



Unleashing Youth TOGETHER!

December 2018

Dear Christian Endeavor Friends,

2018 was an incredible year at C.E. Thank you for making this Kingdom work possible! God provided victories in the areas of new church partners, completed materials, equipping opportunities, promotion progress, and one Ancient-Future initiative. Below I share about these items as well as where we see God taking C.E. in the years ahead.

Today there are ten new churches in the partnering process with C.E. Please understand, our approach is extremely relational. Someone can find Christian Endeavor on the Internet, but we do not consider a church a partner until we have sent them material, processed their questions, and had the opportunity to personally coach them to get started. This can happen face to face or over a call, but the relational approach makes a difference. We praise the Lord for these new churches and ask for your prayers as God uses C.E. so we can “Unleash Youth Together!”

One of the steps that helped so many churches move forward with C.E. was completing the “C.E. GO!” resource. C.E. GO!, a one-page guide, assists youth workers in beginning C.E. Years ago we wrote the *C.E. Quick Start Manual*. We have found that the Quick Start educates church leadership about C.E. and helps them discern if they should become a C.E. partner. However, something else was needed to equip youth workers once the church made a firm commitment to C.E. Completed in September, *C.E. GO!* meets this need!

A promotional approach called *Hippos to Honeybees* was used for the first time at the National Youth Worker’s Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. The approach required considerable staff investment as staff T-shirts, promotional banners and print media needed to be designed for the event. Youth Workers responded!! This approach explains how C.E. initiates discipleship geared toward ministry impact and not only information consumption. One hundred and twenty youth workers connected with our team at the convention! Many have a deep desire to see young people make a difference for God today and in the future. Fifty-two contacts were identified as “Hot” or extremely interested. Please pray with us as our team takes next steps with these churches.

At the World C.E. convention in San Diego a young person shared the thought that the annual C.E. Prayer Week should be revived. Instead of a week that people considered dry and lifeless, it should be the year’s most invigorating week. We went forward with the idea. People aged twenty-five and under developed the theme “Awe and Wonder” for youth-led worship celebrations to take place on Saturday, February 2. As we thank God for using C.E. for 138 years, we will ask Him to help us be in awe of Him and all He has done. Our goal is



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to have ten countries participate this year. Next year, with a full year to publicize the event, we hope to have all the national unions involved.

Many people contributed to either the general C.E. budget or to the Grow C.E. Major Gift Campaign. Thank you for believing God touches lives through C.E. As we approach 2018's end, we prayerfully ask for your financial assistance in one of two areas:

- Please find a list enclosed with projects outside the general budget that, if funded, will make a significant impact. These projects range in cost from a \$25 youth worker encouragement kit to \$6000 in repairs that arose unexpectedly for the C.E. Mission Weeks truck. God may lead you in the direction of meeting one of these special needs!
- We are in year three of the Grow C.E. Campaign. This campaign has helped the C.E. team complete additional resources, unveil new promotional materials, and ultimately equip many more churches with the C.E. model. We have more work to do! Our plan, as the campaign ends in April 2019, is to launch the most aggressive outreach effort C.E. has undertaken in decades. Our goal was to have one hundred active churches engaged by the end of 2020. We want to slightly extend the date to C.E.'s 140th birthday on February 2, 2021. We are currently on target to reach the one hundred USA church goal. But we need your help. The campaign has done well having \$193,850 either being given or pledged. A \$31,150 gap needs to be closed to keep us on track. Any undesignated gifts provided through this letter will support this campaign effort.

C.E. touches lives across the world with new contacts emerging regularly. A training took place last month for pastors from Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo! This is great, but we also have work to do to strengthen discipleship efforts right here in the USA. Please help us spread C.E. across all fifty states!

Thank you for partnering with Christian Endeavor. Let's "Unleash Youth Together" ***For Christ and the Church.***

IN HIM,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Coryell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dr. Dave Coryell
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