



Kyrgyzstan Mission

headquarters, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

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The Kyrgyzstan Conference was a Central Asian church unit that was organized in 2002 and changed to a Mission in 2010.

**Territory and Statistics (2017)**<sup>1</sup>

Territory: Kyrgyzstan

Population: 6,211,000

Membership: 710

Churches: 12

## Origin of Seventh-day Adventist Work in the Territory

Adventists arrived to Kyrgyzstan in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. For the origin of Adventist work in the territory, see the article on Kyrgyzstan and the earliest church units the country was a part of.

After being part of the early Russian church units, the territory was part of the Central Asia Mission (1908–1910), Turkestan Mission (1911–25), Central Asian Conference (1926–≥30), and—after not being listed for most of the Communist era—the Kirgizhian District (1978–90), Kirghizian Conference (1990–93), Kyrgyzstan Conference (1993–94), Southern Conference (1994–2000), and the Central Asia Conference (1994–2002).

## Organizational History

In 2002, the Central Asia Conference was divided into the Kyrgyzstan Conference, the Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Missions, and the Turkmenistan Field, which all continued to be part of the Southern Union.<sup>2</sup> The Kyrgyzstan Conference comprised Kyrgyzstan.

The conference headquarters was located at Magadanskaya Street 63, Bishkek. Membership was 1,524. Initial officers were President Vladimir P. Mikhailov, Secretary Valery N. Nazimko, Treasurer Roman L. Alekseykin, executive committee members Galina S. An, Valentina A. Belikova, Viktor A. Belousov, Uriy Devyatkin, Pavel A. Pogodin, Oleg P. Prokophiev, and Viktor N. Zotov.<sup>3</sup>

In 2010 the conference was demoted to a mission. Its territory and headquarters remained the same. The first Yearbook report is from 2012, when membership was 903. Officers were President Valery N. Nazimko, Secretary-treasurer Talgat S. Kubegenov, and executive committee members Roman L. Alekseykin, Anastasia S. Ananyeva, Evgeny U. Devyatkin, Viktor Y. Dill, Sergey R. Hametov, Ekaterina V. Kirichenko, Gulyaim Jamankulova, Vasily V. Nikonorov, and Alexander R. Ott.<sup>4</sup>

## Institutions

There is an ADRA office and a SUM media center in Kyrgyzstan. Nasledie Adventist School in Tokmak enrolls over 300 students.<sup>5</sup>

## List of Presidents

Kyrgyzstan Conference: Vladimir P. Mikhailov, 2002–2008; Igor P. Vasilchenko, 2009–2011.

Kyrgyzstan Mission: Valery N. Nazimko, 2012<sup>6</sup>–2015; Rubin R. Ott, 2016–17; Roman L. Alekseykin, 2018–.

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## NOTES

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6. According to the *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook* listing, the Mission started in 2012.

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