



# World's Christian Endeavor News

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## President's Word

### "Peace be with you!"

by Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU

According to the apostle John Jesus uttered this greeting three times. First He brings peace to these bewildered men sitting behind locked doors for fear of their Master's enemies. Thus He fulfills the promise He did prior to His crucifixion: "Peace I leave with you..." Now they have a real reason to not let their hearts be troubled! With the repeated greeting He seems to calm down the disciples' exuberant joy arising from the sight of His wounds, the identification marks of their Master. Peace is more than overwhelming joy: it is that calm and silent assurance, that God reconciled us to himself through Christ's sacrifice. It is the basis and the contents of the disciples' ministry to which the Resurrected Christ commissioned them. Eight days later Jesus says for the third time: "Peace be with you!" The message of reconciliation and encouragement is enforced to the ten still sitting behind locked doors, and extended to Thomas, the "newcomer" still ridden by unbelief.

Are you filled with fear or overjoyed? Anxious because of a new task? Meeting a new person to share with the Gospel? Hear the greeting of the Resurrected Jesus: "Peace be with you!" and let the Holy Spirit apply it to your situation!

## WCEU News

### 27th World's Convention to start in July

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

Hard to believe; in less than two months the World's CE Convention will commence in Korea. All the preparations are in full swing. The Korean endeavorers work hard to make the convention a memorable one. More than 3000 participants are expected to gather in Welli Hilli Park Resort. The convention committee developed a lot of ideas for the program and - as usual - not all can be put into practice. We had to reduce the number of seminars because we have less rooms than anticipated. But there will be a first class program sponsored by the Korean Government introducing the country. We will have the traditional presentation of the national CE unions and we will have the unique opportunity to hear prominent Korean pastors sharing the word of God. All foreign participants are invited for a free sightseeing tour on Friday (morning and afternoon). Those who prefer bible studies and sermons can join the Korean program. Translation will be given through ear phones. Saturday, after closing of the

convention, the Sarang Community Church, Seoul, takes care of the foreigners. They offer another sightseeing tour, accommodation for the night and participation in their Sunday service next morning for free. Everybody who still likes to see more of Korea can book a three or a five days tour at juyeson@hanmail.net address and Tel: (02)706-0471 Fax: (02)706-0724 mobile: 011-221-7339.

Registration for the convention is still open until **June 15** at <http://www.ceworldsconvention.org/#!/registration/ckq3> website.

Please note that the registration fee covers only the days of the convention. If you are planning to come earlier you will have to pay extra for the additional nights and meals.



## Service for Christ

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

The triune God is not only a living God and a speaking God but also an acting God. Ps. 25:5; Jer. 15:20. He created the world we are living in and sustains His creation and thus serves all the creatures in it. Likewise Jesus not only preached, but performed many miracles, demonstrated the love of God by deeds of compassion and mercy which really helped people in need. The general concept of this world is: How can I get most wealth, power, pleasure, etc. Jesus taught and lived the concept 'What am I to do that all benefit most', an attitude which is called 'agape' (love) in the New Testament. No wonder that His disciples are called to do likewise: Talking about the kingdom of God and showing it through acts of mercy and love. In every day's life it may be very profane acts, maybe even humbling acts. But serving our fellow-man is proving that the Lord's holy spirit rules our life. A true Christian Endeavorer not only reads bible and prays but also serves those who are in need.

## Americas and the Caribbean

### CE in Jamaica

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

General Secretary A. Rudolph visited in the first days of April CE in the Montego Bay area of Jamaica. Christian Endeavor came to Jamaica 1891 and reached the North-Western town Montego Bay 1893. Today about 500 endeavorers live in the area, mainly members of the Baptist church. There are only five CE societies in and around Montego Bay and in the Jamaican capital Kingston two churches with CE. Recently one new society was added at the William Knibb Memorial Baptist Church in Falmouth, where the present leader of CE in the North West, Rev. Devere Nugent, is pastor. He mentioned also many individual members and friends of CE in the area and two or three junior societies. Members of the senior societies are mostly ladies who are very fond of CE and keep the



Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary and Nitza Ismerai Adame, UNSIEC President

movement going and growing. One member, who is a young University lecturer, tries to start a young adults/ youth group in Montego Bay. He and Rev. Nugent were interested in contacts with English speaking national CE unions in the area and in the material used by them.

### The Youngest President of a National CE Union (México)

by Andreas A. Rudolph, WCEU General Secretary

Nitza Ismerai Adame Escobar is a Highschool girl from Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico. She was elected July 2013 at the age of 15 presidenta of the Union Nacional de Sociedades Intermediates Esfuerzo Cristiano (UNSIEC) of Mexico. The teen-age endeavorers in the Presbyterian Church in Mexico have their own national union. Presidenta Nitza chairs a board with vice-president, treasurer and secretary and four 'ministerios', i.e. committees for evangelism, resources, relations and for education. A youth pastor, Pbro. Josué R. Cervantes Carrillo, acts as her advisor (consejero). Nitza was elected for 2 years. In her term she hopes that the teenagers reach out to more other teenagers and introduce Christian Endeavor to them, so that they grow in faith and strength. UNSIEC is active mostly in Chiapas, Guerrero and Tabasco states with about 20 groups active. Nitza wants to win youth groups in her church in the states of Monterrey, Cancun and Michocan to join UNSIEC. The next bigger activity is

a convention from July 10 - 13 in Morelia.

Beside her engagement for CE Nitza likes music of different styles from Bach and similar church music composers to contemporary music, especially praise music. She plays the piano preferably Tschaikowsky and Liszt.

### Strategic Steps in Life Builders ministry, CE Mid Atlantic

By Dave Coryell, Executive Director, CE Mid-Atlantic

Strategic steps are being taken to grow the Life Builders work camp ministry. First, our locations are being secured further in advance. Many youth ministries make decisions regarding their summer plans ten or eleven months in advance. In order to meet these demands we have adjusted our focus. During 2015's summer we will be serving in Brunswick, NC; Fayetteville, WV; and Schuylkill County, PA. This will be the first time we have incorporated three ministry sites with two sites going on simultaneously. Also, more intentional work is being done to connect with local churches in order to partner with them in their community outreach efforts.

Work camp allows youth to be in service to Christ while being challenged at week's end to consider how this impact can be made at home. It is our hope that CE's work camp can grow to several new sites in the years to come allowing many new churches to hear about CE's discipleship process through this growth.

**Asia**

**News from India**

Reported by Purna Nanda Pradhan, General Secretary, CE in India

**CE in East India**

Convention of CE in East India was held on 20-22 January 2014 at Himcorce Bhawan. The main speaker was Rev. Jitu Lima. About 200 delegates attended the meeting, inaugurated by Dr. B.K. Pramanik.

Puri district CE union of Odisha state had organized a one day retreat at Asrayapur . About 150 delegates were present. Rev. Niranjan Turuk was the main speaker. Bible quiz, memory verse competition were held to revive the delegates.

The annual convention of Western Odisha CE union was held in Brajoraj nagar on 7-9 February 2014. More than 800 delegates attended the meeting. Rev. Sachin Clibe was the main speaker. Mr. P N Pradhan, General Secretary of CE in India inaugurated the function by lighting the candle.

G.Udayagiri CE society of Kandhamal Odisha celebrated district CE day on 16.02.2014. Mr. PN Pradhan, General Secretary of CE in India was the main speaker.

**CE in South India**

The Convention of CE in South India was held 31 January to 2 February 2014. About 200 delegates attended the meeting. The greeting was brought by Rev. Andreas A. Rudolph, the message was delivered by Dr. John Solomon. The theme was 'God of life lead us to peace and justice'. Dr. Ms V Esther Kathioli welcomed the delegates. Mr. G. C. Chelladurai offered vote of thanks.

Gospel meetings were conducted by CE in South India, especially in 10 remote rural villages of Arkonam district. Brother Oliver Rajkumar took the leadership. The CE prayer week was celebrated 2-8 February in all the districts of Tamilnadu state. Prayers were offered for CE activities and churches.

**CE in North East**

Mrs. M. Mawlong reported that the CE societies of Ri Bhoi CE Union have celebrated World CE Day and CE Prayer Week in the first week of February 2014 by arranging special programs.

**Successful Youth Retreat in Nepal**

By Mahendra Bhattarai, President, CE Nepal

The Christian Endeavor (focused on youth) retreat of our Church Council was held on 26-29 January at Aashish Presbyterian Church, Damak, Jhapa. The meeting was a roaring success where over 300 young people of 350 participants enjoyed not just the five sermons by the 'youngest Pastor' so far, Dhruva Adhikari on 'Who are you friends with?' (James 4:4) but also the evening programme of singing and dancing to glorify the Lord! The participants were from the Churches and fellowships of India, Nepal and Bhutan covered by our Council. There was a good inter-generational representation from the eighty years old to teenagers!

**Australia**

**Restructuring CE in Australia**

Australian Christian Endeavor National Council had its Annual General Meeting last January in Adelaide and passed a motion proposed by the National Executive to down size and restructure the working of CE in Australia. The National Council has been disbanded and the affairs and finances of CE in Australia have now been put in the care of a four member Board of Trustees. This step was taken to align the national body with decreasing activities of the State Unions.

Even though there are several active Junior CE groups still running, the CE State Unions either closed down (NSW; West Australia will close soon), or lost a critical number of active Council members (Queensland) or function now in a different way (South Australia CE functions primarily for it's annual camp

programs and facilitates networking between youth groups in rural areas). The Australian Endeavorers hope to use their limited man power and resources more effectively with the new structure.

**Europe**

**111 years German Youth Federation for Christian Endeavor**

By A. Rudolph from GYFCE publications

The German endeavorers celebrate this little odd anniversary of their national union with evangelistic activities by almost all of the about 600 local societies. To support and encourage each other the societies have been given a prayer-partner-society from across the whole national union not known to each other before. Hence they introduce themselves to each other, sending pictures, mails or short videos, to each other. One group decorated an old guitar with their portraits and sent it as a gift. Another one sent posters showing their evangelistic activities. Of course they use also the common social networks informing each other, so that they know what for to pray.

During the Lenten season some groups abstained from pleasures that they usually enjoy together, like eating out at McDonald's or Burger King after a group meeting, or spending individually quite a long time with: PC Games, Facebook, or mobile phone entertainment. The time saved is used to pray or for missionary activities. The Prayer Action was boosted with ideas like writing on a note your non-believer friends' name and switching it between each other, than praying for these people for some time and hearing after some weeks what had happened.

**Irish Christian Endeavor to mark Special Year**

Reported by Margaret Houston, Communication Officer, CE Northern Ireland

2014 is a very significant year for anyone who has ever had any connections with CE in Ireland for not only will the Movement be celebrating 125 years of its

existence here but also this year's annual Irish Union National CE Convention will be the 100th.

This year's Convention will be held 19 – 20 September in Agnes Street, in Immanuel Presbyterian Church which incorporates the old Agnes Street Church and congregation (first CE Society formed here). The main Speaker will be Craig Dyer, Training Director of Christianity Explored. As always there will be various events and speakers to suit the different age groups including Juniors, Young People and Seniors.

Mrs Jean McGall will be installed as the new Irish Union President in succession to The Rev Drewe McConnell.

Church leaders, local dignitaries and representatives of the CE Union of Great Britain and Ireland will be attending.

### Travel subsidy from the Barner / McQuilkin fund

The World's CE Union offers a travel subsidy (50% of the air fare) for young endeavors up to 25 years of age who would like to attend the World's CE Convention. Those who are interested can still apply with the WCEU. Information about conditions and procedure will be sent to all recipients of the WCEU news. You should apply with knowledge and approval of your national CE union.

### Who is... **Ibzán Campiran?**



My name is Ibzán Campiran Chávez, I am 24 years old, I'm in love with a wonderful and beautiful woman, I studied Physics and nowadays I am studying Theology. I live in Mexico city with my family. Since 2006, I am serving to God and His church with the CE preaching God's Love to teenagers' and youth groups. The last five years I serve to God in the Foreign Relations Commission with the National's CE Union.

From before the foundation of the world I have the call of God to serve Him and study with dedication His word, so that from my childhood I was instructed in the word of God, I have studied and put into practice every day as I learn. It is my desire to communicate to all people the love of God, love God, love yourself, love your neighbor and what God has done in my life.

### Please pray for...

- Syria and other areas of war and conflicts
- Summer camps
- World's Convention 2014
- Youth leaders in Perú
- The Irish Union celebrates 125 years of CE in Ireland and looks forward to its 100th Convention. Pray that God will inspire and bless the plans, preparation, preacher, participants and that there will be an outpouring of His Blessing upon all who attend.
- Brothers from Russia and Ukraine are interested in CE through CE Mid Atlantic, please pray for a future cooperation!

### Events

2014

June 29 - July 19 - **MACE workcamps 2014**, Southern New Jersey Hurricane Sandy recovery

July 6-11. - MACE: **Summer Assembly**, CE Summer Conference

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

October - **33rd Biannual Convention NEICE** (postponed from April)

November 20-23 - **National Convention**, CE Union, Solomon Islands

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### 27th CE WORLD'S CONVENTION

Theme: Wake the world



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