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Continuing the work of Gospel radio for the people of Ukraine and Russia in a new era—WITH A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL NAME! NLRI takes over for CRFR

March 13, 2025: Daniel Johnson, President of *Christian Radio for Russia*, (CRFR) made the following report to the Board of Director’s meeting:

“New Life Radio, the mission we have supported for 24 years, is entering a new era in its outreach to the Russian and Ukrainian-speaking peoples of the world. While working in the midst of a terrible war between these two nations, all of us praise our Creator for his provision and protection of our radio mission that continues to operate from Odessa, Ukraine. In expectation of new opportunities with the soon coming of peace, it is time for us as an organization to do everything in our power to position ourselves and our Odessa team with the resources and means to continue Gospel broadcasting long into the future. Hence, the steps we now take to reorganize, invest, and strategize are warranted, and we proceed in total submission to the will and guidance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whom we serve, in these actions.”

RESULT: With Board approval, a rationale for our actions can be stated thus: Our leadership has determined that a change of organizational name from *Christian Radio for Russia* to **NEW LIFE RADIO International** is warranted and necessary, due to a number of factors including alterations to mission priorities, expansion of services beyond our original conception, as well as the need to adapt to emerging political and legal considerations that impact the carrying out of our charitable work on the territories of Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

Part of the change to NLRI is an attempt to mitigate future problems that CRFR has encountered in reference to legal and financial dealings in Odessa. This is in connection with working in the Russian language for broadcast, and our non-profit name with the word “*Russia*” in it. With war time restrictions and Ukrainian state regulations that proscribe “Russian” influence, including language use and media content or the promotion of Russian interests or political priorities, NLR-Odessa has dealt with past interference by the state in connection with CRFR sending funds that caused the freezing of their bank account, and a forced reregistration of our Odessa NLR non-profit. In this case, a bank official questioning the inclusion of “Russia” in our non-profit name set off a sequence of legal issues that forced CRFR staff in the USA to come to Odessa to resolve. Using the term “NLR International” will make it much easier for us to continue our administration and operation of the radio networks. NLRI reflects an “International” scope with all components using the same

name, while encouraging opportunities to cooperate with many entities across the world who desire to support and participate with our Christian radio broadcasting for the benefit of the peoples of Russia, Ukraine, and the Slavic world.

THE DECISION was long considered and we hope our mission partners will understand the reasons, and pray for the ongoing work of this radio ministry. We ask donors to take note of the change for future contributions to the work of NLR.

Time for a new home.

NLR Building fund update:
 Goal: **\$150,000+**
\$42,300 raised so far!



The image on the right is a building diagram of one property in Odessa that could house our new broadcast center. Our goal is a place that has enough rooms to house two separate radio networks. NLRI staff are now investigating the most reasonable site that we can purchase, and with your support, we hope to obtain this facility for NLR as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone who gave!

Looking ahead while looking back...

It’s hard to believe that in 1993, I went to Russia with a seemingly tough task—to start a Christian radio station—and yet God made NLR happen! 32 years later, I am more



excited now than ever about what the future holds for New Life Radio! We have witnessed a lot of transition over three decades from where we started to how we work today in this mission called Christian radio! For those of you reading this, we have a connecting bond that the Lord has made possible, and each of you are an integral part of this ministry! Together, we enter a new chapter to share the Gospel worldwide and the Good News of NEW LIFE in Christ! God bless you all!

Daniel Johnson

New Life Radio International: how it works



NLRI (USA) is the parent organization overseen by a volunteer board of directors prioritized on funding and oversight of our Ukraine-based operations. Registered in the State of Illinois, and a federal 501©3 non-profit org. The Board is: Brian Bettger, Chair; Marlene Hamrick, Treasurer; Oksana Johnson; Rev. Doug Kibbe; Mark Baldwin. Kris Gallegos, Agent.

NLR-Russian (радио новая жизнь) is our initial radio network, based in the Russian language, and transmitting to Russia and Europe via satellite radio, and to listeners globally via Internet radio at www.NLRadio.net. The NLR organization in Odessa is a registered non-profit organization under the laws of Ukraine, and all radio activities are under its sole authority. Its legal founders are NLRI appointees. Peter Zhurakovski is the President.

NLR-Ukrainian (радіо нове життя) is our newest radio network, begun in 2022, and reaching Ukrainian audiences via Internet radio at www.NoveZhitya.net The station manager for both networks is Ivan Zhurakovski along with studio coordinator, Yuri Ignatenko in Odessa.

BOTH RADIO NETWORKS transmit solely in their particular language, but share a radio format designed to bring listeners deep into the Scriptures --supplemented with outstanding Christian music that worships our Creator while expressing the fundamental doctrines of Christianity.



What comes out of our radio control rooms: comprehensive Bible teaching from a select group of the most trusted and experienced expositors, supplemented by our local staff programming featuring apologetics, dramatic Bible readings, theological

discussions, sermons, and a variety of materials that systematically search out the Old and New Testaments. Listeners tune to NLR for insight into understanding the whole plan of God for mankind, while our teachers endeavor to reveal Christ as He is found in every book of the Bible. Our programs can train believers in Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology, Church history, etc., as we labor to build up and disciple those seeking doctrinal instruction they might not receive from their local congregations.

Simply put, WE TEACH GOD'S WORD on the air and trust the Spirit for the results! NLR is focused on being a Christian witness and voice of comfort for those in our listening areas who are seeking God and answers to life's most difficult questions that can only be answered by Christ. NLRI is dedicated to this task of mission via radio, with your support!

PRAYER REQUESTS: Pray for our staff in Odessa as they labor under difficult wartime conditions. Pray that this organizational transition goes smoothly for NLRI as we have many logistical tasks to complete. Pray that the Lord blesses our efforts and that all of us may perform our work worthy of HIM and for HIS glory, and pray for PEACE in Ukraine!

A question often asked: how will NLR keep operating during wartime

Our go to answer, is that God is sovereign and this is HIS ministry—He will protect it and His will shall be accomplished no matter what! But we work knowing that people need to hear the Gospel, especially our listeners in Russian-occupied Ukraine where there is systematic persecution of Christian pastors, ministries, missionaries, and others. See this news site for detailed information: https://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2963

We minister to listeners in Russia who face similar repression by the State, which is why we broadcast via satellite and Internet to get our signals into nearly every city and remote area in Russia. 97% of all communities in each country don't have a local Christian radio station, so war or no war, NLR will work to proclaim the faith and help them understand what their Creator has done. So threats in Odessa from daily bombings and attacks will not curtail our ministry, nor stop our investment in a new facility for NLR! This is all about faith and trust in the Lord!

WEBSITE CHANGES: we will have a new Internet site: www.NLRI.net starting in April. The old CRFR.org site is still working. We will discontinue the use of our emails CRFRoffice@gmail.com CRFR@juno.com and use NLRadioUSA@gmail.com for all communications with our ministry.

For our donors: We can accept donations made out to CRFR through April 2025, and then all transactions will be applied to NLRI. We are working to update our *PayPal* and *Covchurchgiving* accounts. Donors will need to contact their financial institution to change the beneficiary name to NLRI for distribution from designated giving accounts. If you have questions, please write or email us. Thank you for your Kingdom investment that keeps New Life Radio on the air!

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