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Rejection made Salvation

(Psalm 118, 22-24)

by Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU

The day when Jesus quoted the first two verses wasn't a day of joy and gladness. It was rather a day on which He experienced rejection from those who were meant to be workers in God's vineyard, builders of the house of Israel, God's chosen people: the chief priests and pharisees.

From the very day of His birth Jesus experienced rejection: there was no room for him in the inn; His parents had to flee with Him Herod's mad envy; the pious Nazarene people in the synagogue didn't suffer listening Him, when He began to expose their unbelief; many of the 5000 fed by Jesus in a marvellous way, first thrilled by this experience, finally left Jesus. The ultimate expression of this rejection was the cross.

However, God, in His infinite wisdom made this rejection the way of our salvation.

Joy and gladness come, when we humble ourselves and repent of our sins. Only then we, as living stones are built in His temple. Only then we become builders, who will not disregard the divine plan, but glorify their Creator and Master, be it Christmas, New Year or any seemingly insignificant day of the year.

Board of Trustees Meeting in 2013, South-Korea

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

The WCEU Board of Trustees met October 23-26 in Korea in 3 different places. Beside the regular business meeting with the Korean CE leaders, a visit to the new venue for the 27th World's CE Convention was scheduled. 23rd evening and 24th morning the Finance Committee met in the High1 resort, which was supposed to be the venue for the convention. But that plan had to be canceled shortly before the Board Meeting because of an exorbitant price demanded by the High1 management.

In the afternoon the Nominating Committee selected the candidates for the 2014 board elections. The Convention Program Committee met as well and had Mr. Lim, Hyun-soo, General Secretary of the Korean Organizing Committee explaining the progress of planning for the convention and discussed the Korean suggestions for the program with him. 24th evening the Board of Trustees met with 14 members and proxies present and heard the reports of the treasurer and the president.

Next morning the Board left by bus to Welli Hilli Park, the location for the 2014 convention. A contract signing ceremony was held with Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU, Kyung Hwan Kim, Chairman Organizing Committee and the Hotel manager with press and TV present. The facilities of the Holiday

resort were shown and explained. After lunch the bus brought the Board to the city of Gwangju in the South West of Korea. The day closed with a late night (10 to 11 pm) session of the board, where the reports of the Ex. Committee and the Nominating Committee were heard and accepted. 26th morning between breakfast and departure from hotel another report was read to the board. Then all were taken to the opening ceremony of the KCEU annual general meeting in the Gwangju Dong Myong Presbyterian Church and were warmly welcomed by the Korean Endeavorers. In the course of the day was time for a last session of the board. The future of the WCEU archive was discussed. The registration fee for the World's CE Convention was fixed. Further a paper by CEI and MACE trying to define what is Christian Endeavor was presented and discussed.



The 4 Principles

* Confession of Christ * Service for Christ * Loyalty to Christ's Church * Fellowship with Christ's people *

The principles of Christian Endeavor are a condensed expression of what in general a Christian is expected to do. Disciples of Jesus shall confess Christ, serve him and involve themselves actively in church and society, locally and worldwide. This very simplified teaching of the New Testament helps to easily remember what the Lord wants us to do. And it is the ruling guideline for all Christian Endeavor programs on every level of the movement. The principles are a handy tool to check whether the endeavorer personally or the CE youth group is still on track. So it is advisable to review the activities of the group from time to time in the light of the principles and also to make the principles a topic of the regular CE youth meetings to make the endeavorers aware of what CE stands for. Some little effort is necessary to stay active and alive as CE. Otherwise the group very easily degenerates in a mere club of youngsters who enjoy some time together.

Financial matters

The Finance Committee recommended and the Board accepted to grant free accommodation and meals to all members of the WCEU Council from economically weak countries for the days of the council meeting and the convention. Treasurer J. Stewart gladly reported that in 2012 all expenses of about USD 100 000 could be covered by income from investments and a bequest. We praise our Lord Jesus Christ that he provides now since years for the financial needs of the WCEU from sources we had no clue about. Nevertheless - to make endeavorers aware or remind them, that the World's Union is 'their thing' we encourage national unions to do once a year an "Each one - give one" program that would raise once a year some money for the WCEU. Get details from centraloffice@worldsCEunion.org.

Americas and the Caribbean

Activities of CE Mid-Atlantic and agreement with CEI in process

by Dave Coryell, Executive Director, CE Mid-Atlantic

Four weeks of summer camp were offered. Three weeks included home repairs during the day and opportunities to gather for worship and fellowship in the evening. The fourth week was our annual summer conference called Summer Assembly. God did an incredible work through these weeks of camp. Our Rebirth CE campaign continues to make progress.

Discussions have been occurring with Tim Eldred of CEI in order to have a standard brand or approach to CE in the US. These discussions have been fruitful and already yielded a document we are in agreement with. We look forward to collaborating in other ways as we look to reenergize and Rebirth CE across the Mid-Atlantic US States and beyond.

Four youth completed the CE Leadership Academy called 'Imagine the Impact'. These youth met with a mentor twice a month, attended three retreat experiences, and launched leadership projects combining evangelism and social concern. We also had a staff retreat/training day in August. We are already in the midst of planning spring and summer events for 2014!

West-Virginia CE Fall Retreat

from mails by Nathan A. Robb

October 11 and 12 the West Virginia Christian Endeavor Fall retreat was in Doddridge County Park, WV. Endeavorers from the Doddridge County Church, Warwood Christian Church and New Cumberland Church enjoyed Friday evening a service around the campfire, snacks and bed (whenever!). Saturday had for them a devotion mini (service) and a prayer walk after breakfast and later the general assembly followed by an evening service. Jim Messenger and Craig Kellar spoke about: "Grounded in Christ"

Activities of CE Peru in the Month of September

by Daniel Peña, EC Peru

1. We had a workshop on the decentralization of leadership in Abancay, Huancayo and Huanuco entitled "The Challenges and Expectations of Christian Endeavor". 200 Peruvian leaders participated and dealt with ways to solve CE issues.

2. We participated on the "We love peace" march organised by the Coordinator of the Evangelical Youth. More than 300 young people of different denominations gathered in Lima and shouted for peace.



One of the most important event of the year, the National Assembly of CE will take place in Paracas in December. We are electing our national leadership for 2014-2015. In these months we are electing our board from different regions of Peru.

Asia

Nepal CE Convention

Reported by Verena Gühne, ex-Volunteer in Nepal from Germany

„Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed“ (Prov. 11, 25) – that was the slogan of the 3rd Nepal CE Convention in Dharan. About 214 young people and those who are still young at heart joined this first convention since 1998 on 5-6 August. The program took two days and contained a lot of new impetuses for everyone's personal spiritual growth and for their work for Christ and his church. Furthermore the exchange among the 32 represented CE Fellowships, music, dances, a quiz competition, a Choir group, talent hunts and much more were special features of this national meeting. The main speaker was Nabin Chandra Rai from

Kalimpong, India, who also enriched his sessions with his well-known own worship songs. Rev. Dr. Mahendra Bhattarai was responsible for the morning devotion. In my opinion this event was a great step in Nepal CE's growth, especially because everyone was able to see what God had already done through CE in Nepal: He has built strong youth and leaders who are willing to glorify his name through their lives. Overall, it had been an amazing time as well for me as a German visitor.

Reported by Purnananda Pradhan, General Secretary CE in India

CE society of Tiruvanmiyur Advent church, Chennai had a special revival meeting on 15 August 2013. Around 700 participated from Chennai.

On 2 October 2013 an annual CE program was held at Velachery Advent Church, Chennai. Around 1000 delegates participated in the meeting. Evangelist Edin Baro and national record holder Mr. John Chapra spoke in this function.

Similarly a revival meeting was organized at BWDA Poly Technique College at Vendalicode in Kanyakumari district, Tamilnadu on 30 June, 2013. About 100 students along with Staff members of the college participated. The college principal Er. P. Shreenivasan Sundar delivered the Lord's message.



For I am convinced I had not been the only one who returned refreshed from those days.

News from CE in India

•CE in South India

By Er. Shelley Christopher Charles, General Secretary SICEU

The South India Christian Endeavour Union (SICEU) held its 5th Triennial Convention during 18-20 October, 2013 at Bishop Selvamony Retreat cum Youth Centre in Kanyakumari. 175 delegates from all over State and District CE Unions under SICEU attended. WAKE THE WORLD, RISE UP DO IT was the Convention theme. Address, deliberations and discussion were practical and motivating. Duly authorized 85 members attended the General Council held on 19 October 2013. The Most Rev. Dr. G. Devakadasham presided. The Council confirmed the panel of the Executive Committee for the new triennium 2014-2016 presented by the Nomination Committee and expressed their greetings to the newly elected President Rev Dr Y. John Bashkar and Secretary Er. Shelley Christopher Charles who are going to represent SICEU in the WCEU Council.

•CE in North India

Dr. N.K. Boro had organized a special CE meeting at Jabalpur on 19 July, 2013. About 60 students participated in this meeting. The meeting was held for the youth to educate them about the CE movement.

Similarly Rev. A.K. Nath, CE leader of Bilaspur had organized a revival meeting at Pendra Road on 30 September. About 30 delegates attended the meeting. Rev Atul Arthur brought the Lord's message.

•CE in East India

A leadership seminar was held in the Baptist church Balangir, West Odisha from 10-11 August 2013. It was attended by 100 CE leaders from West Utkal CE union. Dr. N. Anand was the resource person. Mr. Naresh Matthews, a CE leader who had completed bachelor of Christian studies was ordained to work as honorary pastor of the church.

Undivided Puri district CE union had organized a youth retreat on 28 August, 2013 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. About 300 delegates attended the meeting. Rev. Prem Singh delivered the Lord's message. The bible quiz and memory verse competition was held on this occasion and prizes were distributed to the participants.

Kandhamal district CE union, Odisha, had organized two days leadership

seminar from 10-11 September, 2013 at G.Udayagiri. Mr. Bilhan Sagar was the resource person in the seminar. I had an opportunity to inaugurate the function. Mr. Jacob Pradhan, President and Mr. Kernel Nayak, Advisor of Odisha state CE union spoke at this meeting. Mr. Prasant Kumar Dash, General Secretary and Mr. Ejakhya Nayak, President Kandhamal CE union conducted this meeting.

Europe

Summer Camps in Lebanon

Reported by Datev Basmajian, Youth Worker of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in Lebanon

What a challenging year to have summer camps for Children, Young Adults and Youth! Despite the turmoil in the Middle East, life threatening explosives in Lebanon, and war in the neighbour countries, we trusted the only stable reality, God! And we planned summer camps in the Armenian Evangelical Boarding School and Church facilities in Ainjar, an Armenian-habitat village in the Lebanese Bekaa valley, very close to the Syrian border and two evangelistic worship services. In August three camps were conducted, all together more than 250 children and youth attended. The message was given by Rev. Sako Baroudjian, Paris, France, his wife Rose and Pastor Datev Basmajian, Lebanon.

A detailed report and more pictures please find here:

<http://www.worldsceuion.org/blog/index.php?id=164>

CE Prayer Week

We invite endeavors of the world to participate with a church or bible study group on the CE Prayer Week between 2-8 February by following a booklet compiled by CE in Ireland. You may also translate it to make it more accessible for your culture: http://www.worldsceuion.org/files/world_union-prayer_week-booklet_edited.pdf

Facebook and Website Updates at CE in Scotland

Reported by Elizabeth McGrouther, Organising Secretary, CE in Scotland

Morag Webster's updates on the 'CE in Scotland' Facebook activity: We have been able to make contact with many who have previously been members of CE in Scotland through Facebook and the links this gives us. There has been interest also from Peru, Canada, Mexico and Romania. Stuart and Avis MacDonald of CE in Great Britain (GB&I) brought their greetings.

Change can emerge from re-invention and this is what is happening to www.cescotland.org This Scottish site now has a new look. Nowadays, many people use the internet to find information. It is hoped that the Bible based resources for use with Juniors will be "Googled" and used by those working with youngsters to promote Christian values. They may then wish to make links with Christian Endeavour in Scotland. Please pray for this.

Elections at CE Romania

Reported by Imola Grosz vice president of the Romanian CE

First of all I would like to thank you in the name of the Romanian CE Union for your prayers by which you supported us in the past year! From October 2012 until October 2013 our National Union went through a transition year having a board of 15 members and the President. Their task was to ask from our Lord God the new vision, in another words the new strategy for the Romanian CE Union.

This new strategy redefines the CE Union first of all as a community of people who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and who accepted the 4 principles of the CE Union being ready to serve our Lord and His church. The main goal of the CE Union is that we shall work in our country mostly among the Hungarian minority as a movement, and not as a simple Christian organisation with humanitarian tasks. We felt that it was given to us that in the next years we should focus our mission all over the country on children. As an organisation

the Romanian CE has elected a board of 5 members, which for the next 3 years are as follows: Rev. Sándor Berke president of the Romanian CE, Imola Grosz vice president, Rev. Dénes Geréb treasurer, together with 2 junior members Attila Bán and Ágoston Szilágyi being in charge of child and youth mission.

We invite you to pray together with us that our work should have fruits for our Lord Jesus Christ's glory! With love and praying also for each National CE Union.

National CE Convention in Ireland

Reported by Margaret Houston, PR officer of CE in Ireland

The 99th Irish National CE Convention was held on Saturday 21 September, in Raffrey Presbyterian Church in Co. Down. The Revd Scott Woodburn spoke on the theme, "Connected" and praise was led by the Church's young people.

Local Minister, Revd Brian Small led a devotional time in the morning.

Young Adults/Young People, Seniors/Comrades and Juniors all enjoyed their own separate events during the day coming together after the AGM and dinner for the main rally in the evening when The Rev Drewe McConnell, from First Limavady and Magilligan Presbyterian Churches was installed as Irish CE Union President in succession to Mrs Gwen Carson. A cheque was presented to the Seaman's Christian Friend Society – last years' Missionary Project and this year's – Charlene's Project – was introduced.

Westbourne Presbyterian JCE, Belfast, were presented with the George Mann Shield for efficiency.

Irish Union has now completed the Prayer Manual for the WCEU Prayer Week to be held 2-8 February 2014.



New Volunteer for WCEU

My name is Eszter Páskuj, I am 21 and I am working for the next ten months as a volunteer in the WCEU Volunteer Program. My task is to support Andreas Rudolph in the WCEU Office in Kassel (Germany).



I come from Targu Mures, Romania and I belong to the Hungarian minority in Transylvania. My mother tongue is Hungarian, but I also speak Romanian, English and German.

I finished my studies at the Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Letters, where I studied at the Department of Translation Studies. After these years of studying, I felt the need to go abroad and to spend a longer period of time in a foreign country, and this is how I came to Germany, where I hope I would be able to develop my German language skills. I hope these new circumstances will help me know myself better, as well as my boundaries and last but not least I want to learn how to rely on God.

A short report of Verena Gühne's time spent in Nepal as a volunteer can be found here:

<http://www.worldsceuunion.org/blog/index.php?id=163>

WCEU Wishes You

Merry Christmas

and a Happy

New Year!

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

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!

Events

2013

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

2014

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

February 2-8 - **CE Prayer Week**

February 7 - **CE pray&music**; internet-radio on CE-prayer-week (in German) at: www.CrossChannel.de 18:00 h - 20 h UTC (formerly Greenwich Mean Time)

March 26-29 - **First Esfuerzo Cristiano Meeting** of the Americas and Caribbean, Mexico City

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**, Welli Hilli Park, South- Korea

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Who is... **Rev. Daniel Hoffmann?**



My name is Daniel Hoffmann, I am 29 years old, married to Maren and father of two little children: Lennard (3 years) and Eliane (7 weeks).

We live in Neukirchen, which is a little town nearby Kassel – in the middle of Germany. I'm working as the director and youth pastor of the CE State Union of Hessen and Nassau that unites 50 local CE societies with kids', teenagers' and youth groups in central Germany.

Since 2010, I am serving as a Trustee of the World's CE Union Board after having served as a German delegate in the WCEU council for 4 years. I am glad to be part and to work on moving the vision of the worldwide CE movement: to help and to strengthen young people leading a life to endeavor Christ.

Working and serving on the worldwide CE level make my horizon of God's kingdom and what He is doing wider, my faith in what God is able to do deeper and my family of brothers and sister in Christ bigger.

Please pray for...

USA

- We are starting an organisational audit. Pray that we'll receive the insights with discernment and openness to how God could be directing us.
- Once our new structure is determined we need additional board members to help guide our efforts.
- Efforts at building further unity and collaboration with Tim Eldred and CEI

Ireland

- We praise and thank God for the new members of Irish Council and pray that more people will respond to the need for leaders at Local level.

Peru

- Pray for the National Convention and leadership elections for the period of 2014-2015
- Pray for the leaders on the national level, that they could face the cultural challenge that their groups are encountering
- Pray for the missionary work of the endeavorers
- Pray that the lack of youth workers would be solved on the national level

Syria and Lebanon

- Pray for the sisters and brothers suffering from the civil war

27th CE WORLD'S CONVENTION

Theme: Wake the world

Plan to participate!

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