HCR NEWS



HumanCare Russia



HumanCare Russia wishes everyone a blessed Pentecost and a wonderful summer.

HumanCare Russia has just held the annual general meeting. The chairman, Ellen Margrethe Krabbe, gave a report for the year 2022. She told about the year that passed:

HumanCare Russia has held 5 board meetings. We participated in "Heavenly Days", a Church festival, in Roskilde during the Ascension holiday with an exhibition of HumanCare Russia's history and Russian icons. We had baked Russian Easter bread for visitors.



We have held 2 anniversary events on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Connie Meyer's humanitarian work in Moscow. The first event was in Copenhagen in Bethlehem Church, the second in Aarhus, Risskov, where Edel Brus Mikkelsen from LMF (Teachers' mission association) was the organizer together with us. Elisabeth Louise gave a lecture about the history of HumanCares Russia in both places. In this way, we have held events in 3 regions Zealand/Roskilde, in the capital/Copenhagen and in Central Jutland/Aarhus.



It has been a difficult year, especially with the war in Ukraine. Journalist Astrid Berg from the Radio of Denmark asked for an interview. It was a somewhat unpleasant experience for Elisabeth Louise. The journalist found it difficult to accept that we were an apolitical association.

- Unfortunately Ellen Margrethe was unable to participate at the interview. -

Also at the "Heavenly Days" in Roskilde, we have had to "defend" ourselves and explain that we are a social humanitarian non-political association. Fortunately, most people in Denmark understand that we are not political and that we help the needy among ordinary Russians.

On 4 December we held a Christmas bazaar in Bethlehem Church, where we got a nice amount for donations. We send donations via private detour to Moscow and it has worked.



We are very few to carry the burden in HCR. We need more volunteers.

Finally a quote from Mother Teresa: We can't do big things but small things with great love.



At the general meeting, Ellen Margrethe Krabbe, Flemming Lyngbeck Hansen, Ulla Carstensen and Elisabeth Louise Broeker were elected to the board.









Ellen Margrethe Flemming Lyngbeck Ulla Carstensen Elisabeth Louise Krabbe Hansen Brøker

Father Pavel's and Irinas annual report

Dear Ellen Margrethe, Ulla, Flemming and Elisabeth Louise and all members of the Foundation!

We congratulate you on the bright days of Easter and the annual meeting of the Foundation.

We express our gratitude to you for your invaluable help to our community.

We want to share with you the main events in the life of our parishioners, who are now going through a very difficult time.

During the pandemic, which has lasted for the past three years (2020-2022), almost all our parishioners or their relatives have been ill with coronovirus. The epidemic caused great damage to health, killed about 80 people from our community.

The consequence of this was a deterioration in health, which in particular marked the beginning of a long-term and deep depression.

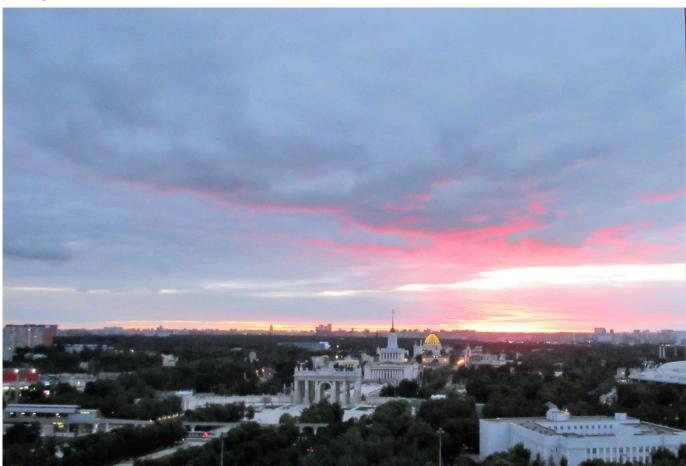
However, gradually the situation began to change for the better. Churches have opened this year, our parishioners have begun to attend festive services more often, bringing teenagers and babies with them.

Among our parishioners there is a large family - mother Theodora, her husband Vladimir. They are raising 8 children and are now expecting a ninth baby! Your help was very important to them.

Also, other families with two or three children convey their great gratitude to all members of the Foundation.



The Center for Palliative Care hospice of the Moscow Department of Health, led by Nyuta Federmesser, also opened after quarantine. Father Pavel Vishnevsky constantly came there for communion, baptism and parting words for the sick and comforting their relatives. Often, the hospice staff turned to him with a request to urgently arrive at night. During the pandemic, the hospice was quarantined, but this year it is open again for visits and Father Pavel's services there have resumed.



Our dear father Pavel turned 70 on January 18! The rector of our church in honor of the holy martyrs Vera, Nadezhda, Lyubov and Sophia, Metropolitan Alexander of Kazakhstan awarded him and presented him with an order for many years of work and zealous service to the Church of Christ.



From the very beginning of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, our parishioners have been actively helping refugees as volunteers. They assist them in moving through Russia and reuniting with their family members both in Russia and in European countries.

In addition, we provide assistance to refugees in accommodation during their stay in Moscow, as well as financial assistance, as they often need medicines, consultations at medical centers and other assistance.

Often among migrants from Ukraine there are elderly people, children, sick people who are in dire need of care. Your financial support is now in great demand.

Our parishioners are actively involved in many works of mercy: distributing clothes, providing assistance and food to the poor, buying medicines, paying for visits to specialist doctors.

We are very pleased that some members of our community have new babies this year. So our church life is rich, interesting and varied.



Despite all the hardships and illnesses, Moscow is now very beautiful and calm, although the pace of life here is very fast and nervous. But we do not give up hope for the mercy of God.

We wish you all good health, Easter joy and many strengths for inspired creativity and fruitful activity in the field of Christ.



Father Pavel, Irina and the community in Moscow

The board of HumanCare Russia wish you all a blessed summer