



World's Christian Endeavor News

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Rejoice with me; I have found my lost.... Luke 15:6

by Benjamin Wenzel, Assistant Treasurer, WCEU Board of Trustees

Some years ago we as brothers and sisters presented my dad with two lambs, we'd got from a friendly shepherd, for his backyard. Our family took much pleasure in them. But one day one of them was killed in an accident. I'll never forget how heartbreakingly the other lonely sheep mourned until we got a second sheep again. Today I remember this especially when I hear Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. I'm really well able to relate to the shepherd's grief who's searching for his lost sheep. Altogether in Luke 15 we read three stories of something lost: the sheep, the coin and the son. They all provide us an insight straight into God's heart: the Father's feelings about persons outside His family. With them something of huge value is lost! God is missing them! They are churning up His heart! They are worth a massive search operation! That's why God has sent Jesus down to earth: for these "outsiders". The whole bible reports on God's plan to take them in. When I think about it seriously, I'm shocked about how unimportant other people are to me. What about you? Which persons in your surroundings don't know Jesus yet? Who are you able to introduce to God? He gives a big heavenly feast for each new son or daughter of His family.

WCEU News

Regional Meeting Hawaii, 25-29 July

Reported by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary, WCEU

Christian Endeavorers from the Australian - Pacific Region had their quadrennial meeting on the Big Island, Hawaii. The event was held in the M o k u a i k a u a Congregational Church in Kailua-Kona, exactly where the missionaries build the first church on Hawaii in 1820. The church with the adjacent buildings, located in the center of the town, close to the harbor was ideal for the convention with about 70 participants (mainly from Hawaii). The local CE did a great job as host and was involved with serving meals, organizing the meetings and singing and dancing. Speakers came from the US, Pennsylvania and Hawaii, Solomon Islands, and Germany. Their messages dealt with

the convention theme 'Let We missed Endeavorers Jesus shine' and beautifully from the Marshall Islands, complemented each other. Micronesia, Samoa and CE Hawaii demonstrated American Samoa. in the workshops their Leadership Training Event (LTE), a well organized training program for young endeavorers taught by volunteers who themselves went through the LTE and found to be gifted for teaching.

The representatives of CE in Australia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Hawaii met one afternoon to discuss about the WCEU Vice President from their Region from 2014 onwards, about the delegates from their unions to the WCEU council and about the place for the next Regional Meeting in 2016. Highlights of the meeting were a talent show, the Sunrise Service on Sunday and a very moving Closing Assembly with the Holy Communion.



New-Zealand delegates



Daniel Hoffmann, WCEU Trustee speaking at the meeting

World's Convention 2014

The next World's Christian Endeavor convention will be hosted by the Korean CE Union in South Korea, 15-18 July. The venue has not yet been selected from three proposed places. The Korean Endeavorers are presently busy informing their church leaders and winning the support of the church for the great event.

CE Prayer Week 2013

Next year's Prayer Week will be organized 27 January - 2 February, 2013 with the topic 'Go in the strength you have' based on the calling of Gideon from Judges 6:1-24. The Prayer Week is being coordinated by Vice-President Eliseo Vilchez-Blancas and will have the participation of the Peruvian CE Union (DENECE). Endeavorers can write specific prayer requests to be included in the material that will be published for this event. The requests should not exceed 50-70 words (300-400 characters). Contact americas@worldsunion.org before 15 September!

Africa

CE in Sierra Leone

Reported by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary, WCEU

CE came to Sierra Leone through missionaries of the United Brethren Church (UBC), USA. and used to enjoy strong support from the US. The church seems to be well organized. They neglected CE before the Nineties when the mother-church changed their youth ministry. The civil war gave a final blow to CE S.L. and with the untimely death of former S.L.-CE Secretary Philip Johnson the contact with the WCEU was lost. Rev. S.B.Kamanda, the last



President of the previous S.L.-CE invited me to visit S.L. and a CE seminar was arranged together with the relaunch of CE in S.L. The people who are now reviving CE have been in CE in their youth and they want the good results and experiences they had happen again. They plan beyond their church and invited pastors and youth workers from the Baptist Convention, the United Methodist Church (UMC) and from one Countess of Huntingdon Connexion Church (CHCC) to join in the formation of the new S.L.-CE Union.

Americas and the Caribbean

Summer Assembly in Millersville University, 8-13 July

Reported by Dr. Dave Coryell, Executive Director, CE Mid-Atlantic



Summer Assembly 'Wake the World', the annual summer convention in Pennsylvania, was held at Millersville University, Lancaster County, PA. It was a wonderful time with equipping tracks where teens were instructed in teaching/communicating techniques, drama, worship, and small group leadership. Youth worked in their youth groups following their skill sessions so they could prepare and lead a 25 minute devotion on Friday. The event also featured great summer fun in the afternoon, evening worship, and late night relationship building activities. WCEU President Kalman Adorjan joined us for several days at the beginning of the week and was part of our CE Mid-Atlantic board meeting Tuesday afternoon. During that time, youth groups were given the opportunity to serve others at several different sites across Lancaster County. Four work camp weeks were also provided through C.E. Mid-Atlantic's

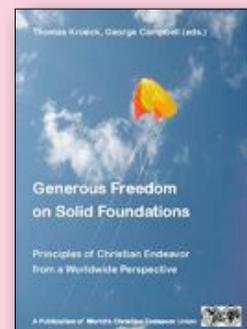
Leaders of CE in Sierra Leone

Life Builders program. Youth groups did repair work on homes damaged from flooding last year in the Pine Grove, PA area. The most exciting news is that two churches have decided to start using Christian Endeavor as their youth discipleship process this fall. This is the first fruit experienced from the CE Mid-Atlantic's CE Rebirth campaign.

Pray31 campaign

By Tim Eldred, President CEI

Much of the ministry at Endeavor (CEI) in the last few years has been helping the church recognize young people as peers and co-equals in the cause of Jesus Christ. Our primary message to accomplish this objective has been prayer. By God's grace, we have seen many churches in the USA and far beyond pray with youth through an initiative called Pray21. Over the next few years, we are working to see that resource distributed around the world. This past spring, Endeavor was asked to lead the charge to call over 1,000,000 people to 31 days of intercessory prayer leading up to the national elections taking place in November in the USA. Pray31.com went live in August. Over the next few weeks, 2/3 of all churches in the USA (200,000) will receive materials calling them to pray for God's mercy upon the nation. It is our hope that this prayer initiative will also help us fulfill our greater mission and open the eyes of the church to see the need to pray with youth. To learn more, visit christianendeavor.com and sign up for our newsletter.



This reader (148 pages) is about Christian Endeavor basics from the perspective of 32 endeavorers from 15 countries. It was released at the World's Convention in Lima, Peru. The book offers insights and experiences of how the principles of Christian Endeavor are applied in different cultural settings. Order the book from the WCEU central office.

Asia

Summer Assembly in Korea, 2-4 August

Reported by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary, WCEU

In Korea CE is so much part of the Presbyterian church, that it got split when the church split because of doctrinal issues some decades ago. Since then there is a 'hap dong' Korean CE Union (www.koreace.co.kr) and a smaller 'kosin' union (www.koreace.org). Both groups maintain informal relations with each other.



Mr. Hyunsoo Lim, KCEU President, Andreas A. Rudolph and Mr. Ko Tong un

During my visit in Korea both groups had their convention. An estimated 300 'Hap-dong' Endeavorers met in the Kolon Sport Hotel near Gyeongju, an ancient Korean capital in the Southeast for the 87th Summer Assembly. Participants (age-group 20 - 50) enjoyed fellowship almost around the clock. The inaugural meeting started around 2 pm with a ceremonial entry of the speakers and the group of past presidents. This is a peculiar body in the Korean CE and seems to be the backbone of the Korean CE. Most of them being businessmen KCEU is run quite effective, project and goal oriented. The President of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church was the first speaker. The evening program - again mainly sermons - went on until 11 pm. After that many participants spend time with friends, some of them half the night. The wake up call next morning made sure everybody was awake when a convention steward came knocking the door, inviting for the morning devotion at 6 am. Most of this day was reserved for recreational activities so I could go with WCEU Vice president

Elder Ko to pay a short visit to the 23rd convention of the 'kosin' CE.

About 150 youth had met in the Kosin University in Busan. I gave the same message which I had preached the day before to the 'Hap-dong' CE and Elder Ko Tong-un invited all to participate in the 2014 World's CE Convention. Back in Gyeongju the evening program had bible studies, the witness of a famous Korean singer and a powerful band accompanying contemporary praise songs - everything in Korean of course. The next morning (Saturday) began again with devotions at 6 am. After that breakfast checkout from the rooms and 9 am the final session. (Everybody was expected to be home for church on Sunday!) But it took some time until all the good byes had been waved and all the photographs 'to remember' had been taken. To get most out of the time everything was done fast and disciplined. Still everybody enjoyed!

Guitar classes for CE Nepal

Reported by Kuber Gurung, Secretary CE Nepal



Praise the Lord, Pakhribas C.E. has carried out a days Basic Guitar Class for the CE members on 16 July 2012 who were undertaking the Praise and Worship session during the Saturday Service and other house fellowship. Almighty blessed us providing a local guitar instructor Mr. Neelam Chongbang for the class. "The class was

much more fruitful to us and will help praising the Lord." said Rishika Rai, one of the participant and a C.E. member. Although there were 7 participants only they were enriched with the skills taught during the class.

Australia and Pacific

CE official program of SSEC, Solomon Islands

Reported by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary, WCEU

The progress of CE in the Solomon Islands is encouraging. Rev. Derek Pongi, President of the Solomon Islands CE Union (SICEU), and Superintendent in the South Sea Evangelical Church (SSEC) reported that SSEC has adopted CE as an official youth program. CE has been on the Solomons for some decades already with two periods of decline. 2007 less than 10 societies were left, all on the Islands of Renell and Bellona, from where Derek Pongi started to rebuild CE. Now, having the official backing of his church, he organizes training programs for instructors who will have to introduce CE in all of the about 600 congregations (30 to 1000 members per church) of the SSCE. The process is being monitored by the church leadership. Vice Bishop Stanley Aitorea is in charge as CE-Coordinator of the SSEC. Rev. Pongi hopes to reach out with CE to other denominations as well and is busy to bring SICEU in good shape. Rev. Timothy Laesanau, Secretary of the SICEU said he learned a lot at the Pacific Regional CE Convention in Hawaii how the gospel can be spread and CE be conducted in a way fitting for the Pacific culture.

The deadline for the next issue of the WCEU Newsletter is 15 October 2012. Please notify us about news, events, announcements etc. if you want them to be listed here.



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Europe

KRISZ summer camps
(CE in Ukraine)

Reported by Edina Dancs, Youth Pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Ukraine

In the campsites of Balazsér, Aklihegy and Ráton participated nearly 300 youth. 29 July - 4 August there was a camp where the topic 'Replanning' was imparted through seminars, presentations and free time activities. The questions discussed in the camp were: What kind of plans do we have? What influences our plans? What is God's plan in our life? How is God replanning our life? What does it mean to experience God's renewing mercy? How to restart a relationship after a crash? Another topic emerged was replanning ministry and church. Besides the spiritual content we had the joy of meeting each other and sharing our Christ. We give thanks for the young volunteers, who helped us organize the camp, but moreover for God's presence, the blessings that we encountered in the camp.



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Who is... Benjamin Wenzel?



Hi, I'm Benjamin Wenzel, 34 years old and married to Dorothée. We live nearby the German capital Berlin, where I work for an insurance association. I grew up in the very South of Germany at the border to Austria at the bottom of wonderful mountains. That's why I love this landscape and hiking. When I was a child my parents took me to church. So as a kid I learned all stories about God and Jesus. Later as a young teenager I decided to follow Jesus. Since then I've been joining CE-groups and I've been a leader of various groups. Almost two years ago Andreas asked me to become assistant treasurer. I guess it's because I studied banking economics. But I like to build God's kingdom worldwide and to use my skills therefore.

Rev. Jude Samson passed away



According to a note by the Global Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples) and UCC Jude Samson passed away in the second week of January 2012. He was 80 years old and is survived by his wife, Dinah.

Rev. Jude Samson was President of the United Church of Christ in the Marshall Islands (Jarin Rarik Dron) and for a long time President of CE (Kajeone) on the Marshall Islands. For many years Rev. Samson was trustee of the WCEU and attended board meetings as long his health allowed it. He was also Chaplain of the Marshallese parliament and the Republic of the Marshall Islands honored Rev. Samson by flying the Marshallese flag half-mast for seven days.

Events

2012

September 21-22. - **98th Irish National Convention**, Broughshane Presbyterian Church. Theme: "Train, Run, Win"; speaker: Rev. Gary Glasgow, Larne

September 27. - October 1 - **WCEU Board of Trustees Meeting**, Romania

October 20. - **Annual Celebration** of CE in North West England

October 22-24. **Triennial convention of CE in India**, Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), speaker: K. Basudebam, chief guest: Rev. Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU

November 22-25. **National CE Convention**, Rennell Island, Solomon Island

December 26.-29. - **Biannual Convention** of the Mexican CE, Chiapas, Mexico

2013

January 18-20 - **Annual Council and Annual General Meeting** of the Australian CE Union at Collaroy Beach, NSW (Sydney)

April 5-7 - **WCEU Executive Committee Meeting**, Lancaster county, PA, United States

August 1-4 - **Connect Europe**, Hattingen, Germany

Prayer Tasks

Ireland

- Please pray for the 98th Irish National Christian Endeavor Convention, the Convention Committee as they plan and prepare and pray for those who attend as well
- Pray for the new Irish CE President, Mrs. Gwen Carson, her induction and term in office
- Pray that vacant positions be filled at Irish and Local Union level according to God's Will

Lebanon

- Pray for the continuing renovation of KCHAG Camp (funds and work) and that it becomes a place again where youth finds Christ and gets strengthened in faith.

Scotland

- Give thanks for contacts made with the Church of Scotland Presbytery and Parish Workers at their Conference at Stirling University on 19 June, 2012.
- Pray for the Scottish CE Planning committee which meets on 8 September to consider ways to promote CE in Scotland.
- Pray for Church contacts to be made in the Aberdeenshire area and through ministers' fraternals in the near future.
- Pray for interest in the work of CE at the Baptist Assembly on 25 -27 October in Dundee, where there will be an exhibition stand.

Syria

- Please pray for peace, for a political solution of the civil war, the protection of our brothers and sisters and for wise leaders with all parties involved in the conflict.

WCEU

- Please pray for the WCEU board meeting in September in Romania, that the Lord's spirit guides our deliberations and decisions.