

Newsletter (Pilgrim of Benced)

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*Beautiful is the Nyiko Valley
and its neighborhood,
Its people believe in God,
More beautiful is pussy willow,
Like on other places the lily of the valley,
La la la..." (szekler folk-song)*

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XXIII. Transylvanian Unitarian Youth Conference

Declaration

National David Ferenc Youth Association what is working for Unitarian and other liberal religious youth organized in Benced, the XXIII. Transylvanian Unitarian Youth Conference. At the event were participated about 200 youth.

The conference's schedule contained: religious services, devotion, presentations, workshops, and amusing parts.

As the final moment of the conference we dedicated a carved wood.

As a synthesis of the conference we show you this declaration.

The theme of our conference was protection of our inner and outer environment. This year in our association the theme was the same. This summarizes this conference.

The presentations and the workshops divided the conference in 3 parts: physical and mental health, environmental protection, and globalization.

Physical and mental health are very close together. "Healthy Body, Healthy Spirit" was the slogan, Czire Alpar, gymnastic professor and Ferenczi Eniko minister, mental hygiene specialist, completed their workshop with useful information for those attending. Moderating, regular things and mental balance create good health. During the conference, the minds of the audience members changes. The workshops were in 3 sections, where the main theme was healthy meals, today's mental diseases that were presented by Pal Tunde, positive psychotherapist consultant, and Lakatos Csilla, minister and psychologist.. During the conversations, we learned that that today's "trendy" diseases (depression, eating problems, fears) all have a spiritual origin.

Kovacs Zoltan Csongor, the president of Green Transylvania Association, talked about environmental protection and an ecological way of life. In his presentation, he talked about chemicals and their incorrect usage, which are destroying our environment. These cause allergic reactions and new diseases in the human body.



He talked about the genetically changed plants and their effects, the quantity of human trash being so great that we cannot recycle it all. Our way of life increases the trash. Every person is responsible for the environment. We have to use less packing paper, and in place of the products from other countries, we have to buy local products.

Kolumban Gabor economist, professor talked about globalization and the economic crisis. He explained how that crisis appears presently. The money become goods, the banks made deal with virtual money businesses. This is close to the depravation of morality. A lot of people accepted credit, what they later couldn't pay back. The leader of the money world, in spite of the fact they knew that the crisis will come, they didn't make any changes.

At the workshops, we talked about our Szekler way of life, and the relationships between us and the environment., We talked about Szeklerland and the fact that if there is not a change in the Szekler view, we will have more problems.

We have to change the traditional agriculture with regional agriculture: living in balance with the natural environment, and to follow, not just to benefit from, we have to live in balance with nature. Following the examples of the west, shopping traditions will not be a sustainable state for very long. Money will be less, which is bad news - the economic crisis will take awhile, and we have to find the methods for how to live well with a lack of money.

Bless all participants of the conference, all sponsors, and all organizers!

23rd August 2009, Benced

Staff of National David Ferenc Youth Association

Moments from the conference

Life in the kitchen of our Community House:





Presentations in our church



Our village full of youth



Opening sermon



Dedication of carved wood in the garden of the church



Festivity in our Community House



Workshops

New Toilet in Community House of Benced

There was another grant sponsored by Project Harvest Hope, we put down our project, our grant and we earned it, exactly 8000 RON. (about 2800 \$)

The aim of presently project was to make a new women and men toilet in Cultural House, being a building where gather together the community, where are organized all festivities, all programs of Benced. Our partners were: Ittre Benced Foundation, Local Council. The mission of the Foundation together with the Local Church was writing the grant, implementing, monitoring it, and making reports, coordinating the works, organizing the public works, buying necessary things, administrative works.



The Local Council helped us with 10000 RON (about 3500 \$). In this price we could buy useful things from a store which they showed us.

With 10000 RON we bought accessories for the toilet: 2 ex wash basins, 3 We basins, 3 WC covers, 1 WC basin for men, 50 m² glazed tile, 5 bags of cement, 2 soap keeper, 2 towel keeper, 50 ex. Soaps, 5 ex. Trash keeper, 2 ex. Taps, 100 ex. Paper towel, 200 toilet paper, 3 toilet paper keepers.

The works was made by Szalon SRL from the earned money

Works	Number of examples	Price per one	Total price (RON)
Tiling	50	20	1.000,20
whitewashing	1	1	1.000
Conducting the water including the accesories	1	1	2.000
Conducting the current power	1	1	1.700
TOTAL			5.700,20

At the same time the doors and windows were made by Szalon SRL, too, from the earned money.

	Number of examples	Price per one	Total price (RON)
door	3	500	1.500,01
window/ m ²	2	400	799,99
Total			2300,00



Our community's website:
[www. benced. ro](http://www.benced.ro)

Our partnerchurch's website:
www.nora-uu-church.org