



Rev David Montgomery

THE MISSION IS HERE!

...a word of challenge and encouragement from **Rev David Montgomery** – *District Superintendent*

On a visit to the USA I was being shown round an area by the local District Superintendent and we visited a number of small towns which had a population of around 3000. We visited the Nazarene church in the first town and I was told the weekly attendance was between 600-700 - and there were about 5 other places of worship in the town all with good attendances. The second town was similar, as was the third. Being curious I asked what percentage of the population attended church and was told between 50%-60%. I found this difficult to reconcile in my mind as in some areas of Yorkshire, where I live, only about 1% attend church.

When I got home I was telling my wife, Alison, about the wonderful time I had in the States; the people were friendly, the food was great, the churches were well attended...and the percentage of the population that attended church was huge. When she asked if I would like to pastor there, my immediate response was, "what's not to like?!" But immediately the Holy Spirit whispered in my ear, "...but the mission is here." Where would I rather be? In a place where most of the people are already Christian, or where there is work to do? Well, the truth is, I would rather be where there is work to do!

Paul the Apostle in 2 Corinthians 4:7 states, "**We have this treasure in jars of clay**" and in the following verses he is honest about the difficulties – and there are difficulties! However, he wants to reassure us that it is not so much about us; rather, it is God's power in us "**to show that this all surpassing power is from God and not from us**". Let us be reminded that we move forward in His strength and in His power. Let us be encouraged that we have the privilege of ministering to people who might never hear about Jesus. And what a joy is ours when they hear and respond to the Christ of Calvary.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

THEME: "Making Christ-like Disciples"

SOUTH DISTRICT 20th – 21st March District Superintendent – **Rev David Montgomery**

This year's District Assembly venue is Beechen Grove Baptist Church, Watford (programme information below). The NYI Convention was held in Manchester (Brooklands) on 29th November 2014 and Rev Carl McCann continues to serve as NYI President in the second of a two-year term of office. Robson Dodd and Pastor Kat Wood were elected vice Presidents. The NMI Convention is scheduled to be held 21st February 2015 in the Arena Church, Ilkeston, commencing 1.30 pm with Rev Philip McAlister as the speaker. Dr Philip Weatherill is standing down as District NMI President and a new District President will be elected. Dr Weatherill will continue to serve as Global NMI President.

South District Assembly Programme

Friday, 20th March

12 noon – Prayer time
1.00 pm – Lunch
2.00 pm – Assembly Business: Theme - "**Celebration**"
5.00 pm – Tea
7.00 pm – Evening Rally: Theme - "**Commitment**"

Saturday, 21st March

9.00 am – Assembly Business: Theme – "**Compassion**"
1.00 pm – Lunch
3.00 pm – Theme: "**Calling**" Ordination Service
Dr J. K. Warrick - *General Superintendent*

NORTH DISTRICT 20th – 23rd March District Superintendent – **Rev Philip McAlister**

The North District Assembly is being held in the Megain Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Belfast, N. Ireland. In addition to the business of the Assembly, Conventions, (NYI & NMI) and Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries workshops and seminars, will also be held. And a presentation from representatives of Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, and Momentum UK, will also be a part of the weekend programme.

North District Assembly Programme

Friday 20th March

7.30 pm – Theme: - "**Celebration**"
Speaker – **Rev Philip McAlister**

Saturday 21st March

9.00 am – Big Breakfast
10.00 am – Worship & SSDM Seminars
12 noon – NYI Convention
2.00 pm – NMI Convention
7.00 pm – Theme: "**Compassion**"
Speaker – **Rev Rod Green**
NCM Coordinator Eastern Mediterranean

Sunday 22nd March

4.00 pm – Ice Cream Reception
Nazarene Theological College & Momentum UK
6.30 pm – Theme: "**Commitment**"
Speaker – **Rev Jim Ritchie**

Monday 23rd March

9.00 am – Assembly Business
7.00 pm – Theme: "**Calling**" Ordination Service
Dr J.K. Warrick – *General Superintendent*

IN MEMORIAM

Rev JOHN ROBERT WEATHERILL was called home to heaven 3rd January 2015. He was 85 (a few weeks short of his 86th birthday). Born in Hartlepool, John Weatherill was converted as a teenager when he stopped to hear another teenager give his testimony at an Open-Air meeting...the teenager's name was Raymond Spence. Feeling the call to preach John trained at Beech Lawn Bible College and was pastor of a number of IHM/Nazarene churches over a 42 year period...Bolton Arden Street (student pastor), Abergavenny, Luton, Fenton, Oldham, Bristol, Leeds (Dewsbury Road) and Hart Memorial, Glasgow.. It was at the beginning of the Luton pastorate that John married Margaret Rose Preece – the wedding took place in Batley on 20th December 1952 and Rev Herbert Baldwin conducted the ceremony. It was during the Luton pastorate that their son, Philip, was born. Dr Philip Weatherill currently serves the Church of the Nazarene as Global NMI President in addition to his career in the Pharmaceutical Industry. (Margaret Weatherill passed away 26th March 2013).



Rev John R. Weatherill

The Dewsbury Church was full for the Thanksgiving Service held 20th January, when the life and ministry of Rev John R. Weatherill was remembered. Granddaughter, Jennifer Mann (Nazarene Missionary) brought a family tribute, and Rev Colin H. Wood (former District Superintendent) spoke about the faithful God-honouring ministry exercised by Pastor Weatherill – as a preacher of the Word and as a faithful pastor with a keen interest in people...a ministry which his wife Margaret was a significant part of. The service was led by Rev Tony Musgreave, pastor of the Dewsbury church. We thank God for Rev John R. Weatherill's faithfulness to Christ and to the Church, and remember the family in these days...Philip & Laura, and Jennifer & Doug, and the great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Sarah & James.

THE SEASON AND THE REASON!

As we enter the New Year the events and blessings of Christmas soon become a distant memory. However, the Advent season can be one of the busiest times of the year, as churches enjoy parties, special celebrations, and share in carol services. Yet we live in a day when the Message of Christmas is becoming neglected – according to some reports only one third of schools in the UK stage a Nativity Play, and in its place a “Winter Celebration” is substituted, which can include, “...punk fairies, aliens, Elvis, lobsters, spacemen, and even recycling bins”.

In such a situation it is even more important that we celebrate the Season for the right Reason! We thank God for the truth of the Christmas Message and commend our churches for every opportunity taken to celebrate and share the good news of Christ's birth...and that is the reason!

Examples of events held last Christmas are: Nativity Service at Irvine, held Sunday evening, 21st December in a packed church. And a Community Carol Service held at Desertmartin held 21st December with 150 present, and local businesses and two local schools participated in the programme.



Irvine, Sunday School Nativity - “Jesus is Born!”



Desertmartin Community Carol Service



Desertmartin Sunday School children – some dressed for a 'bed-time story'

PRAYER GATHERING

Over 35 pastors from the North District met in Irvine 2nd - 3rd February for the annual Prayer Conference. Taking the “Lord's Prayer” as the theme, each session included worship, teaching and reflection, and prayer. Friends from South Africa and the USA were welcomed and participated in the two-day retreat. Thanks are expressed to the Irvine church for hosting this event.



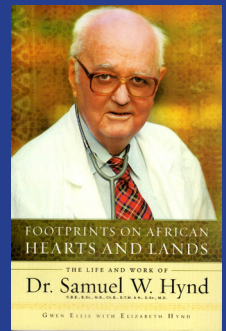
Prayer Gathering group in Irvine

A NATIONAL EVENT

On 18th December 2014 three special events were celebrated in Swaziland. Dr Samuel W. Hynd CBE – veteran Nazarene Missionary, Medical Doctor, former Minister of Health, and grandson of Dr & Mrs George Sharpe – celebrated his 90th birthday, a tree-planting ceremony was held for the new Hynd Library and Resource Centre on the campus of Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU), and the newly published biography of the life and ministry of Dr Hynd was launched. Dr T.A. Noble (family friend and denominational theologian) and Rev Colin H. Wood (former District Superintendent) represented the UK church on this occasion, and joined with the many hundreds that attended the event. Dr Noble brought the main address and other speeches were brought by Prince Masitsela (representing King Mswati III), Dr Barnabas Dlamini (Prime Minister), Dr Winnie Nhlengethwa (SANU Vice-Chancellor) and Hynd Family members, Dr Elizabeth Hynd and Tracie Hynd. The event, which was attended by many dignitaries and senior police officers, was covered by the Swazi TV News and was featured in both Swazi daily papers.



Administration Building of SANU. The Hynd family has donated E250,000 (local currency) towards the estimated E44.4 million Library & Resource Centre project

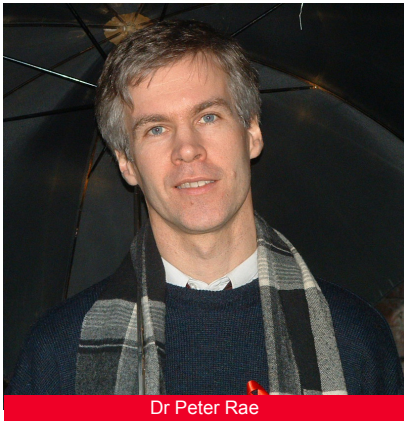


Watering the newly planted trees (l.to r), Paul Dlamini (Deputy Prime Minister), Dr Samuel W. Hynd CBE, Prince Masitsela, Dr Winnie Nhlengethwa (SANU Vice-Chancellor), Dr Elizabeth Hynd



Dr Samuel W. Hynd CBE seated with Prince Masitsela & Dr T.A. Noble and surrounded by special guests.

NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



Dr Peter Rae

Dr Peter Rae, Academic Dean, has recently been appointed Chairman of the 'Faith Based College Group' in connection with the QAA (Quality Assurance Agency). QAA is the official agency that monitors and advises on standards and quality in UK Higher Education. The group, which includes a number of Christian Colleges, has been established to represent Faith Based Colleges in connection with matters of an academic and regulatory nature, and to lobby the government and regulatory bodies as appropriate. The Faith Based College Group enables theological colleges and similar groups to speak with one voice and to keep group members up to date with matters of current importance.

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WHITEFIELD RESEARCH PROJECT

Dr Geordan Hammond, senior lecturer in Church History & Wesley Studies, has begun a two-year study-project to research and compile a critical edition of the complete letters of George Whitefield. Along with John & Charles Wesley, George Whitefield was a part of the 18th Century evangelical awakening. Dr Hammond will be working with Dr David Ceri Jones at Aberystwyth University and the task will involve bringing together more than 2,000 letters which are scattered among dozens of libraries in the UK and the Eastern USA.



Dr Geordan Hammond

NEW BOOK

The latest monograph from the pen of former College Principal, Dr Herbert McGonigle, is entitled, "John Wesley - Doctrine of Final Judgement". This booklet of 36 pages, which includes a foreword by Dr T. Osmond Mulligan – a former missionary to Nigeria with the Qua Iboe Mission - not only focuses on the doctrine of the final judgement, but reminds us of the frequency with which Wesley included this teaching in his sermons. Copies can be obtained from Dr McGonigle, c/o Nazarene Theological College.

SOUTH DISTRICT NYI CHRISTMAS PARTY

South District NYI Christmas Party was held Saturday, 29th November, at the Brooklands Church, Manchester. The District NYI AGM was also a part of the day's programme when memories of the past year were shared and updates given. It was also a time to look forward to the year ahead. Rev Carl McCann continues to serve as NYI President, and Robson Dodd and Pastor Kat Wood were elected as vice presidents. The party had a Wild West theme, with appropriate food and games, but also an opportunity to worship and hear again the Christmas message.



Wild West Christmas Party

John Wesley

Doctrine of Final Judgement

Herbert Boyd McGonigle
MA, BD, DD, PHD.

NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

NAZARENE YOUTH CONGRESS

This North Europe Field Youth Congress met at Quinta, Shropshire, 29th December-2nd January. Organised and hosted by the NYUK districts, young people from Ireland, Germany, Netherlands, and 20 from the Southwest Region USA, were part of the 130-strong group. It was a fantastic time by all accounts – with workshops and seminars, themed meal times, fun morning get-togethers, and powerful evening services making up the programme. In addition there was a day-trip to Liverpool on New Year's Day and an afternoon mission to two local Nazarene churches - Llay and Pen-y-cae. North District NYI President, Matt Ross adds, "...with new friendships made, new and renewed commitments to Christ, and a deepened appreciation for the global nature of the Nazarene family, there was a real sense of blessing and of the moving of the Holy Spirit in all that took place."



Nazarene Youth Congress Group

REGIONAL NYI LEADERSHIP CHANGES

After serving as Regional Youth Leader and NYI Coordinator for over 13 years, Rev Sabine Wielk stepped down from this position in November 2014. Originally from Gelnhausen, Germany, Sabine has been described as, "...a servant leader...with vision, spice and enthusiasm...empowering young people...leading by example...investing in people..." She will continue to serve the Region and will work in the Regional Office in Büsingen, Germany. Pastor Diego Lopez was appointed the new Regional NYI Coordinator in January 2015. Originally from Colombia, Diego became a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Barcelona, Spain, and has taken studies at European Nazarene College. He is a member of the ministry team of the Manchester Longsight Community Church, and is involved in the M13 parachurch urban youth ministry in Manchester. Diego is married to Palmira, who works in accountancy.



Rev Sabine Wielk



Pastor Diego & Palmira Lopez

GLOBAL NAZARENE YOUTH LEADERS CONFERENCE

Nearly 170 from 35 different countries met in Costa Rica 6th-11th January for the Global Nazarene Youth Leaders' Conference – also called "Third Wave". Held in the Meso-American Region and on the campus of Seminario De Las Nazareno Americas, the British Isles were represented by, Amy Warner (Erskine), Pastor Kat Wood (Ashton) and Rev Michelle Robinson (Manchester).

Rev Michelle Robinson reports. "While we were there we participated in services and workshops based on the Global NYI themes, "Be. Do. Go." - and we had the opportunity to serve and minister in local communities. These activities included painting community buildings, playing games with young people, leading songs and activities with children, giving our testimonies and sharing in street evangelism. One day, as part of our cultural immersion, we were taken to La Paz Waterfalls and experienced the natural beauty of a rainforest. A highlight for me was the opportunity to meet so many different people from around the world who are serving God in different ways and sharing their faith in creative and intentional ways with young people."



Global Nazarene Youth Leaders Conference



North Europe Delegates. (l.to r) Chiel Fahner (Netherlands), Amy Warner (Scotland), Kat Wood (England), Michelle Robinson (England), Dennis Lieske (Germany), Sabine Wielk (Germany).

YOUTH PASTOR APPOINTED

Jo Tamburello has been appointed (South) District Youth Pastor and has been given a special remit to focus more on the churches and youth leaders that are not in the Manchester/ North England area. Jo says, "I am really excited about this role and what it is going to mean for the future of NYUK South. I have been involved in our youth work for over 12 years and I am very passionate about young people not only being the future of the church, but also the present church! If anyone would like to contact me my email is joannatamburello@gmail.com"



REGIONAL NEWS

MISSION LEADERS RETIRE

Rev Lindell & Kay Browning, who have served the church in the Middle East for over 35 years, 22 of which have been as East Mediterranean Field Strategy Coordinator, are retiring. And Rev Hermann & Brigitte Gschwandtner are also retiring – Rev Gschwandtner has given decades of ministry to the Eurasia Region, working in the areas of Compassionate Ministries, Jesus Film, and, for the last 15 years as Field Strategy Coordinator for South Asia. We thank God for the significant contribution these couples have given to the work of the church in the Eurasia Region.



Rev Lindell & Kay Browning



Rev Hermann & Brigitte Gschwandtner



Ambassadors
for Christ

EURASIA 31 October - 4 November 2015
Regional Conference 2015

Save The Date

Who: All Nazarenes in the Eurasia Region
What: You are invited to attend the Eurasia Regional Conference
When: 31 October – 4 November 2015
Where: In a resort hotel in Antalya, Turkey
Why: Join with others from across the Region for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship

Mark your calendar! Watch out for more information



M+POWER
EURASIA

M POWER LAUNCHED

M-POWER is a new Volunteer Mission initiative which was launched, 30th December, at the North Europe Nazarene Youth Congress. It is for all who feel called to be a volunteer missionary. Dr Paul Tarrant (General Board Member), who, along with his wife, Cathy Tarrant (Global NMI Council Member) promoted the programme, says, “M-Power is Eurasia Region’s answer to the need for more mission personnel in places where the church has potential for significant growth...it is about recognising the call of God on the lives of Nazarenes who can take a career break, or early retirement, or when completing some stage in their education.” M-Power’s Director, Annemarie Snijders, says, “...we will try to match a real need within the Region with someone with the skills and passion to serve in that context and culture.”

Volunteers who apply and are accepted for M-POWER will be mentored and coached, and attend a Nazarene Mission Orientation weekend before being appointed. “How to Apply” is one of the tabs on the M-POWER web-page: www.EurasiaRegion.org/volunteers

The District NMI will work with local churches to help them recruit those who are called and support those what are sent. This is a mission effort for the whole church...those who go as well as those who send. For further information visit the Eurasia Region web-page or contact Paul Tarrant (one of the two Europe co-ordinators) – drptarrant@aol.com

LADIES RETREATS

MANSE MINISTRIES (North District) - 16 pastors and wives of pastors met in Kinross 6th-8th February for the annual retreat. Organised by Pastor Ann Goodwin (Director of Manse Ministries) and assisted by Diane Robinson, the speaker was Isabel Hamill (Belfast). Isabel shared her testimony, and spoke on aspects of the 23rd Psalm...reflecting on “Who is the Lord?” – which was accompanied by a very moving DVD on the Hebrew names of God - and on the mercies of God which follow us all the days of our lives, for the “best is yet to be!” Others taking part included Rev Claire Fender, Rev Rosemary Davidson, and worship was arranged by Melanie Ward and Pastor Zoe Robinson. A blessed weekend was made all the more enjoyable by the beautiful weather.



Manse Ladies Retreat



Ashton Worship Group

LADIES RETREAT (South District) - A total of 74 ladies met at the Hayes Conference Centre in Derbyshire 6th-8th February. The theme of the retreat was, “Encountering God in the Miraculous, Mistakes, and Mundane.” Pastor Kat Wood (Ashton) was the main speaker, with others taking part, included Alison Montgomery. Worship was led by the Ashton Worship Team with Mair Paton on the piano. “Women Arise” sessions were times of worship and sharing in testimony...various churches present participated in the Sunday worship and communion service...and the programme also included a craft and fun time.



Part of the Ladies Retreat participants

CHURCH AWARD

A number of awards were made at the 'Christian Funders Forum' held 13th November, at Lambeth Palace, London. In the "Best Church Building Project" category, from a total of 90 projects, 3 were short-listed and invited to attend the event – and the Parkhead, Glasgow, church was one of the three. Ian & Rhonda Burleigh represented the Parkhead church and Parkhead came first. The award was given for the building project and this includes the vision, missional purpose and intention of the building design. The Burleighs are members of the Parkhead church and although Ian Burleigh was the architect for the new building the award was received on behalf of the whole church. Dr Ian Wills is the pastor of the Parkhead church.



Ian & Rhonda Burleigh receive the 'Best Church Building Project' award from Colin Rank (Chairman – The Rank Foundation)

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

MANCHESTER – the Longsight Community Church celebrated 125 years of evangelism and holiness ministry in Manchester 4th-5th October 2014. Tracing its origins from the work of the Star Hall, Ancoats, where, in 1899, Manchester businessman, Frank Crossley established a mission, the work was followed in 1919 by the Brunswick Street IHM Tabernacle, and in 1952 the Carmoor Road premises. The move to the present location off Plymouth Grove took place in 1985. A booklet "125 Years in Manchester 1899-2014" – authored by Dr Dwight D. Swanson - has been produced. The weekend's activities included an anniversary meal, Talent Night, Sunday Celebration when past members were interviewed and a challenge for the future given by ministry team leader, Rev Steve Birkinshaw.



Today's young church with Katie Birkinshaw & Benjamin Rajendram (also playing, Emily McCulloch – piano)



The original IHM banner



Sue O'Brien, who was a teenager in the Carmoor Road church, speaks of the work of the church



The current location on Toll Gate Close



The Edinburgh Clermiston Church

Edinburgh – the work in the Clermiston area of Scotland's capital city, began through Sunday Schools held in local primary schools over 50 years ago. In 1964 the church building was opened and is situated at the heart of the local community. Rev David Tarrant (former District Superintendent) was the first pastor and a strong church was established. Two anniversaries celebrations were held in 2014. On 29th June memories and blessings were shared by members of the congregation and a special presentation was made to founder member, John Curran, for 50 years of faithful service and stewardship.

Pastor, Rev Rosemary Davidson, reports, "...on Sunday, 2nd November, the second anniversary celebration, was held and some who were a part of the church in previous years were with us including Rev Andrew & Elma Young (Andrew spoke of growing up in the church) and we were so glad to have Christine Tarrant with us (representing her family), and former pastor, Rev Jim & Pat Martin sent greetings. ... both 'anniversaries' were happy occasions, giving God the praise and looking to Him for the future."

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Members of John Curran's family were present for the June presentation (L to R) Margaret Penman, John Curran, Rev Rosemary Davidson



Former pastor, Rev Margaret Vosper, speaking at the 50th Anniversary services

LISBURN

60 years of witness in Warren Gardens were celebrated 4th-5th October 2014. The work began under the leadership of Albert Lown and a modern brick building was soon built which has been improved and extended over the years. Over 70 attended the anniversary meal, held at the Café Vic Ryn, and a number of past pastors were present for the occasion including Rev Eric Lewis, Rev David Thirkell and Rev John Paton (who was the Sunday speaker – and who also spoke at the Monday Harvest Praise). Local pastor, Rev Albert Griffith, formed all the pastors present at the Saturday event into a choir – called 'Pastors Paradise Praise' – and the group sang, 'Victory in Jesus'.



Pastors Paradise Praise! (l.to r) Rev Albert Griffith (pastor), Pastor Philip Evans, Sammy Robinson, Rev Eric Lewis, Rev David Thirkell, Rev John Paton, Rev G. Kelynn R. Adams, Rev Fred Greenfield (a local minister)



Cutting the cake (l.to r) Rhoda Griffith & Florence Orr (long-standing member)



Group at the anniversary meal

KEIGHLEY



Anniversary Meal

The 80th Church Anniversary was held 1st-2nd November. Founded in 1934 as a result of campaign held by the IHM Trekkers, with Jack Ford remaining to become the first pastor, the work in Keighley first met in a Temperance Hall but soon moved to the Devonshire Hall. Prior to the move, in 1962, to the current Oakworth Road building, services were held in Burlington Street.

An 80th Anniversary Meal was held in Newsholme Manor, Oakworth, on the Saturday, and the special speaker for the weekend was former pastor, Rev David Thirkell. Rev John Yaxley is the present pastor of the Keighley church.



Special speakers, Rev David & Jean Thirkell



Marion Jackson – founder member and soon to be 100 – signs the anniversary book

HOUSTON

A 17th Church Anniversary weekend was held 30th-31st January. Glasgow based singer-songwriter, Yvonne Lyon, accompanied by her husband, David, ministered at a Saturday evening buffet-banquet event. And the Rev Jim Ritchie (Perth) was the Anniversary Speaker.



Saturday Evening Banquet



Rev Jim Ritchie, Rev Matthew Simeon (Nazarene pastor from Western Cape District South Africa), Rev Benito Coetzee (Pastor)



100 Years. One Mission. Eternal Opportunities.

NMI CENTENARY

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Nazarene Missions International. Although 8th October 2015 is the centenary date, special events are being promoted throughout the year. Originally called the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, and then the Nazarene World Missionary Society, the global organisation is now called, Nazarene Missions International and encourages "Praying, Discipling, Giving, Education", in support of the approximately 600 missionaries that serve in the 159 world areas where the Church of the Nazarene is working. For more information visit nmi100@nazarene.org

IMPORTANT DATES 2015

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

20th-21st March – BISD

20th-23rd March – BIND

Dr J K Warrick

NYUK (BISD) TEENS HOUSE PARTY

27th-29th March – NTC

GOD LOVES SCIENCE

Time, Space, Matter Conference - NTC

18th April

LADIES CONFERENCE (BIND)

25th April - Irvine

PALCON (PASTORS & LEADERS)

"Dare to Dream" Conference - NTC

29th-31st May

ONE DAY THEOLOGY CONFERENCE

13th June – NTC

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP (BIND)

4th-10th July – Auchengillan

NORTHBREAK (BIND)

1st-7th August

Lancaster Royal Grammar School

NYUK YOUTH HOLIDAY (BISD)

14th-21st August

Smallwood Manor, Staffordshire

BREAKTHRU (BISD)

23rd-30th August

Ellesmere College

COLLEGE GRADUATION - NTC

17th October

Bishop of Manchester

DIDSBURY LECTURES

19th-22nd October

Professor Elaine Graham

EURASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

31st October-4th November

Turkey

MEN'S WEEKEND (BIND)

20th-22nd November – Arbroath

WESTON-SUPER-MARE – the Weston church was packed for the Induction of Rev Dr Musa Kunene on Sunday 30th November. A PhD graduate of Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, Musa and his family come originally from Swaziland. Friends from the Taunton and Bristol churches were part of the congregation, and Dr Dwight D Swanson preached and the District Superintendent, Rev David Montgomery, conducted the Induction.



(l.to r) Dr Musa & Prudence Kunene, Rev David Montgomery (DS)



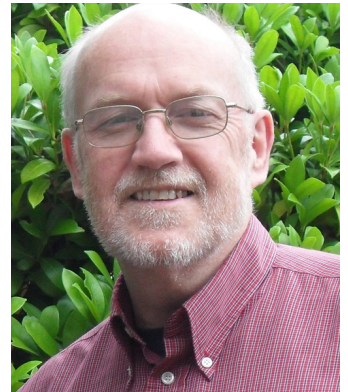
(l.to r) Rev Don Mentch, Pastor Steve & Kat Tyler, Rev David Montgomery (DS)

CHRISTIAN MEN TOGETHER

Dr Paul Tarrant (Erskine) has recently been appointed Chairman of "Christian Men Together for Scotland" (CMT), which is a national interdenominational organisation promoting the development of men's groups across Scotland. For the past four years Dr Tarrant has been a member of the CMT Board representing the Church of the Nazarene. "The Commission" – the annual men's day conference – is planned for Saturday, 7th March in Newton Mearns Baptist Church and will be a day for worship and fellowship, teaching and reflection, networking and resourcing, under the theme, "Power or Fear? Facing Life's Challenges Head-On". For more information visit: www.christianmenttogether.com



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Men Together
for Scotland



Dr Paul D. Tarrant

RETIRALS & INDUCTIONS



Rev Joy Osborne & Pastor Dennis Braham

GRIMSBY – the retirement of Rev Joy Osborne from the Grimsby pastorate was marked by a special event on Saturday 28th October. For the past 15 years Joy has served as pastor of the Grimsby church and, for 11 of these years, as a chaplain at HM Prison Lincoln. Since her official retirement in November 2014, Joy has taken on the post of volunteer chaplain at St Andrew's Hospice in Grimsby, and is writing a book about her experiences as a prison chaplain. Pastor Dennis Braham, who has been serving as associate pastor in Grimsby since July 2013, was also 'farewelled' at the same time. Dennis – a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and a graduate in Theology and Pastoral Studies from Nazarene Theological College – has been appointed pastor of the Gillingham church.

GILLINGHAM – the induction of Pastor Dennis Braham was held on Sunday 23rd November, and was conducted by Rev David Montgomery – District Superintendent. The weekend was also the 75th Anniversary of the Gillingham church and Rev Andrew McRae (a former pastor) was the anniversary speaker.



(L to r) Rev David Montgomery, Pastor Dennis & Louise Braham, Pam Grunwell (Church Secretary). (Note picture of the church on screen)

KING'S LYNN – Pastor Steve Taylor was inducted as assistant pastor to Rev Don Mentch on 15th November. The preacher was Rev David Montgomery (DS). Originally from Bolton, Steve has served in the Army for over 20 years and found Christ during a difficult time in his life about 5 years ago. Recently married to Kat, Steve is a graduate of Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.