



SEEKING THE FACE OF CHRIST IN RUSSIA TOUR

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American Leaders

Debra Korluka is an internationally renowned artist and Byzantine iconographer. She was the first American to exhibit in the former Soviet Union and has studied with icon masters from the Ukraine and Russia. Debra teaches workshops and offers instruction from her studio and gallery. Her work, which is displayed in museums around the world, has been commissioned by churches and private collectors nationally and internationally. Over the years, Debra has developed many close working relationships with renowned artists, churches, and monasteries in Russia. To learn more about Deb see www.icon-art-studios.com

Rev. Dr. Norman Broadbent is a United Church of Christ pastor, who spent 10 years as coordinator of, and then Executive Director for Community, Health, and Social Services of the Russian Farm Community Project (RFCP) in Minneapolis and Dmitrov, Russia. He has made 18 trips to Russia, and has coordinated several Teens Uniting Globally (TUG) projects, bringing American and Russian teens together in service learning projects. He has also led a team of Minnesota hospice professionals to establish the first fully-serviced hospice program for rural Russia. He has developed relationships with leaders of the Russian Orthodox Office for External Church Affairs, and local Protestant clergy. He currently serves as Senior Minister of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Fresno, CA.

Partner: United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

United is an ecumenical seminary of the United Church of Christ. Its mission is to prepare women and men for effective ordained and lay leadership in church and society. A unique aspect of the educational mission of the seminary is the opportunity to engage the arts in learning both inside and outside the classroom. The seminary's Religion and the Arts program contributes to the work of churches, faith communities, and artists by providing opportunities to explore the intersections of the arts and religion through workshops and programs. For more information go to: www.unitedseminary.edu.

Russian Leaders

Tamara Mikhailova is associate professor at the Smolny Institute of Arts and Sciences in St. Petersburg. She lived in America for 10 years, where she taught Russian language, art, literature, and culture, at Macalester College, Kansas University and Miami University. Tamara has authored five books on Russian and British art and has professional associations with The Hermitage, The Russian Museum, and the Vaganova Academy of Ballet.

Nadezhda Kolesnikova is an instructor at St. Petersburg Theological Academy and Seminary located at the St. Alexander Nevsky Monastery (Lavra). She assists in the formation of special opportunities for pilgrimages that seek a deeply interactive journey in the arts, theology and culture.

Slava Benois- Rogalsky is the Russian director of the Benois Institute which also partners with academic institutions in France. Mr. Benois-Rogalsky facilitates tour itineraries for the purpose of education and cultural exchange.