

IMMERSE 2020 SERVES 54 LEADERS IN 10 NATIONS

We made Immerse Worship Camp history July 1-3 by holding our first virtual event with 54 participants from 10 countries and six time zones.

During this event hosted on Zoom:

- Worship leaders, workshop teachers and preachers ministered through nine hours of live bilingual sessions.
- 24 teachers from the USA, Belgium and Spain pre-recorded 15 hours of break-out sessions on a variety of topics.
- A guest band in Utah and two French-speaking worship leaders in Belgium pre-recorded bi-lingual worship.
- And three translators in Belgium worked to make sure all sessions were bi-lingual.

No doubt, it was one of our most challenging events ever, but so worth it!

Eager participants showed up early and stayed late from:

- Eight European countries including: Belgium, France, Italy, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Portugal and Spain.
- Morocco where a team joined from a church in Tangiers.

- The Philippines where – due to the time difference – a team stayed up all night to be with us!
- And the USA: where Americans joined from Massachusetts, Texas, Tennessee, Florida, Utah, Mississippi and Louisiana.

One of the silver linings in offering our event virtually is that we were able to reach leaders all over the world –



rather than just those who could travel to Belgium for a live event. We're thrilled that we could serve these precious saints God brought to us.

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CONVERGE AMSTERDAM

Although our time in Europe this spring was cut short due to COVID-19, we were able to hold our ConVerge Amsterdam at Christ Worship Centre, February 29. Joining me on the teaching team were Zach and Liz Lowrie from the USA as well as Allyster and Laetitia Taubeneck and Danilo Flores from Belgium. We are already looking forward to returning in 2021!



WORSHIP LEADER'S MASTERMIND SERVES LEADERS IN SIX NATIONS

In June we launched a Mastermind group for worship leaders of member churches in the Fellowship of European International Churches. Fifteen worship leaders from nine churches in Belgium, The Netherlands, Sweden, Italy, France and Spain joined the mastermind, which meets bi-weekly on Zoom. This Mastermind has been a wonderful opportunity to connect leaders from churches in different countries, provide in-depth training, and mentor leaders.



JEFF PARTICIPATES IN 'THE BLESSING BELGIUM'

In May, I was invited to sing on the 'The Blessing Belgium' video recording. Released July 21, Belgium's national independence day, the project involved more than a hundred singers recording in the three national languages of French, Flemish and German. You can watch the video on the homepage of www.elevateeurope.com. (Note: You'll see me at 4:52)

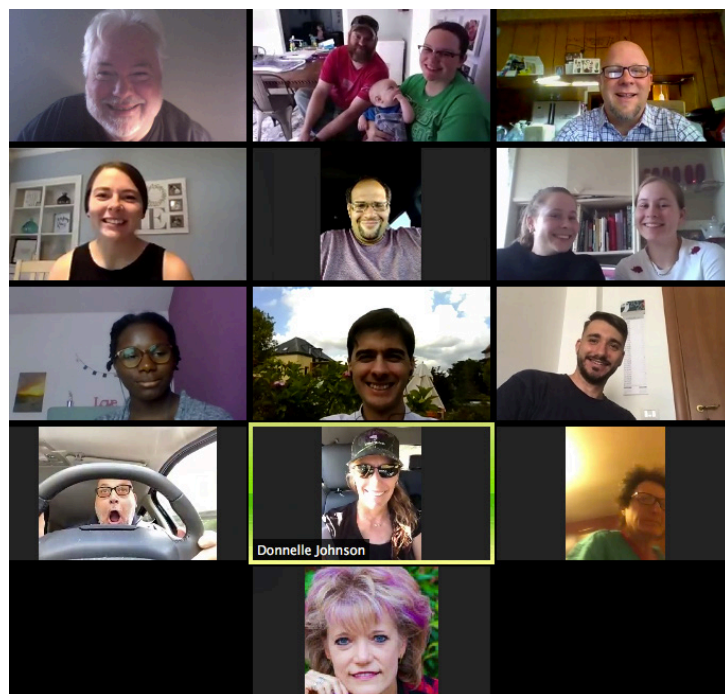


LEADING WORSHIP DURING LOCKDOWN

During the lockdown, international churches in Belgium, Italy and Portugal invited me to record worship sessions for their online services. I recorded several worship sessions each for ICF Padova (near Venice) and Life Church Lisbon in Portugal and guest lead one service for Brussels Christian Center. What a joy it was to serve these churches during a difficult season.

FEIC: LOCKED IN BUT NOT LOCKED OUT

While churches in Europe were on lockdown, I interviewed 10 international church pastors across Europe for a series we titled, 'Locked In But Not Locked Out.' The series detailed how pastors were navigating the challenges brought on by COVID-19 and featured pastors in Italy, Morocco, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Portugal, Spain and Austria.



IYOUTH TEAM PLANS 2021

For the first time in 20 years, iYouth Camp was cancelled this year due to COVID-19. However, a number of the iYouth team met over Zoom to discuss plans for camp in 2021. Not seeing 'our' kids this summer was a real disappointment. But we're already looking forward to making up for lost time with them in 2021!

WORSHIP INSTITUTE WEBSITE IS GETTING A REDESIGN

As the COVID-19 lockdown turned from weeks into months, the limitations imposed made us realize how dependent we were on travel and live events to do ministry.

As you know, during this interim period, we are organizing online training opportunities to keep moving forward.

But what happens when this is over?

Of course we will resume traveling and holding live events, but we realize now that we are missing other ministry opportunities by not offering more online training.

With that in mind, we feel it's time to redesign the website of The European Worship Institute in order to:

- Give the site a fresh updated look
- Add French translation where applicable.
- Add an online training functionality
- And brainstorm other innovations that we can develop over the coming years.

We're excited to see how this project will develop and enhance the ministry we offer through live events.



WHAT'S AHEAD

While we don't yet know when we will be able to travel back to Europe, we're moving forward with tentative plans for the fall of 2020 and spring of 2021.

Here's what we are planning.

2020

FEIC Worship Leader's Mastermind

The current mastermind is set to end August 31. However, I'm going to propose to the group that we continue meeting monthly as a source of encouragement and continued training.

EWI Worship Leader's Mastermind

Based on the success of our Immerse virtual worship camp, I'm considering starting a second mastermind for worship leaders who attended Immerse.

Koinonia Worship Piano Mastermind

This mastermind is designed to help worship pianists move forward through an intensive training push over six weeks. If the students want to continue, then I'll look at extending through the fall.

Spark Digital Media 2020 Virtual Conference

It's time for another Spark Digital Media conference but even if I travel to Europe in October, it's doubtful that circumstances will allow us to organize a live event. So I'm planning to organize a virtual digital media event.



ConVerge 2020 Spain Virtual

Having organized ConVerge worship events in the Andalusia region of Spain since 2014, we have a strong following in this nation and are discussing the idea of a virtual Spanish-language worship training event in October.

FEIC Network 2020 Summit

For 15 years, we've had a summit for the Fellowship of European International Churches. With the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, the Summit may have to be virtual as a two-week quarantine is required when traveling intra-Europe.



2021

Who can predict how things will look in 2021? But hopefully we will have a vaccine and life will return to normal. With that hope in mind, here are the events and training opportunities we're planning for next year:

ConVerge Italy 2021

ConVerge Morocco 2021

ConVerge Andalucia 2021

ConVerge Netherlands 2021

ConVerge Madrid 2021

ConVerge Portugal 2021

FEIC Relational Retreat, Morocco

Immerse 2021 Belgium

iYouth Camp 2021 Germany

Spark Digital Media 2021

CJEM Youth Convention 2021

Koinonia Worship Piano

Worship Leaders Masterminds

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