



# World's Christian Endeavor News

For Christ and His Church

May 2018

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### Creator of the World

"He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to man, he turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth — the Lord God Almighty is his name." (Amos 4:13)

In this little hymn, placed next to hard prophetic messages conveying dire prospects of God's judgement, Amos speaks about who God is. He is the Creator of the world, who is mighty to set his rules in nature and to tread on mountaintops. Moreover, inserted between two pairs of nature-related traits, we find this man-related "identification mark" of God: he "reveals his thoughts to man." This means, the God would not let any doubt regarding his will, his intentions and his purposes concerning us – in general and in details. "In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son." (Hebrew 1:2)

A long list of prayer-items – goals, plans, events, thoughts, etc. – from all over the world were gathered a month ago, for the prayer week of World's CE. We hope, that Endeavorers around the world will continually have many more goals, plans, events and thoughts to share with each other, and to pray for.

Let this attribute of God prompt us to have the following requests always in our heart and on our prayer-list:

Lord God, give us an open ear and a receptive heart to hear what you have already revealed to us! Speak about yourself, that we might know you. Speak about ourselves, that we might know, who we are. Speak through us, and help us to witness your love, your power and your holiness!

Rev. Kálmán Adorján  
WCEU President

## REGISTER TO ATTEND THE 28TH WORLD CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION TODAY!

July 25-29, 2018 in San Diego, California, USA

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**WORLD CE PRAYER WEEK**

It is a joy to set aside a week every year to pray for all God is doing around the world through Christian Endeavor. Here is a summary of what was highlighted throughout this first week of February. Set aside some time to be in prayer for the items listed below.

**Day #1: We Give Thanks**

*Kalman Adorjan - WCEU President*

We give thanks for the hope (in broader sense the gospel) given in Christ!

We give thanks for the richness of this hope, because it says, that

- God accepted us by his grace as his beloved sons and daughters in and because of Christ;
- Christ washed our sins away by his blood;
- God keep us and protects us, holds out lives in his hands with perseverant love;
- Our certainty regarding the future hope rests on God and his fulfilled promises.

We pray for a growing understanding of the hope in Christ, as presented in the Scriptures.

We pray, that this richness may cause us to rejoice in the Lord.

**Day #2: Africa**

*Momodou Kanteh - VP Africa*

- Please pray for new CE connections being made in Sierra Leone, Guinine Bissau, Togo, Senegal and Benin Republic.
- Because of CE growth in Africas, there are many travels to be done within the region. As VP, I have some challenges to make some of these travels, due to limited funding for Africa VP. I am also doing a full time circular work to support my family.
- Pray for me as I look for support to enable me to be in full time ministry, and able to travel to spread CE in the new regions.

**Day #3: Americas**

*Eliseo Vilchez-Blancas - VP Americas*

- Let's pray for the strengthening of the efforts and processes of integration of CE in the region.
- Pray for the endeavorer that is going to take the vice presidency for the region for the next four years.
- One of the major problems in Peru is the corruption in political and economic scopes. Pray in favor of the processes of rights and justice that would lead to peace.
- Pray for problems in Mexico of violence, especially among young people.
- Pray for Guatemala and neighboring countries in Central America as many face poverty.
- Pray for CE in USA for guidance with new staff and the coaching of churches for ministry.
- Pray for recruitment of additional godly board members of for CE USA.
- Pray also for CE friends in Cayman Islands, Guyana and others a part of CE in the Americas.

**Day #4: Asia**

*Surendra Sahu - VP Asia*

- Pray for the National Convention in Bilaspur, India in October, 2018 with more than 3,000 expected to participate.
- Pray for all visas to be granted to those in Asia planning to attend the convention in July, 2018.
- Pray for the endeavorer that is going to take the vice presidency for the region for the next four years.
- Pray for God to continue growing CE in South Korea and for peace and turmoil with brothers and sister in the North to cease.
- Pray for God to use this year's leadership to inspire youth to boldly seek the Lord in South Korea.
- Pray for God to strengthen CE in the Philippines where it has just begun in this territory.

**Day #5: Europe & The Middle East**

*Harry Wedekind - VP Europe*

- We praise our Lord for better communication with national unions than we had in the past.
- We thank our Lord for Connect Europe and the many young people we had during that event and we pray for more participants from different counties in the future.
- We praise our Lord for CE work going on in Germany with many professional workers and volunteers in Austria, Romania, Hungary, Ireland, Russia, UK and Ireland.
- Pray for missions project in Netherlands, inspiration in prayer for Germany, finding ways to involve young people in Hungary and training materials for motivation young people to support all of these programs.
- Pray for endeavorers in Lebanon involved in work with refugees.

**Day #6: Pacific**

*Mike Warren - Hawai'i*

- Praise to God for great things he is doing in the Pacific region.
- There is much preparation to be done as this region hosts the convention in July, 2018.
- Pray for Hawaii as they had to prepare for a missile impact recently and are now dealing with the volcano eruption and thousands have to evacuate.

**Day #7: Last Day of Prayer Week**

*Dave Coryell - General Secretary*

Consider people we read about in the Bible- what was Moses' perspective when he stared at the Red Sea blocking the Israelites from safety, Joshua when he faced defeat at Ai, or Rahab when she was asked to hide and protect two spies from the soldiers of Jericho? Each of these people and countless more from scripture saw only a small part of what God was doing. God has the greatest perspective! My goal at the close of this prayer week . . . provide Perspective!



## New Leadership Academy Trainings Begin!

Article from Dave Coryell, WCEU General Secretary.



### NIGERIA

The first CE Leadership Academy started on the evening of January 4. About one hundred and fifty people filled the church hall as Dr Adeosun and I both offered welcome messages in between interpretive dances and praise worship choruses. After three hours together we all retired for the evening. The next morning approximately sixty people gathered to start the training. This number grew to about eighty by mid-morning. A format including lecture as well as small group interactive discussion was used. A longer break was taken at lunch but we covered significant material from morning until ending the day with dinner. The teachers included Bishop Adeosun, VP Modou Kanteh, and me.

The sessions we planned seemed to truly impact the participants. In talking with VP for Africa, Momodou Kanteh, he plans to identify several key leaders from the group and follow up with them to continue processing the material. We are hopeful that this will help them to further reinforce the messages with their people. I am receiving messages from participants that God used the training in a powerful manner.

### INDIA

February 20-22 were the Leadership Academy's equipping Days. We applied the same format as was used in Nigeria during January with a few exceptions. Time allowed a

Workshop Facilitation Skills session to be offered which led to participants leading small groups two days later. People applied ideas in the workshop as they taught their small group for five minute segments. I received overwhelmingly positive feedback. One person said, "I have attended trainings for decades and this was better." Hearing this a few times made me curious just what was better. Upon going a little bit deeper, I learned that 1) they were totally soaking in the material to a level that shocked me and 2) they fell in love with the teaching method variety. Sahu jumped right in as he taught on Biblical Transformational values. I continued this in the sessions I taught on CE, Mentoring, Growth Planning, Leadership Structures, and Workshop Facilitation. Thirty-Nine people participated from three Indian regions: North, NorthEast and South. Currently India has approximately eighty thousand people involved with CE across the three different regions.

The organizational structure, commitment, Ministry functions, impressive variety of talented young leaders and large denominational variety place India as one of the World CE leaders. I was highly impressed by the godliness of the delegates and the passion to learn in order to serve more for God's glory.

### LEBANON

On Saturday February 24 I traveled to Beirut, Lebanon. I arrived on

Sunday the 25th and I was transported to Raffi Messerlian's church for the annual CE banquet.

Next day we began training. First I led a two hour block for emerging leaders. After this concluded, a new group came and we launched the Leadership Academy where Raffi and I took turns teaching. One surprise was a man named Rami from Jordan. He flew in just for the training, raved about the content numerous times and said he wants to bring us to Jordan. The amazing part of this; he knows nothing about CE! He heard leadership training was being offered and came running. Now he heard about CE and wants to expose pastors to the concept. God is truly moving! We celebrated a successful Leadership Academy with a team dinner. I was moved by the passion and talent present at the trainings. I was also humbled at the attitude the group has to further study and tweak their CE practice to incorporate elements that have been forgotten or lost along the way.

On Sunday I volunteered to preach at Raffi's church. I have now spoken and been translated into seven or eight different languages. Following morning worship I had a meeting with Raffi and to briefly debrief the experience.

My reflection is that the CE work in Lebanon/Syria is strong. The people involved continue to share all the work they need to do. These steps can take place in the coming years through God's work in these willing Kingdom-minded servants.



### New CE Connections in Zambia & Zimbabwe

Article from Keith Gallagher, Zambia/Zimbabwe

I am involved in Zambia and Zimbabwe. The lack of any real activity for young people apart from singing in a choir and the question of future leadership in the churches was what lead me to start the CE groups. In October 2016 I decided to

grown up township of Harare - Zimbabwe.

At the conference of some 30+ rural churches in Zambia they demonstrated their meeting four times. This invigorated the association of



experiment with a group at one church in Kabwe – Zambia and with one church in Bulawayo – Zimbabwe. I also recognized that the title of Christian Endeavour didn't mean anything to the young people so I used the words. Young Peoples Training Programme. I revisited the group in Bulawayo which is part of the township church at Rangemore Baptist in March 2017 and was very impressed with the way they had taken to the programme. I then suggested that they travel to a conference I was speaking at in Zambia in August that year (2017). The idea was for them to demonstrate at the conference the way they meet to inspire other churches to pick up the programme. On the journey to Zambia they “demonstrated” their meeting at a township church (Seke Baptist) in the city of Chitungwisa which is a

those churches. I had held a previous meeting with leaders to explain what “CE” is and what the aims are. That association now has three groups running as does the church in Chitungwisa – Seke Baptist Church.

communicating, fulfilling the mission and now with new methodologies are reconfigured to continue transforming our society with the gospel.

As mentioned in the book of Hebrews, The God of Peace enables us to do good works! This biblical affirmation is the motto of LIDEC, the youth leadership program of Christian Endeavors has strengthened the capacities to enhance our ministry in Lima-Peru.

This space has allowed deepening on the essence of the Leadership, each participant has obtained greater knowledge regarding the organization of the EC, the development of ministerial projects, improve their performance in directing the Teamwork, as well as in the Resolution of Conflicts.

LIDEC It was carried out from September to November of the previous year and this 2018 is continued equipping them. How?

challenging them to be part of regional projects that are promoted in our environment, assuming new responsibilities from their gifts and talents. Thanks be given to the God of Hope for this new hard-working leadership!

### LIDEC IMPACT IN LIMA

Article from Yescenia Guadalupe, CE Peru

“Developing new generations of leaders will always be a great challenge” Because the contexts change, the technology advances, in front of it, the ways of relating,



## Meet Eva Boess, CE Volunteer from Germany



Eva grew up on a farm in Germany in a four generations home. Through family members and friends she came to Christ in her early childhood. As a teenager she began helping in youth ministry. She was engaged in church services for adolescents, a Christian camp for children, and a youth group all lead by Christian Endeavor. In addition, she was part of small group Bible studies in school and several Christian choirs.

In High School she decided to do a gap year that would have a deeper purpose. She had plans to go to the Philippines and South Africa, but the Lord wanted her to go in a different direction. Following her graduation from High School in June 2017 she met Dave Coryell, the General Secretary of C.E., at a youth camp in Germany. After a couple conversations with him, she decided to do volunteer service for Christian Endeavor. In October 2017, she came to the Coryell family and she will stay in America until August 2018.

Her activities include writing and translating C.E. materials into German and office work to support the international C.E. network (e.g. designing C.E. material, administrating C.E. Social Media Websites, and other creative projects). Also, she is involved in C.E. events, especially in the preparations for the C.E. World Convention. Other tasks are to visit student groups and to exchange experiences. In summer, she will be a staff member at the C.E. USA mission weeks.

In the past four months the 18-year-old had many enriching experiences and it is a pleasure for her to get challenged in new areas and to discover unknown talents. It is great that she can combine her creative and musical preferences with her job. She likes to see the differences between the two cultures and wants to take some different ideas home with her. She has made a lot of new friends since she came to the States and has grown close to her host family. She is eager to strengthen her relationship with Christ, to share her faith with others, and to help build the kingdom of God through her volunteer activity.

## Events

2018

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

October 17-19 - National Convention of CE India

2019

February 3-9 - CE Prayer Week



**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.

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

## Communication Secretary

*Update written by Grace Messersmith  
Administrative Assistant to  
General Secretary.*

World CE is excited about the many communication secretaries that have been appointed 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