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Jesus – the Joy of the Father and the Church

by Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU

There was a debate about the problem that causes much headache in and beyond Europe: migration. Two pastors had to present two opposite standpoints. The first spoke about possible dark motivations of migration, showing the necessity of strong regulation in order to defend and preserve European (Christian?) culture. The second promoted the more humanitarian idea of welcoming migrants, based on Jesus' command to love the neighbor, the stranger and even the enemy. I could identify with many thoughts expressed by both parties, but what I saw on their faces decided my vote. The exclusivist spoke with a stern face, without the smallest smile. The face of the other speaker radiated joy. No Christian should be naïve regarding matters like migration caused by extremism, war, persecution of Christians, social and economic havoc. I also believe that lightweight slogans will not solve problems. But I believe: the truth of Jesus goes always hand in hand with joy. Because: "The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8,10)

WCEU Board Meeting report

Written by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary, WCEU

- From September 17 - 19 the WCEU Board of Trustees met in Germany at the Knüll-House, Retreat Centre of CE State Union of Hessen/ Nassau, in Neukirchen/ Knüll near Kassel. 17 Trustees attended. For the first time after many years this time a representative from Africa, WCEU VP Modou Kanteh from Gambia, was present. In the focus of the discussions were ways to acquire funds for the WCEU and the search of a successor for the present General Secretary of the WCEU. The Nominating Committee, Finance Committee and the Convention Program Committee met as well. Rev. Faataape Lavata'i, VP for the Pacific region reported about the progress of the preparations for the 2018 CE World Convention, which is planned for July 25 to 29, 2018 in National City, California, which is between San Diego and the Mexican/USA border.
- WCEU is looking and praying for a successor to the present General Secretary who will retire April 2017 the latest. Until the end of this year 2015 applications and recommendations for this post are still welcome. Please write to: centraloffice@worldsceuunion.org, attention: **Michael Warren**, Nominating Committee, for suggesting candidates. Details regarding qualifications, job description, etc. are available with the president of your national union and can be obtained from all WCEU board members and the office of the WCEU in Germany.
- CE Prayer Week: as in the previous years WCEU would like to encourage all Christian Endeavorers to observe the founding day (Feb. 2) of CE with a prayer week or a prayer day. The prayer week 2016 is from January 31 to February 6. Share the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/840702732694458/>

Christian Citizenship

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

CE was started in a cultural set-up where people were used not to wait for the government or for any institutions to care for them. They organized their schools, churches, hospitals, local infrastructure and administration, etc. themselves.

Since CE was developed to teach youth how to put their faith in practice, Christian Citizenship became soon a topic for CE. From the beginning endeavors were encouraged to engage themselves in activities that improved life in the community. To serve fellow-citizens in the various fields of urban governance is one way to serve Christ. Throughout the New Testament Christians are called to lead the life of an exemplary citizen. By caring for the community they are to show how Christ cares and loves. This includes political activities and influencing the public opinion towards accepting Christian values as basic guidelines for the rules of living together in a community. In some CE unions "Christian citizenship and promotion of peace and goodwill among nations" has become part of the CE pledge.

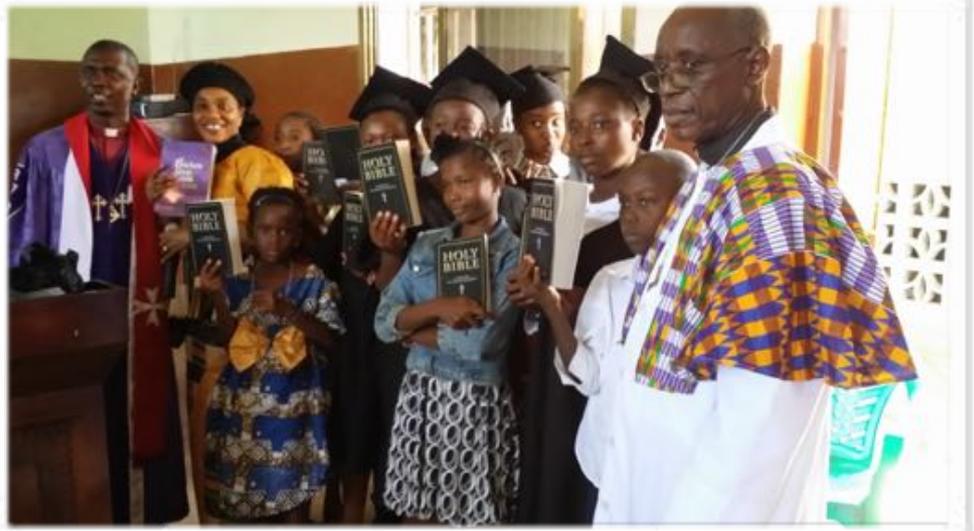
Africa

News from Sierra Leone

by Rev Sorie Kamanda
National Secretary General, CE Sierra Leone

It was a great Sunday when the Bishop John Pessima, one time best quizzer for many years and presently the adviser of Sierra Leone CE Union, presented bibles to children of Faith UBC Church who participated in Bible quiz competition.

We are still struggling with the Ebola. Some new cases have tested positive. Continue to pray for Sierra Leone. The good thing this time is that the government and the international partners are on top of the situation. Some of the kids lost



both parents, they need help. Pray that God will provide for them food and school uniform.

We plan to have our national CE convention in February 2016. Pray for the necessary funds for our convention.

Asia

CE in India Convention in Chennai, India

by Rev. Surendra Kumar Sahu

The Triennial National Convention of CE in India was held in LITE auditorium in Chennai on 21-23 October 2015. 425 delegates from all parts of the country from different CE Unions/Societies participated on the convention.

The convention was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Rajavelu, Bishop of Vellore Diocese.

The theme of the convention was *Stewardship - Divine Beauty*. God's message was brought by God's servants: Rev. Isaac Sikha, Rev. Dr. J. Samuel Sudhakar, Rev. Dr. Y. John Bashkar and Rev. Surendra Kumar Sahu.

Participants from all regions presented their performances in the cultural program in the evenings.

The office bearers of CE in INDIA were elected for the triennium 2015-2018 and the dedication service

was conducted by Rev. Dr. Ratnakar Sadananda, General Secretary of Synod of Church of South India on 23rd October. They are:

President: **Rev. Surendra Kumar Sahu**

Vice-Presidents: **Miss Dr. Esther Kathioli, Rev. A.K.Nath, Mr. B.Latam**

General Secretary: **Rev. Dr. Y. John Bashkar**

Joint Secretary: **Mr. Premjit Sabat**

Treasurer: **Mr. Samuel Pando**

Regional Representative: **Mr. Oliver Rajkumar- South India, Mr.**

M.R.Prasad- North India, Mr.

Kretofil Bengra- North-East India

Advisors: **Dr. B.K.Pramanik, Mr.**

P.N.Pradhan, Dr. Gladwin Gabriel,

Rev. J.M.Nangphul



Release of the Souvenir of the convention

Europe

News from Romania

• **Camps at CE Bucsin Campsite**

by Éva Bartha, Camp Leader

CE Bucsin campsite hosted this year 15 events among which a Prayer Day with 170 participants, camps for vulnerable children of Lídia and Dorcas Orphanages, preadolescent and adolescent groups, as well as an aftercare week for people who overcame addiction.

5th to 12th July an Erasmus+ exchange program took place at CE Bucsin campsite. Children from the Roma ethnic group were invited to participate from Hungary and Onesimus project for vulnerable youth. The topic of the week was 'Craftmanship' with the aim of drawing closer the youth to different kind of working techniques in a Christian environment. The group visited workshops of nearby city, Sovata and they could also try some professions while working in the camp: rendering, beading, cooking, playing music etc. Free time programs included a visit to the orphanage opened by Benedictine monk Csaba Bőjthe in Sovata, as well as sports, games, chatting. They had a very blessed time!

• **Bible study groups**

by Attila Bán, member of CE, Romania

Genesisius student youth group started its meetings this Autumn with dynamism and some new members (e. g. from Hungary) who seem to find their place among us. There are more persons who feel responsible for the group and they build up the theme and methods of

the meetings: this season we try to grow in faith and knowledge through the book of 1 Timothy and try to focus on our personal life and the contemporary events (including the major phenomenon of migration). At the same time we don't forget to be playful, positive and loving. Every event starts with a common relaxed dinner which is a good way to get closer to each other. This year we would like to start building up relations with those persons and families who are the older generation of Genesisius youth group. These relations can be precious possibilities to share personal experience and knowledge in a frame of mentoring, friendly meetings.

• **CE Conference, General Assembly**

by Sarolta Mátyás, participant

The 24th CE Conference took place this year at Tóköz Reformed Church in Cluj-Napoca, Romania on September 25-27. The topic was: - *Do you believe? Do you serve Him? Joyful testimony, healthy ministry.* We started every day with prayer which was later followed by several speakers who reflected on rejoicing and ministry, salvation and joy, battles in faith, obedience in every area of our life.

Minister Eszter Berke spoke on Psalms 73, 21-28, emphasizing the importance of being in love with God. Minister István Lőrincz read Romans 10, 6-13 and was talking about how confessing Christ could bring happiness in our lives. Saturday evening a panel discussion took place on the spiritual heritage of CE Romania which includes survivors of communist imprisonments: János Fekete, Miklós Püsök sen., Sámuel Boda, Zoltán Dézsi, Sándor Szilágyi sen. and Ferenc Visky.



Young campers of CE Bucsin campsite learn about professions

The conference ended with the Sunday service of minister Sándor Berke which was followed by strengthening the commitment to Christ and the church through reciting the CE Pledge.

Lebanon: Newly renovated bungalows in KCHAG Camp

May 9, 2015 the KCHAG camp site was flocked with special guests, who had arrived from USA to Beirut in order to inaugurate the newly renovated bungalows.

The dedication worship service took place in the chapel of KCHAG, after which the families led the unveiling of the plaques of the bungalows, one of which is interestingly named Mishd Chanitzagans (always Christian Endeavorers).

News from Ireland

by Margaret Houston, Communication Officer, CE Ireland

We are thankful to Almighty God for His Hand upon the 101st Irish National Convention held on Saturday 19th September in Carrickfergus Methodist Church.

Once again, we were blessed with beautiful weather throughout the weekend.

The Rev Mark Russell, speaking on the theme, "One More Step", based his main address on Genesis 12:1-9. We, like Abraham, must go where God is leading us, trusting Him every step of the way.

More than £4000, was presented to, "Love for Life" – last year's missionary project – which aims to help children and young people make healthy choices in life. The new project, "Spud Bears' ministry" was introduced. Spud Bears are solar powered, talking teddy bears sharing the Gospel of God's love

and giving health education such as malaria prevention to children, in hospitals and orphanages, who are not able to read and have no one to read to them.

Seniors, Young People and Juniors all enjoyed their own activities during the day.

Mrs Rosemary McDaniel was installed as Irish Union President. Her Presidential theme is, "Give us a vision".

Irish Union's Annual Prayer week was held 8-14 November when Societies and Unions organize prayer times.

Volunteering in Lithuania

by Vivien Benner, CE member, Germany

I was a volunteer in the summer for two months in Šakiai Children's Home, Lithuania. My task was to take care of the small children, but I also had a lot of activities with the older ones. We played football, went swimming and drank a lot of tee together. The language barrier was a huge challenge for me but also enriching. My conclusion: you don't have to speak the same language in order to love each other.



Volunteer Vivien Benner with vulnerable children

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great:

Who appeared in the flesh,
was vindicated by the Spirit,
was seen by angels,
was preached among the nations,
was believed in the world,
was taken up in glory." (1Timothy 3,16)

Merry
Christmas

Hidden, yet obvious; a child, yet Lord of Lords; preached, yet still unknown for many; a mere man, yet the glorious Son of God: let Christ Jesus be the mystery of our faith confessed; of our service born out of gratitude; of our fellowship with each other and of our loyalty to His/our Church. Blessed Christmas! And not only...

Confidence in Jesus 2016!

Events

2016

January 31 – February 6. – CE Prayer Week

February - National CE Convention

Sierra Leone

April 21-22. – WCEU Executive

Committee Meeting, Leesburg, Western Pennsylvania, USA

July 6-10. - Regional meeting Pacific, Solomon Islands

August - Convivencia Nacional UNSEC, Cancún, México

May 4-8. - Christival, Karlsruhe, Germany

MONTHLY PRAYER MAIL

We started a monthly newsletter, focusing only on prayer points check it out here: <http://eepurl.com/>

The deadline for the next issue of the WCEU Newsletter is 15 January 2015. Please notify us about news, events, announcements etc. if you want them to be listed here.

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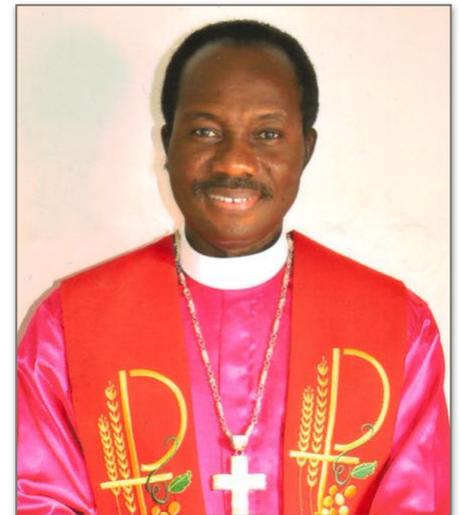
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Prayer Tasks

- MIDDLE EAST crisis: Pray for peace and the millions of displaced people. Pray for a diplomatic initiative to pacify and rebuild the region
- Thank God that prayers were heard and Nepal has now a constitution that determines Nepal a secular country
- Pray for wisdom and divine strategies for enhancing our CE work and generating vital support and good will from members and partners (CE Nigeria)
- Pray for CE in Russia that needs support in developing the organization
- 48 were killed on 30 October and another 140 injured in Bucharest nightclub Collective. The accident caused huge indignation among civilians who blame the political class for passing by corruption, this time not being consequent in fireproof regulations
- Thank God for the fruitful WCEU Board meeting Sept. 17 – 19 in Germany
- We thank God for His Blessing upon the 101st Irish National Convention held on Saturday 19th September in Carrickfergus Methodist Church (CE Ireland)
- Pray for involving again and again youth in leadership and decision making in all CE units
- Pray for finding the right successor of the WCEU General Secretary (2017). There is time for recommendations and applications until end of the year 2015. Then the Nominating Committee will start evaluating and selecting the candidate

Who is... Dr. Joseph O'Femi Adeosun?



Dr. Joseph O'Femi Adeosun, founder of African Mission Evangelism of Nations (a.k.a. Amen Ministries Int.) and President of Nigerian Christian Endeavor Union, is a man of vision and passion for soul winning.

A prayer warrior noted for his powerful preaching and teaching at conferences and seminars in Africa, Europe, and United States of America. Besides, his doctorate degrees in Theology and Missions, he has creamy qualifications in his secular professions, Agriculture, Business Management, and Mass Communications where he made land marks. He is also a renowned Editor, Author, Publisher, Poet, and Administrator.

Dr. Adeosun is happily married to Caroline and blessed with Evelyn 'Toyin, Grace 'Dolapo, Victor Tolu, Phebe 'Tola, and Daniel 'Femi, Jr. A good number of youths went through the tutelage of Caroline and her husband. Praise God, nearly all the youths mentored by Dr. Adeosun and his wife are today notable ministers of the Gospel.