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## Dear Friends of EuNC,

Our new year started with three big events taking place in just one week: the Leadership Conference, Board Meeting and All-Faculty Meeting. It was a special time with students from the Büsingen campus and our learning centres, pastors, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and friends from all over Europe, as well as three members of the cabinet from MidAmerica Nazarene University (MNU).

## Leadership Conference 2010 “Being Transformed Transformers”

Our annual Leadership Conference took place 18-21 January. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, reflection on the difference between discipleship and spiritual formation, and a blessed time of worshipping God together.

Our conference speakers were Rev. John Haines and Rev. Clive Burrows. John has served the Eurasia region in various capacities for over 25 years. He is currently the Regional Education Coordinator. He spoke impressively on the subject of spiritual formation.



Clive is from England and has been serving in God’s kingdom as missionary, pastor, district superintendent, lecturer, and most recently as Field Strategy Coordinator for the CIS. He spoke to the conference on discipleship. They brought new ideas and encouraged attendees at the conference to do their work in the right way.

Our devotional speaker was Dr. Randy Beckum. He is Vice President for Community Formation, University Chaplain, and Professor of Missions at MNU. Randy is formerly a missionary on our region (Germany and France) and is a visiting lecturer for EuNC. His gifted speaking concerned birth, grace, fear, community, blessing and humility.



The worship team excelled at leading us in praises to God, while EuNC students entertained the audience with some marvelous skits.



## Leadership Conference Participants Respond to Haiti Earthquake

During our gathering we offered participants of the Leadership Conference the opportunity to respond to the earthquake in Haiti. In the opening service on Monday night, Rev. Rodrigue Valentin, pastor of our church in Paris, France and originally from Haiti, led the congregation in prayer. His family has lost 11 members including one brother and one brother-in-law. We are thankful for the generosity of the participants who gave approximately €1,300 (US\$1,800). \$1,300 of the amount given came from Moscow, Russia First Church and will be sent to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries in Haiti.



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**Here are comments from EuNC alumni on this year's Leadership Conference:**

Elisabeth Schermuly (Berlin, Germany)

Why did you come to the Leadership Conference 2010?

I try to come every year because it is my personal time to be refreshed and inspired.

What did you expect?

I knew I would see many familiar faces and that I would enjoy a good worship time. I also expected inspiration for my life and ministry through participation in many of the sessions.

What did you learn about discipleship and spiritual formation?

First of all, I learned the difference between them. Discipleship is my identity of following Jesus Christ, while spiritual formation is everything that contributes toward discipleship becoming a reality. The tips about the spiritual disciplines and their coherence with spiritual formation were really helpful. Besides, I always thought spiritual formation only had something to do with me and now I have learned that it has something to do with fellowship.

What did you not like?

That there were no Fastnachtsküchle (Swiss pastry typical for this time of year), but they bought them right away when I mentioned it.

What did you like?

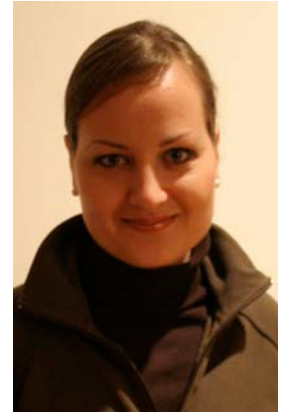
1. The speakers presented their messages in a good and pleasant way that everyone could understand.
2. The speakers were familiar to me, having been here before. But I learned even more about them on a personal level.
3. The coherence between the services and the sessions, like gear-wheels reaching for each other, was great.
4. The songs in the worship time were wonderfully composed.
5. That the evaluation is taken care of.

Would you come again?

Oh yes, I always arrange it. This is my personal time to be refreshed and inspired and to meet new and old faces. Everyone who doesn't come misses something good.

Further personal thoughts:

The Leadership Conference has always been a special time for me, even during the time I was a student. At that time, I was really excited about getting to know missionaries and pastors from all over Europe who always gathered here. Now I enjoy seeing old friends and to getting to know some new faces, so I can hear how they are doing and exchange our experiences. Good subjects have been spoken on every time I've been here. It always spoke to me personally. But the best thing this year was that the services, sessions and conversations interlocked with one another. I didn't want to miss anything, especially the conversations. I was at the end emotionally and physically, but it was reassuring to know others could relate to that. I had support at home with friends, but here I knew others understood my situation even though we haven't seen each other.



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Martijn van Beveren (Amersfoort, the Netherlands)

Why did you come to the Leadership Conference 2010?

I wanted to get out of my daily routine. I also knew I would be inspired and refreshed by new ideas about how to manage my life better. And I love the fellowship with others I can only see here.

What did you expect?

I didn't have many expectations. I just wanted to take some inspiration for my life with me. And I knew that John Haines would be a great speaker.

What did you learn about discipleship and spiritual formation?

I've learned more about the willingness of the Spirit to be in my life. It is in my nature to journey with God and to find Christ in the centre of my life. I want my nature to become more and more like Christ.



What did you not like?

Actually I should adjust to the busy time of session after session. But it was still hard sitting hour after hour having to keep up the energy to listen and to concentrate.

What did you like?

1. I liked the contemplation with others about the words we were listening to. It is so nice just to sit and have fellowship with others.
2. I especially liked Büsingen and the surrounding landscape: The Rhein river, the mountains, and other beautiful places.
3. The peace and rest that I can find here is really wonderful.

Would you come again the next time?

I would like to come back even if I already knew the subject. Then, I would get out of my routine and the normal rhythm of my life. I maybe would take some more walks than I did this time.

**Please be sure to mark your calendars:**

**The next Leadership Conference will be 17-20 January, 2011.**



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## Board of Trustees Meeting

It was a special privilege to have three of the five member cabinet (leadership team) of MidAmerica Nazarene University (MNU) on campus: Dr. Ed Robinson (President), Dr. Steven Ragan (Vice-President for Academic Affairs), and Dr. Randy Beckum (Vice-President for Community Formation). Part of the discussions between the board and faculty focused on deepening the relationship between MNU and EuNC over the next five years.

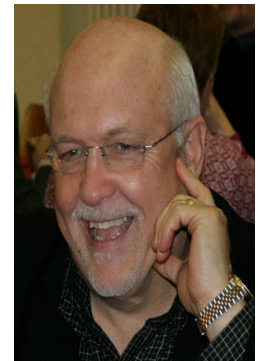


## All Faculty Meeting: 21-25 January

Immediately following the board meeting, 28 faculty members and administrators from all four fields gathered for the 3rd Annual All-Faculty Meeting. This meeting involved various training sessions, presentations and fellowship.



All three members of the MNU cabinet were present. Antonie Holleman presented EuNC with the subject "Moving Forward." He spoke about the campus, the 15 Learning Centres and the 36 teaching locations, and how there is unity and diversity among them. All coordinators from each learning centre gave a short report.



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## All College Snow Day by Jason Veach

A group of students, faculty, and staff left on a snowy Monday morning, 25 January, for Engelberg, Switzerland. Once we arrived, some



decided to spend the day sledding down the path at high speeds. Some took the gondola up to the cozy restaurant where they settled in for a hot cup of coffee



while overlooking the beautiful landscape. After a great time in the mountains, the group returned to the campus for a pizza supper and fellowship - a great ending to a wonderful day.



## Greetings from the Rector

We hope that you had a good start into the new year! EuNC surely did. What a superb Leadership Conference we had, followed by the annual Board of Trustees meeting, and the all-faculty meeting. I trust that you can catch some of the excitement and joy of these important events for European Nazarene College!

I am happy to announce that Ruth Hellmuth is the new editor of our "EuNC...in touch" newsletter. Some of you know her as Ruth Burmeister (she is the daughter of Uwe and Christa). Ruth and her husband Markus have three wonderful children and live in Gottmadingen, Germany (about 10 minutes from the campus). This is the first newsletter she is responsible for. We welcome her and wish her God's blessings in her new assignment.



We wish all of you God's grace and peace in your lives, your families, your work, and your ministry involvement. Please, continue to stay "... in touch" with your school, European Nazarene College.

In Christ,

Klaus Arnold, Rector

