



WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

April 2010

Dear Christian Endeavorers,

In western Pennsylvania, spring starts to arrive in March. We see the snow melt and the rains come. March is a month when the weather can vary from very warm to very cold. However, we have not experienced the earthquakes and tsunamis that others in the world are suffering from. When we see natural disasters happen, we ask: How can we help?

We need to go back to God's written word to see the answer. In Ephesians 2: 8-10, we read, *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

In other words, Christ in His amazing love came to save us. In addition, we are God's masterpieces and were designed by God to do good works.

At our winter retreat, we had about 100 young people respond to that very message of hope and challenge. Imagine if young people across the world would respond to God's call to go out and help the suffering and the needy. We at the World's Christian Endeavor Union want to help national Unions to be able to work with our young people and challenge them to do that very thing.

In Peru this summer we will have an opportunity to get together as Christians from around the world to experience the grace of our Lord through worship, teaching and fellowship. Young people will get the chance to hear the gospel and respond to it to fulfill God's calling in their lives. We all can make a difference in our world by helping the suffering, the needy and the lost!

Consider coming to Peru to experience the fellowship of other believers and make a difference in the world for our Lord!

Jonathan Stewart, Treasurer WCEU

26th World's Christian Endeavor Convention Invitation to Christian Endeavorers in Every Land



The World's Christian Endeavor Union (WCEU) and the Unión de Esfuerzos Cristianos Perú (UNDEC) and the Iglesia Evangélica Peruana (IEP) invite the Christian Endeavorers from around the world to attend the 26th World's Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Lima, Peru, August 3-7, 2010.

The convention theme will be **"What in the world is God doing?"** The convention program includes inspirational meetings, workshops, and seminars covering all areas of Christian Endeavor work, fellowship, and opportunities for service.

Further particulars and registration may be had from the convention office Jr. Nazca 148, Jesús María, Lima, Peru (Tel.: ++51-1-3305074; e-mail: ceworldconvention@hotmail.com)

See also: <http://www.ceworldconvention.com/>

and Facebook Group "CE: Christian Endeavour" and Facebook Event "26th World Convention"

In conjunction with the convention the WCEU Council will have its quadrennial meeting, discuss the Christian Endeavor activities and elect the Board of Trustees for the period 2010 -2014. The present WCEU Board of Trustees will have its last regular meeting.

Members of the Council and of the Board of Trustees will be invited by a separate letter.

Looking forward to meeting you in Peru

Faataape Lavata'i

Darwin Cruz

Enrique Alva Callupe

President WCEU

Presidente UNDEC

Presidente IEP

Program of the 26th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Peru

MON, Aug. 2	TUE, Aug. 3	WED, Aug. 4	THU, Aug. 5	FRI, Aug. 6	SAT, Aug. 7
	Arrival				Sunrise Communion service, Presidential address - The End -
	Registration	Bible study CE principle 1 Th. Riewesell, Germany	Bible study CE principle 3 Rev. F. Lavata'I, Am. Samoa	Bible study CE principle 2 Rev. Kalman Adorjan, Romania	
		Workshops	Workshops		
Lunch					
Meeting: Board of Trustees	Meeting: Council	Sport and Music Workshops	Pachamanca Presentation National Unions	Day for service, witness, action, prayer & projects	
Dinner					
	Opening session Dr. D.Coryell, USA	Evening rally Dr. D.Coryell, USA Roll call of Nations	Evening rally Dr. D.Coryell, USA	Evening rally Dr. D.Coryell, USA	
	Late night special	Late night special	Late night special	Late night special	

News from the WCEU World's Convention 2010

E&P Fund dissolved

Recently the Extension and Perpetuation Fund of the International Society of Christian Endeavor Inc. has been dissolved. This trust had been formed in 1936 in Washington D.C. as a way to generate income for the CE work worldwide. It functioned as depository and investment agency for donations and bequests given for the benefit of Christian Endeavor. The income derived from the fund went to CEI and WCEU. Since it became difficult to find suitable trustees for the E&P Fund the trustees decided to hand over the respective shares of the fund's principle to CEI and WCEU to be administered as restricted funds by themselves.

News from National Unions Africa

Gambia

Modou Kanteh, President of CE Youth Unlimited in The Gambia

had on Feb. 1st 2010 a 30 minutes radio talk on the West African station City Limits Radio about CE in Gambia and worldwide. (www.citylimitsradio.com)

Côte d'Ivoire

On February 02, 2010, CE Union Côte d'Ivoire organized the 129th CE Anniversary.

This anniversary celebration was an opportunity for fellowship of the CE Union Côte d'Ivoire and a great time of worship, praise and prayer for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and World's Christian Endeavor.

The highlights were the speeches of the President of CE Union Côte d'Ivoire, Mrs. Konan N'Goran Clementine and the sermon of Pastor Guede D. Gustave, the General Secretary Assistant of CE Union Côte d'Ivoire. The President urged the members of CE Union Côte d'Ivoire to have more determination and solidarity in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ in order to win more souls for the kingdom of heaven. She urged the pastors to motivate youth in their churches to engage in the activities of the

national and world Christian effort. She recalled that WCEU relies on youth.

Pastor Guede D. Gustave, spoke about Matthew 14: 16 "you ought to feed them." He underlined the duty of pastors to take care of sheep. As Jesus said: "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!"

The celebration continued with dinner and refreshing and ended in praise and joy.

Report by Pasteur Guede D. Gustave
(Abridged)

South Africa

The CE teenager group megaLife of the Tygerberg city mission (Cape Town) realized their social responsibility for the community. Sarah and Yiska started the Christmas in a Shoebox project and discovered a home for abandoned children in the course of their project. Their initiative motivated the other teenagers to help with the Christmas project and encouraged the rest of the church to get involved in this home and other social projects as well. The whole church was revived to re-focus on the vision for social projects to bring God's

love to the city we live in – by two young girls.

After a report by Harald Wenzel

Americas and Caribbean

Peru

For the first time a CE society was formed outside the IEP church. The Iglesia Evangelica Misionera y Pentecostal del Peru at Ancon, a coastal town North of Lima has a CE group since January 16th 2010.



Signing the Pledge

Australia and Pacific Islands

Australien

The Australian CE Union Inc. had its annual general meeting on January 8th to 10th at the Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair, South Australia. President Justin Gilfillan was reelected and the Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Dolan, and the Treasurer, Mr. Doug Rea, continue to serve in their resp. offices as well. Vice President is Richard Gilfillan and Deputy President Peter Jenkins. The assembly decided to implement a 5 year plan to rejuvenate CE in Australia.

Europe (www.ceeurope.eu)

Germany

Five years Team EC

Every year since 2004 the German CE Union has trained a team of five young men and women for evangelistic activities to reach out to children and youth nationwide. The team of volunteers is based at the GYFCE headquarters in Kassel and supports CE societies in all

parts of Germany. Within the first 8 weeks the new team gets trained in theater, puppet theater, songs and stories for children. In this training the team rehearses a show to entertain and teach the children. The team travels with their program all over Germany and conducts children bible weeks, holiday programs, and family services and visits schools. Churches can book the team and work with them at their events. The teamers have an extraordinary experience with God in this year and the kids open their lives to Jesus and begin to trust Him. The local churches and institutions are very grateful that this offer is provided by the German CE even though they have to contribute to the costs. Most of the teamers enter a social occupation after their year with the CE. Furthermore, they are well equipped for similar activities in their home church when they return.

CE-Volunteers

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

For all who are interested in the **WCEU International Exchange Program for Volunteers** write to: 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.



Team EC 2009-2010, Germany

CE-Material

Especially small and new CE unions ask frequently for material which can help them to conduct programs and CE meetings. WCEU would be happy to receive offers from endeavours and unions who have something that can be used to help this needy unions and societies.

CE people

Only recently we got to know that Rev. Dr. Augustus T. Seongbae Sr., President of Liberia CE Union, passed away June 3, 2009.

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:

Jon Stewart, Treasurer WCEU

My name is Jon Stewart and I am a controller for a high tech manufacturer in western PA. What is a controller? That person works with the finances of the company and provides the financial statements to see how the company is doing. I have been doing this work for about 15 years. The previous 15 years I was a public accountant helping different clients with their financial statements and taxes.

I have been married to Karen for about 30 years. We have two children, Kate and Jon. Kate is graduating from college in May and Jon is graduating from high school in June.



I have been involved with youth work since the late 1970's. I have been president of our local society in Mercer County, president of our state union, Pennsylvania, president of Christian Endeavor International and now treasurer of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. We have been blessed to be involved with Christians from around the world to do God's work with young people.

Financial Matters

Treasurer Jon Stewart reported in the recent meeting of the WCEU Executive Committee that the WCEU securities gained about 25% value in the last year after the big loss in 2008 which was due to the financial crisis. Some weeks back the WCEU received its share from the dissolution of the E&P fund so that the we have many reasons to be grateful to God for providing

for our financial needs. Even though a full time secretary was hired four years back the financial base of the WCEU increased because of some unexpected bigger donations. We have a great God indeed.

Pray for ...

- the matters you just read about
- Christians in Africa, India, Middle East, Central Asia and other parts in this world who suffer persecution
- young Christians in Western countries not to get lost in the abundance of opportunities and material wealth
- those who are leading the national CE unions and the WCEU that they make sound decisions in obedience to our Lord
- the political situation in countries like Zimbabwe, where people suffer from irresponsible governments
- unity in Christ's church and among Endeavourers, humility and readiness to forgive each other
- encouragement of small and smaller national unions
- for the conventions and meetings mentioned below
- for those who prepare for the World's Convention in Lima, Peru
- and do not forget to praise God for all his blessings given also through Christian Endeavor.

- and praise God for his grace in all finances

Next Board Meetings, Conventions . . .

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

2010

24th April - 109th Scottish CE Convention in Larkhall Baptist Church, Theme: "Notes of Praise" Speaker: Rev Rodney Stout

2nd – 4th July – English CE Convention 'Celebrate' in King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton. Theme: "Making Disciples" Speaker: Rev Jonathan Edwards

3rd – 7th August – 26th World's CE Convention in Lima, Peru. Theme: "What in the world is God doing?"

17th September – 96th Irish CE Convention in Fivemiletown Methodist Church, Theme: "One God, One Family" Speaker Rev Paul Ritchie

24th & 25th September ECHT Youth Congress in Germany

30th September – CE Convention Jamaica

2nd October – CE Convention Romania

16th October – Centennial of CE in The Netherlands

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9th – 15th January – National Youth Camp in Papua New Guinea

31st Jan – 5th February Prayer Week

2nd February – 130 years Christian Endeavor

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