

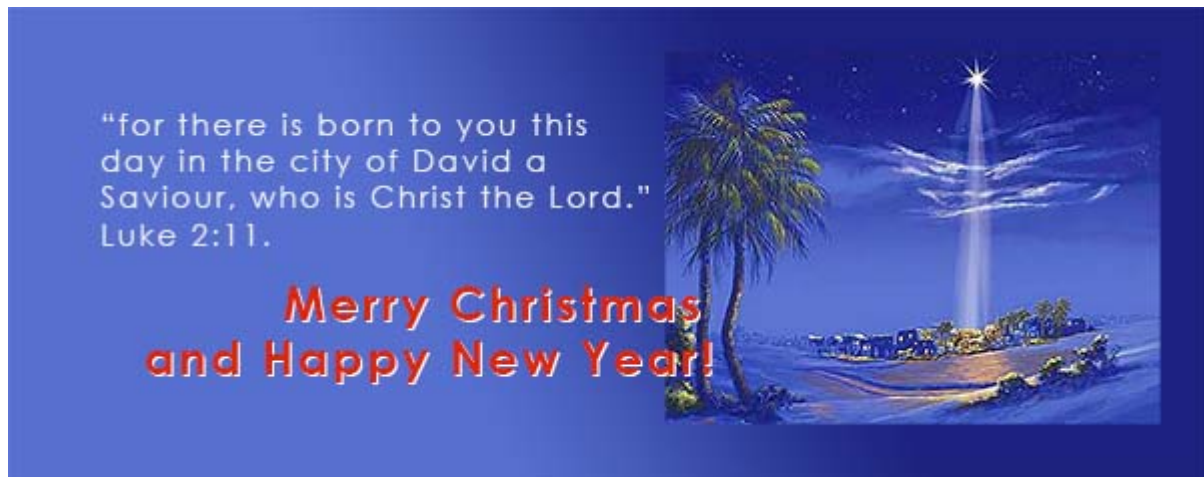


NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear friends! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God enlighten our hearts with His light, fill us with His presence, as well as His joy, peace, and love! May this new year 2022 be a year of our walk in the True Light Who enlightens every man! Glory in the Highest, peace on earth with whom He is well-pleased! Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year 2022!

[The Association's President's greeting letter can be read here.](#)



We didn't publish newsletters in October and November, so this letter will include updates from the previous months as well.

MISSIONARY FORUM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

As has already been announced, the scheduled International Missionary Congress has been rescheduled multiple times due to the pandemic. In September of this year, the Executive Committee consisting of four leaders of the church associations in the U.S., decided to rename this event to an International Missionary Forum, to resume planning for it, and to open registration. For more information, [visit the Forum's website – click this link](#). [More information about registration can be found here.](#)



ASSOCIATION'S 83RD CONVENTION

Another one of the Association's conventions took place on October 29-30. This 83rd convention included reports and election of the leaders as well. I. Mileyev was re-elected as the Association's President. His assistants were chosen to be V. Stupin, and A. Pronin. About half of the executive committee was also changed. For more information, [read an article by I. Mileyev on the Association's website](#).

CHRISTMAS EVENING

The leaders of the Association's departments with their spouses had their annual Christmas meeting on December 10. An invitation was extended to the committee members and their spouses. To accommodate all participants, the meeting this year took place at the Russian Baptist Church of Bryte. For more about the meeting, [please read an article by I. Mileyev](#).



10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACIFIC THRIFT STORE

The thrift store which supports the missionary ministry had a hard time developing. However, God blessed them to go through various trials as a team. The store's team, as well as the Association, are celebrating their anniversary, and are grateful for all the resources that they could gather in order to support missionaries in various countries. [Read more about this celebration on the Association's website – click this link](#).



Store Employees and Volunteers

GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR WITNESSING

On November 28, 2021, The “New Hope” church participated in the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Rancho Cordova. Church members were able to testify to the visitors about the true meaning of the upcoming holiday and tell them about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. They distributed New Testaments in different languages, Christian booklets, sang Christmas carols, and served popcorn and hot drinks. For more information, [read on the website – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Event Participants

WOMEN’S THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

“Moms in Prayer” ministry, women’s ministry, and ministry to widows, orphans and lonesome organized a Thanksgiving breakfast for women which took place at the Russian Baptist Church of Bryte on November 20, 2021. The theme of the breakfast meeting was: “I am grateful to You!”. O. Drovorub provides a lot of details about this meeting in her article which can be found on the Association’s website. [To continue reading click here \(in Russian only\).](#)



WOMEN OF CHRISTMAS

«Women of Christmas» - this was the theme of women's ministry gathering at the Russian Baptist Church of Bryte. About 70 women of different age groups came, some with daughters and granddaughters. [For more about this meeting, read an article by S. Timofeyeva \(in Russian only\).](#)



ORDINATION AT CHURCHES

In the last few months, there were several ordinations at our churches. For a brief summary see below, as well as articles on the Association's website.

Grace Family Church celebrated their eighteen-year anniversary and had an ordination service for Andrey Kobzar as a pastor of Children's ministry. All of the local church pastors, as well as Pastor A. Kolomiytsev from the Word of Grace Church in Washington took part in the ordination ceremony. [Read more about this in an article by N. Sinyaya.](#)



Slavic Baptist Church of West Sacramento recently ordained Vyacheslav Lobkov and Andrey Zabolotnyy as pastors. They both serve in various church ministries and have proven to be dependent and promising ministers. Andrey Zabolotnyy has a Master of Divinity degree, and Vyacheslav Lobkov is currently finishing the International Institute of Discipleship, Coram Deo. [For more information, read on the Association's website.](#)



Ordination of Andrey Zabolotnyy



Ordination of Vyacheslav Lobkov

Honolulu Church ordained Mikahail Bublik as a deacon. I. Mileyev, A. Bublik, and pastor of the local church Pavel Marchenko participated in the ordination ceremony. The congregation congratulated Mikhail, his wife Olga, and their five children. At the end of the church service, there was a group photo of all of the guests and members of the local church. [For more information, read an article on the website.](#)



Awarding the Certificate after the Ordination

Evangelical Christian Church in Montebello had two celebrations at once. Spiritual sowing as well as physical reaping are necessary for the existence of the Church on earth. The church approved Nicolay Vinnikov for the deacon's ministry. "Healthy churches produce ministers" were the opening words by the Association's President, Ivan Mileyev who was present for the ordination service. Taking Scriptures as the foundation, brother Ivan gave useful instruction to brother Nicolay and his wife Yelena. Valeriy Olegovich Konopelkin and Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev prayed and blessed brother Nicolay with the laying of the hands. [Read more here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Ordination of Nicolay Vinnikov

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Over the course of a few years, The Russian Baptist Church of Bryte has been hosting Christmas concerts consisting of multiple choirs and an orchestra. This year, the concert was on December 11. For more information, [read an article by A. Pronin \(in Russian only.\)](#)



JESUS IS ALL IN ALL!

Why must Jesus be in the center? This was the theme of a women's ministry discussion on December 10. The celebration dinner was hosted by the Second Slavic Baptist Church. For a few years now, they meet regularly – once per quarter for such informal fellowship. This is one of the directions of the English services which is supported by the church pastor, Valeriy Petrovich Brutskiy-Stempkovskiy. [For more information, read an article by S. Timofeyeva \(in Russian only\).](#)



THE BIRTH OF CHRIST IS A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

«The birth of Christ is a celebration of worship» - this was the focus of the women's ministry Christmas celebration. The celebration took place on December 4 at Grace Family Church. Pastor Dmitriy Zherebnenkov made a fitting conclusion of the discussion about Christmas. Since everyone is familiar with the story, he put an emphasis on two types of worship. The worship of King Herod, who was consumed by the indwelling sin, and the worship of the magi. The wonderful setting was

instrumental for joyful fellowship and worship. The women shared their thoughts with each other, prayed, and worshipped God in singing. For more about this meeting, [read an article on the Association's website, N. Sinyaya \(in Russian only.\)](#)

SPECIAL CHILDREN MEETINGS

The department of Ministries for Children with Special Needs held celebratory meetings for children with disabilities and their parents in November and December. N. Smolikova, the leader of this ministry, tells about them in her article. [Read her story on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



NEWS OF OUR PARTNERS

НОВЫЕ ВОЗМОЖНОСТИ В ПОМОЩЬ ЦЕРКВАМ И СЛУЖЕНИЯМ



During the 83rd Association's convention in October, there was an introduction of a new ministry partner of the Association- Church Investors Fund. This fund is providing loans to Baptist churches and ministries which need finances for purchasing, and construction of church buildings, as well as other projects. [For more information, read on the Association's website.](#)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

The first week of November of this year was a week dedicated to the International Day of Prayer. The theme of the Prayer was "Courage". The president of the International Alliance of Baptist Women, Caren Wilson (Australia), talked about this topic. She suggested to think about the following passage of Scriptures: "So that we confidently say, "The Lord is my Helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?" (Hebr. 13:6). The [website of the Union of ECB of Moldova](#) has the manuscript of her address (in Russian), as well as the women's testimonies, the needs of the unions of the Baptist women from around the world, and the plans for 2022. For more information, see the [bulletin of the International Day of Prayer which could be located here.](#)

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

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