New Year - New Dimension

2003 will be an exciting year for World Convention. The program and arrangements will come together for Brighton 2004 and our web site will begin to provide information on our movement in 165 countries around the world.

Things are developing very well for our internet emphasis, *Sharing the Stories; Strengthening the Witness*, outlined in the last issue of *World Christian*.

In addition to the appointment of Ed Dodds as webmaster, announced in the last issue of *World Christian*, Clint Holloway will begin working, one day per week in the new year. Clint will be researching and writing country by country information about our churches for the World Convention web site.

In 2003 he will be increasing his involvement at First Christian Church (where our office is located) leaving a smaller amount of time for other work.

Although we need to fund the World Convention position for two or three days per week, our limited funding means that employing Clint for one day works out well meantime.

We are very glad indeed that we can get the program underway. Generous support from two Lexington Christian Churches/Churches of Christ congregations (Southland Christian Church and Tates Creek Christian Church) and a number of generous *Friends of World Convention* has made this first stage possible.

It is a huge task to build what will be, in effect, a global directory of our churches. It will need to be updated and extended constantly. We are continuing to seek further support to ensure the success of the project.

The World Convention office remains small. With two full time staff, three part time staff (their hours total just a little less than the equivalent of one full time person), and generous volunteers, World Convention seeks to ‘connect’ our church family throughout the world.
Family Feeling

We were asked again at a recent gathering, if the main aim of World Convention was to encourage the uniting of the streams of our divided church family.

We appreciate that question because many people assume or believe that is the case. The question provides the opportunity for clarification.

The answer is ‘no’.

World Convention was established in 1930 to build up global fellowship, understanding and common purpose - not local or national unity. It came into existence to provide our churches in different countries with a means of fellowship and working together in a world that was becoming global.

That is not to say that World Convention does not encourage local and national expressions of our movement to build bridges with estranged family members where that is the situation. It most certainly does. Even by its existence, World Convention is a reminder that we have belonged together and still do.

And local division has been the major obstacle to a rich, purposeful global fellowship.

It excites us personally to see many barriers falling.

We hope and pray that this will continue. Where we are divided, we need to overcome any stereotyping of each other and the feeling that we can never work together again. There are things we can do together locally now.

In many places a greater unity is already being practised. That’s the direction things are moving.

Even if we find it hard to believe that unity within our movement (within and amongst the major streams) can ever occur, we need to remind ourselves that division is outside the will of God and Christ’s prayer for his church.

It’s important that we continue to rediscover our ‘whole family’ feeling - within the whole church of Jesus Christ of course.

- Lorraine & Lyndsay Jacobs

Thank You Sue, Welcome Julia

At the end of August, we reluctantly said goodbye to Sue Kuhn as she and her husband Dan move from Nashville. Sue did an absolutely wonderful job as our office coordinator for almost four years. We warmly welcome Julia Keith who took over this half time position in September.
End of an Era in Zimbabwe

Sir Garfield Todd, a New Zealand missionary to Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia) who became Prime Minister, died on October 13, aged 94. Some 2000 people attended his funeral at Dadaya High School following memorial services in Harare and Bulawayo.

Garfield and Grace Todd moved to Southern Rhodesia in 1934 after just one ministry in their native New Zealand. This was to be the beginning of a lifetime of missionary service. Along with a strong team of missionaries from New Zealand over many years, Garfield and Grace were committed to evangelism, church establishment and the improvement of health and education for Zimbabweans.

Garfield’s love for, and confidence in, the African people led him into politics and he became a member of Parliament in 1946. He was Prime Minister 1953-58, losing this position because he was moving too quickly for many whites.

When the white government made a unilateral declaration of independence from Britain to retain their power, Garfield suffered imprisonment and house arrest. As legal independence became a real possibility, he assisted in the negotiations with the British Government.

With independence established, Africans honoured him with a place in the new Senate where he served for five years.

Sir Garfield is one of approximately half a dozen people in our movement who have become national leaders. He and Lady Todd have made a huge contribution in their chosen country, including providing the land for relocating the prestigious Dadaya High School established by the New Zealand churches.

We have no doubt that this unique reference work on our movement will be of great interest to our churches around the world.

The General Editors are Paul M Blowers, Associate Professor of Church History, Emmanuel School of Religion; Douglas A Foster, Associate Professor of History and Director of the Center for Restoration Studies, Abilene Christian University; and D Newell Williams, Professor of Modern and American Church History, Christian Theological Seminary. D Newell Williams replaced the late Anthony L Dunnivant who was Professor of Church History at Lexington Theological Seminary.

The Editors are assisted by an editorial board of approximately twenty associate editors and a similar number of editorial consultants. The aim of the editors, who have been working on the project for a decade, is to produce a solid, comprehensive work of the highest quality, both in content and physical presentation. It will be a large, illustrated, inclusive, enduring and attractive book. Items will be arranged alphabetically.

The final editing stage is under way. It is anticipated that final copy will go to the publisher in June 2003. The Encyclopaedia is due for publication by the William B Eerdmans Publishing Company in June 2004 and we hope copies will be available at the World Convention in Brighton.

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The dream of producing The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement: Christian Churches, Churches of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is rapidly becoming a reality.

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• THANK YOU for all gifts received so far this year.
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After Brisbane ...

• The World Convention was really beneficial to us … Absolutely great. We’d never seen such an organised program and everything. The speakers, the messages, the worship and the lectures were all inspiring and informative.

• I found the World Convention to be a four and a half day feast of education, entertainment, and exhortation - a full on, crowded, exhausting, confusing but exhilarating time of awesome programs, world class preaching, classy, upbeat music, inspiring worship, excellent teaching, uplifting learnings, stimulating exhibits and displays, incredible opportunities for mission networking, and awesome challenges for both myself and the whole church. It’s a long time since I have been to anything like it.

• I must say I thoroughly enjoyed the convention. It really was of the highest standard and believe me I attend plenty of similar events.

• I have just returned from ‘Brisbane 2000’ … with a wonderful feeling of renewed energy and enthusiasm. It is hard to know where to start - or even identify those aspects of World Convention that gave me such joy. I sensed an energy and synergy that gives me great hope for the immediate future. I was also surprised anew to remember how good it feels to be part of such a family as ours, and to renew and make friendships that transcend state and national barriers.

• This is our first convention. We are taking all aspects to our church and will start to use mission as it should be and can be.

• The last two days at Brisbane were a knockout. Book us for Brighton!

Share in Your Global Family Gathering!

It is hard to convey just what it means to attend World Convention. For many it is a life-changing event; the experience of a lifetime. If you can possibly be there, come and experience it!

- Founded in Christ - Building for Tomorrow. The theme has been carefully chosen. We will examining our roots and seeking to discover where Christ is calling us in this 21st Century.
- You should plan to attend from the dramatic opening on Wednesday evening through to the inspirational closing communion service on Sunday morning.
- Keynote speakers will include:
  - Martin Robinson (opening night). Martin is a highly informative, inspiring and challenging writer and speaker on the contemporary and future mission of the church. He is a minister of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and until recently was Director of Mission and Theology for the British and Foreign Bible Society.
  - Joel Edwards (Friday night). Joel was born in Jamaica and moved to the United Kingdom at the age of eight. Joel’s vision is to see the Church become a movement for change, working together to bring Biblical transformation to society. Joel is General Director of the Evangelical Alliance UK.
  - David Thompson (Sunday morning). David is well known as President of World Convention. He is a lecturer in the Centre for Advanced Religious Studies, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge University. When the majority of Churches of Christ in Great Britain joined the United Reformed Church David became a URC member. He has served as Moderator of the URC.
  - Verna Cassells (Thursday night). Verna, a Jamaican, has studied and worked in Canada, the United States, Korea and the United Kingdom. She has been lecturer for Mission and Evangelism at the United Theological College of the West Indies and is currently Education for Mission Secretary for the Caribbean and North American Council for Mission.
  - Martin is a highly informative, inspiring and challenging writer and speaker on the contemporary and future mission of the church. He is a minister of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and until recently was Director of Mission and Theology for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Each morning will begin with Bible study - a plenary presentation followed by discussion. (The program is being formed to provide several opportunities to meet people in small groups.)

- Ministry Tracks that were so highly successful in Brisbane will be continued. Instead of five there will be twelve. These one day ‘equipping’ tracks will begin mid morning and continue through the afternoon. They will run Thursday and then will be repeated on Friday so you may choose two. In 2004, when all track topics and leaders are known, conventioners will be asked to choose tracks. Tracks already planned include Church in the City (Gordon Myres), Rural Churches (Jenny Carpenter) and Small Churches (Dan Yarnell).
- On Friday there will be an optional excursion to Arundel Castle (largest UK inhabited castle after Windsor Castle) and Chichester Cathedral where ancient meets modern.
- Global Seminars will be held Saturday afternoon. These one hour sessions will focus on telling exciting stories of our family around the world and examining current trends in the wider United Kingdom and world church scene. You will be able to choose two of these informative sessions. (Tapes will be available so you can purchase those for other sessions that interest you.)
- Special Luncheons will be held Saturday for Women (including World CWF), Men and Ministers. Inspiring, informative and entertaining fellowship programs.
- Worship will be uplifting and with the best of the old and the best of the new, will appeal to all. Special music will be provided by many groups. We know of several already. Let us know if you are hoping to have a music group at Brighton!
- Saturday night. Maybe you remember the Great Gospel Concert in Brisbane? A special evening is being arranged once again.
- Yes! A Children’s Program will run during the main sessions. (Children register free but there will be a charge to cover activities.)
- Yes! A Youth Program. This will be a combination of special youth programs and the whole convention experience. It will be ‘live in’ (Weds evening - Sunday morning). Cost will be approximately US$355 for accommodation, meals and program.
- The Global Leaders’ Forum will again be held on Wednesday prior to convention, focussing on getting to know other leaders, obtaining a global eye view of our movement (current and future) and looking at how the principles of the USA Stone-Campbell Dialogue might be used in local areas.
Accommodation, Travel and Tours

- World Convention has secured plenty of housing in Brighton.
  - Those in the United Kingdom will be able to make reservations direct through the Brighton-Hove Council accommodation service from mid 2003. Advice regarding travel will also be available (2004).
  - Those in Australia, Jamaica and New Zealand should contact their national World Convention organisers for housing, travel and accommodation.
  - Those in the United States and other countries can obtain their housing through the World Convention office.

- The World Convention office has arranged travel and tour packages for those in the United States. We see tours as a means of extending the convention experience - building personal friendship and learning more of our churches around the world. People from any country can join the tours but will be responsible for their own travel to the starting point and from the finishing point of all tours.

The following have been arranged.

• Brighton hotel package only. (Four or five nights.)
• Brighton hotel package plus flights from the USA.
• Three nights in London prior to convention; four nights in Paris following the convention. (Combine with hotel or flight/hotel package.) (12 nights including the convention.)
• Three nights in London prior to convention with a six day tour of southern & central England after convention. (13 nights including the convention.)
• Pre Tour. A twelve day Highlights of England and Scotland tour, including some ‘heritage’ sites. Tour hosts: Bob Wetzel and Diane & Robert Steffer. (16 nights including the convention.)
• Pre Tour. A fifteen day History of Christianity in the British Isles tour. (Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England.) An excellent general tour but with special emphasis on the history of Christianity. Tour hosts: Paul Blowers, Douglas Foster and Newell Williams - the editors of the Stone-Campbell Encyclopaedia (see page three). (19 nights including the convention.)
• Post Tour. A fifteen day tour of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. Tour hosts: Richard and Peggy Ziglar. (19 nights including the convention.)
• Post Tour. European Highlights. A thirteen day tour of France, Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Italy. (17 nights including the convention.)

An outline brochure with details on how to secure your place in any tour, is available now from the World Convention office. This information, as well as tentative day by day itineraries is also available on the World Convention web site - www.worldconvention.org

Register Here and now!  

16th World Convention - July 28 - August 1, 2004

Please print very clearly

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  (1) first ______________________ last ______________________
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  ____ Non-attending. (Supporting; mailed materials)
  ____ Electronic (email). Daily email reports. (Attending and non-attending registrants may wish to receive this information too; add the email registration fee.)

• Payment
  - Fees are per person. (Refundable after convention if requested by May 31, 2004.)
  - No registration fee for children/youth (up to including high school) attending with parents. There will be children's and youth programs (details later). For children/youth who share in these programs there will be a fee to cover costs.
  - Youth/Young adults beyond high school need to pay the registration fee. Those who choose to be involved in the youth event will receive credit for their registration towards the youth event program costs.
  - These fees are for 2002. Fees will rise for 2003-2004 but those registered at these earlybird rates will not be required to pay the extra.

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**For Those Who Would Like to Know About World Convention Finances**

- The ministry of World Convention relies on its annual income to operate. It has no reserves to draw on.
- The annual budget is small - approximately US$150,000 this year. A church of 100-125 members would commonly have a budget of this amount. Executive staff are paid at an average USA ministers’ rate.
- Income is from the Endowment Fund. Friends gifts, gifts from churches (local, or national where churches have a pooled mission fund) and trusts. Only the earnings from the Endowment Fund are used.
- An Assembly Fund is kept separately for the four years each Assembly. The Brisbane Assembly (2000) ‘broke even’ and Calgary (1996) had a surplus. The 1996 surplus was used to help eliminate loans to previous assemblies.
- Endowment Fund income will be down about $5000 this year because of the economic recession. The fund is conservatively invested and currently shows at least 25% down on the gift value (just over $800,000) this is expected to recover.
- At the end of October expenses exceeded income by $25,000.
- At the end of October gifts had reached 60% of the amount needed.

**For Friends who send several gifts each year, we total these to indicate year to date support.**

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**Memorial Gifts**

Those who wish to honour past World Convention President, Marj Black may contribute to her Memorial Fund in the World Convention Endowment. Simply mark gifts ‘Marj Black Memorial Fund.’ We will pass on to the family the names of all contributors.
A recent study in the USA, Religious Congregations and Membership: 2000, shows that Christian Churches/Churches of Christ were the second fastest growing religious group in the USA in the 1990s. The grew to more than 1.4 million, an 18.6% increase during the decade.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ in the USA and Canada is also predicting record growth this year. In 2001 a record 40 new congregations were established. In the first ten months of this year a further 56 congregations have been established. 1% growth overall is predicted for the year.

The biennial General Assembly of the (united) Church of Christ in Thailand was held at Bangkok Christian College, October 21-25. The Moderator, Dr Boonratna Boayen, was re-elected for a further term of four years.

Dr Kenneth L. Teegarden, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the USA and Canada 1973-85 and the architect of a major restructuring that occurred in the 1960s and 1970s, died in September following an illness. He was 80 years old.

The 2003 North American Christian Convention will be held in Indianapolis July 8-11. The theme is Imagine! President: Bob Russell from Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky. The World Convention General Secretaries met with the 120 member NACC committee recently and provided them with an update on World Convention.

The signing of the Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery at the Cane Ridge Meeting House on June 28, 1804, effectively established Christian Churches. The bicentennial will be celebrated at Cane Ridge in 2004. If you are travelling in Kentucky, USA at this time you may wish to include this in your itinerary. (Cane Ridge Day 2003 will be on Saturday June 28.)

Mark Taylor, currently publisher at Standard Publishing will become editor of The Christian Standard on January 1. He will succeed Sam Stone, long time editor of the Standard and a current member of the World Convention Executive Committee. Mark will continue as publisher. Jim Nieman will Managing Editor.

The Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council, an organisation within our family of churches that brings together churches with national organisation to focus on ecumenical affairs, will meet next in Brighton, England, July 23-26, 2004. The meeting has been arranged for this time to allow delegates to attend the World Convention which starts on June 28.

Australia House, at Khayelihle Children’s Village in Zimbabwe will likely be completed and occupied by the time World Christian readers receive this issue. Funded by Australian Churches of Christ, it will house twenty-four children. A New Zealand House. New Zealand Churches have almost completed raising the funding for a New Zealand House. Good planning has paid off in the village. Thanks to the bore water supply the vegetable garden thriving- very important during current serious food shortages. The farm also supplies its own milk, eggs and mealie meal.

The Australian Government will next year give over US$550,000.00 towards providing a number of new buildings at Ranwadi High School in Vanuatu, South Pacific. This school is a Churches of Christ boarding school.

The Restoration Forum, held in Lubbock, Texas this year, was extremely successful. This unity forum, traditionally supported mainly by a cappella Churches of Christ and Christian Churches/Churches of Christ has been meeting for nearly twenty years. This year all three streams of the movement in Lubbock were involved in preparing for a high quality, well-organised program. 900 attended opening night and about 350 attended the sessions. The General Secretary of World Convention was one of the twenty-seven speakers. The next Forum will be co-hosted by Milligan College and Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tennessee, October 12-14, 2003.

The National Churches of Christ Conference was held in Kimberley, South Africa, at the end of September - beginning of October.

Underground work on World Christian Broadcasting’s additional antenna in Alaska is under way and the tower will be built in the summer of next year. This will double from ten to twenty hours per day, the number of hours of broadcasting primarily to Russia and China.

The Australian Churches of Christ National Gathering for Women will be held September 10-14, next year in Perth, Western Australia. In the last issue we had reported it for this year.

The USA National Missionary Convention (Christian Churches/Churches of Christ) held in Wichita, Kansas in November broke records for attendance and number of exhibitors (almost 400, including World Convention). It was very moving to see some 5000 people so strongly interested in the domestic and global ministries come together.

Do you live in Europe?
Are you in touch with members of our churches in Europe?

We hope every country in Europe will be represented at Brighton!

• Register yourself now.
• Contact those you know.
• Send us names and addresses in Europe we can send World Christian to.

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What Next?

Some Significant national and global events we are aware of.

Please send us your dates!

# UK CWF Convention (Fellowship of Churches of Christ & United Reformed Churches). Feb 23-24, Swanwick.
# USA Stone-Campbell Dialogue. June 22 or 29; Atlanta, GA, USA.
# Cane Ridge Day. June 28.
# United Reformed Church Assembly. July 5-8, Portsmouth, UK
# North American Christian Convention. July 8-11, Indianapolis IN, USA
# General Board. Christian Church (DOC) in the USA/Canada. July 19-22. Indianapolis, IN, USA.
# National Convention in Zimbabwe. August.
# Restoration Forum XXI. Oct 12-14. Johnson City, TN
# Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the USA & Canada Assembly. October 17-21, Charlotte, NC USA
# National Missionary Convention. November 20-23, Cincinnati OH, USA 2004;
# United Reformed Church Assembly. July 4-6, Wales, UK
# World Convention, Brighton, UK. July 28-Aug 1.
# National Missionary Convention. September 30 - October 3, Peoria IL, USA.

Have you included the everyday global ministry of World Convention in your will?
What's that you said?
Key points from this issue of World Christian

• We are launching *Sharing the Stories, Strengthening the Witness* in the new year! See page 1.
• As *World Christian* went to press, we received twenty-two more registrations from Australia. Don’t miss *Brighton*! Register by December 31 and save. See centre pages for the latest information.
• A wonderful *World Convention video* is now available. (Page 7)
• Do you know about the new *Stone-Campbell Encyclopedia* being published in 2004? (Page 3.) And the three editors of the encyclopedia are leading one of our pre-convention tours. (Page 5.) Travel with these experts!
• Thank you *Friends* for gifts (page 6). About US$15,000 in gifts (30%) is still needed to balance our budget for 2002.
• Our family keeps growing. *Good news* page 7.
• On two occasions this year we have had minor problems with our computer data base. We have had to re-enter a number of gifts and address changes. We feel we have the record 99.9% correct but if your label does not show your latest gift (for example 11/02 - November this year) or correct address, please let us know. Please be assured that all gifts are recorded accurately in our *Gift Record Book*.
• World Convention sends *Christmas greetings* to all readers of *World Christian*. May Christ’s birth be especially meaningful to you always.