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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Psalm 46 is often sung, quoted and referred to, when Reformation is remembered. With Martin Luther's lyrics and tunes this psalm radiates the faith, hope and certainty that fills the hearts of those, who know God as their "refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

The sons of Korah may have looked to the walls of Jerusalem, the city of God, and considered God to be their fortress. No, not the huge stonewalls, God was their refuge and strength. Walls built of stones, bricks or concrete may have their importance and may offer shelter in various situations. Yet, they are not the ultimate shelter: God is it.

"...mountains fall, ... waters roar and foam, ... Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall". I can't help thinking of the Mexico earthquake, deadly hurricanes bearing human names, and humans of high and low ranks acting like hurricanes. And, of course, there are often those personal, inner troubles, which test us, just like natural or social disasters.

Reformation happens always and everywhere, when and where we put our confidence in Christ, our Rock, instead of structures built by our own hands.

The sons of Korah, Martin Luther and many others sang Psalm 46 in their own version. Sing it along with them! Let its message fill You! You'll be reformed; You'll sing your own version! To His glory, solely.

Rev. Kálmán Adorján
WCEU President

Leadership Academies to Begin in 2018

An Update from General Secretary, Dave Coryell

C.E. International Leadership Academies launching January 2018. World Christian Endeavor is making leadership development one of its top priorities. A major step to accomplishing this task involves the launch of its first C.E. International Leadership Academy event in Lagos, Nigeria January 4-7. This event will be followed by additional events in Northeast India and hopefully Guatemala and Wales later in 2018. The event includes Biblical transformational leadership values, Christian Endeavor training, C.E. structure study, Understanding Church Systems and regional networking. Once launched, the goal is to make the C.E. International Leadership Academies one of the strongest Christian development programs available. May God receive the glory as we implement this plan!

Financial Partners needed for 2018 Budget!

World C.E. needs additional financial partners to sustain and advance this worthy ministry. The amount given from national unions has increased from \$2000 two years ago to over \$10,000 for this year. Positive giving trends bring excitement and enthusiasm for World C.E.'s future, however, we are far from having a balanced budget. The ministry survives today because money was given in people's wills. This money allowed World C.E. to continue. Unfortunately, these extra funds will be gone within the next two years. We also need the funds given from national unions to double. These efforts will help us approach the modest budget we plan to support. Please consider giving financially to World C.E. It has a new vision to expand C.E. through prayer, international leadership academies, expanded resources, and enhanced networking. Lives are being changed! Please partner with us financially to continue this ministry!

Syria & Lebanon

This CE Union has recently ended their summer programs that were very fruitful and encouraging to the youth in their community. Below are updates from these camps.

The Sports Ministry Committee, which operates under the auspices of CE Union, planned a Sports Camp for young athletes for the first time in KCHAG July 24-26, 2017. The purpose of the camp was to see the connection between "Faith and Sports" and to encourage the young athletes to pass their testimony through sports. "Athletes In Action", a global spiritual and sporting organization, helped to make this camp happen. The three-day camp was full of trainings and spiritual topics. We thank God about the annual Youth Camp that took place on July 26-30, 2017 in KCHAG. There were seventy five members from Lebanon and Syria who participated in this camp. The camp speaker was Rev. Nishan Bakalian and the leader was Rev. Raffi Messerlian and there were many leaders that helped with the camp. The general theme of the camp was "To Where?", based on the Bible verse Luke 15:11-32 "The Lost Son". Each day of the camp started with quiet time which was prepared by Mrs. Kayaneh Messerlian, having the following topics: "Your Time", "Your Mind" and "Your Capabilities". It was a great summer in KCHAG especially from July 31-August 5, 2017 when sixty children from different Sunday

Schools of the Armenian Evangelical Churches and organizations gathered along with their leaders to have a joyful, blessed and enjoyable week. During the week, the children learned Psalm 95, had daily quiet times, and had



pleasant singing and worships, spent daily prayer time and had daily continuous story time.

A testimony from Junior camp: Here is the fifth and the last year where I am participating in the junior's Camp. In KCHAG, I enjoyed the fresh air, delicious meals, and beautiful nature. We had moments of worship and we sang enthusiastically during the week. Throughout the words of each song, I reflected to God's wonderful creation. The subjects led me to think of where am I in my faith. Am I praying enough? Am I ready to serve continually? One of the most influential moments was when we talked about the testimony. Suddenly, a red light was blown out in my mind as to how much I serve God, and how can I make God known to my friends. So I decided to serve faithfully with all the difficulties without giving up, always asking God's presence to be in my life. Nowadays it is hard to be rich and this demands hard work, but I can say that I will go back home rich and I am ready for the next stage in my life. I wish that the ones who will follow us be like those roots which in great difficulties will grow stronger and later become fruitful trees. Praise God for his ministry through CE Union leaders of Syria & Lebanon!

Africa

Trainings in Nigeria

Article from Momodou Kanteh, VP Africa, CE The Gambia.

Rev Joseph had a leadership training for CE in his church and outreach program.



Americas and the Caribbean

Leadership Training

Article from Yessy Guadalupe, LIDEC, CE Peru.

Among the enthusiasm and commitment to respond to the call of God, young people between the ages of 16 and 29 who are currently directing Christian Endeavors and involved in ministries, gathered on Saturday, September 09, 2017 to celebrate the inaugural service of LIDEC in the Auditorium of the Center Cultural of the Bible, where the praises were in charge of the Synodal Musical Ensemble and the preaching in charge of Pastor Eliseo Vilchez Blancas - EC Americas. This training project is carried out in a blended way and aims at strengthening and integrating the capacities of EC leaders to improve youth ministry. The objectives of this program are to reflect on the character of the striving leadership that lives the gospel, transforms and leaves a legacy. This character is understood as a service leadership in a contemporary and individualistic world. Another of the great challenges is to rethink the work of the Christian

Endeavors with proposals according to the Peruvian reality, projecting an organized youth and ministerial scenario at the local and regional level, in the same line developing the planning capacities and finally, providing tools to lead teamwork as well as conflict resolution.

LIDEC is organized by the Synodal Commission of Christian Endeavor - Synodo Coast - Peruvian Evangelical Church, with the support of World Christian Endeavor Union - Dave Coryell, General Secretary and the Christian NGO World Vision.

Trip to Belize

Article from Josue Fuentes-Blanco, WCEU Trustee, Mexico.

I took a trip to Belize, Central America to introduce CE. From the 3-6 of August I traveled to San Pablo, Orange Walk, Belize to give seminars, lectures, preaching and workshops to prepare the field in order to introduce CE in this country and north region of the country. God showed a good opportunity to



minister to these people; it was not just encouraging for the youth but also it caused a revolution in the church who opened their eyes and even some lukewarm Christians were awakened and touched by God. With the power of the Holy Spirit, God allowed me to talk with some men and couple parents who have been facing problems and conflicts in their relationships.

Lord willing, in December I will be back to train other groups and if we

sign the pledge and accept the WCEU and of course are 5 groups we officially start CE in Belize with a small union. So, pray about all these effort in order to open CE there.

Asia

Report of CE India

Article from Surendra Sahu, President of CE India.

Khordha CE in Odisha state of India send greetings! They conducted a one day retreat hosting more than 12 church CE members on August 26, 2017. Pray for Khordha CE that leaders would be trained and encouraged.

Survey Trip to Philippines

Article from Tong Un Ko, President, South Korea and WCEU Trustee.

The KCEU president held a trip to Philippines for a Vision Trip from June 12-16. Instead of building a new church during the trip the KCEU looked around the seven existing KCE mission churches and encouraged local ministers and saints. Through continuous interest and support, the local KCE mission church has been developed and grown.

KCEU Vision Trip Team visited the churches of San Pedro, Cheongmulmite, Jeongseong and EVA Church on the first day. They also had dinner with locals and delivered gifts and Tagalog Bible. And a monetary gift was donated to each of the seven churches from KCE.

The Vision Trip team also attended the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Philippine Presbyterian Church (PCP) held in Pasig City, Philippines on the 12th of June. On the occasion, the Presbyterian Church of the Philippines expressed interest in CE activities and prayed together for the establishment of CE in the

Philippines.

Conventions in North India

Article from Rev. Surendra Sahu, VP Asia, India.

The joint convention of CE in North India and CE in Nepal was organized by CE in North India at Dharan in Nepal on 28-30 September 2017 was a time of renewal and fellowship among endeavorers from different places, cultures and tradition. 250 participants from different parts of North India and 100 participants from CE in Nepal along with leaders from CE in North East India participated in the convention. The theme of the convention was, "What These Stone Mean" Joshua 4:21. Ms. B.Shilpa Rani, Assistant Professor of Calcutta Bible College and Rev, Surendra Sahu, Vice-President WCEU shared the Word of God. The active participation and co-operation of endeavors from Nepal in organizing the convention is highly appreciated. Golden Jubilee Celebration - 44th Annual Convention of Doudh-Kandhamal in Orissa State was organized in Phulbani Baptist Church on 4-6 October. More than 1200 delegates from different CE Societies of the District participated in the convention. The Theme of the convention was, "For We are His Workmanship". Ephesians 2:10. Rev. Raj Kishore Digal, Evangelist and Rev. Surendra Sahu, Vice-President of WCEU shared the Word of God in the public meetings and Bible Study. On October 16 & 17, a leadership training seminar was held out in Gangtok. 40 participants from Sikkim State CE Union attended the seminar.





Europe

The Mountain Climbing of Mérce KRISZ District Organization

Article from Márk Zányik, KRISZ, Ukraine

On the 10th of June, mountain climbing took place for the members of this organization. Our goal was to reach the summit of Brebeneskul. This summit is the 2nd highest in Ukraine. Unfortunately, the previous days were quite rainy, but we are thankful to God the weather was wonderful. First, we started our journey by bus, which took us to the foot of the mountain.

Next we walked through woods, meadows and fields. It took very long until we made it to the top of the hill. The nature was just wonderful, we could even see the highest situated lake in Ukraine, unfortunately the water was too cold to go for a swim, but the shore gave us a nice view of everything God has created. While relaxing a bit on the mountain, we listened to the preaching of Barta. Finally, we prayed for each other and praised the Lord with music.

New President for Irish CE

Update from Margaret Houston, Ireland

We give thanks to Almighty God for His Blessings upon the 103rd Irish National Convention held on 15-16 September in Enniskillen Presbyterian Church.

The Revd Andrew Mullan, speaking on the theme, **“Will you take a stand”**, based his addresses on 1 Corinthians 16 v 13, **“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be**

courageous; be strong”.

A substantial check, the proceeds of the 2016/17 Missionary Project, was presented to the Bible Society in Northern Ireland supporting their work in telling God’s big story to children in schools. Avril Graham, Irish Missionary Convenor introduced the 2017/18 Project, Abaana, which aims to help children in Africa, mostly in Uganda, break the chains of poverty through education and the building of schools.

Special events were organized for Seniors, Young People and Juniors. Mr Mark Crawford was installed as Irish CE President. His Presidential theme is, **“Building Strong Foundations”**.

Irish Union’s Annual Prayer week will be held 5-11 November when Societies and Unions organize prayer times.

We trust God to continue this ministry as we see the impact in the lives of teenagers and youth.



The General Secretary Looks Back

Article from Robert Tinney

I want to explore my journey through Christian Endeavour but as Paul says not to boast but honor the Christ whom I have served for over 50 years. My first contact with CE was in my home congregation. The leader of the Young Peoples CE, knowing that I was a newly converted Christian approached me to join the Society. I became totally committed to CE and served in various positions. I then moved to Belfast and while there Irish CE came in 1985 and asked if I would take on the

position of the Irish Union Extension convenorship and subsequently served in this position for nine years. Then in 2005, people in the Bangor and Ards area came to me and asked if I would allow my name to go forward as Irish President. Initially, I refused but they were persistent and I agreed to believe that this was another chapter in the plan that God had for me. I served as President for the 2005-2006 year and thoroughly enjoyed traveling about visiting Societies. After that period of service, it came as a surprise to me to be asked to take the position of General Secretary of Irish Christian Endeavor. As I had just retired it became evident that God still had work for me to do and I was elected.

I do not know what lies ahead but God knows and He will have a plan. During my year as President I took the verse from Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you”. This remains relevant in my life and I trust that for all who read this that it will resonate with them also. Never in my wildest dreams would I have ever thought about the passage he had planned for me over the last 54 years since joining Christian Endeavor. May I end this by expressing my wholehearted thanks to leaders, Personal Members, members of Local Executives, Boards and Council past and present for all their assistance and prayers over these past 10 years as General Secretary. May our God continue to bless the work of Christian Endeavor in Ireland.



Rosemary McDaniel is Irish Union's New General Secretary



Irish CE has elected Mrs. Rosemary McDaniel as its new General Secretary in succession to Mr. Robert Tinney who has retired.

Rosemary, who grew up on a farm in Co. Antrim in Northern Ireland, met her husband Trevor while undergraduates and, following their marriage in 1978, set up home in Co. Tyrone.

She was blessed with a career which she loved - teaching P1 and P2 children - taking a short career break when their three daughters were small. Now having taken early retirement, much of her time is taken up with their five grandchildren. Brought to Church and Sunday School, Rosemary was saved at the age of fourteen. Two years later she began teaching Sunday School and helping with the Children's Meeting. Church was to play an important role in her life and still does today. Loving her Lord and loving working with children, Rosemary was delighted when asked to help with Ballygawley and Ballyreagh Junior CE Society. She was to go on to become its leader for more than twenty years. She serves as Secretary of her Local CE Union and has been Irish Union Assistant General Secretary for some years. She was honored to have served two terms as Irish Union President in 2007/08 and 2015/16.

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Communication Secretary

Update written by Grace Messersmith
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World CE is excited about the communication secretaries that have been appointed in Hungary, Ireland, Lebanon & Syria, USA, India, England, Australia, American Samoa, Germany and Ukraine so far. Please help us by sending the information we need for your nation's communication secretary so we can improve the communication around the world with brothers and sisters in CE.

Events

2017

November 5-11 - Irish Union Prayer Week

2018

July 25-29 - World CE Convention, San Diego, California, USA

October - National Convention of CE in India

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS!

The World C.E. Council meets every four years in conjunction with the world convention. On July 25th, in the morning and the afternoon, representatives from around the world will convene to elect leadership and conduct business for C.E. Nominations are being accepted from current council members and national union leaders by December 31.



Are you sad that your country has not been mentioned in a long time?

This is probably because we have not been notified. PLEASE send us any prayer requests or updates to be considered for the next WCEU Newsletter.

The deadline for the next issue of the WCEU Newsletter is January 1, 2018. Please notify us about news, events, announcements etc.