

CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND BELARUSIAN PATRIOTISM

Belarus today needs a political force based on Christian principles and Belarusian patriotism. The Belarusian Christian Democracy party is such a new force.

In our work we take after Belarusian Christian statesmen, such as Euphrosyne of Polatsk, Cyril of Turaŭ, Dukes of Ostrog, Francysk Skaryna, Mikalaj Radziwil Chorny (the Black), Astafej Valovich, Lew Sapieha, Jazep Rutski and Belarusian Christian Democrats of the beginning of the 20th century.



Christian Democrats on the march

Today we raise the flag of the Belarusian Christian Democracy, because we believe that Christian patriots must be the leaders of Belarusian politics.

BCD POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

- Presidential elections in 2005-2006, local elections 2006-2007. Fifteen Christian Democrats were nominated candidates to participate in the Parliament elections in September 2008. On 23 May 2009 Vital Rymasheuski, BCD co-chairperson, was elected candidate to participate in the presidential elections in Belarus in 2010 from the Christian Democratic party.

- In 2008 BCD co-founded the Right youth coalition and initiated creation of the Right coalition among democratic political forces in Belarus.

- Several alternative legislations projects and proposals were developed and proposed to the Belarusian authorities.

BCD CAMPAIGNS

Collecting 50 000 signatures for changes in the present Belarusian Law "On Religious Freedom and Religious Organisations" 2007-2008. A copy of the petition on 28 May 2008 was given to Hans-Gert Pöttering, President of the European Parliament, by Alexander Milinkevich and Pavel Seviarynets. Presently we are making arrangements for hearings on this issue in the European Parliament and U.S. Congress.



A volunteer talks with believers

"Repentance" 2006-2008 (<http://www.represii-by.info>)

Goal: to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the peak of Stalin's genocide in Belarus. The project includes support of former prisoners of conscience, and actions against honouring Stalin in modern Belarus.



Kurapaty (by Minsk ring road): many thousands of people killed here under Stalin regime 1937-1941

"For Fair Elections 2008"

Goals: to defend the right to free democratic elections at local and republican level, to inform the citizens of the Republic of Belarus on the violation of their rights by the current legislation, on falsifications during the elections and involve them in the activity of democratic organisations.

"I Love Belarus" 2008-2009

Goals: to raise the sense of civil and national responsibility among Christians and educate democratic activists in Christian values, history and culture.



"Belarus Show" quiz in a school class

"Family Values" 2008-2009

Goals: to promote family values, contribute to the fight against alcoholic addiction and abortions.



We are responsible for the life of new generations

BCD GROWTH

Since 2005 more than 2000 persons joined BCD. At present the party has branches in more than 100 localities of Belarus. BCD Youth was formed in 2008; it works in different party projects and recruits volunteers and new members. On February 28, 2009 BCD Foundation Congress was held with over 600 attendees. As a result, an official decision on the

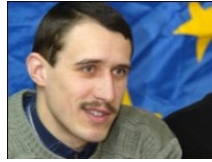


BCD Founding congress

WHAT DOES CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY STAND FOR?

- honest, moral, responsible policy;
- defence of Christian values in all spheres of life;
- priority of Law as basis of just political system and social order;
- state which creates favourable conditions for the well-being and prosperity of family and developing of personality;
- independent Belarus;
- personal property as guarantee of individual freedom;
- development of the Belarusian culture and dialog with other cultures;
- reasonable ecological management on the earth;
- open policy in relationships with the whole world;
- strong local self-government;
- simplification of bureaucratic procedures and taxes cut;
- right for freedom of conscience and Christian tolerance.

CO-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE BELARUSIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY:



Paval Sevyarynets, 1997-2004 Young Front chairperson, 1999-2003 deputy head of the Belarusian People's Front Party, 2005-2007 forced labour sentence. Writer, author of five books, laureate of Alios Adamovich prize.

Adamovich prize.



Alaksiej Shein, 2000-2004 Young Front vice-chairperson, 2005-2006 press-secretary and speech-writer of the single candidate from the opposition Alexander Milinkevich at the presidential election. Journalist.



Vital Rymasheuski, 2001-2003 member of the Presidium of the Belarusian National Youth Council, 2005-2006 manager of the election campaign of Alexander Milinkevich in Minsk, since 2006 deputy coordinator of the For Freedom movement in Minsk.



Hieorhi Dzmitruk, businessman, head of the NGO "Christian Business Initiative".

BCD CONTACT DETAILS:

Tel.: (+375) 296512665

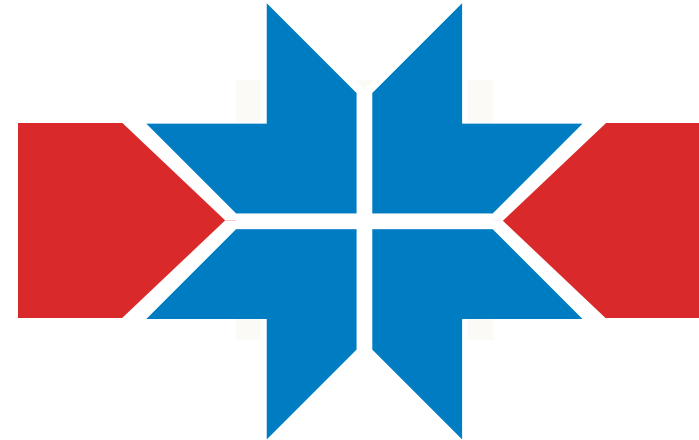
220123, P.O. BOX 324 Minsk, Belarus

Internet: www.bchd.info

E-mail: bchd.info@gmail.com

International committee: bchd.by@gmail.com

B E L A R U S I A N
C H R I S T I A N
D E M O C R A C Y



Christian principles and
Belarusian patriotism