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President's Word

Fellow Ship

by Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU

My friend, Z. is a recovered alcoholic: an inveterate angler, going each day to the river, eager to catch some fish. But now it is no season of great catches, rather one of no catches. Yet he persists. There's no day without him at the riverside.

Z. enjoys being sober and never stops smiling when telling the story how he was saved by Christ. There's no day for him without asking the Lord in the morning, to help him stay sober, and in the evening to thank Him for being helped.

The other day he joined me, as I went to preach at a church. He said – with a great smile on his face: "I hope to have a better catch now", as he prepared his testimony. Z. would never refuse to come, whenever asked to join such fishing.

Christians are not meant to be solitary fishermen, as Hemingway's old man was. They need the fellowship of other Christians to share prayers, tasks, failures and blessings, as Peter and his fellows did, when they first endeavored to listen to Jesus (Luke 5:1-11). Likewise, Christian communities (groups, societies, unions etc.) need those fellows from the other boat. Or if you like: the guys from the fellow ship.

WCEU News

CE Prayer Week and Visit to India and Pakistan

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

During the CE Prayer Week Andreas Rudolph, General Secretary WCEU attended a convention of CE in South India (CEiSI) in Chennai, India, and visited a group of Christians in Lahore, Pakistan.

The main result of his visit to India was an agreement between the two in all South India active regional CE unions. The boards of SICEU and CEiSI will have in future joint meetings only and will plan and execute CE activities in South India together. Also ways towards an organizational merger will be worked out. The next elections will result in one board of one united regional CE union in South India.

The Pakistani pastor Roshan had inquired about CE through the web a year ago. After studying the basics and the structure of the CE youth ministry he and his

Pastor Charagh Roshan, Andreas A. Rudolph, Evangelist Samuel Bashir



Confession of Christ

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

As Christians we are here "to know Him and to make Him known". Hence the first principle is: 'Confessing Christ'. There are various ways to do that. Of course, it means to tell others about Christ and one's own relationship with Him and proclaiming Him the Lord and Saviour of the World. But there are more ways. Confession includes propagating His values, defending His teachings, praising and exalting Him publicly. Also working for Christian values becoming rules for the whole society is one way of confession. Confession is not merely calling Jesus "Lord, Lord!" (Matt. 7:21). The most effective way to confess Christ is trusting Him in the practical details of life so that people see: He can do! Yes, HE can! (not: we can!). Jesus advised in Matt. 7:21 to do the will of God and he called wise all who put his words into practice. What one experienced with Christ is most convincing for our fellow people. That is a sound base for confessing Christ to the world.

friends decided to start Christian Endeavor in their circles of house churches. A. Rudolph met some of the groups and found serious interest in Christian Endeavor and much enthusiasm. Now pastor Roshan and evangelist Samuel translate some basic CE material into their national language Urdu and will organize the groups hoping to form a national CE Union in Pakistan soon.

A manual, prepared well in advance by the Irish CE Union, helped greatly to organize prayer meetings and events in the national CE unions. As far as we got to know the manual was translated into Spanish, German and Hungarian to include those endeavorers who do not know enough English. In Germany the CE prayer week was included into a series of programs commemorating 111 years of the German Youth Federation for Christian Endeavor. Almost all local CE societies will conduct some kind of outreach inviting youth to live their life with and for Jesus. Prayer is an important part for these activities and so

the prayer week fitted well into this special year. Every day the endeavorers were reminded and encouraged through a Facebook posting.

In other national CE unions the CE Day (2 February, founding date of the first CE society and first day of the CE Prayer Week) was observed with special events and meetings.

Financial matters

The treasurer, Jonathan Stewart, reported that the value of the WCEU investments went up by 24% due to a favorable market development in 2013. Of course this is a gain which can easily evaporate once the market goes down again. But right now we are happy and grateful that the Lord provides also this way funds that are necessary to run the WCEU. Nevertheless we continue to remind the endeavorers in the world that they are part of the WCEU and are called not only to profit from the activities of WCEU but also to keep the organization going by putting in prayers, ideas and finances.

Americas and the Caribbean

Activities of CE Mid-Atlantic

by Dave Coryell, Executive Director, CE Mid-Atlantic

CE Mid-Atlantic's Rebirth Campaign will come to a close in April. The purpose of this effort was to raise financial resources to spread Christian Endeavor across the US's Mid-Atlantic states through developing resources necessary for this effort, growing its programs, and developing an infrastructure for the work to continue in an effective manner into the future. A few simple resources have been developed which has helped involve new churches with CE.

The effort has not helped grow the program numbers. All the programs are being studied to ensure the right opportunities are being offered considering the ministry environment we find ourselves in today. We are greatly encouraged by the natural disaster relief weeks we'll be offering youth and adults from churches in

southern New Jersey. New Jersey sustained considerable damage when hurricane Sandy struck its shores in the fall of 2012. Hundreds of families across four counties are still homeless from this storm's impact. We are looking forward to seeing youth take action in New Jersey. We are also looking to expose several new churches to CE through these weeks.

We also worked with an outside group to examine the way CEMA functions. This organizational audit yielded several encouraging results as well as several items that need attention. The CEMA board is meeting in February to assess the recommendations and determine how these changes can be implemented. The outcome will be an organization better designed for the culture and landscape of 2014 and beyond.

Finally, Tim Eldred of CEI and I met for three days to look at the overall message of CE and training implications for growing CE. God helped us complete some important work on this subject while giving us insight into several other opportunities for collaboration and CE growth. Please pray for CEI and CEMA as they seek the Lord for His guidance and direction. May God be praised and glorified through the work He has done, is doing,

Celebration of Silver Weddings in México

by Néstor Omar Arriaga Rojas, President of UPECCCH

On the 2 November 2013 a Mini Olympic Competition took place targeting those couples who celebrate 25 years of marriage (Silver Wedding), organized by UPECCCH in Morelos, Chiapas, México.



 **WELLI HILLI PARK**

Registration will be available in March on
www.ceworldsconvention.org



Celebration of Silver Weddings at CE México

More than 250 young people of 29 churches and approx. 200 congregations and missions of Chiapas Coast participated on an Offering Service celebrated by one of the members of the leadership of Christian Endeavor, elder Onias Ramirez Ventura speaking on Joshua 4.

The event was a major blessing for the couples celebrating 25 years of anniversary.

Asia

News from CE in India

Reported by Purnananda Pradhan, General Secretary CE in India

•CE in South India

Mr. Oswin Sundar had conducted Christmas Carol Service at BWDA Polytechnical College CE, Vendalicode in Kanyakumari district. About 100 students attended the function. The convention of CE in South India was held from 31 January - 2 February 2014 at Advent church, Velachary.

•CE in North India

Rev. Arul Arthur, President of Pendra Road CE society had organized competition like Bible quiz, song, essay and fancy dress from 18-23 December 2013.

CE rally was also organized on 21 December 2013. CE members distributed Bibles to the unreached people and gospel was also preached. About 1500 people attended the meeting.

•CE in North-East India

Ribhoi Christian Endeavor fellowship CE union. Shillong Meghalaya had

conducted Christmas get-together and musical program during 2nd fortnight of December 2013. Large number of people attended the meeting. Mrs. M. Mawlong Mawlai, Vice-President of CE in India had organized the meeting.

•CE in East India

Bhubaneswar CE union had organized sports and other competitions like Bible quiz, song, and essay during November last week and December 2013. The prize distribution ceremony was held on 21 December 2013. A special musical night was organized by the CE on 1 January 2014. The renowned singer and musician Mr. Brushban Singh and team presented special number on this occasion. Purna Nanda Pradhan, General Secretary CE in India along with CE members visited Bhubaneswar jail on 18 December 2013 and distributed Christmas cake and new testaments in joint venture with Jail ministry. Similarly new testaments have been distributed in the book fair in joint venture with Gideon ministry at Bhubaneswar in the month of December. A revival meeting was held at Anandpur in Puri district. About 200 delegates attended the meeting. Kandhamal district CE union had organized retreats on 29 January 2013 at Daringbadi. About 300 boys & girls attended the meeting. 4th Triennial convention of CE in East India was held from 20 - 22 January 2014 at Siliguri, West Bengal. Rev. Jitu Lima was the main speaker.

Please uphold our CE in your prayers so that the CE union will actively work for His glory.

Europe

News from Ireland

by Margaret Houston, Communication Officer

A Fun Day in East Antrim Union lived up to its name; Juniors in the Armagh and South Tyrone Union and the Enniskillen Union eagerly look forward to theirs in March.

Unions and Societies marked Christmas in various ways – Belfast Union as well as Armagh and South Tyrone held Carol Services.

This year Irish Union feels a special affinity with the WCEU Prayer Week having compiled the Prayer Manual.

Every year Irish CE supports a missionary project – this year it is Charlene’s Project and more information may be found at:

www.charlenesproject.org.

News from Scotland

Reported by Elizabeth McGrouther, Organizing Secretary

A special meeting was held on 26 October 2013 to discuss the future of CE in Scotland. After much discussion, it was decided to continue with the CE in Scotland website (www.cescotland.org) and with the ‘CE in Scotland’ Facebook page for the next three years. Encouragement will also be given to the Junior Groups in Scotland.

There is a collection of photographs, pamphlets, publications, Convention Handbooks and minute books which are of interest to many of our Endeavorers from the past. Some artefacts date back to 1889! It is proposed to have several Road-shows at different locations in Scotland in the near future to let Endeavorers see them before they are deposited into archives.

Changes were made in the personnel of the Executive but the office bearers remain the same. These members are keen to continue to promote the work of Christian Endeavor in Scotland.

To celebrate Founder’s Day and to encourage the Juniors in the Hamilton Baptist Church, there were special Church services on Sunday 16 February 2014, morning and evening, taken by their CE members.



Who is... Lynn McKnight?



Growing up in Texas I became a Christian Endeavorer in 1952 and was baptized into Christ in 1958. Christian

Endeavor principles prepared me for full time Christian service. While living in Houston I was involved in all facets of CE – the local society, district and state-wide conferences and activities. My first international convention was the 1961 convention in Chicago. Since then I have participated in many CEI (formerly ISCE) and WCEU programs, serving on the board of trustees for both organizations. Today I continue to serve with WCEU. I attend Gateway Christian Church in Sevierville, Tennessee in a ministry to children and youth. Professionally, I am Library Media Specialist in an elementary school in Cosby, Tennessee, which is also my home town. Educationally, I have a B. S. degree from Johnson University, Master's degree from Milligan College and an EdS, from Lincoln Memorial University.

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'People are always late' - Linnéa Häusser is a Volunteer at CE Romania from Germany

My name is Linnéa and I came to Romania last year in November for a ten month voluntary at the Genézius Project. I am from a village next to Hamburg in the northern part of Germany. In the last years I was studying in Bochum in the western part of Germany and finished my Social Work studies. According to that I wanted to become a volunteer so that I can try out the theory that I learned and for personal reasons getting influenced by a different culture and a new environment.



The EC Nordheide has a long term relationship to some communities in Romania. I have been to different journeys before, where we supported the CE in practical work. Maybe these visits changed me and my heart that I took this step to go for a longer time. Sometimes God speaks to me through songs and people. He also did in the time I had to decide. So there was no way, not to come! I am supporting the Genézius Team in different fields of student and youth work. It's about camps, conferences, youth-groups and student-mission. Genézius belongs to the Hungarian CE Romania. Another task is to connect German and Romanian CE-groups.

(We asked Linnéa to tell us 3 things that she has learnt in Romania)

1. There is always a soup before the main course.
2. Men don't shake hands with girls. It feels like you are invisible.
3. People are always late.

Linnea's blog about the time in Romania: linneainrumaenien.blogspot.de

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

Please pray for...

- our brothers in Tuzantán, the Mexican CE President Bonifacio Hernández, his wife Harumi and a number of CE youth who suffered from a serious car accident. Some had to undergo major surgery
- pastor Roshan and brother Samuel from Lahore, Pakistan, who promote Christian Endeavor and want to start CE in Pakistan
- our Syrian CE sisters and brothers in the midst of the civil-war, and all the others suffering from the conflict
- the 111-years jubilee outreach activities of the CE societies in the German Youth Federation for CE throughout this year
- the preparations for the World's Convention in Korea and smooth communication between the World's Union and Korea CE Union
- courage and willingness for church leaders to entrust youth ministry to youth.
- the return of peace to central Africa, the Ukraine, Near and Middle East and other points of conflicts in Muslim dominated areas
- the Esfuerzo Cristiano Meeting of the Americas and the Caribbean in Mexico City and the WCEU Executive meeting at the same place
- strength, wisdom and love for the leaders of the local CE societies

Events

2014

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