

The First – God Grant Won't Be the Last One

In September of 2005 the first issue of the scientific-methodological journal “Dialog – The Yearbook of the Russian-American Christian University” saw the light.

It is hard to overestimate the importance of this event first of all, because it is the beginning of the regular scientific publications by the RACU which can become an effective promotional tool for the school in a larger community. We can be truly proud of a high proficiency level and a variety of scientific interests demonstrated by our professors. Any reader of the Dialog can be easily convinced of the high status of the university which is reflected in seriousness of the articles submitted by RACU's professors.

Secondly, some of the yearbook's articles either directly or indirectly inform readers about the mission and the purpose of RACU. One of the most important conceptual facets of this publication is sharing practical and applicable experience of the liberal arts education which as we believe has a bright future in modern Russia. The fact that such experience is one of the kind, adds a face value to the Dialog.

On top of that, from now on our faculty members will have an additional opportunity to present results of their research in respective fields of study and thus more fully realize their potential. In addition to that Russian and American instructors will get to know each other better. The Dialog, as we see it, will further facilitate the true integration of the RACU's faculty team.

And, finally, the Dialog can also serve as an effective communication device with the students. Even its first issue has a number of articles that can be of interest and of value for the current academic process. The authors can recommend their students reading certain articles as a supplementary material for courses they may be teaching.

Later on the format of the yearbook may be changed and reshaped. The editorial board of the second issue of the Dialog in addition to the scientific articles themselves is planning to include in it some interviews, speeches, conference notes and reviews. All of these, hopefully, will be interesting for the faculty and students.

We are hoping that the Lord will bless our efforts!

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