



# WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

December 2010

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It was a joyful and blessed event meeting many of you delegates of National Christian Endeavour Unions from many countries around the world at the 26th CE World's Convention, in Lima, Peru. A very small fragment of Christ's worldwide body gathered there, from a movement, that perhaps may not boast to be the largest one to proclaim God's Kingdom on this planet, yet which has definitely seen through its history God working in the lives of millions of people young and old, making them bearers of His love.

Hebrews 4, 14-16 reminds us of this duty, pointing repeatedly to Jesus, the only reason of those redeemed by His blood: „Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Why stick to our faith? Why confess Jesus? Why seek God's will and help relentlessly? Because we have Him! Because He descended from heaven into our depths! Because He empathizes with us, He lifts us up and strengthens us in confidence.

Because of Him! Let these words help us examine ourselves, our motivations in whatever we do. Not an easy task, but a must even in our endeavors for Him! It needs a silent, prayerful and obedient heart, ready to yield ground to Christ!

Yours in Him, Rev. Kálmán Ádorján, President of WCEU

## News from the WCEU

130 years Christian Endeavor February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 will be the 130<sup>th</sup> birthday for the Christian Endeavor movement. On the same day in 1881 pastor Francis E. Clark introduced to the youth of his church in Portland, Maine (USA) his idea of a society for Christian endeavor. He read and explained the constitution, the principles and the pledge to them and 57 young people signed the pledge and constitution.

God used the movement to raise mission activities worldwide to a significantly higher level. Many Endeavorers realized their personal responsibility in the Kingdom of the Lord through their involvement and activities in CE. Today we need the willingness of the youth in those days to deny ourselves and put service for Him in the first place of our life.

One step to more significance will be prayer:

CE Prayer week

The WCEU council in its meeting last August recommended continuing the CE Prayer week in

the week of the CE birthday. Hence every Endeavorer and every CE Union is called to arrange for prayer meetings in the first week of February.

Ora et labora (pray and work) was one of the basic rules in the monasteries. It is a timeless rule for every Christian who wants to grow in faith and become more useful in serving Jesus Christ.

The CE Union of American Samoa is presently compiling a booklet with prayer requests from CE unions around the world. It is meant to be used in your regular or special prayer meetings around February 2, 2011.

Since these prayer meetings are a very important tool to support the church and all CE activities it is highly recommended to participate in this program in whatever way you deem fit for your CE group or union.

WCEU appreciates reports about how you conducted the prayer week.

## News from National Unions Africa

Gambia

The Gambian Endeavorers send greetings to the WCEU family and announce a change in their leadership. Momodou Kanteh, who was in charge since 2007, wants to further his studies in theology in Ghana. The CEYU (Christian Endeavor Youth Unlimited) agreed to give the mantle of leadership to Dominic Gomez as the new head of the ministry in the Gambia.

He accepted his appointment with the following words (inter alia): “Thanks for the trust and confidence you have in me, actually we discussed and I believe strongly that I should take the mantle of leadership to steer the ministry to another level and am very grateful for that. I have accepted and will do my best through the grace of God to lead the ministry. It is ok and I will implore every one to join hands in seeing the ministry grow and achieve its goals.”

CE: [Christian Endeavour on facebook](#)



Malawi CE-Malawi is happy and proud of its chairman, Rev. M.J. Phiri, who has been appointed as the Principal of Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCOM)

James Luphale (Secretary CE- Malawi)

## Americas and Caribbean

Argentine Axel Omar Diaz from Peru (previously a member of the 'Directiva' of UNDEC (Peruvian CE Union) is presently on his own initiative travelling and working in Argentina. He tries to encourage youth to form CE societies. December 4<sup>th</sup> the first society was formed in Mendoza. There are interested people in Buenos Aires and Mar del Plata as well.

Guyana Andreas A. Rudolph had been invited to visit the Endeavorers in Guyana. There are 8 societies in four different churches. All nearly 90 Endeavorers meet once a month for a wide range of programs. Less than 20 are youth and children. They are active in various social activities. During the visit the 66<sup>th</sup> Guyanese CE Convention was held. A. Rudolph spoke about the convention theme: "Jesus Light of the World".

Jamaica The CE Union of Jamaica had their conference on Thursday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> in the Burchell Memorial Baptist Church, Montego Bay. Heavy, tropical rains and blocked roads prevented about half of the expected people to attend. But there were about 40 older people listening to messages from the local pastor, Rev. Thomas and A. Rudolph. CE in Jamaica has one Junior Society in Montego Bay. All other members are elderly people, mostly women, with a great zeal for CE.

Mexico WCEU Trustee Josue Fuentes-Blanco from Merida, Yucatan

invites interested people to his area for Camps in April and summer 2011. He also offers language courses in Merida for those who want to learn Spanish. ([jospatdarjos@gmail.com](mailto:jospatdarjos@gmail.com))

## Asia

India Sept. 17-19 2010 the South India CE Union held a convention at the Jeeva Jothi Ashram in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Theme was 'Rejoicing in Hope'. Main speaker were Mrs. Rev. Dr. Evangeline Rajkumar, Prof. UTC and Dr. P.Sethu, Indienhilfe, both from Bangalore. 180 members attended the convention.

On Nov.13, 2010 a new board for 2010-2013 was elected. President is now Rt. Rev. G. Devakadasham, Bishop of the Kanyakumari Diocese and Deputy Moderator CSI (Church of South India).

CE in East India had its Triennial Convention at Bhubaneshwar, Orissa (October 22-24, 2010). 480 delegates attended and additionally about 1000 CE members. Theme was "Do not fear, be strong" (Is. 35:4). Main speaker were Rev. Vinod Viswas, Nagpur, Bishop D.K. Sahu and Rev. S.K. Sahu.

As president was elected Mr. Purnananda Pradhan (2010-2013)

## Australia and Pacific Islands

Solomon Islands WCEU Vice President Joyce Spicer attended a regional CE meeting on Renell Island, the southernmost part of the Solomons. She reports (condensed):

Rennell has very active village churches belonging to the South Seas Evangelical Church of SI, and all have a CE program in their weekly schedule. Pastor Derek Pongi is the Co-ordinator there.

On the larger Islands, Malaita and Guadalcanal CE declined despite the activities of the Director for CE, Rev Timothy Laesanau. The distance of the islands from each other and

rather expensive fares hamper the coordination of the work.

The Convention was held in Abatai, an 80-souls-village. Over 100 more arrived from 5 other villages.

In 4 days 8 services were held. Old and young worshipped the Lord with great adoration and zeal for the 2 hour long morning services, and slightly shorter afternoon and evening meetings in a packed village church. Rev. Laesanau preached at two evening services and I was the guest speaker for four meetings. I did two CE workshops on the Platform of the 10 sub-headings under the 4 CE Principles, and I gave three children's talks.

My theme for the weekend was 'God Chooses Those Who Will' and I developed the subject outlining the lives and obedience of Gideon in the time of the Judges; Isaiah in the time of Prophecy; Daniel in the time of Exile; and Nehemiah in the time of Restoration.

The workshops concluded with a fellowship tea in the central open grassed area. All the hosting families brought their food out so all could sit down at tables made from Palm leaves and eat together. The visitors were given a table and benches which we were grateful for!! One electric light (run by a generator) and cable, was moved from the church ceiling to a temporary pole in the yard to illuminate the immediate area.

Cooking was done on a wood fire, and they can smoke the nicest fish I have ever had!! The diet is mainly their staple food, taro, a root vegetable, also mashed potato, rice and noodles, so the fish was a welcome addition of protein and Omega 3. The people are happy, friendly, and hospitable and above all love worshipping the Lord who they rely on for all their earthly needs and provisions. They held a prayer meeting each morning at 4.30 am singing beautifully and praying united and loud verbally.

Joyce Spicer

## Europe ([www.ceeurope.eu](http://www.ceeurope.eu))

European CE leaders Meeting  
Following the anniversaries in Holland (100 y) and in Hungary (20 y) CE leaders from Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Romania and the Ukraine met for their annual consultations in Beregszász, Ukraine, just at the border to Hungary. The meeting was hosted by KRISZ, the youth organisation of the Hungarian Reformed Church of Transcarpathia. (Read more at [www.ceeurope.eu/News](http://www.ceeurope.eu/News). There you will find a video about the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hungarian CE as well.)

Ireland  
IRISH CE CONVENTION –  
“One God, One Family” was the theme for the 96th Irish National Christian Endeavour Convention,



Paul Nesbitt; Gillian Ferguson, past and present President Ireland CE.

hosted by the Enniskillen Union, and held on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th September in Fivemiletown Methodist Church – a first for the Church and the village. The Rev. Paul Ritchie from Richhill Methodist Church based his addresses on Acts 4: 1-22 “One God, one people, one message, one mission” and on Acts 4:23-37 “One people united in mission”. At the Saturday evening Rally, outgoing Irish Union President Paul Nesbitt

installed his successor, Gillian Ferguson, outgoing East Antrim Union President and a Leader in Carrickfergus Methodist Juniors. Gillian introduced her Presidential theme, “Amazing Love, Amazing Lord”.

Margaret Houston, CE Ireland

The Netherlands  
About 70 women and men in jolly mood gathered on Saturday, 16.10.2010 in the Andreaskerk in Putten, Netherlands. Almost all of them had been attending Dutch CE societies in the sixties, seventies and eighties of the last century. Memories from those days were exchanged, the more recent developments in their lives were shared and relationships strengthened. Of course there was good food, the old songs were sung with enthusiasm and some people discussed what CE could and should do in future. A booklet reflecting what happened with and in the Dutch CE in these 100 years was released.

(orders: H. Wedekind: [h.wedekind@chello.nl](mailto:h.wedekind@chello.nl)).

Speakers were the new President of the WCEU, Rev. Kalman Adorjan, Romania and one of the Dutch Endeavorers. A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU, informed about the developments in the CE movement worldwide.

Impressing was the high number of missionaries, pastors and other workers „in the vineyard of the Lord“ present. An encouraging result of the jubilee was renewed contacts of many former endeavorers with the union. Secretary Harry Wedekind told the audience that he will treat them all as members of CE in Netherlands until they disaffiliate themselves from the union. It is hoped that the great experience of this jubilee will result in more people actively involving in the Dutch CE and its projects.

A. Rudolph

## CE-Volunteers

England, Germany, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Romania and USA are presently countries, where CE-volunteers can find a placement.

In some counties like Jamaica and Guyana are possibilities to help establishing CE groups for youth.

All who are interested in the WCEU International Exchange Program for Volunteers write to: [thomas.kroeck@ec-jugend.de](mailto:thomas.kroeck@ec-jugend.de)

A volunteer in this program is usually expected to pay for his travel and health insurance and will get free customary accommodation, food and maybe a pocket money from the hosting institution.

Volunteers wanted in the UK  
Helen Norman, from CE Holiday Centre Beechwood Ct., Conwy, North Wales; wrote

Our Holiday Homes are to promote and extend the Christian faith by offering holidays organised on a Christian basis. We also give people – usually of student age – the opportunity to work for us on a voluntary basis for a period of time, usually varying from 6 to 12 months. In return they are given travel costs within the UK, accommodation and food; and an expenses allowance of £35 per week. This is a great opportunity for young people to spend time improving their English, learning about the British culture, and working for God in a friendly and busy environment.

We are currently in urgent need of volunteers to work at our centre in the wonderful surroundings of North Wales!

Please feel free to contact us for further information, or for a chat about our work and the volunteers that we need here. Further details of our centre: [www.beechwoodcourt.net](http://www.beechwoodcourt.net) (e-mail: [beechwood@diastart.net](mailto:beechwood@diastart.net))

Annellen Ziaja from Germany looks for a placement on the British Isles or in another English speaking country.

## CE-Material

The blue folder with basic information about Christian Endeavor is now available in French, German and Polish as pdf document.

There are still some souvenirs from the World's CE convention in Peru available for the original price plus shipping cost.

Still available from the WCEU too is the book: "Generous Freedom on Solid Foundation" (Eds. Th. Kroeck and G. Campbell)

The book gives an overview of the worldwide Christian Endeavor ministry and offers insights and experiences of how the principles of CE are applied in different settings. 32 authors from 15 countries give on 147 pages a colorful picture of CE in action.

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## Who is... ?

Here you will find brief information about the officers and trustees of the WCEU. You should know who is behind the names. In this issue:

**Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU**

Kálmán Adorján is minister of the Hungarian Reformed Church from Transylvania, Romania. Together with his wife Eva, he lives in Sincaiu de Mure , a village in Mure County. They are parents of four children: David (23), Zsuzsanna (22), Kálmán (20) and Peter (17). After 8 years of ministry in churches from both rural and urban areas, they both serve among people suffering of various addictions (alcoholism, drugs, gambling) in the Reformed Mission for Addicts resp. Bonus Pastor Foundation.

Kálmán has been involved in CE since its reestablishment in Romania (1992) on local and national level. He was several years President of CE Romania and in recent years WCEU trustee.

He hopes to see growing Endeavourers in a growing CE in Romania and worldwide.



Eva and Kálmán Adorján

## Pray for ...

- People and matters in this newsletter
- Christians who suffer from persecution
- Well off Christians not to get lost in the abundance of opportunities and material wealth
- CE leaders on local, national and international level to be obedient to the Lord and wisely caring for the people. Please pray especially for the new leadership of the WCEU
- politicians and governments and people who suffer from mismanagement of their rulers
- unity in Christ's church and among Endeavourers, humility and readiness to forgive each other
- encouragement of endeavorers in small national unions

• the conventions and meetings mentioned below

• the financial means to run the WCEU and promote CE in a meaningful and effective way

### • ... and praise God

- for all the blessings through CE
- for the World's Convention in Lima
- for the worldwide CE fellowship
- the young people serving the Lord in CE groups

## Next Board Meetings, Conventions . . .

Please notify your events to the WCEU if you want them to be listed here.

2010

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November – Annual Week of Prayer, Irish CE Union

14<sup>th</sup> November – Worldwide Prayer Day for persecuted Christians

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November - National CE Convention Solomon Islands on Rennell Island

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9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January – National CE Youth Camp in Papua New Guinea

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Christian Endeavor Annual Meetings; Mt Victoria NSW

31<sup>st</sup> Jan – 5<sup>th</sup> February – CE Prayer Week

2<sup>nd</sup> February – 130 years Christian Endeavor movement

1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> April - WCEU Ex. Committee Meeting in the USA

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July - Triennial Convention of the Mexican CE in Acapulco

22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September - WCEU Board of Trustees Meeting in Kassel, Germany

23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September - EChT youth Congress, German CE Union, Kassel

May you be blessed and encouraged in the year 2011 by the Lord Jesus Christ!

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO ANYBODY WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED, AS THE WCEU DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ALL ENDEAVORERS

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