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## NEWS OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DEPARTMENTS

The Association serves through its departments. For a long time the position of leaders of three departments were vacant: previous leaders left the ministry for various reasons, and a search for their replacement took a significant amount of time.

This month new leaders of teens, youth, and music departments of the Association were confirmed. For information about who they are and where they are from, read [the article on the Association's website – click here](#).

Sergey Pronin who is the new head of the Music and Singing Department of the Association, shares some of his plans for ministry in the Association, and about how these plans will be executed in his address to pastors and leaders of music ministries of churches - [read his letter here](#).

### INSTITUTE "BLAGOVEST" – GRADUATION OF STUDENTS IN MONTEBELLO

Professors from the Institute of Ministry “Blagovest” invested a lot of time for the glory of God. Every last Saturday of the month they drove from Sacramento to Los Angeles, many times enduring heavy traffic, in order to teach those who earnestly desired to get Biblical knowledge. Four years later, nine graduates of the institute received the degrees of “Bachelor of Church Ministry” on April 30, 2017. For more

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Professors and Graduates

## TEENS CONFERENCE

About 400 teenagers went to an annual teens' conference which took place on May 5-6 at the *Second Slavic Baptist Church*. "Behold!" - was the theme and the slogan of this conference. Its' goal was to share the various methods and means by which Christ could be evident, and through Him to see the glory of Almighty God.

Both Martin Kravynov, who is a new leader of the teens' department, [in his radio interview](#), and Svetlana Timofeyeva in her article share the conference's details.



## PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP IN TACOMA

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- The world is experiencing instability and turmoil. Pray:
  - For presidents of North Korea and Iran, who execute inhumane plans, and are set at destroying huge populations including those who live in the U.S. and Israel.
  - For ISIS organization, so that the Lord would enlighten these unfortunate, deceived by the Devil people so that God would stop them in their tracks.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters in South Sudan, so that their physical and spiritual needs would be met, for peace in the country, and for blessings on the ministry of Pastor Edward Dima.
- Pray for our missionaries, and for those who share the gospel locally in California and throughout the entire American continent.
- Pray for the Association's and the churches' summer missionary projects

Pastors' fellowship of churches in the southern region took place on May 13th and was organized by a member of the Association's Committee—Vasiliy Vasilyevich Stupin. It was a great time of introductions and fellowship. Six churches of the Pacific Coast Association are located in this region. The Association's President Ivan Mileyev shared about the life of the Association, as well as answered questions about the vision, priorities of the future ministry, effectiveness in ministering to the second and third generation of immigrants, as well as opportunities to share the gospel with the local English-speaking population. [Click here for a full article.](#)



### **GOOD NEWS CHURCH IN TACOMA VISITING**

While in Tacoma, the Association's President visited the Good News Church and took part in the celebration on May 14th. This church had a twofold celebration: baptism of six people and the celebration of Mothers' Day

The President was pleasantly surprised by this church, by the relationships among the people and by the organization of the flow of the service. He shares his impressions [in an article posted on the Association's website.](#)





## **SEMINAR UPDATE "HOW CAN THE CHURCH SERVE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES"**

First of the series of seminars “How Can the Church Serve People with Disabilities” took place in *Slavic Baptist Church* in West Sacramento on April 29 with the attendance of about 50 people.

The seminar outlined short summaries of topics such as: who are the disabled, and what are the classifications of persons with disabilities, as well as reasons why people in the past had negative perceptions of people with disabilities—especially those who had mental disabilities and disruption of their psychological state.

Details of the seminar can be [read in an article by Natalya Smolikova](#).

## **INTENSE SEASON FOR FIRST SLAVIC CHURCH**

This church is a missionary church. It has groups of people who try to bring the love of Christ to others. The church attracts not only those in need, but also those who want to help others. Right now is the season of intensity—the preparation for the summer missions trip. During the weekly meetings the plans of the camps are developed, and a lot of time is dedicated to the development of Bible lessons. The lessons have to be interesting and edifying so that the children who do not know Christ could get to know Him, and that is the main goal of short-term missions’ trips. They collect financial donations, sell all kinds of culinary dishes, and make flowers for sale on Mothers’ Day, and much more.

One of the church ministers, Vitaliy Davydov is in charge of a group which will visit Israel, the place where Christians aren’t welcome, and where extra wisdom is needed in hosting a missionary ministry. [For more information, read an article by Emily Guseva on the Association’s website.](#)

## **STORIES OF OUR CHURCHES IN ENGLISH**

Recognizing the growing audience of the readers of the English version of the Association’s website, it was decided to translate the summary of our churches’ history. This month new translations have been published: histories of the *Evangelical Christian Church of Montobello*, *Russian Baptist Church of Bryte*, *Second Slavic Baptist Church*, and *Slavic Evangelical Church of Orange County*. ([English version of the churches’](#)

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It is good to have the history of all of our churches. With the passage of time a lot of things are forgotten. The way in which the Lord is leading our churches is also forgotten. A recorded history will help the growing generation to treasure their fathers' heritage and continue the work that they began.

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

The following programs were aired on the Association's radio in the past month-see below. To listen to the recording of the program, please click on the link below.

- Sermon by P. Lvutin on 2 Peter 3:10. [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#)
- ["What does it mean to eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ?" – listener's question answered by Y. K. Sipko](#)
- ["Moms in Prayer" Ministry Retreat - G.F. Bugriyev](#)
- [Teens' Conference. M. Kraynov, leader of the youth department](#)
- [N. Bugriyev and V. Dashkevich about the conference: "Don't Waste Your Life".](#)
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### **NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES**

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#### **PRAYER FOR FAMILIES OF MINISTERS IN SACRAMENTO**

On May 19th Russian Baptist Church of Bryte hosted an inner-city prayer meeting of pastors of Baptist churches of Sacramento. Their wives were also invited. The main theme of the prayer was the family of a minister. The ministers are in need of a special prayer support since Satan's strategy remains the same: "I will strike down the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered". Mark 14:27. For more information, visit [the Association's website – click here](#).

#### **NORTH-EASTERN CONVENTION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES**

On May 12 and 13, "Spring of Life" Church in Mukilteo hosted the 17th spiritually edifying convention of the North-Eastern Association's Union. The theme of the congress was "Preeminence of Christ" based on Colossians 1:17: "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together".

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Ivan Mileyev, who is the President of Pacific Coast Association, took part in this convention as an invited guest and then described his impressions of the convention in an article, which can be found [on the Association's website-click here.](#)



## INTERVIEW WITH THE TSVIRINKO FAMILY

It has been about half a year since the previous President of the Association Vyacheslav Mikhailovich Tsvirinko with his wife left the warm and comfortable California and moved to Moldova in order to serve there as missionaries. Many members of the local churches are wondering about their transition and how they are doing over there. Olga Avetisova interviewed Tsvirinkos through Skype. You can watch and listen to this recording here:

[YouTube recording.](#)

## REFORMATION'S MUSIC HERITAGE

Slavic Evangelical Music Association and Institute of Worshipping Music are organizing a conference entitled “Reformation’s Music Heritage” which will take place on November 17-19, 2017 at “Russian Baptist Church Evangelism” located at: 1807 S 223rd Street, Des Moines, WA 98198.

The conference is dedicated to understanding the ideas and principles of the reformation in historical and contemporary context, as well as practical aspects in music ministry of evangelical churches. [More information can be found here.](#)

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- "Don't Waste Your Life" Conference of the Russian-Ukrainian Unions will take place on June 1-3. Details of the conference, speakers' information, and registration can be found on the conference's website <https://youthconference.us/>. There are no age requirements for the conference, but registration is mandatory.
  - International ministry "Moms in Prayer" will have an annual retreat for our Association's sisters at Sierra Pines on June 9-11. All ladies are welcome to join. Registration will take place in the local churches and on the Association's website. For questions: (916) 256-7363, (916) 397-1532.
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