



WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

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Dear Fellow Endeavors,

Greetings from CEI (Endeavor) in North America! I pray this finds you well and growing in grace.

The message we share in this movement worldwide is precious. Collectively, we hold to the original premise that young people can make the same level of commitment to Jesus Christ as adults, and we should never do anything for youth in the church they can learn to do themselves. In summary, we believe youth can lead.

However, there is a great obstacle to "Endeavor" in our corner of the globe – youth ministry. Often it stands in the way of young people leading today.

Over the last five years, I have been working to return to the roots of CE and use the DNA of the ministry to forge ahead with a fresh approach to how the Body of Christ treats young people. We are simply stewards of the principles handed down to us for nearly 130 years. CEI has chosen to embrace the beginning of the movement – the Essentials – while letting go of some non-essentials that have held us back. As we show respect to our history, we also dream about a growing heritage of new Endeavorers. This simply means we must change, and at CEI, we have.

The results speak for themselves, and God gets the glory for the new churches that are experiencing "Endeavor" in North America once again. The Pledge and Principles we all hold dear are being embraced by a new generation of emerging young leaders. Ministries, denominations, and congregations are once again seeing our mission as a solution to the problems created by adult-led youth ministry.

CEI has made difficult choices, and hopefully, set a small example others might consider. It is ok to change. God is still in control. He is calling a generation to lead the cause of Christ, and we (all of us in this movement) have the opportunity to join Him in His work.

I encourage you to continue to think outside the box. Young people all over the world want a chance to serve and feel important – you hold a significant key to unlocking their potential for Jesus Christ.

For Christ and His Church

Timothy Eldred, Executive Director, Endeavor (CEI)

(Tim had written a long letter and I have abridged it heavily with permission. The complete letter can be obtained from the WCEU. A. Rudolph)

News from the WCEU World's Convention 2010

The 26th CE World's Convention is now history. About 450 endeavorers or esforzadores (as they say in the Spanish speaking world) were together in a beach resort, Centro Naval, in Ancon, North of Lima. As it was winter there was no bathing or swimming. But it was a great atmosphere which everybody enjoyed. A team of about 25 young Peruvians did a great job in organizing the event under the direction of Bathsheba Palma from Lima and Deborah Wedekind from The Netherlands. It was particularly challenging that almost 200 participants registered only within the last 3 days before the convention or just arrived.

The convention steward team and the staff of Centro Naval handled the difficulties with bravado.

A special gift was 3 sunny convention days at a time and place where normally the sky is overcast and the weather misty.

The daily bible studies in the morning focused on the four CE principles. Highlight of the mornings was the presentation of the national unions which showed once again the rich diversity in the CE movement.



Focal points of the evenings were the messages by Dr. Dave Coryell from Pennsylvania, USA. 'Got touch', 'Got thirst', 'Got truth', 'Got time' were the statements/questions he unfolded on the stage using video clips and pictures and involving the audience through interviews and quiz games. The music team, all members of the

convention steward team, excellently got the vibe going in the black meeting tent with simple but meaningful songs in Spanish and English.

Two evenings ended with a 'late night special' after the regular program; one was a talent show open to participate for everybody, the other the Peruvian Night showing colorful facets of the fascinating host country.

The last gathering was Saturday morning, a simple service with the Holy Communion and a sermon (presidential address) by the newly elected WCEU president, Rev. Kálmán Adorjan from Romania.

The secluded location allowed concentrating on the messages and having close fellowship with other participants. The connections made will strengthen the CE movement worldwide.

(See also www.ceeurope.eu for pictures and more information)

New Board elected

The Council of WCEU met August 3rd and 6th, 2010 in Ancon, Lima, Peru and elected the WCEU - Board and the officers for the next four years.

President	Rev. Kálmán Adorján	(Romania)	Board	Mrs. Krisztina-Agnes Berke	(Romania)
Gen. Sec.	Rev. Andreas Rudolph	(Germany)		Mr. Josué M. Fuentes-Blanco	(Mexico)
VP Amer.	Rev. Eliseo Vilchez-Blancas	(Peru)		Rev. Daniel Hoffmann	(Germany)
VP Asia	Mr. Tong-un Ko	(Korea)		Rev. Pap-Philip Jabang	(Gambia)
VP Europe	Dr. Thomas Kröck	(Germany)		Rev. Faataape Lavata'i	(Am. Samoa)
VP Pacific	Mrs. Joyce Spicer	(Australia)		Miss Lynn McKnight	(USA)
Treas.	Mr. Jonathan Stewart	(USA)		Rev. Serop Megerditchian	(Syria)
Ass. Treas.	Mr. Benjamin Wenzel	(Germany)		Rev. Dr. 'Alifaleti M. Mone	(Tonga)
				Rev. Fred Nile	(Australia)
Executive	Rev. Bálint Bacskai	(Hungary)		Mr. Purnananda Pradhan	(India)
Committee	Dr. Dave Coryell	(USA)		Rev. Thorsten Riewesell	(Germany)
	Dr. Thomas Kröck	(Germany)		Mr. Bob Thomas	(Canada)
	Rev. Surendra K. Sahu	(India)		Rev. Kalepo Vaitautolu	(Am. Samoa)
	Rev. Eliseo Vilchez-Blancas	(Peru)		Mr. Harry Wedekind	(Netherlands)

The following former Board members were elected Honorary Trustees for lifetime: Dr. Bidyut Pramanik (India), Mr. József Miklossy (Hungary), Mrs. Margaret Clarkson (Canada), Mr. George Campbell (Scotland), Mr. Oswald Rankine (Cayman Islands)

Revision of Bylaws

Another major item on the agenda was the revision of the bylaws. The bylaws are now structured more clearly; some provisions were moved into standing orders; officers can be reelected only once; and a dissolution clause was added. The version now in effect can be ordered from the WCEU headquarters.



Centro Naval, Ancon, Lima, Peru - Black meeting tent in the centre

News from National Unions Africa

Niger

Rev. Sabo Batchiri, President of CE in Niger, wrote some weeks back:

We are developing slowly but surely the ministry (CE). Many of our youth members are involved. We are about to introduce our constitution to the authorities for official authorization. In July we had a general assembly with elections.

Regarding the general situation in Niger I have to report we are

facing hunger and starvation. Many endeavurers are affected. We are looking for some help to support them. Many students cannot go to school because of the starvation. Half of the population of Niger, 6 to 7 million people are affected by the drought; and the animals are also in danger because of the lack of grass. May God help us through your awareness!

Yours Sabo
from Niger (West Africa)

(Should anybody want to support this cause, the WCEU office is ready to give further information.)

Americas and Caribbean

New Vice President

After 16 years in office Mr. Oswald (Sonny) Rankine from the Cayman Islands stepped down as VP for the American region. Successor is Rev. Eliseo Vilchez Blancas, hailing from Huancayo, Peru, who is teaching church-history at the Seminario teol. Presbit. de Mexico (Mexico D.F.)

Asia

Korea

The activities of the Korean CE regularly include social projects: Last winter 510 volunteers distributed 100 000 briquettes to needy people in Southern Korea. In June they organized a marathon. The event brought 9 million Won (USD 7 215) to help children with incurable diseases. KCEU raised this year another USD 15 000 for erecting a church in Vietnam (Binh Thuan). The new WCEU VP for the Asian region is Mr. Ko, Tong un from Seoul, Korea (South)

Myanmar

147 youth leaders (picture) from 20 Associations under Karen Baptist Convention attended the



13th Leadership Training of the KBCEU in Myanmar on 27th April to 3rd May 2010.

Meanwhile there have been many more training camps and sessions throughout the country. The 10 weeks training: 'English-4-Skills', which was conducted in the CE headquarters in Yangon, will be completed hopefully successfully by all participants by End of August. The Burmese (Karen) CE has a lot of programs for educating their members who grow up in the villages and migrate in search for work to the towns or even abroad. Much emphasis is put on teaching awareness of workers rights and human rights in general to save the young endeavors from the quite common exploitation and even abuse sometimes.

Nepal

Praise the Lord! The bimonthly wall-magazine, "Deep Stambha" (Pillar of Light) planned by Pradeep Rai, Bineeka Rai and Bijaya Karki did materialize. It was pinned on the notice board on 19 June after the Pastor committed the magazine and the Editorial Group to the Lord. It was hand written by Bineeka on a large poster size paper. The articles were from Samjhana, Bineeka, Pastor and Pandi Bhattarai with the Editorial by Pradeep.

Dini Chothong of Kiran-Nepal (NGO) helped CE-Nepal, by shooting a one minute-thirty second greeting video for us to send to the World's Christian Endeavour Convention in Peru.

matters only after praying about them for a long period and only when I am convinced that it is the right thing to do and I can do if I get support!

From a letter by Dr. Mahendra Bhattarai,
President CE Nepal

Australia and Pacific

Islands

CE in Hawaii

intends to keep closer contact with the other CE unions in the Pacific. It is planned to hold the 2012 Regional meeting for the Australian and Pacific region in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

CE-Volunteers

WCEU International Exchange Program for Volunteers

For all who are interested 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.

England, Germany, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Romania and USA are countries, where CE-volunteers can find a placement. Other places in the world may be possible; please ask.

Volunteer wanted

One of the former WCEU Council members, Ulrike, needs from October 2010 an au pair in her family with two children (1 and 2 years). She lives in the centre of Germany and can be contacted for details via u.zimmer@gmx.de

'A great experience!'

is what the recent volunteer in the WCEU headquarters says:

'Hi. My name is Bożena Brudny. I'm 21 and I come from Cieszyn, Poland. For about 5 weeks I've worked as a volunteer in WCEU office in Kassel, Germany.

I'm writing to encourage all of you who have time and possibility to volunteer in CE.

Coming to Kassel was a really good decision. I've learnt a lot, I've experienced a lot and I've met very valuable people. Although leaving my hometown

NepalChurch.com. helped to upload it on to youtube.

(You can see the video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjVGL895F8o>)

I am praying for a CE Youth Centre in Kathmandu where even non-Christian youth and teenagers can feel comfortable to come and meet. The Centre is intended to be used for giving music lessons, cooking lessons, with a prayer room, sowing and knitting lessons. There shall be a small library with both Christian and some non-Christian classics and some popular Christian literature. I am praying for a partner to support us buying a building for this. We can arrange running costs and resource persons for proper lessons from our own resources. I talk such



and coming all alone to a foreign country was a pretty risky step, it paid off! If I were to choose once again, I would definitely come.

CE-Material

The flyer with basic information about CE is available in English, French, Spanish, German and Polish (pdf) from WCEU office.

The book "Generous freedom on solid foundation" will soon be available from the WCEU office for US\$ 5 plus shipping cost.

Some convention souvenirs (bags, t-shirts etc.) from Lima are still available. They will make great presents for CE friends and others. Inquire at the WCEU office.

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
- leaders in national CE unions and WCEU for making sound decisions obeying the Lord

- the political situation in countries 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
- the conventions and meetings mentioned below
- lasting impact of the 26th CE World's Convention in Lima and do thank the Lord that everything went well despite many difficulties.

- and do not forget to praise God for all his blessings given also through Christian Endeavor.
- and praise God for providing the funds necessary for the work.

Who is... ?

Timothy Eldred, Executive Director of CEI

(Christian Endeavor International (CEI) grew from the organizational structure in which Dr. Francis E. Clark and his friends worked for CE. It was named 'International', because the CE Unions in North America (USA, Canada, Mexico) used to be served and looked after by CEI in the past.)



Timothy Eldred was WCEU trustee in the past four years and lives in Edmore, Michigan, USA with his wife, Cindy, a teacher, and their sons, Parker (15) and Kelton (12). For nearly 20 years

he has served in pastoral ministry in the local church. He continues to serve in leadership at New Beginnings Christian Family Fellowship. His book, 'Pray21', has been used by churches in 56 countries as a challenge for adults to pray with youth for God's call on their life. This fall, 'Study21', the next book in the series from Endeavor will be released along with Tim's other new book, '4-Hour Youth Ministry'.

Next Board Meetings, Conventions . . .

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

2010

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

24th - 26th Sept - ECHT Youth Congress in Germany

30th Sept – CE Convention Jamaica

2nd Oct – CE Convention Romania

15th - 17th Oct – The Jubilee Conference, 20th anniversary of the reestablished Hungarian CE Union

16th Oct – Centennial of CE in The Netherlands

18th – 19th Oct – Meeting of European CE leaders in Beregovo (Beregszász), Carpathian-Ukraine

22nd - 24th Oct - Triennial CE Convention in East India, Theme: Fear not, be strong

25th - 29th Nov - National CE Convention Solomon Islands

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9th – 15th Jan – National CE Youth Camp in Papua New Guinea

31st Jan – 5th Feb – CE Prayer Week

2nd Feb – 130 years

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