



World's Christian Endeavor News

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135th CE Birthday

by Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU

CE was 35 years old, when its founder, Francis E. Clark wrote the following: 'It is the meaning of the much discussed pledge, that the young followers of Christ feel comfortable in an atmosphere of prayer, that they are nourished by the Word of God, that they use their talents in Christ's service, and that they become more and more qualified to bear fruit...' Now, one century later, I find no words more suitable to express the vision of what Christian Endeavor is meant to be, and of how Christians live a life that honors Christ: a fellowship filled with the atmosphere of prayer; people taking full breath of it!

Now, as we are celebrating the 135th birthday of CE and each two National Unions connect in prayer, let us be aware of the great privilege to approach our Heavenly Father. (Hebrews 10:20) In prayer we confess who He is for us; humble ourselves for who we are; ask for and accept his plan to transform us; praise and give thanks to Him for each other and help each other to bring requests to the One, who knows best, what we need. Read and pray guided by Ephesians 3:14-21!

WCEU Prayer Week around the world

• **CE Germany**

At the Headquarters of the German Youth Federation for Christian Endeavor A. Rudolph shared throughout the prayer week every morning during staff devotion about the situation of two of the national CE unions. Prayer for CE and endeavorers in that countries followed.

• **CE Nigeria (South)**

Rev. Abraham wrote (abridged):
Sorry, our prayer week report comes in late. Our prayer programme was extended for the whole month of February until this morning (March 1), when we had a joint communion service from 6am -8am. at Testimony Mission International in Uyo, Capital City of Akwa Ibom State. Our C.E Patron, Rev. Israel Obot ministered the word as well as the communion.

We thank God and praise Him for stabilizing our Government, for continual progress of our C.E Union and for a successful extended C.E. Prayer week and for successful surgery on our C.E. adviser Pastor Mrs. Uduakabasi.

Our extended CE Prayer Week programme was held in various locations focusing on C.E World Wide Prayer requests in addition to our corporate and individual prayer needs. C.E Youth from various member churches and the Nigerian Christian Corpers Fellowship participated. We also had a "Break-Through & Flourish" Seminar in Abak, Akwa Ibom State, on Friday and Saturday (February, 26-27) hosted by our C.E Patron/ Adviser Bishop Dr. Dominic D. Obott.

• CE South Korea

KCEU has completed the WCEU Prayer Week for 2016 at Nonsan Central Church by the Grace of God! One of the main focuses of the prayer meeting: 67th International CE missional church construction/the construction of CE church in the Jeju Island (Korea). They also prayed for vision trips and plans for mission-church constructions overseas by Korean CE, for progress and solidarity of the World CE and vitalization of CE in each country, for a biblical position in their church in the homosexuality controversy, for the hope that CE leads the expansion of the kingdom of heaven through mission in Jesus Christ's name; to be achieved by repenting and eradicating the weaknesses of Christians in these days.

The prayer meeting was conducted in the following order (Coordinator: Elder Junho Tae)

1. Reciting the CE Pledge
2. Prayer by Elder Tong-un Ko
3. Sermon by Rev. Ikshin Kim
4. Special Prayer for World CE by Elder Ingon Na
5. Greeting by Chairperson. Ilhong Park
6. Benediction by Rev. Yacks-un Choi

As they went through each session of the meeting, each member shared their profound experience with the Holy Spirit.



• CE Washington D. C., USA

Golden Rule Christian Endeavour Union celebrated CE Birthday with an Anniversary Banquet on Saturday 6 February 2016. The Golden Rule CE Union (GRCE) is a group of mainly African Methodist Episcopal Zion churches, in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, that include Christian Endeavor as part of their program. Key speaker Deacon Major Anderson said welcoming words on Hebrews 4:12. Former Vice President of Christian Endeavor International, Tracy Matthews spoke about the importance of CE to the 50 people present. His presentation was followed by dinner. Nathan Robb, President of the West-Virginia CE Union, covered the event with his video camera. See the video at: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-mcCCfwBL_Q

Africa

Update on the Ebola situation in Sierra Leone

By Rev. Sorie Kamanda, Freetown, CE Sierra Leone

1 Thess. 5:16-18: 'Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus'.

Please join me as we give thanks and praise to our living Lord for who He is and what He has done for us as a nation. Sierra Leone was declared Ebola free on Saturday the 7th of November 2015.

13. 982 cases, 3. 955 deaths. It was devastating, but we thank God for your prayers and encouraging words which gave us the strength and courage. We still need to be on the alert. Please pray for the needs of the kids that have lost their parents. The biggest problem the survivors are facing now is stigmatization, communities are rejecting them. The worst affected are the children and widows who need care and support, please pray for provision for them.

Americas and the Caribbean

Waves - a NEW INITIATIVE of Endeavor (CEI)

By Timothy Eldred, President CEI

Endeavor is focusing on bringing back basic CE ideas into youth ministry worldwide. WAVES is the latest project for that. Tim Eldred writes:

For over three years, we have prayerfully considered producing a new tool that young people would use and other ministries would embrace to train youth through peer-to-peer discipleship with adult mentoring and training. For the last 10 months, a team of young people from many nations has worked with us to create this resource, which is called, WAVES. It includes a simple 36-page booklet (that fits in their back pocket), a membership card with the essential elements, and a mobile app. All of these tools have been constructed by youth and for youth from many nations. Currently, the products are only in British English; however, we are already working on more translations. WAVES went live in seven countries on March 1 to pilot the program further. Learn more at wavesinaction.com.

Endeavor offers the material free and also training through Skype or telephone. Interested? Please contact Timothy Eldred, President of Endeavor Ministries at: timothy.eldred@endeavorministries.org.



CE Mid-Atlantic: Birthday and other reasons to celebrate

By Dave Coryell, Executive Director, CE Mid-Atlantic, USA

April 8, 2016 will be a banner day for Christian Endeavor in the USA. A banquet is being held that evening for three purposes.

First, the banquet will celebrate C.E.'s 135th year. Praise God for the work of Dr. Francis Clark in 1881 that has touched so many lives and united all of us in God's kingdom work for Christ and the Church!

Second, **on April 8 Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic will officially become CE USA** to support churches in all the 50 states that desire to connect with Christian Endeavor. It will go by the name Christian Endeavor at home but will be referred to as C.E. USA when in world connections. A redesign of the organization's website is beginning. It will use the name www.CEworks.faith. This address is already active but will eventually be shifted to our new site. The new site will be "responsive" or able to adjust for the size of all tablets, phones or computers.

Third, April 8th will serve as the kick off for the 'Grow C.E. Campaign'. The CEMA board unanimously voted to trust the Lord to provide and guide our efforts as we seek to raise \$225,000 over three years in order to carry out the Grow C.E. 2020 Vision. The goal is to train 100 churches and help them start the C.E. process by December 31, 2016.

A new resource was written this fall and will be completed by the end of January. This resource is called the T.E.A.M. Work Manual. It specifically

guides churches in understanding how to set up committee structures to allow adults to coach youth in leading ministry. The ministry app was put on hold for most of 2015, but meetings have begun to take place in order to study the steps needed to complete this important discipleship tool.

Europe

Christian Endeavor Heritage in Scotland

By Elizabeth McGrouther, Secretary, CE Scotland

To Scotland belongs the honor of having the first Society of Christian Endeavor formed in Great Britain. This was in Dundee in the early part of 1887. The first CE Union was formed in Glasgow in 1893 and within two months this newly formed Union had the courage to invite Dr. FE Clark to visit Glasgow. Christian Endeavor continued to grow and it is reported that in 1912 there were 150 Societies in Glasgow alone, of which over 60 were Junior. This represented a membership of about 6000 Endeavorers.

It is with great sadness that we have to report that there is now one Junior Society in the whole of Scotland. The decision has been taken to close the office but to continue the 'CE in Scotland' Facebook page and the website - cescotland.org - for sharing with our Worldwide friends.

Plans are in place for a Thanksgiving meal and Celebration of all that Christian Endeavor has contributed to our Christian faith and Scottish heritage over the years. This will be on 23rd April, 2016 near Glasgow.

Theresia Bär - Volunteer in Australia

Daniel Hoffman, CE Pastor in Germany, had an enquiry from one of his CE members who asked about visiting Australia on the volunteer CE program. Theresia Bar was willing to take an au-pair type position, and an Australian family, Justin and Karen Gilfillan were very enthusiastic about sharing their child care, domestic chores, family social, sport and church outings.

Justin is a past Australian President with a lifetime of CE experience.

Theresia visited 8 weeks during July to September.

‘Theresia left Australia feeling like we accepted her into our house and had treated her like family.

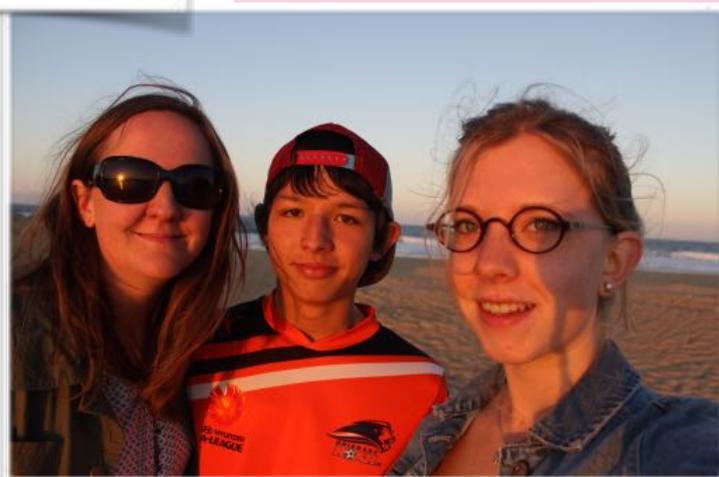
She used our house as a bit of a base of operations for her to see some of Australia and even visited with my family in Penrith (New South Wales) for a week or so. She took the opportunity to see Noosa, Moreton Island, Brisbane, Southbank, and we

took her on family outings whilst she was here too.

She baked us some delicious cakes while she was here and also helped around the house with cleaning, looking after the boys.

While she was staying with us we discussed German & Australian cultures, the differences and similarities. Our nation’s histories, and CE / youth ministry. She told us how her mother was involved in the CE group at her home church and how she volunteered with her Youth ministry and at holiday (vacation) clubs.

Overall, I think she had a wonderful time in Australia visiting, holidaying, and experiencing our culture. We also very much enjoyed having her stay with us and would be favorable to having another student visit with us in the future.’



No money, no fun

by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

Actually no money is necessary to organize and run a CE society. But as soon as you start activities and want to support or help somebody, money is required.

A CE member pledges “to support the work and worship” of the church and CE “in every way possible.” “Doing good”, as the apostle Paul calls it (Tit. 3:8; Gal. 6:9-10), is one way. Christians are called “to do good”, because this is, what God does. He wants us to let the people feel his love in a practical way (see James 2:14-17; Matt. 5:16). This “love in action” needs usually money.

A Christian has to learn giving. By nature we try to accumulate and keep money and goods for ourselves, hoping to save our life through it (Luk, 12:13-21). Giving away this “securities” to help others, shows that we trust, God himself will save our life.

Those who do not have to give, Paul even recommends to earn money in order to “have something to share with those in need” (Eph. 4:28).

The earlier one learns to give, the better. A regular collection, a moderate membership fee may help to get used. Raising funds for a project can motivate to give – and can be fun!

Events

2016

April 21-22. – **WCEU Executive**

Committee Meeting, Leesburg, Western Pennsylvania, USA

April 22-24. - **Vertical Youth Conference**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

April 25 - **Opening of CE Archival Records** at ATS, Wilmore, KY, USA

July 7-11. - **Regional meeting Pacific**, Honiara Solomon Islands

July 16–22 – **Irish Junior CE camp**, Ballycastle, Northern Ireland

Sept. 15-17 – **WCEU Board of Trustees meeting**, Tirgu Mures, Romania

August 3-6. - UNSEC 'Convivencia Nacional', Cancún, Mexico

PRAY WITH US!

We started a monthly newsletter, focused only on prayer points check it out here:

<http://eepurl.com/bQbJx9>.

The deadline for the next issue of the WCEU Newsletter is April 20, 2016. Please notify us about news, events, announcements etc. if you want them to be listed here.

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Prayer Requests

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- Pray for the needs of the kids that have lost their parents
- The biggest problem the survivors are facing now is stigmatization, communities are rejecting them and the worst affected are the children and widows who need care and support pray for provision for them
- Let us continue to pray that Sierra Leone will continue to be Ebola free
- Pray for my family and my CE team as we are putting modalities together to kick start our activities

CE Russia

Rev. Dominick Semenov writes:

First of all I wanna thank God that my brother Sergey became sponsor for CE Russia. I also thank God for your prayers and for Dave Coryell's support and encouragement! Finally thank God for Ashraf Khan, my friend and colleague from Pakistan.

Now my prayer requests for February and for the this spring events:

- Outreach in March
- Home Bible Study groups (in Moscow and in Tambov)
- Youth Ministry
- Please pray for opportunity to visit two churches in May (Rzhev and Volgograd) with CE presentation
- Pray for inter-confessional cooperation in Russia. And I would like to have close relationship with my foreign CE colleagues

Who is... Timothy Eldred?



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In addition to his role at Endeavor, Tim continues to serve the local church. For 20 years, he has pastored New Beginnings Church in Six Lakes, MI, USA, which he helped start in 1996. Even though his title is Senior Pastor, Tim is a youth worker at heart. He has been involved in youth ministry for 27 years providing training for youth and teaching for youth workers in conferences and colleges.

While Tim travels extensively over four months a year with Endeavor, his most important ministry takes place at home with his wife, Cindy, and their two sons, Parker (20) and Kelton (17). As a busy family, they still make time each year to find a few weeks to enjoy the sun, sand, and surf of their favorite holiday destinations in the Caribbean where they enjoy resting and creating lifelong memories.