

PROTESTANT REFORMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH
IN CROATIA AND SERBIA
(A jurisdiction of the Reformed Episcopal Church)



NEWSLETTER

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REC TEAM IN CROATIA

Our Church of The Good Shepherd in Osijek and our Church in Tordinci were truly blessed by the visit of REC team from the USA that visited us from July 18 to August 1, 2001. That was a special blessing for the Church of Good Shepherd in Osijek, which has been returned to its owners in May 2011 after eight years. The church building was returned in poor condition and a lot of work and money needs to be invested into the building to make it functional once again. With the help of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the team that came to help and serve us a great progress has been made on the building....

You can read full report [here](#).



CONFIRMATION AT THE OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

For many years our church in Croatia have had a sisterly cooperation with the Old Catholic Church from Šaptinovci. Archdeacon Jamin Milić was invited to attend, as a special guest, the confirmation service at the church. Confirmation service was lead by Rt. Rev. Dr. John Ekemezie Okoro. Old Catholic church separated from Roman Catholic Church after the First Vatican Council and is very close to the Anglican church.

More photographs from the event you will find at [this link](#).



VISIT TO THE MISSION CHURCH IN ZAGREB

On September 3, 2011, Archdeacon visited mission church in Zagreb and served them with Evening Prayer. Mission work in Zagreb started two years ago. Person in charge of mission work is Deacon Jasmin Koso, he leads a small congregation that meets in a rented space near the city centre. You will find photos of the church at [this site](#).



VISIT TO THE MISSION CHURCH IN BELGRADE

On September 9, 2011, Archdeacon visited mission church in capital of Serbia, Belgrade and served the congregation with Evening Prayer. For mission work in Belgrade Rev. Petar Petrović is in charge. Besides in Belgrade we also have regular church services in Novi Sad, second largest town in Serbia.

Photos of the church you can see at [here](#).



MINISTRY TO CHILDREN

After the summer break we have started again with our ministry to children. Especially at our church in Tordinci where we have largest number of children, we have three teachers, Rev. Nenad Adžić, Vinko Kiš and Tamara Milić. Our ministry to children is very significant; we are also preparing a group of children for confirmation in spring next year.



TRANSLATING OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

We have been intensively working on translating The Book of Common Prayer. So far we have translated the following: *The Order for Daily Morning Prayer, The Order for Daily Evening Prayer, The Athanasian Creed, The Litany, or General Supplication, The Order for Administration of the Lord's Supper, or Holly Communion, The Holly Communion, The Alternate Form of Holly Communion, The Order for Ministration of Infants and Adults, The Order for Confirmation, The Solemnization of Matrimony, The Order for the Burial of the Dead, The Preface to the Ordinal, The Form and Manner of Making Deacons, The Form and Manner of Ordering Presbyters, The Form of Consecrating a Bishop, The Litany and Suffrages for Ordinations, The Form of the Public Reception of Presbyters, A Catechism, Form of Prayer to be used in Families, The Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, Declaration of Principles.*

We also have a web page, which we regularly update with daily readings and Collects, Epistles, and Gospel for every Sunday and holidays. You can view the page [here](#).

PRAYER NEEDS

For growth of our churches. Most of our churches are mission churches and if you wish to be our partners in evangelism you can help us with following: you can pray for us, help us with sending missionaries (missionary teams that would spend some shorter period of time with us and help us in our mission work). The REC churches in America could help us by “adopting” one of our mission churches and then help out that particular church in Croatia or Serbia with their needs in various ways.

MATERIAL NEEDS

RENOVATION PROJECT

As you know, our church building in Osijek, the Church of the Good Shepherd has been returned to us in May this year after eight years of unlawful occupation by others, and there has been a lot of damage done to the building so it was very important to start with the renovations so we could start again with regular church services and other pastoral activities. You can find more [here](#).

TRANSLATING AND PUBLISHING

Translating, proof reading of texts is rather demanding work and also requires certain finances that we, sadly, do not have. We had a donation from REC Germany, for which we are deeply grateful to Gerhard Meyer but in order to continue with our translating and publishing activities we need some further help. We wish to translate all of the Book of Common Prayer and other material from English that will introduce people in Croatia and Serbia with teachings and practices of the REC.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

On October 6, 2011 the president of Croatia, Dr. Ivo Josipović, shall visit our church on the occasion of 460th anniversary of the church in Tordinci.



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