



## NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR WISHES FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Association's President I. V. Mileyev wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy 2019 New Year. Full text of the greeting can be read [on the Association's website – click here.](#)

### SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER

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The January 2019 week of prayer schedule can be found here (in Russian only): [in MS Word format](#) | [in an image](#)

**WE RECEIVED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS!**

V. M. Tsvirinko – our missionary in Moldova  
Russian-Ukrainian Union of ECB, USA  
Ukrainian Union of ECB, Ukraine  
North-West Association of ECB Churches, USA  
Westfield Church  
Moldavian Union of ECB Churches, Moldova  
I. Danilyuk, American Missionary in Italy  
P. Inguryan, Member of the Parliament, Ukraine  
“Hope to People” Mission

## **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF THE PCSBA’S DEPARTMENTS LEADERS**

On December 14, there was a Christmas celebration of the Association’s department leaders at the Association’s office. Along with their wives, they were invited to spend a few hours in festivities and enjoy tasty food. The Christmas celebration of leaders of PCSBA became an annual tradition that facilitates relationships and mutual support in ministry. The leaders of these ministries serve in practical execution of services to the churches of the Association. Because of that, the theme of fellowship was twofold: which are the biggest difficulties of ministry for this year and what the expectations for ministry in the coming year are.

For more details about the celebration [read on the Association’s website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Some of the Department Leaders and their wives*

## **MEETING AT SIERRA PINES CAMP**

On December 15, there was a PCSBA leaders' meeting at Sierra Pines Camp, which was focusing on the issues of the present, and future of the campground, as well as planning of the future development of the camp's ministry. The meeting was attended by Camp director N. A. Bugriyev, camp employee Andrey, Maxim, treasurer of PCSBA, A. Gol, secretary of PCSBA S. Yanovskiy with his wife, vice-president G. Gavelovskiy, committee member V. Troshin, and the PCSBA's president, I. Mileyev with his wife. More pictures can be found [on the Association's website – click here.](#)



*At the Camp*

## **ORDINATION AT SLAVIC CHURCH OF CASTRO VALLEY**

On December 2, the Slavic Church of Castro Valley (which serves in Hayward) had a grand celebration — the ordination of Denis Gerasimov for pastor's ministry. Denis grew up in this church and received his call to serve God there. This is the church where he got married and where the church was helping him to spiritually mature and become a youth leader and in charge of the English services. This church also supported him in his studies at the Cornerstone Seminary not only through prayers, but also through their finances. The story of the 28-year-old minister is an encouragement for many churches of the Association.

In his article that is published on the Association's website, the Association's president – I. V. Mileyev gives details of service which he took a part of. [Click here to read his article \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Ordination of Denis Gerasimov*

### **"GOOD NEWS' CHURCH NEEDS YOUTH PASTOR!"**

The church located at Tacoma, WA needs an English-speaking pastor for ministry to students of middle school and high school. The knowledge of Russian/English is preferable, but not required.

[The description of requirements, and qualifications can be found here.](#)

There is also contact information for sending the job application and the necessary paperwork.

### **PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS OF PCSBA'S SISTERHOOD**

The month of December is saturated with many Christmas events every year, and women are no exception. N. A. Yurkova who is the leader of the Women Ministry shares about women ministry fellowship in three different churches. [Read her article here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*During the fellowship at Second Slavic Church*

### **RETREAT OF BRYTE CHURCH MINSITERS**

On December 6–8 at Alliance Redwoods Conference Ground located near the pacific coast shore, there was a retreat of ministers of Bryte Church. There were many questions that they had to discuss which was always hard to do with the fast-pace of the city life.

The church ministers said that the retreat was a great blessing. [Read an article by Vadim Yurchak – click here in Russian only.](#))



*Bryte Church ministers during the retreat*

### **ORDINATION AT «HOUSE OF PRAYER» CHURCH**

On December 16th, the “House of Prayer” Church had an ordination celebration of Ivan Lezin for the deacon’s ministry. They ordained a trusted, faithful, and good brother, who for many years carried out an inconspicuous, but very important work on the implementation of many church projects. God gave this dear man the gifts of the Holy Spirit such as ministry, help, leadership, and more. In their decision, the church technically affirmed what was already clear to everyone, and blessed Ivan Lezin for the deacon’s ministry.

An article of I. Mileyev and pictures [can be found on the Association’s website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Presenting the Association's Certificate Affirming the Ordination of Brother Ivan Lezin*

## **NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S EDUCATION MINISTRY**

On November 30 and December 1, there were counseling classes taught at Italy's extension campus. The subject was taught by Peter Pasechkin. In Montebello, Sergey Pronin taught the Master's level course of "Christian Organization Management" on December 1st.

On December 7 and 8, Ivan Leschuk taught the BA level course of "Church Management", and Aleksandr Pronin taught "Eschatology". During this time, Bryte church also had an English-Speaking session teaching "Apologetics" by Sergey Borushko, as well as "Old Testament Survey" by Andrey Romanov.

On December 15, Hayward church had a session in the BA level teaching the Gospel of Matthew by Aleksandr Pronin.



*Group of Students in Italy*

## **CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING CONCERT**

On December 15th, Bryte Church hosted a fundraising Christmas concert. Professional singing of two joint choirs, orchestra, and of course, a concluding sermon was at the concert. During the service, there was an offering taken to raise support for the needy church members, and homeless, as well as the fire victims of Paradise.

To listen to the concert, please [visit the church' YouTube channel – click here.](#)



## ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

During the past month, the following programs were aired on the association's radio - see list below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name. All programs are in Russian only.

- Annual missionary meeting. Interview with David Westroom. [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#).
- [Missionary trip to Kenya in 2019. Interview with S. Serin](#)
- [News. Christmas concert at Bryte. Interview with Y. Sheyko](#)
- Dinner with fire victims of Paradise. Story by M. Avramenko. [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#). [Full interview in one file](#)
- [Christmas greeting from the Association's President I. Mileyev](#)
- [New Year's greeting of vice-president of the Association, G. Gavelovskiy](#)

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## NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

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### PARADISE BURNED DOWN... WHAT'S NEXT?

While celebrating the birth of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, remember those who are affected by this disaster and lost everything that they had, who are possibly in total despair and who are facing a tragic and irreversible decision.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PARDISE FIRE VICTIMS!

And if you can, help them in any way that you can!

Read about a trip of some brothers and a sister from Sacramento to Paradise

[– pictures, video, and story of the visit](#)

Dinner with Paradise fire victims

[– about dinner hosted by Bryte Church Members](#)

Respond to the need of the Paradise residents

[– this article gives information about how you can help the fire victims](#)



*The crying angel in the rubble became the symbol of the burned-down city*

## **NEWS FROM OUR MOLDAVIAN PARTNER**

In February 2019, our Moldavian partners, Union of ECB Moldova, are planning a new trip to Uganda to minister to the Sudan refugees, and are inviting every one of us to join them. They especially need English-speaking young men and women who have experience of working with children.

[Description of the trip's program can be found at the following – please click here.](#) Please announce this at your churches and pray for the success of this project. The contact information of this ministry's leader is:

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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- **Pray** for God's blessing of our country, for us and our loved ones for the upcoming 2019 year
- **Pray** for our readiness to meet with the Lord
- **Pray** for peace in all the world
- **Pray** for the fire victims of Paradise so that many others would give them aid

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If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at [pcsbaca@gmail.com](mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com).

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