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SCIENTIFIC REVIEW

Professor **Yurii Chornomorets**, Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Theology and Religious Studies at National Pedagogical Dragomanov University provided a Scientific Review for the special issue of "Ukrainian Protestants" dedicated to current issues of history and modern practices of several Protestant communities in Ukraine

The current level of Ukrainian philosophical, historical, and religious sciences is characterized by openness to the study of various religious movements, especially in the last two decades. The deepened interest and expansion of scientific research is currently being actively pursued in the direction of the study of Protestant religious movements in Ukraine. By referring to official scientific, archival documents-sources, interviews, and practical research of the life of Protestant believers, scholars try to recreate the history of the origin, formation, and modern activity of Protestant denominations in Ukraine. Interest in the study of Protestantism in Ukraine is only gaining momentum, and it will take more than a decade for scholars to recreate the historical periods from the emergence of Ukrainian Protestantism to the present day. Given that the Protestant work ethic and life of the faithful is characterized by a lively dynamic in all its manifestations, especially in intra-church, social, political activities, we can say with confidence that this special issue of "Ukrainian Protestantism," is a valuable contribution to presenting the image of the late Protestant denominations, namely Evangelical Baptists, Pentecostals, and Adventists.

The content of the issue is quite colorful and rich. On the one hand, there are several articles based on valuable archival materials and unique sources, which clearly paint a picture of the Soviet life of people who were believers in Protestant denominations. On the other hand, no less valuable are the authors' studies of the realities of contemporary Ukrainian Protestantism, with an emphasis on how church members transformed and transferred their activities from offline to online under the influence of quarantine restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Summing up, we emphasize that the authors' appeals to archival materials, which were not easy to get from the archives since the end of 2019 due to the pandemic and dynamism in the modern practices of Protestant Churches through questionnaires, surveys, schematization, and systematization of scientific research, we state that the special issue "Ukrainian Protestantism" is a valuable and timely scientific contribution to domestic and world science.