

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

A Brief Message for the Christian Communion International (CCI) from Jarda Tusek

I send greetings and enthusiastic support for the new name for our communion (formerly the Communion of Convergence Churches International). Our new name, I believe, clearly communicates what we stand for and can be understood by those coming from diverse cultures and speaking many languages who are represented within our communion. I look forward to bearing this name in our European ministry, "Cesta Tam."

An Important Struggle

Today I have a brief but urgent message about an important struggle which is going on right now. This struggle is happening an ocean away from us in the US, but it nevertheless touches every one of us who is involved in the CCI.

Whether we know it or not, whether we want to accept it or not, this barely discernible struggle is like the "still, small voice" of God that we know so well. We are forced to make a choice.

Not between supporting missions in the US or overseas. Not between being evangelical, sacramental, charismatic, contemplative, or supportive of social justice. Not between planting another new church in this place or that place..

No, it involves a much harder choice, one that is worthy of the 21st century and the times that are upon us.

The Bride of Christ in Europe

It's the choice between commitment or indifference. Between the most urgent or the most important. The choice between doing what's right or leaving the right undone. It is the choice between

helping the ailing, weak Christian church in Europe to awaken and be reborn or letting it simply die after some two thousand years of existence.

This choice is, I believe, even more important than the one that Americans faced prior to their decision to join the Allies in Europe in World War II in order to defeat the powers of evil as

seen in the Axis. That decision turned the tide of the war and made it possible to defeat the Nazis and Fascists who were bent on destroying Europe and remaking it in their own twisted image.

Today's message is brief but urgent. The Bride of Christ in Europe needs your help now: "Therefore choose what you will do, says the Lord. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord who called us" (Joshua 24:15).

Please join me in this prayer:

"Thank you, our Heavenly Father, for enabling us to be moved by compassion and concern for the body

of Christ as it suffers in Europe. Through neglect and ill-will, the Christian church in Europe is of poor reputation and little effectiveness. It is languishing and growing weaker by the day.

Help us to be willing to make a difference today, just as Christ did in His day. I thank you that our entire purpose in life is to pull others into your kingdom of Light, not only here in America but across the oceans as well, in Europe and the rest of the world. Thank you for calling us and using us to do Your will."

If this prayer speaks to your heart, I urge you to be in touch. You can call me at 904.992.8729, email me at tusek@fdn.com or go to www.ili.cc for more information on the Cesta Tam ministry.

All the best for a Happy New Year!

