, Bryte. Address: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605. Speaker: Czeslaw Bassara. Registration fee: \$15.00 per person (one day – May 13). **RSVP by April 30**. For registration, please call to: Natalya Lakhno: (916) 335-6391, Oleg Lakhno: (916) 802-4140, or Tim Malanchuk: (253) 686-6975. For more information [click here](#).
- **May 13, 15-16** - You are invited to AWANA ministry conference. Time: May 13: 9:30 am - 4:00pm, May 15: 6pm - 9pm; May 16: 6pm-9pm. **Where:** Russian Baptist Church, Bryte. Address: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605. Speaker: Cheslaw Bassara. Registration Fee: before May1, 1 day: \$15.00, 3 days: \$25.00; at the door: 1 day: \$20.00, 3 days: \$30.00. [For registration click here](#). [Flyer with detailed information see here](#).
- **26-29 May** Sierra Pines Camp will host a family retreat "Family for the Glory of God". Main speaker – Sergey Tarasenko. Check in – May 26 after 2:00 pm. Check out – May 29 at 3:00 pm. The retreat's program will include spiritually edifying services with the involvement of families and speakers, family games, hikes, and crafts. More information is provided [on the Association's website – click here](#).
- **June 1 – June 3** - "Don't Waste Your Life" is the title of the joint Russian-Ukrainian brotherhood conference. For more information about the conference, the speakers and registration, please visit the conference's website <https://youthconference.us/>. Conference participation does not have an age limitation, but registration is mandatory.

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## PRAYER NEEDS

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- Continue praying for the president of our country, for the vice president, for wisdom, for the entire team who is working with him (Jer. 29:7). Pray that the Lord would restrain those who are causing trouble and quarrel in the communities, and who support the laws which are contrary to God's statutes.
- Pray for the persecuted Christians in the Muslim countries.
- Beginning May and June, the Association's churches will have many conferences, missions' trips, and children's camps. Please pray for God's blessing about all these plans.

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