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Online Nazarene Master's Program Equips Eurasia Educators

Nampa, Idaho—In May, two of Eurasia's Theological Education (TE) coordinators became the first from Eurasia to earn degrees through Northwest Nazarene University's (NNU) online graduate education program.

Simon Jothi, the academic dean for South Asia Nazarene Bible College and India's TE coordinator, earned his master's degree in Christian Education. Teanna Sunberg, missionary to Bulgaria and TE coordinator Southeastern Europe, received her master's degree in Missional Leadership. Both were present at the graduation ceremony WHEN in Nampa, Idaho.

"Students in our online learning communities are strengthened through the interactions they have with students like Simon and Teanna," said Jay Akerman, director of graduate theological online education for NNU. "As students share from their cultural contexts, the learning experience deepens for all involved. We're very proud to be able to call both of them NNU alumni."

Online graduate education continues to open doors for current and future ministers.

Northern Europe Field Strategy Coordinator Philip McCallister is currently enrolled in the program, and NNU is preparing to offer a PhD program online within the next 18 months. ♦



575-Mile Bike Ride Raises \$105,000+ for South Asia Child Development Centers



by Simone Finney
Eurasia Communications

The message came from Bangladesh early one morning, sent for a man on a bicycle in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia: "Today, 2,000 children are praying for you."

For David Argabright, it was one of many miracles that accompanied him on the 575-mile ride in June. And it was the thought of those children that pushed the Virginia native to continue for nine days through injuries, near-accidents, extreme weather and physical exhaustion.

"You could hear the storms and thunder and knew that the heavens were battling," said Argabright, reflecting on one particularly intense day. It echoed

the battle he'd felt in his heart and life for the children of South Asia during the past year, one he was fighting with each rotation of his pedals.

In his mind was a UNICEF statistic: in South Asia, three million children under the age of five die each year—one every 10 seconds. It was a statistic he couldn't accept, especially after spending three weeks in Bangladesh with his daughter Brittany the previous summer.

Even after years of coordinating field partnerships and Work and Witness (WNW) in South America and Africa, Argabright had been overwhelmed by the needs he'd encountered in South Asia, particularly among children. On

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Netherlands, France Consider Multicultural Ministry Possibilities

Northern Europe and Western Mediterranean Fields—The Church of the Nazarene in Rotterdam, Netherlands houses three congregations: Dutch Nazarene and Cape Verdian Nazarene groups gather regularly, and the building is also rented to a Ghanaese Evangelical fellowship. Paris First Church is also home to three Nazarene congregations: French, Haitian and Arabic.

Multiculturalism is becoming increasingly common in European cities, prompting churches to ask how this changes their vision and heart for the cities in which they are located.

In response, the churches in Paris and Rotterdam hosted events in May with Oliver Philips and Gustavo Crocker leading workshops and guiding participants into local neighborhoods to observe, pray and interview neighbors.

"It was tremendous to see how people respond to insights about multi-cultural ministries by two multi-cultural men," said Rev. Arthur Snijders, Netherlands District Superintendent. "This has not only opened our eyes in fresh ways for the ministry of the Church, but it has built bridges and encouraged us to take action." ♦

Compassion 575: Biking Supports S. Asia Kids

the plane home, the burden took root: he wanted to participate in something he could not do alone. He wanted to make a loud statement for the needs of children.

“I felt that it needed to be something that would be impossible for me otherwise,” said the 52-year-old Argabright, who had done a 50-mile ride at 22, but hadn’t been on a bike in 30 years. “Skyline Drive is 105 miles and the Blue Ridge Parkway is 470 miles, so to go from 0 to 575 miles was an incredible challenge, but I felt like God could help me do it.”

The ride would raise support for child development centers (CDCs) in South Asia, which offer children education, spiritual support and often their only meal of the day.

With his family beside him, Argabright planned to begin serious training that fall, but a biking accident resulted in a broken collarbone that needed eight weeks to heal.

Argabright read several books on biking during his recovery, but the injury set his training schedule back three months—then he got a surprise from his doctor after leading a WNW trip to Bangladesh.

“He said I had a hernia, and that because of the amount of travel I do overseas, I needed an operation immediately,” said Argabright. The consistent obstacles seemed insurmountable.

“We told the Lord we believed he’d given us this dream,” said Argabright, whose wife Sharon was by his side through training and recovery. “But we committed, knowing that when He did this it would be a greater miracle than the walls of Jericho coming down.”

Six men prayed consistently for Argabright as he trained, updating one another weekly with new requests. The members of the WNW teams he’d coordinated in Bangladesh joined in.

Argabright cross-trained for weeks until he could sit on a bike again, and managed to put in 2,500 miles before June.

Leading a WNW team in Nepal in March, to build a ministry center that would house a CDC and a church, his enthusiasm for the ride renewed. Friends, WNW team members and churches throughout Virginia and Tennessee distributed flyers. Donations came in.

“Folks started to catch a vision of what this could potentially do for the church and God’s children,” he said. “These CDCs they offer stability and open doors for communities to come to know Christ. People want to know why you’re doing this for their children. By showing His love, they want to come to know it.”

With the contributions came stories:

one woman donated a diamond ring to sell on Ebay. A retired minister went to prepay his funeral services and cut the budget by \$1,500 because he’d seen the flyer, and wanted to participate. One retired missionary sends \$9 each month.

“There was a significant contribution dated the 16th of April,” he said. “The next one was from same lady, dated the next day, with a note: ‘God said, ‘Give more.’ YEAH! Praise His name.’”

The bike ride started on 1 June. A local church met Argabright and his family early that morning for prayer. Throughout the journey, notes poured in from Sri Lanka, Nepal, prayer partners. Friends in Texas and Tennessee fasted for the first three days of the ride. In Bangladesh, 1,000 people gathered for an overnight prayer meeting.

For nine days, it was clear to Argabright, who updated his blog throughout the ride, that he wasn’t alone.

“It was never about me or the bike or the money,”

he said. “What God did here in this community of believers is that the whole world prayed. Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka—for them to commit to pray for me, to call out to God to meet the needs of these children, that’s what it was about. Just the presence of God in our lives.”

To date, \$88,000 has been given for child development in South Asia. Two new CDCs have been approved in Nepal, with 150 children registered in each. A church in Arizona has committed to sponsoring two CDCs in Sri Lanka. Additional funds will be directed to CDCs in Bangladesh. Support continues to come from unexpected places.

As he pedaled through the mountains in June, Argabright and his family shared their dreams for South Asia with people they met along the way—and one man decided to sponsor a child for a year.

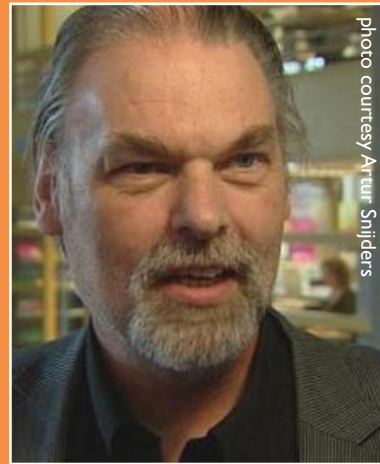
“These are the miracles of prayer and total trust,” said Argabright, looking back on a journey that’s nowhere near complete. “There’s nothing I could have done here by myself.” ♦

Compassion 575 is an approved Nazarene Compassionate Ministries fundraiser. To learn more, visit compassion575.com or <http://nazareneblogs.org/davidargabright>

To support the project, make checks out be to ‘General Treasurer, Church of Nazarene.’ In the memo, mark ‘NCMCOMP575’.

Mail all contributions to: South Asia Partnership, P. O. Box 12144, Roanoke, VA 24023

Dutch Lay Minister Knighted for Pioneer Work in Education



Rotterdam, Netherlands—The Nazarene church community knows Piet Boekhoud as the chairman of the Board of Trustees of European Nazarene College (EuNC) or a committed member of the church in Rotterdam, Europe’s largest harbor city. But for more than 25 years, Boekhoud has been the president of a vocational college of nearly 30,000 students, working to tackle the huge social issues of Rotterdam. It was this work that caught the attention of his country.

On 9 June, 58-year-old Boekhoud was knighted by Netherlands Queen Beatrix in the presence of his family and colleagues at the Albada College in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

For years, Boekhoud has been especially concerned about young people and their chances to make something of their lives despite difficult family or social circumstances, so he connected the college with companies and factories, lobbying with the local and the national government to offer new opportunities. In this way, Boekhoud has inspired many as an educational innovator and social pioneer.

“Boekhoud has a holistic perspective on holiness and it has always been obvious to him that a purpose to live for and people who give you a chance to better yourself and a job to use your talents, were all part of God’s kingdom,” said Netherlands District Superintendent Arthur Snijders. “As the Netherlands district we feel privileged that he and his family are part of our church.” ♦

Albania Church Begins New Village Work



photo courtesy Elke Kaci

Children in Barbullinje, Albania gather on the village sports field once a week for lessons with mentors from the church in Lushnje. Relationships with the children are also creating connections with local parents.

Southeastern Europe Field

Barbullinje, Albania—After the Southeastern Europe Field conference in Macedonia in October 2008, the congregation in Lushnje, Albania was inspired to begin a new church work in the nearby village of Barbullinje.

After praying and meeting people in the village, they decided to start a children's meeting in the sports field in the center of the village. As many as 3 children have begun regularly, with parents sometimes coming to ask why they are organizing the weekly program.

"The kids and their parents both like

us," said Lushnje church pastor Elke Kaci. "After one meeting, one of the boys came to us and said that we should visit his home, because his mom likes to read books. So we went there, were welcomed warmly and talked about starting a Bible study. The mom said "yes" to it and so we started with that mom, the grandmother and an other relative."

Having a building would make it easier to work with women and girls in the village and begin different activities and courses for them. "But we know God is faithful," said Kaci "and will give us what is needed." ♦

Dutch Youth Welcome Revival at District Camp

by Dennis Mohn

Talent nights are a regular part of the annual teen and youth camps on the Netherlands District. Young people come up on stage to perform a drama, a song, read poetry or host a game for the group.

This year, one teen asked if he could say something quickly at the end. He shared how he struggled a lot in the past year; how friends at school, the divorce of his parents, his negativity, and the feeling of loneliness drove him into isolation and deep sadness. Through the songs we sang at a worship service earlier this week God spoke to Him and made clear to him that it is not God who neglected him, but that it was his own attitude that drove him away from God.

One teen after another came up on the platform and shared. People gave their testimony and others preached and encouraged the group. Those who wanted to receive prayer were asked to stand so that others could lay hands on them. For two hours people were praying with and for each other, worshipping in song, sharing and preaching.

The days after, we experienced an amazing shift in the overall atmosphere of the group. Friday night's service was about surrender, and many responded to the call of completely giving their lives to God during the service.

People got up and shared about the love they felt, that they feel compelled to deepen their relationship with Jesus [because of camp], that they took off a holy mask, and that they learned more about themselves by getting to know God better. The group was closer than we have ever seen before.

Until early Saturday morning, the young people spent time writing in one another's notebooks, which we hand out each year so people can write a little letters. This year it was obvious that much more time was spent writing to each other.

God certainly awakened something in the young people. It's something we can't really grasp yet. I really want to ask you to pray for those young people, for their leaders and pastors, that what God has done in their lives doesn't stay an experience in itself but that it truly will be a new and awakened beginning in their Christian journey. ♦

This article was compiled from several D-Sharp blog entries. Read the complete camp story, and other news from the Netherlands at www.d-sharp.eu

Field Leaders Dig Into Jordan Ministry



Jordan—This year's annual meetings for Eurasia's Field Strategy Coordinators (FSCs) invited their families to partner with believers in Jordan to support a long-running ministry to children.

The school in Zarqua, Jordan has been educating grade-school children for more than 50 years, and has a reputation for excellence among its neighbors. The school itself got a makeover this spring as the FSCs and their families put brushes and bodies to work, painting 13 rooms in the school during their time together.

The group also enjoyed participating in a baptismal service, touring Petra, camping overnight in Wadi Rum and playing mud ball in the Dead Sea.

"Church leaders saw the new side of servant leadership," said Eastern Mediterranean Field Strategy Coordinator Lindell Browning. "It was important to see regional leadership doing work that some of them only stopped to do while [visitors] were there." ♦



GENERAL ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS 2009

Orlando, Florida

Technology Gives Global Gathering New Dimensions

Geography isn't the obstacle to global gatherings that it used to be.

Thanks to live Web broadcasts, video conferencing, online social networking sites and digital mass-messaging programs, the number of bodies at the Church of the Nazarene's 22nd General Assembly and Conventions this summer was only a fraction of the actual community that participated in the event throughout its duration.

In addition to more than 22,000 individuals who journeyed to Orlando, Florida, USA from 24 June to 3 July, tens of thousands were connected with business sessions and services online.

More than 10,000 connections were open online for Sunday morning's Holy Communion service—some for individuals, some for entire congregations. In the hours that followed, another 5,000 connections were made to the archived service, making it easier for churches in other time zones to watch it on their own schedule.

Between the event's business sessions and services, more than 122,000 connections were made to nazarene.org, where the services were all streamed live, said Rick Guilfoil, administrative director of Web Development for the Global Ministry Center. This more than quadrupled the 27,000 connections garnered in 2005.

Connections came from 115 different countries, the top five being the United States of America, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Mexico and Canada.

Some connected with old friends, posted photos and discussed the services on Nazarene-specific Facebook pages; others followed and commented on short real-time updates via Twitter.

Nazarene Youth International held the first multi-site convention in the church's history, with NI representatives participating in youth business from eight sites around the world, and Nazarene Missions International elected to hold its next conventions the same way.

What else is new? Read on. ♦

DVDs of worship services can be purchased at generalassemblyvideos.com or viewed/downloaded at nazarenemedialibrary.org



photo courtesy/ NCN News

Flags organized for the March of Nations represent global growth in the Church of the Nazarene and increased representation and involvement of many world areas in this summer's conventions and assembly.

Global Delegates Choose New Superintendents

The three retiring General Superintendents received honorary titles from the 2009 General Assembly—James Diehl and Paul Cunningham received the titles of general superintendent emeritus and Nina Gunter general superintendent emerita.

The assembly re-elected the three incumbent general superintendents, Jerry D. Porter, Jesse C. Middendorf and J.K. Warrick.

Eugenio Duarte, Africa Regional Director, was elected to the first open spot, making him the 37th General Superintendent (G.S.), and the first in the position to be chosen from outside North America.

John C. Bowling initially accepted his election as the 38th G.S., then rescinded it the following morning, saying that he did not feel the peace he needed about the decision.

"Out of love and respect, I apologize to you all," Bowling said. He is the first

individual in Nazarene history to decline the superintendency twice (2005, 2009).

Subsequently, David W. Graves, elected earlier as the 39th general superintendent, was declared the 38th general superintendent, and voting recommenced for the 39th superintendent, which ended with Stanley A. Toler in the position. ♦



Retiring and re-elected General Superintendents pray over Duarte, Graves and Toler, the newest electees during the installation service.

New Regional Advisory Council Elected Representatives Will Serve Eurasia for Next Four Years

NORTHERN EUROPE

Rev. Hans-Günter Mohn, Germany
[To Be Announced]

INDIA

Rev. Simon Jothi
Mrs. Sudha Meshramkar

SOUTH ASIA

Rev. Sukamal Biswas, Bangladesh
Rev. Dilli Subba, Nepal

CIS

Rev. Vladymyr Masyuk, Ukraine

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Sultan Masannat

SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE

Rev. Ms. Zhana Georgieva, Bulgaria

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Rev. Dr. Giovanni Cereda, Italy

NMI Moves Toward More International Future

At the General NMI Convention and Global Missions Conference June 24-26 in Orlando, Florida, USA, the Eurasia Regional Caucus elected Rob Kegel from the Netherlands District as the Eurasia representative to the Global NMI Council for the next four years. Kegel follows Philip Weatherill from the British Isles South District in this role, who completed two consecutive terms as regional representative (maximum terms of service) and served as vice-president on the council.

"We appreciate how Philip has represented our region and served on the Council for the past eight years," said Eurasia NMI Coordinator Heidi Bowes. "As Rob will represent our region to the Council, please feel free to contact him with concerns, issues, highlights, and reports of NMI activities on your districts."

Rob served as the Netherlands District NMI President for eight years and has continued to serve on the district council with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries since then. He is also a mentor for emerging church leaders.

"[Serving as the NMI president] was a great experience have a better understanding of the ministry and mission of the Church of the Nazarene," said Kegel, who works as a consultant for human resources and management. "I'm glad the 'M' in 'NMI' means 'missions.' I'm so aware that the ministry of the church has to be holistic and focused on the human being in whole, with all his or her needs."

Rob can be contacted at robkegel@chello.nl

Other NMI Highlights:

- Philip Weatherill from the British Isles South District was one of two nominees on the ballot for Global NMI President.
- Jennifer Brown from Jamaica on the Caribbean Region was the other nominee and she was elected to serve as Global NMI President. She is the first non-American to be elected to this position.
- "General" was voted to be changed to "Global" (council, president, etc.) in the NMI Constitution.
- The Global Council approve the place(s) the Global Convention can be held. This provides the option for holding future conventions in multiple sites.



A handmade sign in Orlando's Orange County Convention Center celebrates Jennifer Brown of the Caribbean, the first non-American to be elected global NMI president.

SDMI's 1st Global Celebration Unveils New Fellowship



SDMI Director Woodie Stevens encourages listeners to think about discipling and being disciples.



GSs J.K. Warrick and Nina Gunter motor into the SDMI service on a Harley to invite delegates to the "Rockledge Rumble" fellowship in Orlando.

The very first Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) quadrennial celebration was held Thursday morning. SDMI Director Woodie J. Stevens provided delegates with an inspirational message about discipleship and challenged them to pass the faith on to the next generation.

The newly-formed Nazarene Motorcycle Fellowship (NMF) was introduced by General Superintendents J.K. Warrick and Nina G. Gunter, who rode into the service on a Harley Davidson motorcycle before inviting everyone to NMF's Rockledge Rumble event on Saturday.

Worship was led by Darwin Speicher, music coordinator, and an intergenerational choir sang a medley of familiar Sunday School songs.

Emphasizing the mission of "Making Christlike Disciples in the Nations," Stevens asked two questions: "Who is discipling you?" and "Who are you discipling?"

"Go," he said in closing, "make disciples who make disciples, who make disciples..." ♦

Nina Archakova Volgograd, Russia

I have to admit that I was not looking forward to carrying my [traditional Russian] dress through my whole trip and it taking up so much room in my suitcase, especially because we had to fly 14 times in our trip (we went many places after General Assembly).

But I really wanted to carry a flag [in the March of Nations during the Nazarene Missions International service], so I packed my dress and came to the assembly, and God showed me how He can use small things that we can not even imagine.

I was standing behind the stage ready to carry my flag when a lady in uniform came up to me and asked in English, what country I am from. I said that I am from Russia, and the lady got so excited, saying in Russian, "Yes, I recognized your dress!"

That was two minutes before I was supposed to come out with my flag, and after I went through the hall, the lady was waiting to talk with me.

She is Russian, and moved to the USA with her parents when she was 17. She lives in Orlando and works at the convention center and she had no idea what was going on, because she asked me, "What show is this?"

We talked about church and about God. She had so many questions and I tried to tell her as much as I could about Church of the Nazarene--she was so interested. She was disappointed that she missed this event.

Then she asked, if there is Church of the Nazarene in Orlando?

I said yes and tried to find people who could give her a church address. At the end of our talk, I was trying to encourage her to join the church by saying how wonderful it is to be with God. She was listening and then said, "If only you knew how lonely I am."

I have her e-mail address and will write to her. I pray she will find the Lord, because I know it was His plan for this lady to use a Russian dress to let her know that she is not lonely, He is the One who wants to help her.



In costume, Nina Archakova carries the flag of her native Russia as part of NMI's March of Nations, representing the countries where the Church of the Nazarene works.

With Delegates in Eight Sites, Youth Break Ground in Global Representation



photo courtesy NCN News

A delegate in Mumbai addresses the business team in Orlando via video conference during a voting session.

India sent two delegates to the 2005 Global Nazarene Youth International (NYI) Convention, despite the fact that dozens had been elected. As is the case for many world areas, visa and financial issues prevented more from attending the event in North America.

But with a vote to enable all elected delegates to participate regardless of geography, this summer's convention saw voters in eight locations, connected via videoconference—66 of them in India.

It was a first for the Nazarene church, with almost 800 delegates in Orlando, and nearly 200 more worldwide: Büsingen, Germany (27); Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (40); Johannesburg, South Africa (4); Manila, Philippines (57); Mumbai, India (66); Quito, Ecuador (17) and Santa Cruz, Trinidad (5).

Delegates at each site were able to discuss, question, propose and vote on business, as well as nominate and elect the next Global NYI Council.

The convention business and activities ran simultaneously, so India's partici-

pants stayed up late, and Manila's group proudly donned t-shirts with coffee mugs and the words, "Up All Night."

Eurasia held its regional caucus with video connections to Büsingen and Mumbai, and elected its first non-European president (Milton from South Asia). Christoph Nick (Germany) was re-elected as the vice president.

"The conference exceeded my expectations as to how it managed to bring all the delegates from all over world together in matters of business, fellowship and prayers," said Sinha Gawali, a delegate from India. "It was truly a wonderful experience to be able to make new friends from all over the world, to be able to exercise our right to vote in the Global as well as regional caucus, to be able to listen testimonies from friends globally and to be able to have wonderful fellowship and pray for each other together, to be able to know and see the Nazarene leaders about whom we had just heard about until now."

Jennifer Rae (England) became the new Senior Youth Member-at-Large on



Delegates from Italy register in Büsingen, Germany.



NYI delegates from India and South Asia gather in Mumbai, marking a significant jump in convention representation for the two fields.

the Global NYI Council, joining Young Min Park (Young Adult), Micronesia's Erika Diones (Early Youth), Mexico's David Gonzales (Global Vice President) and Central USA's Mark Holcomb (Global President) as members of the most diverse council NYI has ever chosen.

Between the delegates in Mumbai and Büsingen—even with 11 nationalities at the latter—Eurasia saw the largest jump in representation from past years, where visas have been a major issue for many.

"My hope for this convention is that young people would build relationships that don't end with this event, but will continue in the future," said Christoph Nick, Eurasia NYI Vice President. "I also really hope that they will realize that they're not building the kingdom of God by themselves but that it is a global movement in which many others are participating." ♦

India NYI Adopts Zones, Elects Representatives

As the India Field Caucus met in Mumbai on 26 June, they accepted a proposal from India Field Strategy Coordinator Sunil Dandge and the India Leadership Team, and introduced a new field structure of five zones.

Delegates from each zone elected representatives to, with the field NYI coordinator, form the India NYI Council.

Elected representatives include:

Southern India Zone

(Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu East, Tamil Nadu West and Karnataka Districts)

Magesh Joseph

Northeastern India Zone

India Northeast District

Lalmingthang Vaiphei

Northern India Zone

India Delhi and India North Districts

Vipin Singh

Eastern India Zone

(India East District)

Ranjit Dey

Western India Zone

(Western, Mid, Central & Eastern Maharashtra Districts)

Sneha Gawali



photo courtesy Sabine Wriek

India's newly-elected zone representatives will serve on a field youth council.

General Church Elects New Leadership, Completes Extensive Business



→ The 2009 General Assembly business sessions saw a number of changes affirmed. Here are a few (for a complete list, see ncnnews.org):

- Authorized the creation of a global Manual that would be streamlined in comparison to recent Manuals. The global Manual would consist of the Forward, and Parts I, II, and III of the current Manual. It would also include parts of Manual sections 100, 200, and 300 that are global in scope, retaining the universally appropriate polity and principles. The other parts of the current Manual would be adapted by the different regions to fit specific cultural contexts and would function as a “regional Manual policy handbook.” with a Global Manual Advisory Council giving final approval to changes.
- Changed the requirement in Manual paragraphs 200.2 and 200.3 from “ordained elders” to “ordained ministers.” This change includes ordained deacons among the number of ordained ministers needed to move districts from Phase 1 to Phase 2 status, and from Phase 2 to Phase 3 status.
- Voted to allow the District Advisory Board to choose the place of the district assembly.
- **Defined the district as “an entity made up of interdependent local churches organized to facilitate the mission of each local church through mutual support, and sharing of resources, and collaboration.”**
- Authorized a committee with the responsibility to approach “like-minded churches in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition in order to pursue closer relations, with a goal of exploring the possibility of a merger or a collaborative relationship.”
- Determined church officers must be “active members” of the local church.
- Added a new paragraph on Christian compassion to Manual section “A. The Christian Life.” The new paragraph states in part that “throughout the Bible and in the life and example of Jesus, God identifies with and assists the poor, the oppressed, and those in society who cannot speak for themselves. In the same way, we, too, are called to identify with and enter into solidarity with the poor.”
- **Affirmed that the church is committed to provide pastoral care and technical and financial assistance to immigrants.**
- *Adopted a new paragraph on “Wellness” that will be added to the resolutions section of the Manual. It affirms health and exercise, makes a distinction between obesity and gluttony and discourages gluttony.*
- Modified Article VI “Atonement” of the Articles of Faith to read “atonement is graciously efficacious for the salvation of those incapable of moral responsibility.”
- Modified Article of Faith I, “The Triune God”, by describing God as creator, sustainer, and one who is holy, love, and light.
- **Modified Article of Faith XI, “The Church”, by defining the mission of the church as “making disciples through evangelism, education, showing compassion, working for justice, and bearing witness to the kingdom of God.”**
- Added a new Manual paragraph 107.3 “Voting and Office-bearing” that sets the age for holding church office at 15.
- **Modified Article of Faith X, “Entire Sanctification”. Renamed the article “Christian Holiness and Entire Sanctification.” Clarified the meaning of entire sanctification by describing it as a work of God which transforms believers into the likeness of Christ. Emphasized that transformation occurred through the Holy Spirit both instantaneously in initial sanctification, entire sanctification, and glorification and in a continuing perfecting work of the Holy Spirit.**
- Changed items in Manual paragraph 123 concerning the special church/pastoral review. It could be conducted in the absence of the pastor at the discretion of the district superintendent; majority vote of church members would be required to continue the present church/pastoral relationship or the local church board must vote by ballot. Also, adds the time frame when the church/pastoral relationship must end if a pastor resigns.
- *Reduced the length of time a deacon needs to hold a district license to be ordained to three consecutive years.*
- Edited the liturgy on the Baptism of Infants or Young Children, Manual paragraph 800.2 by defining Christian baptism for the infant: “Christian baptism signifies for this young child God’s acceptance within the community of Christian faith on the basis of prevenient grace. It anticipates his/her personal confession of faith in Jesus Christ ... Baptism also signifies the acceptance of this child into the community of Christian faith.”

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Upcoming Events

- 12-14 October • British Isles North District Fraternal
- 15-18 October • India Leadership Development Initiative Training Event
Chennai, India
- 19-26 October • Nepal District Leadership Development Initiative Training Event

EuNC Bestows Three BAs, Plus Certificates



photo by Heather Bryant

German students Tamara Koch, Debora Guting and Joe Guting accept their BA degrees in Religion at European Nazarene College's graduation ceremony in June. Three other part-time students on the CIS Field also earned Spiritual Formation Certificates through the school this year.

Büdingen, Germany—Three German students earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Religion from EuNC this year, while three distance-learning students completed the requirements for Spiritual Formation Certificates.

Tamara Koch plans to begin MA studies in clinical psychology, while Debora and Joe Guting will join the ministry team at the Church of the Nazarene in Gelnhausen, Germany. Seyran Vardanyan from Armenia, Olga Kupckik from Russia and Maria Pakhomova from Russia all earned their

Spiritual Formation Certificates through one of EuNC's 15 learning centers, located throughout Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Field.

This academic year, 245 students took classes through EuNC, 45 at the Büdingen campus, 211 in the learning centers.

“It was an overwhelming feeling to celebrate our accomplishments of the last years together with faculty, friends and family,” said Debora Guting. “The next step is now to move into ministry to share the blessing we received and participate in God's healing plan for the world.” ♦

Prayer Requests

- Pray for peace to be established in Sri Lanka following the end of the civil war. Pray for the estimated 100,000 refugees created by recent violence and for the NCM workers who will be striving to meet the ongoing needs in the country.
- Pray for the ongoing development of a new Arabic-language television program in the Middle East, and for partnerships that will allow it to be broadcast around the world.
- Pray for those affected by the devastating cyclone and flooding in the southern part of Bangladesh and the eastern part of India. Pray that the churches will be equipped to offer hope for those who have lost so much.
- Pray for the newly-elected General Superintendents: Eugenio Duarte, David Graves and Stanley Toler, and for their families as they begin a new phase of ministry. Pray that God will raise up capable leaders to continue the work they are coming from, and that they will exhibit wisdom and grace in their new roles.
- Pray for the recent graduates of European Nazarene College as they move into the next level of studies or full-time ministry. Pray for God's guidance and provision.

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