Dear Friends of EuNC,

In Philippians 2:13, Paul admonishes his readers to continue on the way that they have started with God, when he writes: “For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.”

We believe that European Nazarene College is at one of the most crucial crossroads in its history, one where we are making important decisions to effectively and efficiently fulfil our mission, being One School in Many Nations: Enabling Christlike Disciples for Ministry. We know that fulfilling the mission of EuNC can only be accomplished by a concerted effort by all of our partners in ministry. Above all, “It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.” This is the foundation upon which all of our hopes and dreams and our efforts and prayers are built. We ask you to join us as we look toward the future together!

Fernando and Liliana Almeida to join European Nazarene College

Since Antonie Holleman was elected district superintendent of the Netherlands District of the Church of the Nazarene, the leadership of the school, together with the executive committee and the regional director, has been seeking God’s guidance through prayers, discussions, many e-mails and skype-conversations. We are very happy to report that Fernando and Liliana Almeida will be joining our team at the beginning of this next school year.

**Nicole, Fernando, André and Liliana Almeida**

Fernando and Liliana are Portuguese citizens (Liliana originates from Cape Verde) and have two children, Nicole (17) and André (10). The Almeidas have been missionaries since 2004, first with the Eurasia region until they moved to South America in 2005 where they have been serving until now. They ministered in various positions until Fernando was elected rector of the Nazarene Seminary of South America (STNS) in Quito, Ecuador. Fernando, an ordained elder, holds degrees from Nazarene Theological College in Manchester, England (MA in Theology) and Northwest Nazarene University, USA (MBA in Church Administration). Liliana holds a Licenciatura in Sociology from the Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal. Both of them speak Portuguese, Spanish, and English.

With their experience and expertise, they will be serving EuNC in curriculum development, as teachers, and by working closely with our learning centres. We are looking forward to their contribution to the mission of European Nazarene College.
New Personnel in General Administration
In the last couple of months, the following persons have joined us in taking over some important tasks in the general administration of EuNC:

Mária Tulipán Gusztinné (Hungary), curriculum development
(Cluster 4: Proclaiming the Kingdom of God)

Gideon de Jong (Germany), curriculum development
(Cluster 3: God’s Mission, the Church, and Vocation)

Olga Druzhinina (Russia), Mentoring Programme and translation

In addition, Davide Cantarella, who is already serving on the curriculum committee and helping to coordinate our learning centres in the former Soviet Union, has taken over further responsibilities in curriculum development.

All of the above responsibilities are part-time and all of the persons are involved in other ministries on their districts, local churches, and learning centres. It is important to the ministry of EuNC to share the responsibilities among different people in as many countries as possible. Together we are stronger.

EuNC Faculty at Global Theology Conference in South Africa

It was a blessed experience and a special privilege that eight members of the faculty of European Nazarene College could participate in the third Global Theology Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa (23-27 March 2014). Some of us participated as district superintendents and pastors, but most of us as educators. With many other leaders from all regions around the world, we discussed critical issues in ecclesiology, which was enriching to all and should impact the church globally.

EuNC participants (from left to right): Sylvia Cortez Masyuk (Ukraine), Svetlana Khobnia (UK and Russia), Antonie Holleman (Netherlands), Mária Tulipán Gusztinné (Hungary), Gabi Markusse-Overduin (Netherlands), João Pedro Pereira (Portugal), Olga Druzhinina (Russia), Klaus Arnold (Germany)
Highlights from Learning Centres

In recent months, our learning centres in Armenia and Germany organized special luncheons for their faculty and students in order to foster community. While they were together, they also used the time for some training and faculty development. Here are some impressions:

**Armenia Learning Centre Luncheon and Training**

**Germany Learning Centre Luncheon and Faculty Training**
**Portugal Learning Centre: Spiritual Formation Retreat**

*By Jayme Himmelwright, Teacher*

In planning our Spiritual Formation class, we soon realized that we were going to have difficulty fitting the needed class hours into the weeks that had been allotted for the class, so we decided to have a Spiritual Formation retreat one weekend, which we did in collaboration with the Portugal district as part of the district-wide leadership retreat. Besides the instruction, all participants had the opportunity to practice some of the spiritual disciplines throughout the retreat. We had 24 hours of prayer throughout the four days of the retreat. Also, people could sign up to go through a guided prayer with a prayer team. During free times, participants were encouraged to practice meditation, solitude, orientation, etc. They were encouraged to fast meals. For confession, participants could write a letter to God. For service, they could go and wash someone’s feet. For celebration and adoration, we had a worship concert. Each day, we had a wonderful worship service.

Our students not only planned, prepared, and executed many of the logistics of the retreat, but they also prayed and fasted for a week before the retreat. Our prayer was that our leaders would be challenged to begin practicing more of the spiritual disciplines. We believe that after they have experienced greater intimacy with God that they will take their passion that comes from personal experience to their local congregations and teach them as well. We believe that God wants to bring revival to the Church of the Nazarene and to the nation of Portugal, and we hope that our small effort for this retreat can contribute to that. We are already hearing reports of prayer plans being implemented in local churches. Praise be to God!

**A Word from the Rector**

We praise God for his presence throughout this school year. These next months will be characterized by preparations for the sale of the properties and facilities in Büsingen. For that we covet your prayers as we continue to seek God’s guidance in the following areas:

- Preparation of sale and finding investors to purchase the properties and facilities
- Future location for administration base and English collection of our library

All of these matters need to be ready for final decisions by January 2015. We continue to trust in God’s providence – as he has helped us in the past, he will guide and bless us in this important time of transition. Based on the confidence Paul expressed in his epistle to the Philippians (2:13), *“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose”*, we trust and pray and work hard in the conviction that God has greater things in store for European Nazarene College. This transition will make us stronger to fulfil our mission as being *One School in Many Nations: Enabling Christlike Disciples for Ministry*.

Klaus Arnold, Rector