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World Evangelism, World Methodist Council

The Seventh International Christian Youth Conference on Evangelism, July 16-23, 2002

University of Ulster, Jordanstown Campus, Newtownabbey, Northern Ireland

World Methodist youth and young adults, ages 17-30, from around the world will gather on the beautiful Jordanstown Campus of the University of Ulster, in Newtownabbey, Northern Ireland for the **7th INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM, July 16-23, 2002.**

Organized and sponsored by World Evangelism, World Methodist Council, and the host church, The Methodist Church in Ireland, the vision for this event is for young people to celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in a world Christian community. Under the theme "Christ Jesus – God's Way," youth from more than 60 nations will experience commitment and renewal as Christian disciples and be trained and empowered to be living Christian witnesses in the world.

Over five thousand young people have been a part of these life-changing conferences since 1980. Previous conferences in England, Bahamas, Australia, Mexico, Germany and the United States have resulted in many young persons serving in



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Christian vocations as committed disciples of Christ.

In the most recent International Christian Youth Conference in 1998, young people from around the globe stepped forward in commitment to be "missionaries of Christ Jesus." One

young leader said, "God interfered with my plans."

The Reverend Harold Good, President, Reverend Desmond Bain, General Secretary of Home Mission and Reverend David Rock, General Secretary of the Department of Youth Ministry, the Methodist Church in Ireland, said the Methodist people in Ireland are very glad to have been chosen to host this outstanding world conference.

H. Eddie Fox, World Director of Evangelism, said, "This conference on evangelism with young people is one of the significant happenings in the ministry of World Methodist Evangelism. Our last conference in 1998 was on an island called St. Simons and, in 2002, we shall gather on another historic island called Ireland.

The conference will feature Bible Study and Morning Events, led by the regions of the world, focused on the Celtic prayer from Saint Patrick's breastplate. The program will include discover sessions, family groups, cultural events and great evangelical celebrations with speakers and witnesses from around the world.

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World Evangelism's EvangeBicy Ministry Provides 300 Bicycles for Cuban Missionary Pastors

The **Methodist People**, from Nigeria to Nashville and all across the United States, responded to the call of World Methodist Evangelism to stand alongside the "People Called Methodist in Cuba" by providing bicycles for the missionary pastors of Cuban Methodist house churches.

"We praise the Lord for the magnificent response of Methodists who have given 300 EvangeBicycs in 90 days for our missionary pastors in Cuba," said H. Eddie Fox, World Evangelism Director. "We are especially thankful to the children who gave Bible School and Sunday School offerings for the ministry of EvangeBicy." One child sent a note to the missionary pastor who would receive a new EvangeBicy, "Dear Cuba people. Have fun on your bike. Go very fast. Jesus loves you and me. (signed) Leah."

Bishop Ricardo Pereira Diaz of the Methodist Church in Cuba expressed his gratitude for the gift of the EvangeBicycs, "We are grateful to World Methodist Evangelism and the people who have given this support. We have delivered our first EvangeBicycs. One week later I came back to baptize two brothers from missions on behalf of the missionaries who received the bicycles."

Fox said, "It is a great joy to be able to stand alongside our people in the Methodist Movement in Cuba. Our church is in the midst of a great revival. They have so much to share with the rest of the world, for they are a people who know what it means to depend on God and the power of the Holy Spirit."

World Methodist Evangelism needs the continuing support of congregations and individuals for the ministries of "wholistic evangelism." The ministries of EvangeSport,



Above: "At the World Methodist Conference in Brighton, England, World Director H. Eddie Fox presented a check to Bishop Pereira of Cuba to pay for 125 EvangeBikes. At right, Bishop Pereira baptizing the first converts after the distribution of the new bicycles.



EvangeLit, EvangeMed and EvangeBicy reflect World Methodist Evangelism's commitment to spread the good news of Christ Jesus through

WORD, DEED AND SIGN.

For more information about World Evangelism's "wholistic evangelism," visit: www.WorldMethodist.org.

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The new web site of World Methodist Evangelism — www.WorldMethodist.org — went live just before the World Methodist Conference in Brighton, England. We invite you to visit the site to learn more about World Methodist Evangelism ministries and to share your comments with us.

132 CONGREGATIONS IN 16 COUNTRIES

MAKING DISCIPLES THROUGH CONNECTING CONGREGATIONS



Children and youth in the Turkish speaking congregation in Varna, Bulgaria.

The ministry of World Methodist Evangelism through Connecting Congregations — 132 Congregations in 16 countries — enables Congregations to share faith, love, hope, vision, prayer and resources with one another in “making disciples of Christ Jesus.”

One of the newest growth areas for the ministry of making disciples through the Connecting Congregations is Bulgaria. The Rev. Margarita Todorova, a pastor in Bulgaria, who is responsible for coordinating the Connecting Congregations in Bulgaria writes, “The program is a blessing for both ends of the connection. It is wonderful to see and read about the zeal, excitement, blessings and growth of those who are making their first steps in the Christian faith. Recently I have had the privilege of translating letters written by Bulgarian Children, ages 8-11, to their friends in their Connecting Congregation in the U.S.A. It is amazing how quickly they have grown in the faith. They addressed their friends, ‘Dear brothers and sisters...’ I know

that the American Connecting Congregation enjoyed reading all of their letters as much as I enjoyed them while translating them.”

The ministry of Connecting Congregations began in Bulgaria in 1993, and it has enabled the development of ten new congregations. Dr. James Thurmond, who coordinates the Connecting Congregation ministry of World Methodist Evangelism, says, “Connecting Con-

gregations are committed for the long term so that relationships are deepened and each congregation is made stronger.”

NEW CONNECTING CONGREGATIONS ARE NEEDED NOW IN BULGARIA!

Pastor Todorova strongly encourages congregations to link with others through Connecting Congregations. “The Methodist Church in the world is not a young one, but it is not stale. It is constantly growing and spreading to all corners of the world. Come and join the Connecting Congregations program of World Methodist Evangelism. It will be a blessing for everyone involved.”

At this time there is a great opportunity for new congregations in the Methodist Movement around the world. Congregations are encouraged to step forward at this time in enabling new Connecting Congregations.

For more information, visit the new World Methodist Evangelism website: www.WorldMethodist.org.

New Regional Secretary

At the recent meeting of the Regional Secretaries for Evangelism, Rev. Ken Anderson was introduced as the Regional Secretary of World Methodist Evangelism for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

Rev. Anderson, who serves as the Senior Minister of one of the largest Uniting Churches in Australia on the Gold Coast in Queensland, has been active in youth ministry and evangelism for many years. He has participated in all of the International Christian Youth Conferences on Evangelism, and he serves as the Program Director of these World Conferences. He is married to Patricia and they have three children and three grandchildren.

Anderson succeeds the Rev. John Mavor. Maxie Dunnam and Fox said, “We are grateful for the outstanding leadership Ken brings to this growing ministry, and we are thankful for the faithful ministry of John with World Evangelism.”



SPREADING THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD IN THE LAST 30 DAYS!

300 United Methodist pastors in the Georgia Pastors’ School at Epworth by the Sea, were taught by World Evangelism on the theme, “Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So.”

200 persons from 18 countries (primarily French speaking) met in Lome, Togo for a World Methodist Evangelism Institute Seminar on “Proclaiming the Timeless Gospel in the New Millennium.”

The largest gathering of Methodist people in Poland since World War II participated in a “Faith-Sharing Training” led by World Evangelism in Warsaw, Poland.

The *Faith-Sharing New Testament* was published in two new languages: Polish and French. The *Faith-Sharing New Testament* is now published in 32 languages.



Youth representing the regions of the world ignite the Flame of Christ at the center of the globe at ICYC-VI at St. Simons Island, Georgia, USA, in 1998.

ICYC VII SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED

World Methodist Evangelism has committed scholarships to persons from around the world in order for them to participate in the 7th International Christian Youth Conference on Evangelism in Northern Ireland in July, 2002. Young people, ages 17-30, are expected from every continent and scholarship assistance is needed to help persons come from many areas of the world. Congregations, church groups and individuals may provide scholarships for an international person to attend the event for \$1,500 (USD) per person. Please make checks to World Evangelism and send your contributions to:

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For More Information about World Evangelism, visit www.WorldMethodist.org

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Please send more information about the following:

- The Evangelism Outreach Ministries of EvangeMed, EvangeSport, EvangeLit, and EvangeBicy
- Becoming a Connecting Congregation
- Being a Covenanting Congregation in World Evangelism
- The World Methodist Evangelism Trust Endowment
- Hosting a Faith-Sharing Seminar
- Registration Form for ICYC VII

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Zip(Postal) Code: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

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Persons, ages 17 to 30, are encouraged to register as soon as possible for ICYC VII. Registration forms are available on the World Evangelism website: www.WorldMethodist.org or from the Office of World Evangelism in Nashville or the Department of Youth Ministry, the Methodist Church in Ireland.

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