



Ukrainians to Organize Christian Publishers Association

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On December 29, 2006, in Irpen', near Kyiv, Ukraine, representatives of six publishing houses held their first assembly to constitute the Ukrainian Christian Publishers Association. Ezdra Publishers is an international member of the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association in the U.S. It publishes theological books and Bible dictionaries.

Those present were Evgeny Jabotinsky, director of Bogomyslie Publishing House, Odessa (www.bogomyslie.com.ua); Sergey Mihaylyk of Baruch Christian Publishing House in Kyiv (www.baruch-books.com); Lyudmilla Voronchenko, director of Tulpan (Tulip) Publishing House, Odessa; Andrey Kravchenko, director of Ezdra Publishers (www.ezdra.com); Mykola Romanuk, of Christian Living Centre Publishing House; and Taras Boyko, of St. Paul's Christian Bible Fellowship in Kyiv (www.CBFPublishing.com).

Jabotinsky chaired the meeting. A decision was made to proceed with the registration of

the association was accepted. The basic tasks of the association will be to represent the interests of its members before various state bodies; to coordinate joint participation in exhibitions and entry into the secular market; to organize a common warehouse for service to clients, and to print and dispatch a common catalogue of the books of all the publishing houses of association and some others.

The publishers will meet again in a few weeks to discussion and write the Association's charter. They would to learn more from those who have experience in organizing similar associations, as was recently done in Bulgaria and Romania.

Ukraine, with over 47 million people, has a strong Christian heritage. Most Ukrainians belong to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church or other Orthodox traditions. Evangelical Protestants amount to only about three percent of the population.

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