

ONE MISSION ONE VISION

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
(ST. Matthew 1:23 NKJV)



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Message from the Administrative Bishop



Welcome to the Christmas 2021 Edition of the One Vision One Mission Newsletter.

Thank God that he was willing to send his only begotten son, who came and identified himself with sinful humanity.

The Apostle John reminds us in his writing that Jesus who was a Jew came to his own nation, who rejected him but as many as are willing to receive him, to them he gave the power to become the children of God.

"He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name" (St John 1:11-12 NKJV)

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2 NKJV)

The great Evangelist Dr Billy Graham speaking of Christmas said:
"He who has not Christmas in his heart will not find it under a tree."

Christ is the Christmas, and until we put him in front and centre of our celebration, then our celebration is incomplete because the main guest is missing.

My prayer is that Emmanuel, who came to dwell among us, will be at the centre of our Christmas celebrations and will continue to be at the centre of our lives through out 2022.

In this issue you will find news from the Leadership Training Centre, Reflections on the 2021 Womens Empowerment Conference, further information on Operation Christmas Child and much more...

Bishop Dr. Donald Bolt

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTRE



LTC COURSE SPOTLIGHT

■ Helping people in Crisis



We cannot underestimate the significant adversity and challenges faced by people during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Many have experienced bereavement, along with employment, family, financial and health issues, all having a direct impact on their mental health.

Whilst the church has been active in extending care and love to those who have found comfort through connecting with its services, meetings and outreach activities, it is widely recognised that some situations require specialist knowledge, referral and deeper levels of pastoral care.

Helping people in Crisis delivers a practical study of implementable skills for pastors, leaders and members centred on providing the most effective support to people experiencing adversity and difficult situations. The course will also better equip learners with the ability for understanding and recognising some of the key signs associated with crisis.

The course reviews basic counselling and pastoral care principles, with the 'resourcing pastoral care' element offering a Christian perspective of pastoral care covering: human need, the caring relationship, listening skills, safe practice, community resources and reflective practice.

Mrs June McKenzie
Course Facilitator

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The next course takes place from 18 - 20 March 2022.



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REFLECTIONS

ON THE NTCG WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE 2021

Our **Women's Empowerment Conference 2021** which had the theme 'United for a New Thing' was certainly different this year!

Lots of prayer, fasting, planning and organisation went into this event. From the outset it was evident that God's awesome presence was with us.

This year we were able to participate in the conference from the comfort of our own homes or some other place of our choosing as the conference was convened via Zoom. The logistics of arranging this conference clearly drew on the gifts, experience and expertise of many people to make the event the success it was. I was very impressed in particular with the wonderful team of female technicians who, although in different homes and vicinities, worked so well together to make sure that everything ran smoothly.

It was very encouraging to see so many people on the platform. On the Sunday evening there was in excess of 400 participants many of whom had not missed a session! The differing age ranges and mix of Moderators, Bible readers as well as those who were asked to pray and participate in other ways added much to the event.

During the course of the conference, various notices were given including a video promotion of the CD that the gospel acappella group, the Original Four produced (see the website www.original4.co.uk for information including purchasing details) As a member of this singing group, I was very impressed with the clear and concise way in which the different moderators presented the information about the group before the short video was played.

Feedback from sisters at my church who attended the conference includes the following:

"God is doing something new and it's not going to be received in the old way so people need to be in anticipation for what is coming."

"The ladies seminar was very on point with words of encouragement. It was nice to see that it involved various age groups so nobody was left out. It was smoothly presented at all times..... I found it emotional when the tribute to Joy Brathwaite was made..... The conference gave me pause for thought at times. I felt very much a part of the whole event. Looking forward to the next one."

Joy Brathwaite, my blood sister sadly passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in 2020. Joy was a part of The Original Four. She was also one of the most dedicated attendees of the Women's Empowerment Conference. I can't remember any conference that she ever missed since the conferences began!

Another sister shared, "I felt the conference was inspirational and encouraging God needs us to be united in the new things that He is doing to cause us to be moving effectively for the transition of our church."

Dr. Ruthlyn Bradshaw, Mrs Jody-Kay Bradley and Rev Karen Redwood delivered riveting sermons in their unique styles. It was great to have our Administrative Bishop, Rev. Bolt as well as the other men who also supported us over the weekend.

I would like to express sincere thanks to Mrs Bolt and her WDM Board members for their ongoing dedication to this ministry and for all the organisation that went into this conference. Thanks be to God for His presence with us in our conference and for the manifold blessings that were outpoured upon us.

Paula Campbell
NTCG Clapton



GUEST SPEAKERS



Rev Dr. Ruthlyn
Bradshaw



Mrs Jody-Kay
Bradley



Rev Karen
Redwood



Mrs Debra Blake



Mrs Simone Kurian

On behalf of the National Women's Discipleship Ministries (WDM) Director, Mrs Joycelyne Bolt and the National Women's Executive Board, we want to thank you for your continued prayer, support and commitment to this ministry.

Wishing you a blessed and happy Christmas and a faith-filled New year.



Mrs Denise Sterling



Miss Rachel Taylor



Miss Rebecca Letford



Mrs Annette Jackson

On the weekend of 1 October 2021, up to 400 women (and men) from the comfort of their living rooms or dining rooms logged on to the virtual NTCG National WDM Women's Empowerment Conference. At 6.30pm the waiting room opened as women from all over the UK and abroad waited in anticipation to enter the prayer session prior to the official opening of our Conference.

Each night started off with 30 minutes of prayer and intercession led by Mrs Jacqui Pitt and Mrs Angela Nelson. What an awesome time it was, as women came together to invite the presence of the Holy Spirit to be present in our conference.

From the praise and worship led by previous psalmists of latter years to the live preaching from Dr Ruthlyn Bradshaw, Rev Karen Redwood and Mrs Jody-Kay Bradley, we feasted on the undiluted

Word of God under the theme, "United for a New Thing". We celebrated our heritage through a video presentation and were reminded of where God had taken us from in an interview with Mother Thompson and the healing power of God and through the testimony of Sis Patricia Letts.

Before we knew it, it was the end of our WEC for another year. No coaches to catch, no lifts to arrange back to London or the North, we just switched off our devices and thanked God for another great conference.

Well done to Mrs Bolt, the National WDM Board and the media team all of whom helped to make sure the conference went smoothly.

Sonia Grandison

National WDM Board Member

NATIONAL WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES BOARD



Mrs Joycelyne Bolt



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Womanhood in Christian Faith Communities

In search of a better future for mothers and daughters in Christian ministry

Grace Bally-Balogun is a minister in New Testament Church of God. She is a former District Youth Director for Deptford district and is currently serving on the National Youth and Discipleship Board. She is currently pursuing a DMin degree in Ministry Leadership at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary. Grace lectures in Practical Theology and is the Course Director for Beginning Theology at St. Mellitus College (www.stmellitus.ac.uk). She is also involved at the college in preparing students from diverse backgrounds for lay/ordained ministry. Grace was a member of Tearfund's Dream Team from 2017-2018 providing strategic input into Black-Majority Churches strategy. She is also the Founder of The Deborah Gathering™, a network for women in ordained ministry, lay ministry and the marketplace. She has a commercial career that spans over 25 years in the Oil/Gas, Retail and Public Sector, performing senior roles in IT, Change Management and HR. She was the first Chair of Shell UK African Employee Network (2003-2011) and is the Chair of Bringing Hope Ltd. She is a Trustee of the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility (ECCR) and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA). She holds two MAs in Theology: Church Ministries and Christian Leadership and an MSc in Computing for Commerce & Industry. Grace provides leadership development and strategic consultancy to a number of charities, small businesses and churches.



Rev Grace Bally-Balogun FRSA
MA MSc DMin (pending)



Rev Bev Thomas 2018



Rev Caroline Wickens 2019



Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin 2020



Rev Dr Carol Tomlin 2021

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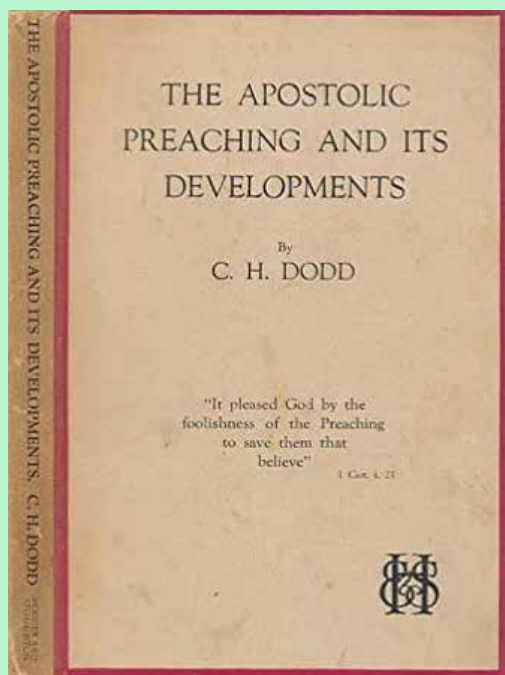
LET'S TALK ABOUT PREACHING

AM I PREACHING OR TEACHING?



The preparation of Christian sermons has a long history, reaching as far back as the early church. C.H. Dodd claims that the preparation of sermons in the early church were for preaching and teaching, 'kerygma and didache' (1936:1–13). Dodd understands that the New Testament writers draw a 'sharp' and 'clear' distinction between preaching (kerygma) and teaching (didache). For him, teaching in the large majority of cases is 'ethical instruction'; preaching, on the other hand, is the public 'proclamation' of Christianity to the non-Christian world. Whereas in Bartow's (1997:104) view, kerygma and didache are joined: they are, in fact the 'two sides of the single coin' in preaching. He claims that they are joined in the canon of Scripture, and they cannot be disjoined in preaching.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



Dodd's definition of preaching is too narrow. Willimon (1981:65) brings teaching and preaching together: 'when preaching becomes teaching it helps us understand the implications of the Christian tradition'. Thomas H. Groome explains that preaching and teaching never 'exclude one another' (1991:301). According to Goldingay (2001:8) since preaching also involves dispensing information, there is then an 'overlap' between preaching and teaching. I hold the view that preaching, and teaching are to be held together as a sacred event never separated.

Revd Samuel A Thomas FRSA

Pastor NTCG Southampton Branch/Librarian for Trialogue Preaching Library

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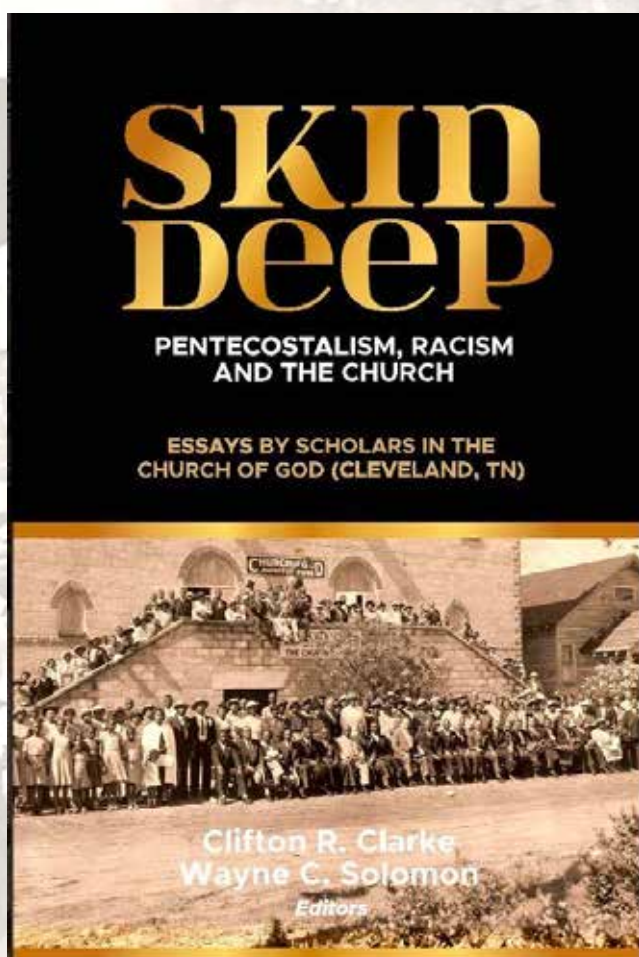
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CLIFTON R. CLARKE AND WAYNE S. SOLOMON, EDITORS



Scholars and practitioners invested in the life of the Church of God lift their voices to offer multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural perspectives on the issue of race and the contemporary church.

Contributors:

- Estrelida Alexander
- Kimberly Ervin Alexander
- Carver Anderson
- James Bowers
- Clifton Clarke
- Marcia Clarke
- Trevor Grizzle
- Patrick Kelly
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NTCG SHEFFIELD YOUNG PEOPLE RAISE £5,000 FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHARITY



A group of young people in Sheffield have taken part in a range of sponsored events together to raise funds for the Children's Hospital. The young people are all members of the New Testament Church of God, Sheffield and are aged between nine and 19. Through walking, running, cycling and canoeing, they have managed to raise £5,000 for the charity, which will go towards funding a new room in the cancer and leukaemia ward.

Charmaine Barrett, local youth leader at NTCG, Sheffield, said:

"I believe it can inspire others to be charitable and will also highlight something positive that young people of African descent have united together to do at the end of this Black History Month."

She has described the young people's achievement as a 'momentous occasion' and one which should be celebrated.

The young people told how it was not very often that positive stories of people from their backgrounds were celebrated.

They said they enjoyed the fundraising activities and are open to doing it again in future.

They feel proud knowing that the money they have raised will contribute to helping sick young people.

Charmaine, who is also a secondary school teacher at Firth Park Academy, hopes that the young people's fundraising efforts will inspire others to be charitable too.

The cheque was presented to The Children's Hospital Charity on Thursday, October 28th, and the group's donation will be honoured with a plaque bearing its name.

The next stage of The Children's Hospital Charity's fundraising appeal will be for the Helipad.

NTCG Sheffield 65th Anniversary



*Bishop Felix
Poyser*



*Bishop Curtis
Grey*



*Bishop Dr. Glen
Hutchinson*



*Bishop Benjamin
Grey*



*Bishop Dr. Joseph
Roberts*



*Bishop Winston
Taylor*

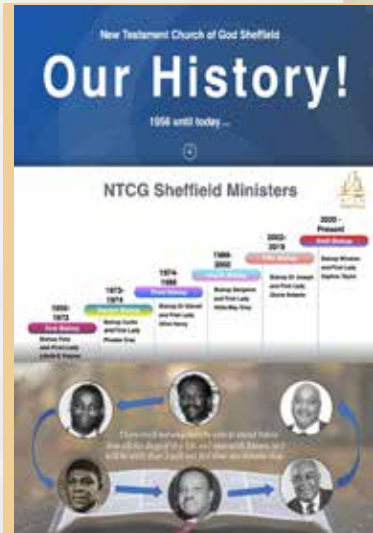
On 26th September 2021, the New Testament Church of God celebrated 65 years of Christian witness in Sheffield. We enjoyed a recorded video greeting from Bishop Stephen Poyser, son of our founding pastor, Bishop Felix Poyser, and we were also blessed to have – in person – Bishop Dr. Joseph Roberts who served the church from 2002 to 2019.

Further special guests on the day included, Mother Hilda May Grey, wife of former pastor Bishop Benjamin Grey, our National Administrative Bishop Dr. Donald Bolt and Sis. Jocelyn Bolt, and guest speaker for the day Rev. Laurel Woodstock, accompanied by her husband Bro. Linton Woodstock.

Please continue to make mention of the Sheffield church in your prayers, as we go forward and seek to remain a relevant presence in Sheffield for many years to come.

Watch NTCG Sheffield Timeline here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2ld2bYXlyk>

Bishop Winston Taylor



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HERITAGE CENTRE



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PHYLLIS THOMPSON ON BBC RADIO NORTHAMPTON



'One generation after another will celebrate Your great works; they will pass on the story of Your powerful acts to their children.' Psalm 145:4 [The Voice]

The Heritage Centre based in Northampton, is a unique project of the NTCG. The Centre is being developed to institutionalise aspects of our historical and cultural memory for intergenerational learning and reflection on how best to strengthen our contribution to the British religious landscape.

Amongst the yet to be catalogued collections are the Oliver Lyseight Collection -1953 - 1978, the seminal research material of Roswith Gerloff on the Black Majority Churches in England spanning 1972 – 2013, a collection of MA and PhD theses on themes related to the BMC and our current effort to install a new set of panels and digitised resources to showcase the contribution of our women to the growth and development of our denomination in the UK since the 1950s.

Some of what is being said about our efforts:

'This is indeed , unique collection and it is of considerable value. It covers a period of history that needs to be preserved and without this collection is in danger of being lost. I myself have benefitted from Dr Gerloff's research and her unparalleled insight into the development of black Pentecostal Churches and their particular relevance to the British situation.'

Dr Clifford Hill, Heritage Ministries

'To the best of my knowledge, there is nowhere in the country that hosts comparative material relating to the development of the BMCs and Black Christianity in general....'

**Bishop Dr Joe Aldred
Churches Together in England**

An amazing resource and a wonderful opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the history of the [NTCG].....'

Lloyce McLaren Cambridgeshire, UK

'The Roswith Gerloff archive is a vital resource for understanding significant developments within religion in Britain in the 21st century and beyond. I am grateful for the NTCG for making this available.'

**Dr John Maiden
The Open University ,UK**

"Congratulations for establishing the Heritage Centre We have a heritage to celebrate that has helped to shape Christianity in the UK and worldwide. Keep up the good work."

**Dr Dulcie Dixon
BBC Radio Leicester/Queens Foundation B'Ham UK**

To listen to an interview by BBC Radio Northampton during Black History Month with Phyllis Thompson, the Director of the Centre, click the link in the white banner above or listen here: <https://bit.ly/3dZ1asa>

For information about a heritage related course at the LTC 'Knowing your Church' contact: education@ntcg.org.uk

For information about individual/group visits to the Heritage Centre, contact Rev Phyllis Thompson:

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Dr. Donald Bolt - Administrative Bishop

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