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#### **HumanCare Russia**



## HumanCare Russia wish everyone a blessed spring and a glorious summer!

HumanCare Russia is still working to find places that could help organize exhibitions, lectures and bazaars. We have held some events in churches. In these difficult times, help is still needed in Russian families. This can also be seen in the annual letter below.

In April we held our annual general meeting.

After the general meeting itself, the board constituted itself: Ellen Margrethe Krabbe became chairman, Flemming Lyngbeck Hansen vice-chairman, Elisabeth Louise Broeker treasurer and webmaster and Ulla Carstensen secretary.



Ellen Margrethe Flemming Lyngbeck Ulla Carstensen Elisabeth Louise Krabbe Hansen Brøker

### Annual Letter from the congregation in Moscow

Dear members of HumanCare Russia!

#### Christ is Risen!

We congratulate you on the bright days of Easter.

We thank you very much for your invaluable help to our congregation.

In connection with the annual meeting of the Foundation, we would like to share with you the latest events in the life of our community in Moscow.

Thanks to the help of the Foundation, Fr. Pavel provides support to families with many children. Volodya and Theodora have 8 children in their family (a year ago we wrote that they were expecting their ninth child, but to the great sorrow of the family and the whole community the baby was not born). Olga Golubeva is raising 4 children, in the family of priest Alexei Marochkin - four children, in the family of Alexander. The children are very talented, some of them are involved in music and art schools, many are involved in sports.



Father Alexei Marochkin was transferred a month ago to a remote parish where there are very few parishioners, which has noticeably worsened the financial situation of his large family. If the Foundation's help meant a lot to this family before, now it has become even more needed.

Our "grandmothers" who live on very small pensions never complain, but recently some of them have undergone various surgeries that require additional expenses for medical services: tests, examinations, and medications.

There are several single people in the parish with major health problems. Their names are well known to the Foundation, as your donations have repeatedly and significantly helped them to fight illnesses and other difficulties.

Currently, the participation of our parishioners in providing volunteer assistance to refugees from Ukraine has stopped: those who decided to emigrate to European countries have left, those who wanted to stay in Russia have found housing and employment.

Father Pavel Vishnevsky is still involved in the care of the hospice "Center for Palliative Care" of the Moscow Department of Health under the direction of Nyuta Federmesser. In addition, he always responds to requests to visit bedridden patients in other hospices and clinics in Moscow. Many parishioners, mostly elderly people, he visits at home.

He is often invited to events of other Orthodox communities with which he has been associated for many years. He participates in prayer meetings of the Holy Transfiguration community, whose members invite him to services dedicated to the memory of the new martyrs and victims of Soviet-era repression.

After the terrorist attack in the Crocus concert hall, relatives and friends of the victims repeatedly came to the church to Father Pavel for funeral services - funerals and requiems in absentia. This event deeply shocked all of us with its inhumanity and cruelty. Among the many dead at Crocus was one family, a mother and daughter, who came to Moscow from Ukraine. During the shelling of their home in Mariupol, they saved themselves by jumping out of the window of an apartment on the 2nd floor of an apartment building, and then they managed to come to Moscow. And now, a year later, they were killed in a terrorist attack.....

This once again reminds us all of the difficult and troubling times in which we live. In such a situation, it is especially valuable for us that there are people who are not indifferent to the misfortunes of others.

May 9 of this year marks the 5th anniversary of Connie Meyer's passing.

We feel daily how much we miss her presence in our lives - her constant involvement in every family's life, her attention to newborn babies, her help to those in difficult situations. For us her ministry will always remain an example of kindness, humanity, care for neighbors.

Our parishioners prepared a movie about Connie Meyer and her charitable work in Moscow. We have scheduled a screening of this movie for Easter Week (according to the Orthodox calendar). It will be timed to coincide with the 5th anniversary of Connie's passing and will be held in the presence of all members of Fr. Pavel's community.

We wish you all good health, Paschal joy and God's endless help in your fruitful endeavors.



Fr. Pavel, Irina Smirnova and the community.t

. Read more in <u>Memory of Connie</u>

Best wishes HumanCare Russia