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## The Secret of Being Content (Phil 4, 11-13)

by Bálint Bacskai, Member of the Board of Trustees, President CE Hungary

Being content is a great mystery for most of us. Paul says here it is a secret that can be learned; one can experience it (know), and it is a divine strength. How can we learn to be content in our situation? Most effective learning happens when we have a great and dedicated teacher-mentor. Paul learned from the Master Jesus. When we are in a desperate need to learn this secret we have to seek the same Mentor. His school is always open! Paul learned to be an 'overcomer'; a person who knows by experience, how to perceive and how to react to adverse situations and circumstances. He lived through various circumstances being confident of the constant presence of his Master. Experiencing the constant presence of Christ, who suffered for us and was glorified by the Father, empowered the apostle to be content. He lived and experienced the word of Jesus: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matt. 6:33). As a disciple being in Christ we are safe from sorrows about our daily needs and from getting lost in having plenty.

## 27th World's Convention developments

by Anna Visky, Assistant for President and General Secretary

Now preparations for the next World's CE Convention are in full swing. The Korean CE has formed an Organizing Committee with Elder Kyung-Whan Kim as chairman. Vice-Chairman Yeong Kim and General Secretary Hyun-Soo Lim visited the WCEU headquarters in Germany for consultations in June (21-24). They discussed suggestions of the Convention Program Committee like tasks, budget, and marketing strategy with Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary WCEU and talked about CE and CE-conventions in general. The Convention Program Committee (WCEU) is in contact with the Korean Committee and discusses program developments in Skype meetings and via e-mail. Meanwhile the date for the convention was re-set at 23-26 July, 2014. The venue remains unaltered: It is High1

Resort, Jeongsun-Kun, Gangwon-Province, a beautiful holiday resort close to the East coast of South Korea, about 3 hours by bus East from Seoul. The logo of the convention was chosen by the local Organizing Committee (Korea) from several suggestions submitted by Korean designers. We are going to use the following one:



As the most important organizational issues have been set, the Convention Program Committee started to prepare the website accessible now ([www.ceworldsconvention.org](http://www.ceworldsconvention.org)), fine-tune the program and develop the registration process. Plan to be there and to enjoy the fellowship with endeavorers from around the world!

## CE Basics

### For Christ and His/the Church

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

The motto of the CE movement says short and precise what the Christian Endeavorer aims at: To endeavour or to live for Christ and His church. It makes not really a difference whether the motto says 'His Church' or 'the Church'. Both versions refer to the body of Christ and to the visible organization as well. Though not every member of a church may be a part in the body of Christ, our service and endeavor is always towards real people whether they are in the body of Christ or not yet. The local church is the field a CE group exists in and belongs to. It determines the theology of the resp. CE group and is the field of service for the group and looks after it. "For .." - means not only just agree with the CE idea but to give oneself fully for the cause. We endeavour, - i.e. put energy, time, money, etc. in our

activities for Christ and the church. Service is a sign of having understood the real nature of a Christian who is a follower of Christ who came "not to be served, but to serve (Matt. 20:28). This is the way to spread the love of Christ to fellow men.

'For Christ and the church' also means that Christian Endeavourers focus on others, not on their own status and position. CE leaders are serving, though in a leading position.

## Americas and the Caribbean

### 77 years living "For Christ and the Church" (1936-2013)

by Jaime Vázquez, Member of CE México

In April, the Christian Endeavor Society "Real Sacerdocio" from the National Presbyterian Church "Bethel" in Cuernavaca, Morelos, México, celebrated 77 years since it has been created.

The youth from this society made a special worship to say thanks to God for all this years. In this worship every member repeated the Christian Endeavor Pledge consecrating their lives for one more year and there was a special prayer by the Pastor Arturo Torres.

Finally we had a social meeting with all the young people from different invited churches and we had a cake for the 77th birthday and spent a good time together. The Christian Endeavor Society "Real Sacerdocio" is the oldest C.E Society in Morelos State, México.

## News from Cayman Islands

From an e-mail by Oswell Rankine

The Gun Bay CE celebrated its 103rd Anniversary on May 5th in the Gun Bay Congregation of the United Church in Jamaica and Cayman Islands. The other six CE groups on Cayman Islands brought greetings and so did Oswell Rankine, Hon. Trustee of the WCEU and former VP Americas on behalf of the World's Union.

## Asia

### Medical Camp in North-East India

Reported by Kretofil Bhengra, General Secretary of CE in North East India

The North East India Christian Endeavor Union (NEICEU) conducted a one day Medical Camp jointly with Balipara Primary Health Centre (Government of Assam) on 6 May 2013. 231 patients were checked up their health and provided medicines by the Medical department. 100 mosquito nets were also provided to 100 poor families in the Dharikati area. The medical camp was inaugurated with a word of Prayer led by the Chariduar Baptist Christian Khanda sobha. 250 New Testaments in



both Hindi and Assamese language were distributed among non-Christians which was supported by the Gideon international, Rangapara Camp, Sonitpur, Assam. The NEICEU is grateful to all the donors who supported with their contribution and cash the medical team members of Primary Health Centre, Balipara and Mobile Medical Unit-Tezpur for their active involvement and services which helped provide medicines during the medical camp.

### Revival meetings and conventions in India CE Union

Reported by Mr. P. N. Pradhan, India, Member of the WCEU Board of Trustees

1. The undivided Puri District (Odisha) CE Union has organized one day retreat on 11 May 2013 at Bahilpada. More than 200 delegates attended the meeting. Rev. Christadan Takre was the main speaker.

Bible quiz and Bible memory verse competition was held and prizes were distributed.

2. The annual convention of Boudh-Kandhamal district (Odisha) CE union was held from 16th-18th May 2013. About 300 delegates attended the meeting. The speakers of the convention were Rev. Narendra Katare & Mr. Tusharkant Naik. Dr. B.K. Pramanik inaugurated the function and I had the opportunity to hoist the CE flag at this occasion.

3. The mid-term convention of CE in South India was held at Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh) from 27-29th May 2013. About 150 delegates attended the meeting. Rev. K. Vasudevan (Bangalore) was the main speaker. Dr. Esther Kathirolu (Treasurer CE India) spoke on Leadership. Rev. Gladwin Gabriel presided over the meeting. Mr. Oliver Rajkumar (advisor CE in India), Mr. Oswin Sundar, Mr. Sonny Amos & Brother Shelly were also present in the convention.

4. Premonalini-Das-Memorial Inter-zone Bible quiz competition was organized by the Bhubaneswar CE Union on 19 April 2013. Three days of revival meeting of Bhubaneswar CE Union Odisha was held on 27-29 May 2013 to mark the local CE day. Rev. Jitu Lima was the main speaker on the theme "repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt: 3:2). More than 500 people attended the function. The winners of the afore said competition were awarded with trophies and cash prizes.

## National Convention in Nepal

Reported by Mahendra Bhattarai, President, CE Nepal

Christian Endeavour Nepal organized its national convention in Dharan, East Nepal on 5 and 6 August. Some 150 Nepali youth participated in this convention. There were also two international participants: Miss Verena Gühne from CE Germany and Mr. Attila Szabo from CE Romania. They are in Nepal as short term and long term volunteers.

## Europe

### Connect Europe - a Wonderful Time in Fellowship

by Anna Visky, Assistant for President and General Secretary

Participants from 6 countries (including one visitor from the USA) spent a wonderful time at the Connect Europe convention in Hattingen, Germany. Although language can be an obstacle in understanding each other's joy and sorrow, this time the youth workers could feel a deep international fellowship. 'This is Francis Clark's heritage' - says organizer host Rev. Daniel Hoffmann in one of his speeches.



The theme "Friendship request - connect to God, people and life" was presented mainly by Rev. Karsten Hüttmann (Germany) and Rev. Bálint Bacskai (Hungary). Their inputs were based on three implementations of the christian faith: believe, belong and behave. They pointed out how important it is to have a real encounter with Jesus, which can shape our christian behavior and awake the desire to belong to a church. The presentations and the bible verses analysed together helped the participants understand better and think over the attitude towards faith of today's youth.

The afternoons had many interesting workshops on different fields of youth work like experimental learning, growth



through team games, youth work in a post modern society, inter-generation work etc.

On the second day of the convention the leaders of the European CE Unions had a kind of council, where they reported about activities in their unions, discussed projects and deliberated about candidates for the future Vice-President Europe of the World's CE Union and prayed together.

On the same day the Night of Nations took place where the participating countries presented themselves one by one. The audience learned that way about history, myths, foods and songs of the different cultures. Rev. Rudolf Westerheide, Director of CE in Germany, preached about unity in Christ. The song 'In Christ alone...' and the Lord's Prayer closed the night.

In their free time the participants could



relax in the Euro Pub, where cocktails and waffels were prepared, snacks sold and good atmosphere for meeting and fellowship was provided.

### Anniversary, Camps and Prayer Manual in CE Ireland

Reported by Margaret Houston, PR officer of CE in Ireland

The Enniskillen CE Union held a most successful 90th Anniversary Celebration on 2nd June, 2013 in Fivemiletown Methodist Church. Many past Presidents were in attendance and the Preacher was Canon David McClay, Rector of Willowfield Parish in Belfast and a former member of the Enniskillen Union Executive.

Both the Young Adults' and also the YP's annual Camps commenced at the end of June while the Juniors' Camp was held during the last week of July.

These Camps help to deepen the spiritual lives of the participants and are very much enjoyed by all the campers some of whom are already looking forward to next year's Camps.

Irish Union is currently compiling the Prayer Manual for the WCEU 2014 Prayer Week. Please pray that we will know, and follow, God's guidance in everything to do with this.

### News from the CE Union in Great Britain and Ireland

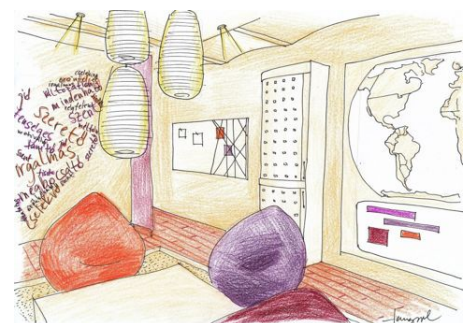
Reported by Stuart McDonald, Honorary Secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union in Great Britain and Ireland

- On 4 July we held our Annual General Meeting in Exeter, England.
- Currently we are reorganizing our website in order to bring it more into line with the resources available to us.
- We had a stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park Esher, England in May 2013 when we gave out over 800 bags with details of Christian Endeavor plus around 300 bookmarks with our contact details.
- We will be supporting CE in Scotland when they attend the Christian Resource Exhibition in Edinburgh in November 2013.

### CE Hungary prepares Prayer Room

Reported by András Bogyó, Executive Director of CE Hungary

CE Hungary is preparing a Prayer Room in it's PinceA30 Youth Club ("pince" means 'cellar') in Budapest that would gather people to intercede. Please pray for funds!



## Calling for Daily Devotions authors!

In order to continue the daily devotions project in 2014 we are calling You or Your CE group to participate in writing devotions for one week's time. In the past authors from over 20 National Unions contributed to this program. If you are interested, please write to [centraloffice@worldsunion.org](mailto:centraloffice@worldsunion.org)!

### Please pray for...

- the conflicts in Syria, Lebanon Israel and Egypt and other areas in political tensions or war
- wisdom and good will with the political and economical leaders worldwide
- job opportunities for youth in Southern Europe and other areas in this world suffering from economical crisis
- those whose life is in danger because of economical imbalance and injustice
- preparations for the World's CE Convention
- all the CE'ers who are leaders of a local CE group, for patience, endurance, leadership skills
- the newly elected Board of the Mexican CE Union
- fruitful camps, retreats and conventions conducted by CE-unions
- endeavorers worldwide engaged in missionary outreach

The deadline for the next issue of the WCEU Newsletter is 15 October 2013. Please notify us about news, events, announcements etc. if you want them to be listed here.

### WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION

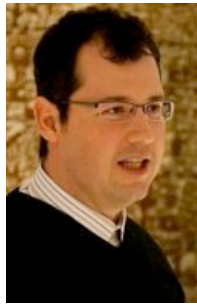
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## Who is... Rev. Bálint Bacskai?



I came to faith in Jesus Christ on my teenage years, amidst a lot of spiritual uncertainty and instability. The Faithfulness of the Lord kept me on His path. After 3 years of seemingly fruitless ministry I witnessed a small awakening in the boarding school in Debrecen 22 years ago. I am concerned that the Gospel is still bearing fruits in all of our life. At present I am ministering as a pastor of a Center City Reformed Church in Budapest [www.saletrom.net](http://www.saletrom.net) and serving together with older and younger brothers in the Hungarian CE. I am married and our first child is to be born soon. Let be Jesus Name glorified!



## Events

2013

September 21 - **99th Irish National Christian Endeavour Convention**, Raffrey Presbyterian Church, County Down

September 22 - **International Pray with Youth Sunday**, organized by CEI

September 27-29 - **Annual General Meeting**, Romania CE Union

October 24-27 - **WCEU Board of Trustees**, South-Korea

November 9 - **'Motivational Prologue'** in Kassel for 111th anniversary of the German Youth Federation for Christian Endeavor in 2014

December 28-January 2 - **Mission Net**, 3rd European Youth Mission Congress, Offenburg, Germany

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January 25-26 - **SOS Counseling Seminar**, Kassel

March 27-29 - **Meeting of WCEU Executive Committee** in Mexico-City

April 11-13 - **33rd Biennial Convention** of NEICE, KJCEU, Meghalaya, India

July 21-22 - **WCEU Board of Trustees meeting** in South-Korea

July 22-23 - **WCEU Council meeting** in South-Korea

July 23-26 - **CE World's Convention**, High1 resort, South- Korea