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Character produces hope

by Dave Coryell, Executive Director, Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic

Character matters to God. A committed woman of prayer, once said, "Your gifts will take you where your character cannot keep you." Leadership development programs lean heavily on the acquisition of skills but character development requires our primary attention. Romans 5 beginning in verse 2 reads, "And we rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given to us." Character matters to God. Our hope emerges from character developed by the Holy Spirit. God uses our talents to touch people for Christ, but our character is what helps people see Christ in us. May God grow your character as He touches lives for His Kingdom because . . . character matters to God!



Late reports from CE Prayer Week and CE Day 2012

CE Malawi

From mails by Vincent Mlekwa Ngyoku, CEU Dzaleka President

The credit for the longest meetings during CE Prayer Week 2012 goes to the CE society in Dzaleka Refugee Camp, Malawi. They met February 2-8 in the morning 8 to 12 and 2 to 5 in the afternoon. They split the group in two teams, because the house where they met had no room big enough to hold them all. These sisters and brothers have plenty of time, but beside that almost nothing.

CE Nepal

Reported by Kuber Gurung, Secretary CE Nepal

On 2 February, 2012, CE Day there were nine groups who had whole night prayer for CE Nepal,

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CE Germany and WCEU. Find attached a picture from CE Pakhribas (in the left corner).

WCEU Executive Committee Meeting in Piliscsaba, Hungary

Reported by Anna Visky, Assistant for President and General Secretary

The Executive Committee Meeting was held 23-25 March in Piliscsaba, Hungary with all members (from Peru, Romania, India, Hungary, Germany and the USA) present. The meeting was in the Lelkiszolgalat Háza (House of Spiritual Counseling), which is the retreat centre of the Hungarian CE Union. Simultaneously prayer group leaders of the Hungarian CE met in the centre so there was some fellowship and joint devotions possible. The main topics of the meeting were: financial

matters, future developments of the WCEU, Public Relations (website, Facebook, newsletter) and forthcoming conventions. It was discussed how WCEU could help CE unions to exchange ideas and experiences. The Committee would like to see more regional cooperation and more young people taking responsibility in the WCEU Board. It was decided to publish the "Mobile Devotions" (app for smartphones) again in 2013. There is some concern about the lack of continuous income and it was discussed, whether the WCEU should ask more support from the National CE Unions in the future. God blessed this time with good discussions, fellowship with the local CE people and progress in the CE movement.

Financial matters

By Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary, WCEU

Recently the WCEU received USD 25 000 from a bequest. We are very grateful and thank God for providing "the fuel for the CE-engine". This amount will cover the budgeted expenses for about 3 months. Nevertheless, Jon Stewart, Treasurer WCEU, reminded the Executive Committee to start working on finding sources which will provide the necessary funds for the WCEU on a more regular basis. I would like to thank all who wrote back on my question in the previous WCEU news whether a membership fee should be collected or not. Half of those responding were in favor and the other half against. So we have to discuss further. I appreciate all suggestions which will help safeguarding the income of the WCEU.

Americas and the Caribbean

Events in CE Mid-Atlantic, USA

Reported by Dr. Dave Coryell, Executive Director

On April 14 a new event called the CE Teen Bash was offered. This event provided youth the opportunity to use the gifts and abilities God has given them in friendly competition. A message was given to the group encouraging them to use their lives For Christ and the Church. The event will continue next year with plans to expand the event options. The second Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic vision banquet occurred on April 21 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Eighty-six people were in attendance to hear youth testimonies, and messages about how CE is touching lives for Christ and the Church today. The theme was "Run for the Prize." A challenge was given to help rebirth CE in the region. Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 workshops are being planned to introduce churches to CE and begin to grow the ministry. On May 23 the CE Quick Start training will be offered for two churches who hope to start CE in the fall. The summer conference called "Summer Assembly" takes place in July at Millersville University in Lancaster, PA. The theme is "Wake the World." Four weeks of work camp will take place in Pine Grove, PA. Work will be done primarily with home owners who were displaced during tremendous flooding in October, 2011.

Update from CEI (USA)

By Tim Eldred, President CEI

Christian Endeavor International (CEI) remains focused on their mission of

providing resources that help youth discover, develop, and deploy God's mission for this life. Their priority remains distributing the Pray21 tool throughout the world, so every young person has the opportunity to pray with an adult to recognize and respond to God's call on their life. CEI is working with partners to translate and distribute this tool freely to youth worldwide where God opens doors and provides resources. Their primary kingdom partner is an organization called One Hope who gave the Gospel to over 90 million youth last year in over 150 nations. They believe giving the Gospel and Pray21 together is a powerful combination. If you would like to receive a free copy of Pray21 to see if it would be a tool your national CE Union would like to utilize, please email CEI at admin@christianendeavor.com and ask for the free file.

Another group of CE societies in Mexico

According to WCEU Vice-President Eliseo Vílchez-Blancas there is another group of CE societies in Mexico beside the UNSEC (Unión Nacional de Sociedades de Esfuerzo Cristiano). In the conservative Presbyterian Church (Iglesia Nacional Presbiteriana Conservadora de México) are CE societies who had a convention in April in the town of Tabasco. The far bigger union UNSEC grew at their 31st convention last year by two new area unions. They have now 20 area unions.



WCEU-VP Eliseo Vílchez-Blancas with the president of USECPN (Unión de Sociedades de Esfuerzo Cristiano del Presbiterio Nacional), two students who write their thesis about CE in Mexico, and Ibzán Campirán, Foreign Relations Committee.

Leadership election in Peru

Information by E. Vilchez-Blancas, VP Americas

At their general assembly in Huancavelica, 19-22 April, the Peruvian Endeavorers changed the directiva (board) and the name of the National Union. The former UNDEC

(Union Nacional de Esfuerzo Cristiano) is now active under the name DENECE (Departamento Nacional de Esfuerzos Cristianos). Presidenta for the next three years is Mercedes Pizarro Chamorro from Chosica, Lima. VP is Rómulo Huamani, Secretaria Liliana Raza, and treasurer Ezequiel Meneses.

Australia and Pacific

Situation of the Australian CE

Summary from mails by Andreas A. Rudolph, General Secretary of WCEU

The small group of Australian Christian Endeavorers carries on. In their national meeting in South Australia (April 13-15) it was decided to continue despite the fact, that only very few local societies function. But CE in Australia is still strong enough to help others. AUS \$5000 has been donated to assist three Endeavorers from Solomon Island to attend the Regional meeting in Hawaii. On the other hand the CE State Union of New South Wales will close their organization in a function on June 2nd in Sydney. Joyce Spicer, VP Australia and Pacific will attend and give an overview of Worlds CE activities and progress session at their afternoon of celebrating past CE, so they end on a positive note! The closure may be a wise move, since structures without much content are eating away a lot of time and occupy people unnecessary.

News from Solomon Islands

From reports by Derek Pongi, President, SICEU

We thank God for the growth of Christian Endeavor in the Solomon Islands. On the Islands of Rennell and Bellona we used to have 6 societies, now we have 10. Honiara now has 1 society. The South Sea Evangelical Church of Solomon Islands (SSEC) has recommended that CE will be part of their 600plus Churches and Bible schools programs. We are working closely with them now to train their leaders and establish CE in their churches and schools. We recently completed a training with 21 people from Honiara, Makira, Russells, Savo and Guadalcanal. Topics were: Introduction to CE, 4 CE principles, key identifying ideas of Christian Endeavor, CE structure, CE administration, leadership, CE in SSEC, starting and running a society, setting programs. More societies will be formed after this training and more training is planned in other regions. We had set up our National Union to coordinate these activities. Our official name is: Solomon Islands Christian Endeavor Union (SICEU).

Europe

My life in CE England

By Sandra O'Nions, member of CE England

I began my 'Life with Endeavor' back in the early sixties at Cochrane Street Independent Methodist Church, Everton in Liverpool. Back then there was much going on through Endeavor and I remember large rallies, many young people, friendships made with other local churches who had Junior, Intermediate and Young People's CE.

In the Eighties I became Editor of the magazine which was then called CE FOCUS. After eleven years I passed it on to our present Editor Stuart Keenan. Having been President of North West Region twice and now the Minute Secretary of CEEU (English Union), service for God has taken me in many different directions.

I have so much valued the opportunities given to me through CE and have been truly blessed by God in so many different ways.

Back in 1984 we had a wonderful Convention at Crawley and God gave me the words of a poem. I pass them on to you.

I knew what I wanted, I knew I was right.
God's plan would work out.
But try as I might I couldn't let go.
God knew what He wanted,
God knew He was right,
The only way forward was to open MY sight.
I had to let go.

The way now is clearer,
the future is sure.

With God's hand moving to open the door,
I know I am treading where His feet have trod.

I've just let go ... and I've just let God.

Maybe we all need to LET GO of our wants,
desires, fears, hang-ups, whatever, and LET GOD.

From the NewsCEne Newsletter, Spring 2012

Spring Holiday Kids Club organized by Philothea Klub, Romania

Reported by Beáta Lőrincz, Philothea Klub

During spring holidays we run a two weeks program for children from age 8 to 12, at Philothea Klub in Targu Mures (Romania). The children learned bible stories, songs, and they spent a good time here, getting to know each other and God.

We had prepared a colorful and diversified program for the children: group games, handcrafts, bible stories, singing. Special guests told the bible stories, and prepared competitions. At the middle of the programs we had a break with tea and cookies. One

day we organized an egg search game, and the children had to find chocolate eggs by answering questions. They liked this game very much. The Spring Holiday Kids Klub was successful thanks to our volunteers and guests who accepted our invitation and the sponsors who kindly supported us.



I have a brick in Kenya - CE Romania project in Africa

Reported by Balázs Halmen, Project Coordinator

I have a brick in Kenya! project was started in autumn, 2010 by a few young Romanian students. One of them, Balázs Halmen spent 4 months volunteering in Kenya, at a local organization called Sargy Community Development Group. He developed the idea to support the Sargy School by regular donations.

Latest achievements of the project:

- In February we organized a 10 day long discovery-trip on Rusinga Island for 6 business men. After a 3 day adventurous safari, they visited our project, met some very poor families, offered school uniforms, football shirts, balls for the children and left a remarkable donation for finishing the school.
- Our Sponsorship Program goes on very well, we found sponsors for 102 pupils of Sargy School from the total of 140. With the help of this program the Kenyans bought new school uniforms for each child, sport equipment, school materials, new blackboards and started a better feeding program, and they also contributed to teacher's salaries.

Regeneration at the CE Scotland Gathering

Reported by Elizabeth McGrouther, Organising Secretary

On 28 April, young and old endeavorers gathered in the hall of Alloa Baptist Church. Juniors met for games and craft, and the more serious adults for the Annual General Meeting.

At 2:30 pm all gathered to worship together.

Bill Macdonald tinkled on the ivories to accompany some well loved old choruses before Rev. Jim Miller laid down the presidential chain to mark his retiral from the position of President of CE in Scotland. Mr. Robert Tinney thanked Jim for his services to the Scottish Union as President and presented him with a gift. The chain will now be worn by Mrs. Irene May, from Denny, who could not be at the gathering but her statement of acceptance was read out.

Ian Paget used his guitar to lead the more modern choruses which had everyone up on their feet and taking part.

Regeneration was the theme of the day and Ian spoke about the changes the young king Josiah made as he reformed worship, revived prayer, restored the word and renewed the covenant. Bible episodes illustrating these elements were mimed by the Juniors and, just like in the game of charades, the congregation had to guess which story it was!

CE President elected in Germany

Translated from a report by Jörg Maushake, PR Department German CE

The Annual General Meeting of the German Youth Federation for Christian Endeavor (GYFCE) was held 8 -11 March 2012. Highlight of this meeting were the elections to the board and the farewell function for the outgoing president.

The former leader, Gerald Pauly, served as CE President for 11 years. The bylaws did not allow him another term. His successor in this honorary office is 40 years old Hartmut Kämpfer, who had been Vice-President for the last two years. Mr. Kämpfer is married and makes his living in Berlin as a bank manager.

Asked what is important for the GYFCE under his leadership he said: Decision for something implies a decision against an alternative. We want to live resolutely for Christ and invite other people to live this life, because we believe that Jesus is the best that can happen to us."

International
youth camp, Hungary

August 14-21., 2012

Theme: **Replanning Life**

Location: Piliscsaba (near Budapest)

Information: Richárd Berényi,

berenyi.richard@ce-union.hu

Meet Karen Macha, Volunteer from the United States



My name is Karen Macha and I am 26 years old. My early childhood was spent in Dublin, Ireland, where my parents were missionaries with World Harvest Mission, an organization outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the United States. I then grew up in this area when we left the field and my father worked in the home office. I studied Accessories Design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC, and in between my University years I was able to visit Cluj, Romania, where I was impacted spiritually through people I met. Over the years, these relationships grew and I felt I needed to return for a longer period. I am now in Cluj for 18-24 months with World Harvest Mission, working with another couple from WHM, and volunteering my time among various non-profit organizations based in Cluj. I hope to be intensely involved with the Genезius Association, a Christian Endeavor ministry reaching out to University students, and various projects involving art and design.

The deadline for the next issue of the WCEU Newsletter is 30 July 2012. Please notify us about news, events, announcements etc. if you want them to be listed here.

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Events

2012

May 26. - **57th Anniversary** of UNSEC, the National Union of Mexico

July 8-13. - **Summer Assembly "Wake the World"**, Millersville University in Lancaster County, PA, USA

July 25-29. - **CE Pacific Regional Convention**, Old Airport Complex, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, topic: **Let it shine**

July 26-29. - **Biannual Convention of the Mexican CE**, Chiapas, Mexico

August 14-21. - **Replanning Life** International camp in Piliscsaba, Hungary

September 21-22. - **98th Irish National Convention**, Broughshane Presbyterian Church. Theme: "Train, Run, Win"; speaker: Rev. Gary Glasgow, Larne

September 27. - October 1 - **WCEU Board of Trustees Meeting**, Romania

October 20. - **Annual Celebration** of CE in North West England

October 22-24. **Triennial convention of CE in India**, Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), speaker: K. Basudebam, chief guest: Rev. Kálmán Adorján, President WCEU

November 22-25. **National CE Convention**, Rennell Island, Solomon Island

2013

April 5-7 - **Executive Committee Meeting**, Lancaster county, PA, United States

August 1-4 - **Connect Europe**, Hattingen, Germany

Prayer Tasks

Ireland

- we give thanks for all that is done by those in positions of responsibility at Irish, Local and Society level and pray that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit
- pray that vacancies, at all levels, will be filled
- pray for 98th Irish National CE Convention to be held 21-22 September

England

- the important vacancies on the Management Board to be filled soon.
- preparations for the 'Celebrate' Convention at Penketh in June
- wisdom for the members of the Management Board as they make important decisions for the future of CE and especially how to reach new people through CE-online

Mali

- pray for the Christians from Northern Mali who have been driven from their homes by rebels
- pray for our friends of CE in Bamako, who try to help the refugees

Syria

- pray for the political situation and peace between the fighting parties
- pray for all the Christians in Middle-East because the present changes in the Arab world marginalise them even more than before

Who is... Dr. Dave Coryell?



Dave is married to Jen. They live in Ephrata (Lancaster County), Pennsylvania in the USA. Their four children are Katelyn, Ben, Kendra and Zach. Dave received Christ as His savior while a young boy. He grew through the faith of his immediate family, his church family, and the church's youth ministry. He has served as executive director for Christian Endeavor Mid-Atlantic for five years. Previously Dave served as a local church pastor in the areas of youth ministry and leadership development. Along with his CE work Dave teaches adjunct youth ministry courses through Evangelical Seminary and speaks at various church and youth ministry events. Dave hopes to see CE be active in all fifty US states during his lifetime. He enjoys family time, coaching soccer, movies, reading, and sports.

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