



NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

LATEST MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On February 19, the Association's Executive committee had their latest meeting. Part of **the** Committee members were at the Association's office, while the **rest were** able to join through ZOOM. Interestingly, although the meeting was in this mixed format, the important issues were resolved. For more about the meeting, read in an article [on the Association's website by I. Miley](#).ev.

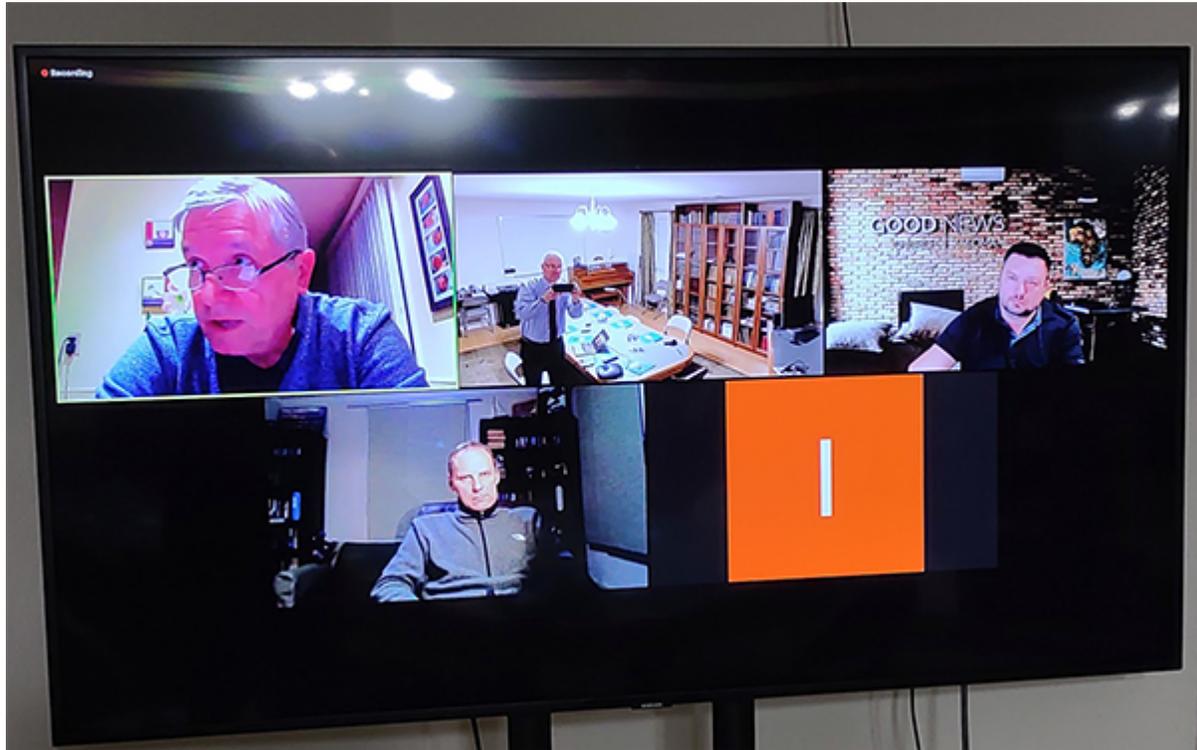


Committee Meeting

MISSIONARY CONGRESS WAS RESCHEDULED TO 2022

The representatives of the Unions of the ECB churches in America who are in charge of **the** organization of the missionary congress had their meeting on February 19. The main question of the meeting was when and where will the International Missionary

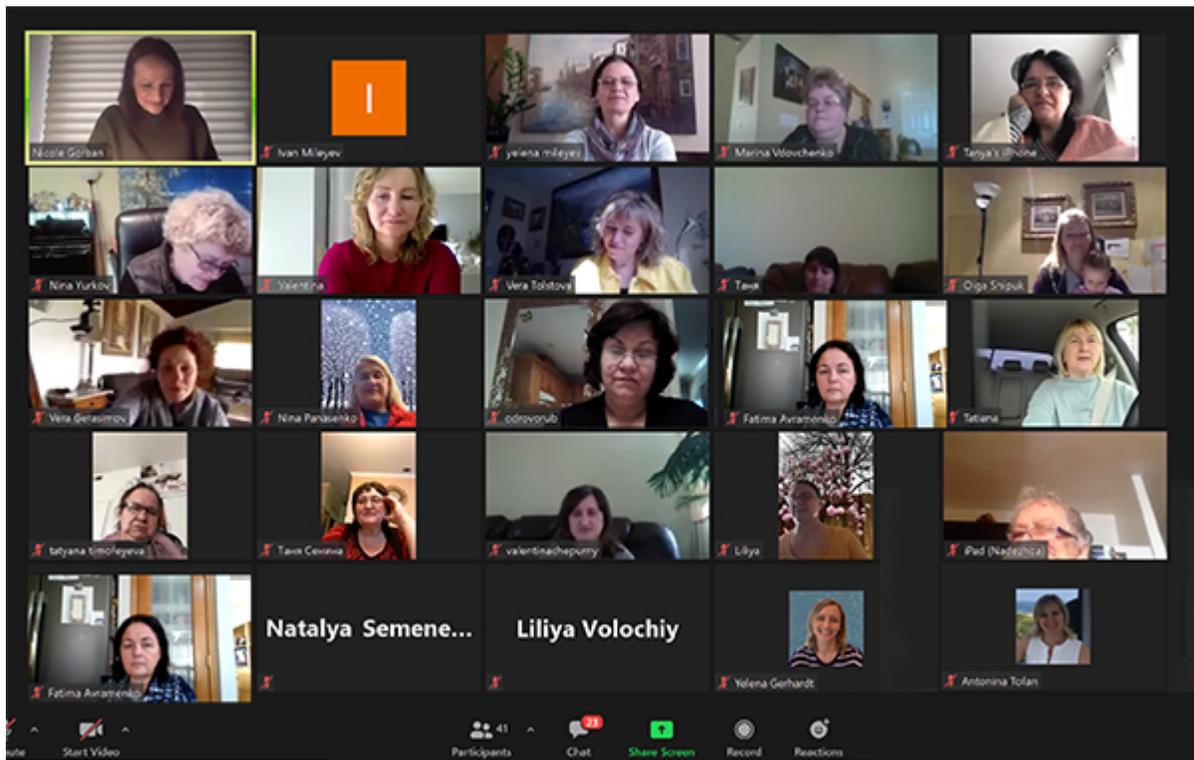
Congress take place. After a lot of thinking and deliberation, everyone came to a unanimous decision to have it on May 20-22 of 2022 in Sacramento, CA. [For more details read a summary by I. Mileyev.](#)



ZOOM Meeting Participants

GOODNESS OF GOD

This was the theme of the women's ZOOM Conference, which took place on Saturday, February 20 and was attended by 46 women from different cities and states. There was even **an** attendee from Valencia, Spain – Olga Shipuk. N. Yurkova talks more about the conference and the women's discussion [in her article, which can be located on the Association's website \(in Russian only\).](#)



ZOOM Conference

RETREAT FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Lately, the circumstances were hostile against the Sunday School ministry and it was unrealistic to host any events for those serving in the Children's Ministry. However, the department regularly had meetings with their committee in order to be ready to organize the conferences and retreats as soon as they would be allowed. That opportunity presented itself on February 5-7. The retreat was hosted at Zephyr Point – Lake Tahoe Conference & Retreat Center and was intended for the Sunday School directors. O. Lakhno, who is the leader of this ministry, provides more details about the retreat in [an article which can be found on the Association's website.](#)



Both adults and children liked the retreat place very much

THE PRISON MINISTRY UPDATE

It is likely that the prison ministry is one of the most difficult ones. Over the course of many years now, a team of dedicated brothers and a few sisters faithfully share the Gospel and bring love and compassion to places where very few would decide to go. The pandemic has severely crippled the service of this ministry, but its faithful ministers continue to do what they can. [Read an update by the head of the ministry B. Butayev](#) about the joys and challenges of their ministry (in Russian only.)



Part of the Ministry Team

UPDATE FROM THE EDUCATION MINISTRY

For more about the places and subjects of the teaching sessions, read an update by A. Pronin – [read his summary on the Association's website.](#)



Students of the Montebello Campus

«CHRISTMAS FAIR » FOR IMMIGRANTS

Over a few years now, the Cornerstone Church has been ministering to the recent immigrants to the U.S in helping them to get a firm foundation on life and helping them by organizing camping trips and various church events for them. The pandemic has greatly disrupted this ministry, but did not end it. Read [an article by K. Kostyuk about the recent Christmas event for the immigrant families.](#)



The Celebration was Especially Interesting for the Children

JANUARY UPDATE FROM THE MISSION BOULEVARD BAPTIST CHURCH

One of the Pastors of Mission Boulevard Baptist Church, Denis Gerasimov, shares an update about the church life in their church which can be found on the Association's website. [You can access the article here.](#)

BAPTISM AT THE CHURCH OF ORANGE COUNTY

On February 14, one of the oldest churches of our Association, Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church of Orange County had a baptism service of two young men. The baptism took place in a very beautiful part of the ocean at the Corona Del Mar Beach. The baptized were Nikita and Arthur Lubyanyo **who** are both sons of the deacon of the church. Rudy Vince **performed** the baptism. After the baptism, there was a church service at 2:00pm where there was a prayer over the new members with laying of the hands and communion. [For more information and images visit the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Pastor Rudy Vince and the Baptized

PILLARS OF EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor of Word of Truth Bible Church, Pavel Lvutin is preaching a series of sermons titled, “Pillars of Evangelical Church”. In every sermon he does a detailed study of one of the apostles of Jesus Christ and sheds light on their life and ministry. For those who wish to watch these sermons, here are the links to the existing sermons:

1. [Choosing of the Apostles](#)
2. [Peter – Rock of Christ](#)
3. [Andrew – Man of Faith](#)
4. [John – a Disciple of Love](#)
5. [James – Zealous Evangelist](#)
6. [Phillip and Bartholomew, Thinking in Human Terms](#)
7. [Matthew – Humble Sinner](#)
8. [Thomas – Lover of Christ](#)



Future sermons [will be found on this playlist – click this link.](#)

NEW CHRISTMAS PLAY

Every year, First Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church of Sacramento prepares Christmas plays for children. And every year the church members and guests are eagerly anticipating to find out which colorful and instructive narrative will be shown by the talented church crew. This year the skit was called, «The Proudful and The Humble». [Read the details here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



REPORTS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Please be reminded that the Association's website constantly releases monthly reports by the Association's President, I. Mileyev. You can access them [on this page – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

GOD CALLED WONDERFUL MINISTERS TO GLORY

MIKHAEL ANTONOVICH KIOROGLU

On February 8, 2021, the earthly life of Mikhail Antonovich Kioroglo came to an end. After 72 years, he went to the heavenly dwelling to be with his beloved Lord. A blessed pastor, wise father and mentor, and a man of faith, Mikhail Antonovich Kioroglo was one of the co-founders of Second Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento. Besides serving in the church, Mikhail Antonovich also headed the household and maintenance department of our Pacific Coast Association. For more about him, read both on the [Association's website](#) and [the church website](#). [The recording of the memorial service can be accessed here](#). All articles and video recording is in Russian



ADOLPH ANDREYEVICH PICHAJ

On Friday evening, February 19, after a long and difficult illness, Adolph Andreyevich Pichaj went to be with the Lord. He became a Christian as a teen and served wherever the Lord has sent him. He was a pastor, and for a long time served our Association as the committee's secretary, released a magazine «Herald of the Association». Later he assisted in the editing of «God's Vineyard» Magazine and was in charge of the Literature Ministry. He was not an ordinary man, but a man who was talented in wide spectrum of interests, and was a very dedicated minister. [Read more about him on this page of the Association's website](#).



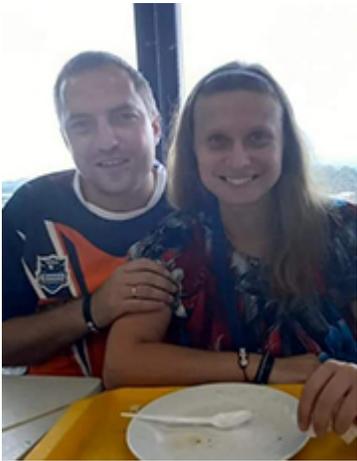
MISSIONARIES THAT WE SUPPORT

We are beginning a new section of our newsletter. Our association and its churches are currently supporting many missionaries around the world. Many of these missionaries are doing wonderful work and bringing others to salvation. However, oftentimes, very few people know about their ministry, and few support their ministries, but they are still patient and faithful in their service which they received from the Lord.

If you or your church are supporting any missionaries or would like to share about them in the newsletters and the website of the Association, please send your information

to pcsbaca@gmail.com.

DREAMS COME TRUE...IF YOU BELIEVE!



This was the title of the website and the name of the book **by** a couple of missionaries, Yevgeny and Irina Konstantinik. After leaving **a** relatively comfortable life at the center of Ukraine, they began serving first in Russia, and then after receiving a clear guidance from God, moved to Papua New Guinea where they have been serving for 10 years now. They live **in very** primitive conditions sharing the Gospel with the natives and doing what they can to proclaim the truth to both children and adults, literate and illiterate, moral according to worldly standards and the criminals. To find out more about them, listen [to an interview, which was recorded](#)

[in December 2019](#)._ Also, to access their newsletters, click the following link: <https://konstantiniki.blogspot.com> or connect with them on the [Facebook page](#). All information is in Russian.



Seventeen People Were Baptized, Six of Whom Are Prisoners

NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATE UNIONS

THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IN ISTARAVSHAN

Bible Mission Slavic (BMS) shares an interesting story about the beginning of a church in Istaravshan, Tajikistan. Many people are familiar with this organization through their Bible Truck project. While talking about the church in Tajikistan, BMS asks for help in supporting a small church by donating to their needs. [Read a letter by clicking this link.](#)



Visiting Family of Nigmat and Gulya

WONDERFUL WORKS OF GOD

Who would believe it if someone would have said thirty or forty years ago that Buryat will have Buryat churches and there will be choirs singing praise to the Lord?! However, this has become a reality. Listen to a children's Christian song performed by «Uragsha» Choir of a joint church project «Workshop of Praise».

Atlan Delcheite Abaragsha – children's song in Buryat language («Uragsha»/«Workshop of Praise»)



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

THE BAN ON CHURCHES' GATHERINGS IS LIFTED IN CALIFORNIA

On February 5, the Supreme Court of California overturned the ban on gathering of churches indoor and allowed them to gather in 25% of the building capacity. The judges also refused to ban singing in churches. The details can be found [in an article at the Baptist Press website.](#)

MAX LUCADO APOLOGIZED TO LGBT FOR HIS SERMONS

American author and pastor, Max Lucado, who has been very popular in the Slavic circles and who has been supportive of the biblical views on marriage, apologized for the intolerance and causing distress to the LGBT community in his sermons. He justifies his apology by saying that he was not respectful and was insensitive to the people of this group, and as a result, all that they remember from his sermons is his rebuking remarks and don't recall his messages on the love of God. His letter of apology had various effects on different Churches. [To read his letter, click here](#), for more [about the letter click here \(in Russian.\)](#)

Source: [CBN News](#)

HOW SHOULD WE REACT TO THE SCANDAL CONCERNING RAVI ZACHARIAS?

The entire Christian world was shocked by the scandal concerning the personal life of a world-famous apologist Ravi Zacharias who has led multitudes of people to Christ. Dr. Michael Brown, who is a Messianic Jewish apologist, shares about his understanding and perception regarding this tragedy. His article that will be beneficial for all ministers can be found at the [AskDrBrown](#) website.

ONLINE SEMINAR FOR YOUTH AND MEN

[Hodos Institute](#) invites young men and adult to an online seminar on "Family Leadership". The seminar will be held on March 20. Participation is free, but you need [to register at this address - click this link](#). [Details about the seminar and the speaker are given here](#).

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at pcsbaca@gmail.com.

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