Dear Friends of EuNC,

The first month of each year is usually very busy at European Nazarene College. Two important events happen: Board of Trustees Meeting and Faculty Assembly – both key events for the development of our school. This year, these two occasions were followed by a third one – the move of the EuNC general library and administrative offices from Büsingen to the new EuNC Administrative Centre in Linsengericht, Germany.

**Italy Learning Centre Hosts Board of Trustees and Faculty Assembly in Catania, Sicily**

We are very thankful to the Italy Learning Centre, and especially Dr. Giovanni Cereda and his team at his local church in Catania, Sicily, for hosting this year’s meeting of the EuNC board of trustees and faculty assembly. After being on the Central Europe field in Budapest, Hungary last year, we were back on the WestMed field. Giovanni and his team helped organise the venue for the events, transportation, the worship service, and even an outing to the historic sites in the city of Siracusa. Thank you, Dr. Cereda and team – you did a wonderful job hosting a total of 60 people for five days!
Highlights from the Board Meeting

On Monday, 25 January 2016, the annual meeting of the EuNC board of trustees took place in Catania, Italy. Fourteen persons (both ministers and lay delegates) participated, representing all four fields on the Eurasia Region for which EuNC is the educational provider. Rector Arnold shared his vision of EuNC as one school in many nations making a difference in our world through transformational education. Some highlights of his report included:

- 261 active students in fifteen countries.
- Graduating 13 students from five learning centres.
- Sale of the campus to the town of Büsingen and renting of the new EuNC Administrative Centre in Linsengericht (close to Frankfurt, Germany).
- Reorganisation of the main library for move to the EuNC Administrative Centre.
- Strategic collaboration with theological schools in Europe and United States.
- Finalising the approval of all syllabus templates in preparation of overall curriculum review.

The chairman of the board, Mr. Piet Boekhoud from the Netherlands, has been re-elected for three years. A special highlight was the time of board development, where John Haines, Regional Education Coordinator, led us in a time of reflection and discussion of the mission and role and importance of EuNC for the region and the church.
Faculty Assembly in 2016

The 2016 faculty assembly was held at the same venue in Catania, Italy. Forty-four faculty and administrators spent almost four days together for learning, coordination, worship and fun! During the year we have various meetings on the fields, districts and through video-conferencing. However, faculty assembly is the only time when we come together physically from all learning centres.

This year we were privileged to have two speakers from Northwest Nazarene University with us. Dr. Mark A. Maddix, Professor of Practical Theology and Dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministries, who was with us already last year, and came back to help us deepen what we have learned about online education. Many learning centres have implemented online learning as one of the modes of education since last year. His seminars were very practical and will help our teachers to be better equipped for their task.

Dr. Carey W. Cook, Vice President for Student Development, shared about student community and student development especially in the context of distance education. Different groups discussed how we can implement what we learned in the different contexts of our learning centres.
New EuNC Administrative Centre

On Tuesday, 2 February 2016, the main collection of the EuNC library together with office equipment, legal, administrative and financial records, as well as the EuNC archives were moved to the new EuNC Administrative Centre (two offices and library space on the first floor of an office building) in Linsengericht (close to Frankfurt). We have rented a total of 93 square metres (1000 square feet). We trust and hope that these facilities will serve EuNC well in fulfilling its mission. Our new address can be found on our website (http://www.eunc.edu/contact-us/). Besides Klaus Arnold (rector) and Martina Arnold (administrative assistant and office manager), Tanja Baum (financial assistant) has a workplace there. The pictures give a first impression of the new facilities.
A Word from the Rector

One of the greatest joys for me as rector of European Nazarene College is to see our students in action. I have the chance to do that in our visits to the learning centres and districts as well as in our own local church in Gelnhausen, Germany. It amazes me to observe the transformation as well as the impact they make: in creative ways of reaching out, serving youth and children, and in various forms of compassionate ministry. This gives me hope for the future.

At the same time I am aware of the growing need for pastors on all of our districts in the coming years – for the existing churches as well as for new church plants. The local church is where God’s people gather for worship, prayer, hearing and reading the Word, observing the sacraments, education and training in various forms. We need women and men who lead these local churches and collaborate with all forms of ministry in order to reach out and share the love of God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a world in need. Please, pray with us that God is calling women and men to pastoral ministry – the field is white unto harvest, but the labourers are few! Through our learning centres we are working closely with local churches and districts all over Europe and Central Asia to help people fulfil their call! That is our mission – being one school in many nations transforming people to make a difference in our world! Please, pray with me for God’s continued guidance and blessing on European Nazarene College and the church in Europe and Central Asia.

Klaus Arnold, Rector