

WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

May 2007

God is love, says the Bible - strange that this is not mentioned in any creed Kurt Marti

Election results

The Council of the WCEU elected in Gödöllő, Hungary (World's CE Convention 2006):

President: Rev. Faataape Lavata'i (American Samoa)

Vice-Presidents: Oswald Rankine (Cayman Island), Joyce Spicer (Australia), George Campbell (Scotland)

Treasurer: Jonathan Stewart (U.S.A.)

Other Trustees: Rev. Kálmán Adorján (Romania), András Bogyo (Hungary), Margret L. Clarkson (Canada), Timothy Eldred (U.S.A.), Peter Jenkins (Australia), Dr. Thomas Kröck (Germany), Rev. Serop Megerditchian (Syria), Rev. Dr. Alifalaeti Mone, (Tonga), Lynn McKnight (U.S.A.), Rev. Fred J. Nile (Australia), Thorsten Riewesell (Germany), Andreas A. Rudolph (Germany), Rev. Jude Samson (Marshall Islands), Rev. Surendra Kumar Sahu (India), R. Rigdon Scruggs (U.S.A.), Rev. Siolo Tauati (Samoa), Ko Tong-un (Korea), Balázs Tóth (Hungary), Harry Wedekind (Netherlands)

From the Executive Committee Meeting

The Ex. Comm. met in Liberty Corner (April 21.-22.). Matters connected with the change in the WCEU office were the main topics.

A review of the activities in the CE-movement showed, that the situation in Africa needs attention. Since Vice-president Larbie died about two years ago, nobody looks after the young unions. There is very little communication with the WCEU-Headquarters too.

It was suggested and accepted, that the National Unions should send a yearly report of their activities (1 page!) to the WCEU before the Board-Meeting in September.

As new WCEU-activity for the future a program for volunteers will be established. Young people can gain cross-cultural experience while serving with CE related churches or institutions. Dr. Thomas Kröck will be responsible for this project (thomas.kroeck@ec-jugend.de).

To support smaller CE Unions WCEU will publish what materials for CE work can be obtained from other CE Unions. Only with the help of unions who produce material, this project can start. Please suggest, what you can offer

Americas and Caribbean

Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, recognized the week Jan. 28 - Feb. 4 2007 as "Christian Endeavour Week" in Texas!

Europe

From June onwards a website (www.cceurope.eu) for the European CE Region will be "in the i'net".

New State Union joins German CE

Christian Endeavor is now back in the Region of Berlin and Brandenburg. Recently the Statechurch Fellowship of Berlin - Brandenburg decided to affiliate their Children and Youth groups with the German Youth Federation for Christian Endeavour. Until WorldWar II the youth of that fellowship was organized in CE. Actually the German CE Headquarters were located in that area (Woltersdorf, outskirts of Berlin), but CE had been banned thereafter by the GDR-Government. 1990 the big property with a hospital and a retreat center was returned to the GYFCE, but CE was not reintroduced until now. With this addition seven CE-State Unions cover all the area of the former GDR. All are part of the regional State-Church-Fellowships within the Lutheran and United State Churches of that part of Germany.

Pray for ...

- * the young African Unions and a leader among them who could become Vice-President for Africa
- * the members of the Board of Trustees who were elected in for the present Quadrennium
- * the attempts to find volunteers who help tackling the vast job of running the WCEU
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CE people

- * Phil Mills (58), Crown Court jury bailiff from Brighton, was elected new President of the English CE Union for the next two years.
- * Beginning in early summer 2007 Stuart McDonald will be the Secretary of the CE Union of Great Britain and Ireland (uniting the English, Scottish and Irish CE Unions). Its Headquarters have been newly established at 167a Pinhoe Rd, Exeter EX4 7HZ (Devon) (admin@christianendeavour.co.uk)
- * Peter Jenkins (50), working in the Queensland Ombudsman Office, will be the President of the Australian CE Union for the next two years. He was also elected to the WCEU Board of Trustees in Hungary.
- * Rev. Yasuo Yonekura, resigned from all his offices in the WCEU and the Japanese CE Union for health reasons. We do thank him for his service as Vice-President of the WCEU for Asia.
- * Dr. B.K. Pramanik, General Secretary of the Bibel-Society of India, accepted his appointment as new Vice-president of the WCEU for Asia. Dr. Pramanik is active in CE since his early youth and presently President of Christian Endeavour in India.

Next Board Meetings, Conventions . . .

2007

- July 26.-29. - ECHT - a youth-congress organized by the German Youth Federation for CE, Baunatal/Kassel, "Heilig leben" (i.e. Holy living)
- July 27.-29. - English CE Convention 2007 in Bawtry, Doncaster, South Yorkshire
- Sept. 14.-16. - WCEU- Board of Trustees meets in Western Pennsylvania, USA
- Sept. 21.-22. - 93. Irish CE Convention, Newtownards, "In Christ alone"

2008

- March 21.-24. Regional conference for Australia and Pacific on Tonga
- July 24.-27. Connect Europe, the Christian Endeavour Youth Conference 2008 for Europe, aiming at potential and active young leaders from the CE movement and beyond

2010

26th World's CE Convention in the U.S.A.

News welcome

You missed news from your union ? Just let me know your dates, events, happenings.....

Wanted . . .

We will be very happy about volunteers for WCEU - webmaster !

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P.S. : Most recipients will get this issue along with the February issue.

The distribution system was hardly developed then, so only few people got that news.

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