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APRIL NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

MISSIONARY FORUM WILL BE ONLINE

Considering the international circumstances, the Forum organizers decided to have it in the online format on **May 21** in two sections: **10:00am to 12:00pm** and **2:00pm to 5:00pm**. The forum will be streaming through the [YouTube channel of the Association](#).

The main theme of both sessions will be: "The Church During the Great Calamity (War) in serving the community (of refugees)". The speakers will be representatives from the U.S. and other countries. The main emphasis will be on the issues of practical ministry to the people who suffered as a result of war, as well as the effectiveness in sharing the Gospel with them.

More information about the changes of the Forum in an online format, as well as the Forum's program can be found on the website of the Forum: internationalmissionforum.com.

PCSBA's President, Ivan Mileyev



ADDITION TO THE MINISTRY TEAM AT THE GOOD NEWS CHURCH

Six new deacons were ordained to ministry at the Good News Church in Tacoma, WA. This event took place on the last weekend of March. Pastor Vasiliy Stupin shared information about this joyous event on his Facebook page, and greeted new ministers to the church team: “May God continue working through you for His glory, and for the benefit of the local church!”



Wonderful Addition!

NEW HEAD PASTOR OF THE BRYTE CHURCH



Bryte Church has a new head pastor – Igor Pavlovich Dronov. We welcome him and wish wisdom and abundance of God’s blessings in leading such a numerous, and active church, which established over forty ministries in their service to almost two thousand members. [Read more about I. P. Dronov on the Association” website.](#)

WOMEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Women’s prayer breakfast for “Moms in Prayer” took place on Saturday, March 26. The theme of the meeting was “Calming the Anxious Heart”. The main speaker was Liya Tsarenko, who is an instructor, and experienced counselor at the International Counselling Institute Coram Deo. For more about this meeting, [read in an article by O. Drovorub – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Prayer Breakfast Participants

UPDATE ON THE ASSOCIATION'S MISSION MINISTRY

Internal and external missions are two major directions of the Association's Mission Ministry. The head of the ministry, Vadim Yurchak provides more information about how they are being developed and what is done in each one of these directions. [Read more about it here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

LEBANON – A PLACE OF THE NEXT PASTORS' CONFERENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Under the leadership of Pastor N. Bugriyev, some of the men from The Rockland Baptist Church were able to visit Beirut, the capitol of Lebanon, which is a Muslim country located in the north of Israel. The goal of the trip was to provide relief aid for the poor people, and to prepare for the upcoming conference for the pastors in the Middle East. This project involved representatives from two churches: Bryte Church, and The Rockland Church.

For more about this fascinating trip to the Middle East, [read an interview by N. Bugriyev on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



*Tyre Church Is a Place where Pastor Muhammed Serves
(Second from the Left in the Picture)*

HOPE FOR UKRAINE

This is the name of a fundraising dinner which will take place on April 30 at The Transfiguration Church, Minnetonka, MN. The church took an active role in providing relief to the western Ukrainian and Moldovan churches that opened their doors to accept refugees from Ukraine. The Transfiguration Church not only made their gym available for setting up a relief center for aid in Ukraine, but their members also are involved in sorting and packaging of the humanitarian aid, organizing bake sales, and now even the preparations for the fundraising dinner. Read more about it [in an article on the Association's website – click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



Sorting and Packing of the Medical Supplies for Ukraine

MINISTRY TO THE IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Those who were once refugees and immigrants themselves really understand those who are Ukrainian refugees fleeing to the U.S. and other countries in search of protection and establishing a new life. Some of our churches started to minister to the new arrivals and are helping them by inviting them into their homes, their churches, and home groups. One of the organizers of such ministry was The Cornerstone Church which serves in this way for the fourth year now. Easter celebration was another opportunity to have the church service for the immigrants and refugees. [Read more details in this article \(in Russian only.\)](#)



The Children Had Their Own Activities During the Celebration/em>

NEW RELIEF PROGRAM

Coupons for clothing at the thrift store is a new relief program for immigrants and refugees in Sacramento. Instead of contaminating their churches with loads of clothes for immigrants and refugees, churches can purchase discount coupons at The Pacific Thrift Store and give to those who they want to help. For more about this read information by the store manager – Pavel Tsvirinko. [Read the details here.](#)



MISSIONS UPDATES

HELP TO UKRAINE

With the support of the Pacific Coast Association and under the leadership of Peter Babich, a few of the brothers visited Europe to be missionaries and provide humanitarian aid in Ukraine. The trip took place on March 23 – April 16 and was a wonderful blessing not only for the Ukrainian people, but also for everyone who helped to finance and pray for this ministry. Read more about this [in an article on the Association's website – click this link.](#)



Support Given Not Just in Words, But Also in Deeds

NEWS FROM TORREVIEJA

The Light of Life Church in Torrevieja, Spain, which is supported by our Association is actively helping the Ukrainian refugees. The church building is hosting refugees and with every day there is getting to be less and less room. There is continual ministry for children and youth, home Bible study groups, and Sunday services. More details can be found [in an article on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



One of the Snapshots of the Life of the Light of Life Church

CHURCH FOR ALL THE NATIONS IN FRANCE

France is a country that is the most open to the legalization of refugees, and that is why more and more of them are arriving there every day. People continue to come to France in search of a better life as they flee from the war zones in Ukraine, Georgia, and other regions where it is a struggle for survival.

Beginning in 2017, the family of Pastor Sergey Babich has been serving as missionaries at Strasburg. [Read more about this ministry here – click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



After One of the Services

EVANGELISTIC TRIP WITH THE OASIS CHOIR

With the direction of Pastor V. Khripunov, the Oasis choir was able to go on a short-term missions' trip, to bring the message of the Gospel, and to perform in Los Angeles, Hollywood, Mexico, and on the San Diego pier. The most memorable performance was before the audience of refugees who are gathered at the Mexico border with many deep conversations and prayers. [Read the details about this trip on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



NEWS OF OUR PARTNERS

MINISTRY IN CAMBODIA

Although there is war in Ukraine, the missionaries from the Union of the churches of ECB from this country are continuing their ministry in many other countries of the world. One of such countries is Cambodia where Yevgeniy Evva is ministering with his family. Working tirelessly, they now have their own children's care home where they are raising ten children, and along with local pastors, they are also ministering in the local prisons in the nearby villages and cities. Watch the [next updates of their ministry on YouTube \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Preaching in One of the Villages

MINISTRY TO THE TRUCKERS

God is doing amazing things! Due to bad weather and avalanche warnings, the Military-Georgian road and border between Georgia and Ossetia is now closed. On the Ossetia side, a large column of trucks and various autos are stuck. Thousands of drivers are standing idle and are not able to go anywhere. Taking advantage of the opportunity, the local church and Bible Mission began evangelizing. The mission provided a lot of literature, food, and much more. The ministry partners from Tajikistan also brought additional resources. Along with the material provisions, there is constant preaching of the Gospel. Watch more about this: [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#) | [Part 3](#) | [Part 4](#). All recordings are in Russian.



Who, Other Than God, Could Have Organized Such Evangelism!

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCHES IN MOLDOVA

With the sudden war happening in the neighboring Ukraine, many of the Moldovan churches of ECB went through the testing of their faith—whether their faith is living and active. In circumstances where hundreds of thousands of people are running for their lives, and were forced to leave their houses, they were compelled not just to pray for peace, but also demonstrate their love for their neighbors. The majority of Christians in these circumstances became examples of dedication and sacrifice in serving those in need as if for the Lord Jesus Christ. [Read more about this on the Moldovan Union of ECB's website](#) and in [the Director of Eurasia Precept Ministry, Vasilij Filat's letter.](#) (in Russian only.)



Dining Room of the Relief Center Where Refugees Are Served Hot Food Three Times a Day

CONVENTION OF THE UNION OF ECB CHURCHES OF BELARUS

On March 26, there was a convention of the ECB churches in Belarus. The previous chairman of the Union, Mikhovich L. I. was appointed for the second term to serve as the Chairman of the Union of ECB. Drozd Sergey Vladimirovich, Branovitskiy Aleksandr Sergeyevich, Romanchuk Yuriy Iosifovich, and Korpovich Viktor Viktorovich were appointed as vice chairmen. For more about the convention, read [on the website of the Union of ECB – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

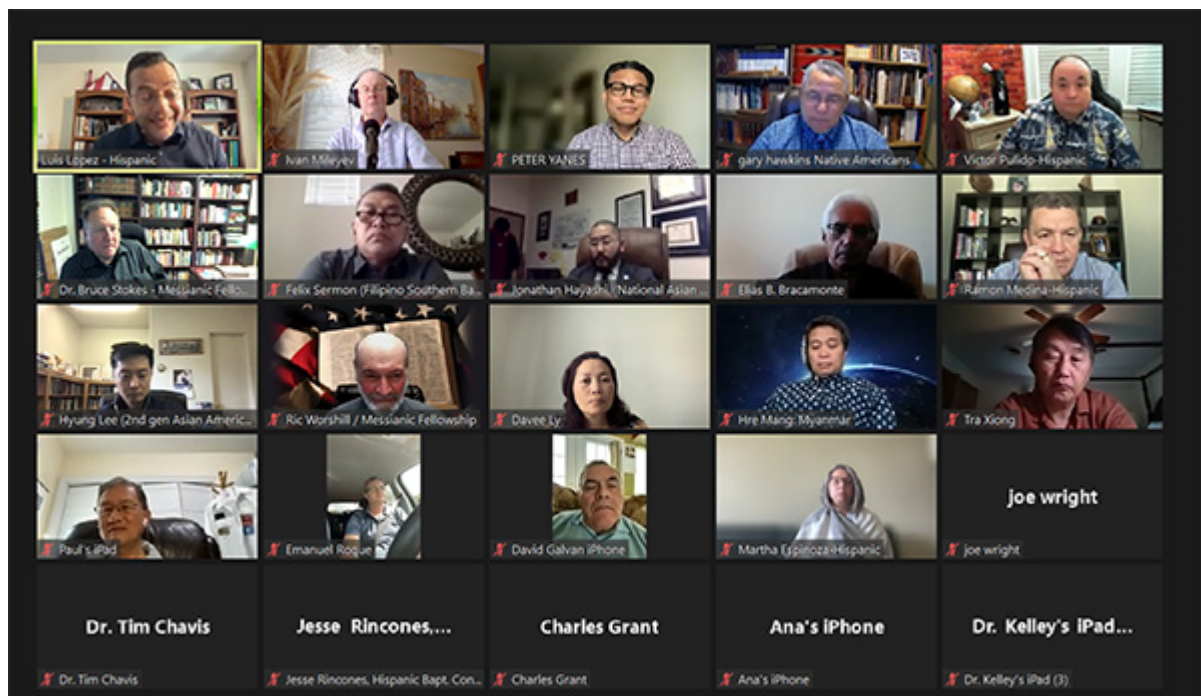


Leaders of the ECB Union of Belarus

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

MEETING WITH THE ETHNIC LEADERS OF THE U.S. CHURCHES

On April 22, the executive director of the Asian-American relationship and mobilization in South Baptist Convention, Peter Yanes, set up a ZOOM meeting for the leaders of the ethnic associations of the Baptist churches of the U.S. During the meeting, they were discussing the preparations for the upcoming convention which will take place on June 12-15 in Anaheim, CA. The theme of the convention will be “Christ Is the Center of Everything”. Just like last year, they are anticipating a large number of delegates and guests (over 20,000 people). Any member of the PCSBA’s churches can participate as guests or delegates. [For more details about the meeting, read here –click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)



UPDATE FROM THE ONLINE MAGAZINE – «THE CHRISTIAN POST»

- With the requests of some parents in one of the school districts of Pennsylvania, there was a vote to establish a satanic club to meet with the children after school. Their reasoning was that since the schools have the Good News clubs, there must be an alternative satanic club. The final vote was 8:1 against it and so it did not pass. However, in another school district, they allowed it to happen. [More details here.](#)
- New studies by the Barna Group shows that although a majority of the pastors believe that every disciple of Jesus Christ is told by the Great Commission to “go and make disciples” (Matt. 28:19-20), a majority of the Christians believe that this command is only for a select few. The research discovered that although 85% of pastors think that all Christians in the world must make disciples, only 53% of active Christians reported that they are aware of the

Great Commission, and 51% think that missions work is a calling for just a few. [Continue reading](#).

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

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