

## EUROPEAN EVANGELISTIC SOCIETY

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The European Evangelistic Society is one of the few ministries among Stone-Campbell churches that has historically sought to work among all three streams of the American expression of this ideal. Like the World Convention, EES draws support and board members from all three streams and has been blessed by that inclusion.

At the present time, our educational ministry at The Institute for the Study of Christian Origins, led by Scott Caulley, continues to function along side of Eberhard Karls University, in Tu"bingen, Germany. In addition to his research which is focused on the study of Christian origins, Dr. Caulley works with the New Testament faculty of the University in a number of ways.

In October, 2008, the first members of a campus ministry team began arriving in Germany. They will use a portion of the facility owned by EES and located in the heart of the University's central campus. Currently four team members are present in Germany with another to arrive within the next six months. A group of exchange students are there as well, studying at the University and assisting in the outreach of the ministry team.

We continue to work on the idea of planting a functioning congregation in Tu"bingen that is focused on young adults and that can become a congregation for students involved in the campus ministry. We continue to search for a team leader who can develop a plan, build a team, and go to Germany to start a ministry of church planting.

The "American Agenda" of the European Evangelistic Society continues to focus on unity among Stone-Campbell churches. Our executive director has been serving with the Great Communion group, planning the 200th anniversary of Thomas Campbell's "Declaration and Address." The sponsorship of the Walker Lectures, in memory of long-time EES board president, Dean E. Walker, is always focused on some aspect of early Christianity with a focus on bringing believers together as one body.

The current economic challenges, coupled with the exchange rate between the US dollar and the euro, are a significant issue for all ministries to face. This is especially true for missions where most of our resources are spent in Germany.

This mission was begun over 60 years ago by people who believed that the church is one body and that believers in every age have a responsibility to promote the unity of the church around the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We continue to be focused on that idea and will continue to seek ways to be a force not only for unity, but against the sins of racism and for any and all efforts to make reconciliation a reality because of the presence of Christ in our midst.