

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PRODUCTIVITY DURING THE «UNPRODUCTIVE» TIME

Even during the times of the quarantine, it is possible to be productive. Online meetings, church gatherings, conferences, business meetings are all possible thanks to the modern technology. Even the amazingly high increase of church attendance is possible with the proper use of the internet. Read about it in [an article by I. Mileyev – click here](#).

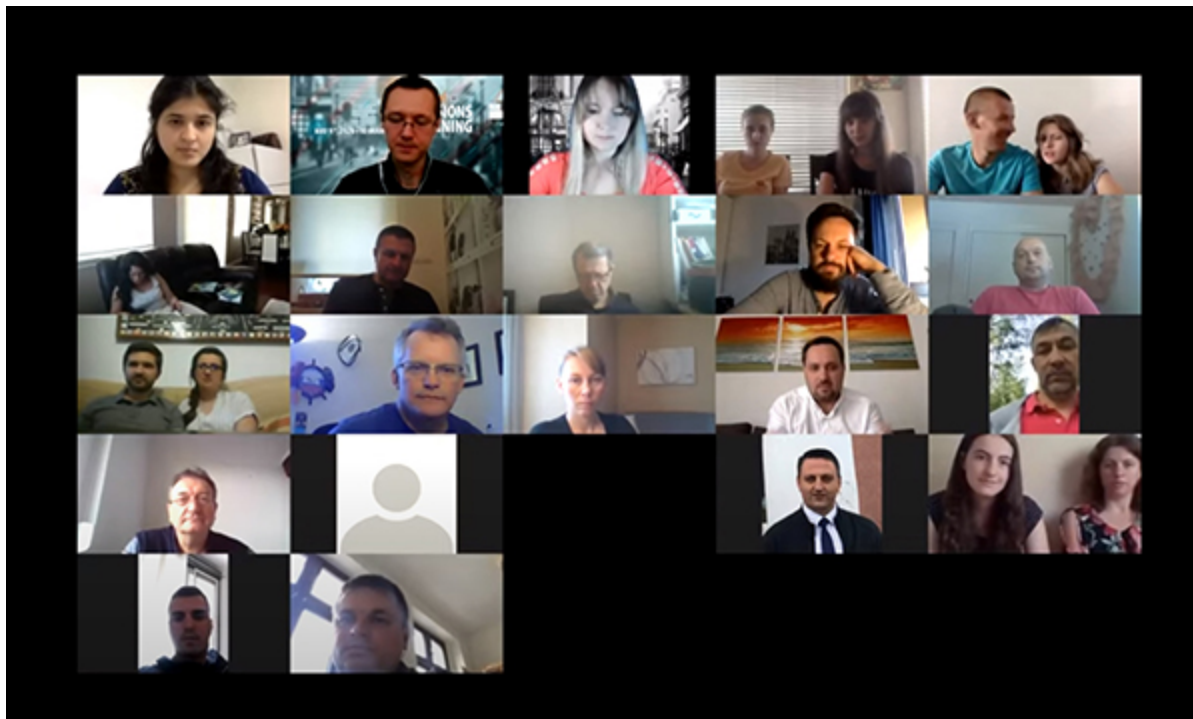


During the online service with I. Mileyev at the Church in Minnetonka

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS QUARANTINE FOR EVANGELISM

On Saturday, May 9, there was an annual missionary training meeting. The meeting was organized by the Pacific Coast's Missionary Ministry "Power in Truth". For the first time in history, the missionaries gathered in an online format through Zoom. The pandemic created a global crisis, but at the same time, it opened up many opportunities for effective

evangelism. This time the participants were from Europe and the U.S. The goal of the meeting was to equip missions' teams with knowledge so that they will be successful in being the salt and light to this world. Read about this meeting [in an article by I. Karkhut on the association's website](#).



Online Missionary Training

MISSION IN SPAIN

Alec Shipuk, who is ministering with his wife, is the association's missionary in Spain, and sent a letter describing his ministry. Here is a small excerpt from the letter: "Although it has been a month and a half since we were able to meet in person, but we see how through this quarantine, the church is becoming closer and closer together and closer to God as well. He gave us this time for self-reflection regarding our faith and relationship with God, family, and ministry. During these circumstances the church has been greatly encouraged, and we started to "meet" more often having daily meetings online when we study the Word of God, pray together, and even have frequent guests from other cities and countries! We invite everyone who would like to visit our church!"

His full letter [can be read here – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

FAMILY CONFERENCE AT THE "NEW HOPE" CHURCH

The quarantine did not hinder the plans of New Hope Church. What was scheduled to take place with the physical visit of the speaker on May 24, took place online: the conference with the theme of "Crisis in Family Relationships". The speaker was a well-known preacher from Ukraine, Stanislav Gruntkovskiy, who is the head of the family ministry in the All-Ukrainian Union of ECB Churches. While looking at the possible reasons for family crises, he also presented proper resolutions. For more details, [read an article on the Association's website](#). There is also [a link to the conference's recording](#). The article and recording are in Russian only.



The Conference Speaker Stanislav Gruntkovskiy



DIVINE VINEYARD MAGAZINE

During their online meeting in May, the new editorial board of the magazine looked at the content and the design of the magazine and recommended some improvements. After these changes are implemented, the magazine will be sent to print. For more about what the readers could expect from the magazine,

[read in an article by the magazine's editor Lubov Pavlyuk – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

TO HAVE OR NOT TO HAVE COMMUNION DURING THE QUARANTINE

Last month, the Association's information department launched a survey of the subscribers asking them two questions on the subject of communion. O. Avetisova gives an overview of the results in an article [on the Association's website – click here.](#)

This question was important not only for the pastors of our Association but church members as well. It sparked great discussion all around, including in a literary-theological magazine "Bogomislje" of the Theological seminary in Odessa. Igor Bandura, Anatolij Bondarenko, Aleksandr Gaichenko, Sergei Sannikov, and other prominent ministers shared their opinion on this subject. [Read their articles here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



OUR STORE NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Pavel Tsvirinko who is the general manager of our thrift store is asking addressing everyone with the following need: “Dear friends! With the approval of the Sacramento County, beginning May 8, 2020, Pacific Thrift Store began taking donations. The donation center will be working on Mondays and Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. We need clothing, shoes, house necessities, home appliances, furniture, and even automobiles. We would love to see you. We are located at 6101 Watt Avenue, North Highlands, CA 95660. If you have any questions, give us a call at 916-514-0154. »

NEWS FROM SLAVIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGIATE

The Slavic Theological Collegiate was not sidestepped when it comes to important questions of many people. On May 1, its members held a ZOOM conference with the theme of “The Church in the Midst of a Pandemic”. A [summarized](#) and [full](#) version of the recording is available on the YouTube channel.

On May 15, the same collegiate had a radio program with the theme of “Questionable Technology”. This program has three versions of the recording:

- [Short Version, 18 minutes in length](#). This recording covers only the technology.
- Since in the discussion of 5G technology has a reference to the Revelation of John, there is a separate material taken from a full program [Revelation 13, and is 16 minutes in length](#).
- [Full recording of "Questionable Technology", which is 1.5 hours in length](#).

If you have theological questions that you cannot find the answers to, ask the Slavic Theological Collegiate. The collegiate’s web address, where you could ask questions and read answers to questions of other inquirers, is <https://www.slavictheology.com>. All recordings and articles in Russian only.

UPDATES FROM THE ASSOCIATION’S PRESIDENT

To find out about the ministry of the Association’s president, I. Mileyev, read his [monthly updates which are uploaded on the Association’s website](#).

In addition to the regular responsibilities, he began to send out weekly video recordings “Thoughts out loud”, which can be located on the [YouTube – channel here](#). All recordings and updates in Russian only.

CONTINUE TO PRAY!

1. About those who are sick with the corona virus, for their quick and full recovery
2. About the concerns of gathering in church buildings
3. About jobs for those who lost them as a result of the pandemic
4. About rebuilding of the economy both in our country, and around the world
5. About our readiness for the Second Coming of the Lord

ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

Twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:10 – 3:30 there is the Association hosts a radio program on 1690AM station. [During the past month, the following programs](#) were aired on the Association’s radio – see below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name.

- [Missionary news. T. Pristupa](#)
- [The Association's ministry during the quarantine: thrift store, youth ministry.](#)
- [Divine Vineyard Magazine. L. Pavlyuk](#)
- [Lessons of the quarantine. G. Gavelovskiy.](#)
- [Light to the East Mission. V. Dashkevich](#)
- [News from the Association's missionary ministry. A. Yanovskiy.](#)
- [The Gospel for all people. I. Keptene](#)
- ["Everything for Good". Sermon by I. Mileyev](#)

UPDATES FROM OUR PARTNERS

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY

Vasile Filat, who is the regional director of Eurasia Precept Ministry, along with his helpers taught a few sections online with the theme of “How can a Christian use digital technology”. The last session of the seminar was dedicated to the issue of pathological dependence upon technology and biblical methods of breaking free from it. For more information [read on the Association's website – click here.](#)

THE MOVEMENT OF RUSSIAN-SPEAKING EVANGELICAL CHURCHES IN EUROPE

The movement of evangelical churches, which were planted a few years ago, continue to successfully develop and reach out to more and more cities in Europe. Even the quarantine related to Covid-19, did not hinder it, but actually, as it seems, helped to shape the ministries and attract new people to the church.

The online conference of this movement, which took place on May 24, was attended by about 160 families and individuals from various countries. This was a spiritually edifying conference with the theme of “How not to fall into the trap of illusions and self-deception during the difficult times of God's testing”. For more about this conference, and the movement as a whole, [read on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Some of Conference Attendees

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BIBLICAL COUNSELING TRAINING

Over the course of a few years, the International Institute of Biblical Counseling “Coram Deo” tried to enroll a group of disciples in Sacramento. At first, the groups from many of our churches had a relatively large amount of people that consisted of pastors and other ministers of local churches. However, almost all of the pastors dropped out due to the business of the ministry, and the present group of students has only one deacon who is far from out of our state.

Unlike California, Germany has a completely different picture. The training is taking place for the 10th year in row and is attended by many preachers, deacons, and pastors. Why is there such a difference? That is what the leader of the Association’s information ministry O. Avetisova tried to find out during the interview with E. Kolpakov, the headmaster of the institute in Germany. [Watch an interview here](#). And of course, look at the feedback of [pastors and students from Ukraine and Germany](#) and Nikolai Skopich, who is a pastor at the Almaz Church «[Why is it important to study at Coram Deo?](#)» All recordings are in Russian only.



NO MORE SILENCE!

The head pastor of Choose Life Church in Fife, Tacoma is one of the founders of [the international movement– “No More Silence”](#). «I cannot be silent about Jesus, and about what He has done for me!” – that is the motto of the participants of this movement. On May 23, there was an online conference of participants of this movement. The speakers were well-known evangelists from around the world including Aleksandr Ruzanov (Australia), Arthur Penner (Germany), Sergei Gavrilov (Russia), Johann Raimer (Germany), and others. For more information about the conference, [read on the Association’s website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

LIGHT YOUR WORLD!

Under the conditions of full preventative and mandatory social isolation, the virtual choir of churches in Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay, consisting of the Slavic and local believers, made a recording of a wonderful hymn Light Your World! The song’s text was based on Matt 5:15 and was composed by Chris Rice. He was the one who also wrote music for this song. Listen to this wonderful performance here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HawYK-xtVE0>. Brother George Boltnew shared this with us.

Зажжённый светильник не ставят под горшок,
наоборот, его ставят на подставку, чтобы светил
всем в доме.

Матфей 5:15



«TORTURED FOR CHRIST»

The Voice of the Martyrs Ministry released a new film, the testimony of the founder of this ministry, Pastor Richard Wormbrand. The film is based on his book “Tortured for Christ”. The film compels everyone to think about what it means to really sacrifice to be a follower of Jesus Christ. The film can be viewed free

here: <https://www.persecution.com/tfcmovieevent/> with the condition that you will agree to subscribe to receive further updates about their ministry through the email.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR PASTORS!

Recently there were news of a tragic death of Darrin Patrick who was very influential in the formation of the missionary movement of founding new churches and reaching the young generation with the Gospel. His [book](#) for church planting should be placed on the “must read” list.

What is really behind his death? Why did it happen? Why do pastors often step away from the ministry, make irreversible mistakes, and willfully leave their lives? Evgeniy



Bakhmutskiy, who is a pastor-teacher of *Russian Bible Church* in Moscow, discusses it in his article – [read here](#) (in Russian only.)

EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION! *IF you would like to have events' announcements to be included in our newsletters, please email that information to pcsbaca@gmail.com no later than the 23rd of the current month.*

- **Silent No More!**

On June 27, 2020, from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM (PST), the “Silent No More” Movement and Choose Life Ministries will hold the final International Zoom Conference “Evangelism in the New Reality”.

In the program:

- Existing evangelists from different countries will share practical advices and life hacks in personal and group evangelism
- Evangelism Forum Sessions of subject of outreach in different contexts and crises
- Personal spiritual growth
- And much more...

Everyone is welcome. The conference will be held in Russian on the Zoom platform (Zoom ID: 895 9947 7883) and the livestream on Youtube (SilentNoMoreMovement) and Facebook (Silent No More Movement).

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

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