

# ONE MISSION ONE VISION

The New Testament Church of God Newsletter



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP

Welcome to the fourth issue of the NTCG Newsletter, One Mission, One Vision. When we started this newsletter, the idea was to keep you updated during

lockdown. Back in March, all of our churches were closed for public worship and people had to get used to alternative methods for worship. In the last few weeks, NTCG churches have begun to slowly open. Churches are only authorised to open once we have received a risk assessment and it has been approved by the National Office. When the risk assessment is approved, they will be seeking to reopen. We will all have to get used to the 'new normal' and be disciplined in our approach.

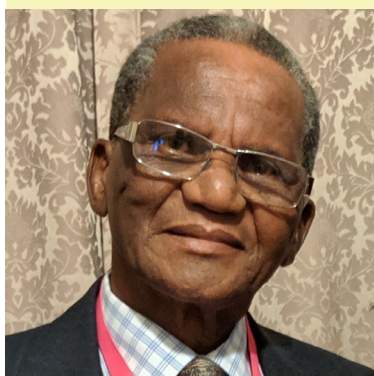
The National Office was also partially closed following the furloughing of many staff. Staff are now slowly coming back, taking advantage of the new flexibility within the furlough scheme.

In this issue you will find an exciting announcement about the Engine Room, a link to Bishop Keith Channer's successful challenge for the NHS, a new release from the IDMC Gospel Soul Choir, a new section for the Leadership Training Centre, an update on the National Women's Heritage Project, an article from the National Secretary Treasurer and more.

We continue to pray for those who have lost their loved ones and those who are still shielding or who are hospitalised.

*Bishop Dr Donald Belt*

## CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP CHANNER



On 26th June 2020, Bishop Keith Channer successfully achieved his challenge to do 60 press ups in 60 seconds to raise money for the NHS. At the age of 83, not only did he smash his target and achieve 62 press ups, he also smashed his fund raising target and has raised over **£2,500** for the charity.

## Well Done!

## IN LOVING MEMORY Mother Rose Lyseight



January 1928 - July 2020

Mother Rose Lyseight, founding Mother of the New Testament Church of God, England & Wales, went to be with the Lord on Sunday 26th July 2020. With her late husband, Mother Lyseight led the church for 25 years from 1953 to 1978. She has left a huge legacy to the Church of God, particularly in relation to the Women's

Discipleship Ministry. She will forever be in our memories. She has kept the faith and finished her course.

*To further assist the family at this challenging time, it would be most appreciated if you could send all condolences and tributes to [tributes@ntcg.org.uk](mailto:tributes@ntcg.org.uk)*

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## UPDATE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY TREASURER

We can all agree that we are living in unprecedented times due to the impact of COVID-19. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have suffered bereavement up to this point. My prayers remain with your respective families and may the comforting arms of Jesus be experienced by yourself at this time.

During these challenging times, the Church has continued to offer ministry and support to its membership and community. I recognise that this could not be done without the administrative support and financial contributions that have been given.

I would like to place on record the National Office's appreciation to all its employees and volunteers and friends of the church who have worked extremely hard to ensure we operate efficiently and effectively, whilst having to adapt to the 'new normal'.

We thank God, in the midst of all of this for continuing to journey with us offering his guidance and covering support as we continue to do ministry for Him, serving our fellow citizens.

As we commence returning to the workplace and the reopening of some of our churches for public worship, we must ensure that we do so in a safe manner, paying keen attention to all the government's guidelines and carry out the relevant risk assessments.

Our prayers are with you as we request the same.

Stay safe and take care.

*Bishop Derek Webley*  
National Secretary Treasurer



## WEDDING AFTER LOCKDOWN

Congratulations to Dionne Brown and Maciah Smith who became one of the first couples to get married in Birmingham after recent coronavirus restrictions were eased.



The happy couple were originally planning to marry in August however chose to bring the wedding forward to 4th July 2020 when the announcement came from the Prime Minister, in case of a second wave of the virus.

Guests at the wedding were asked to sanitise their hands and were given a face mask before entering the New Testament Church Of God 'The Rock' on George Street in Birmingham. Guests were shown to their seats by ushers, who had allocated seats based on family clusters. These arrangements and ample space between guest seating didn't dampen spirits as the wedding went ahead.

If you would like to read more about the couple's exquisite day, click on the link below.

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## NEW APPOINTMENT

**Rev Kenneth Scott**



In July 2020, Rev Kenneth Scott was appointed to NTCG Dayspring in Pollards Hill, Mitcham to undertake the role of Pastor. Rev Scott's wife Sharon will also be taking up the role of Local Women's Ministries President. Wishing Rev Scott and his wife every blessing for their new roles.

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# Coronavirus

## Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food



For more information and the Government's Action Plan go to [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

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## A NOTE FROM THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



### Embrace change... but don't throw out the baby with the bathwater!

Some who upon reading the first line of this piece, may be confused at the meaning of not throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Well, if I could put it another way whilst bringing out the Jamaican part

of me "new broom sweep clean, but ole broom...." I'll let you guys finish the quotation! Whatever way you understand it, what is quite clear is that change is upon us.

Be it a change in our society, a change in the practices within our workplaces or churches and even a change in how we minister in this season, change is real, and it is here to stay. Change is often very necessary and change in order to remain relevant is important and that's why it is vital that we as believers, as leaders and as churches embrace change. It is said that the last seven words of a dying church are "we've never done it this way before ". Change means that as people of God, we are adapting to our circumstances and adapting to our challenges presently and to come.


However, what is equally as important is that when we change, we change in a way whereby we embrace the new, but also hold on to those things that do not need to change. It is God that orchestrates divine change and it is the same God that keeps us anchored to the old landmark. It is God who said in Isaiah 43 vs 19 that "see I'm doing a new thing" and it is the same God that said in Malachi 3 vs 6 that "I the Lord do not change".

Let us identify the attitudes and practices that can be done away with, that cannot go with us to the next level of service and ministry whilst at the same time laying hold to Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever. Far be it from me to have a list of what to change and what not to change, that is a process that the Holy Spirit will guide you through but let us be open, pliable, flexible, willing as we let go and also hold on!

So, as we one by one return to our buildings of corporate worship, be encouraged that this new season of change is one to embrace. God is still in charge, we are still His people and the harvest is still plentiful!

Be blessed everyone!

*Bishop Malcolm Cummins*

 **NTCG** New Testament Church of God, England & Wales

# THE ENGINE ROOM

## 2020

**THE ENGINE ROOM** is a national prayer strategy designed to underpin the mission and ministry of the New Testament Church of God at national, district and local levels. Local churches are invited to join us at the National Office once a month to pray together. During these sessions, prayers are offered for a wide range of needs as well as thanksgiving for all God has done and will continue to do in the lives of his people.

*Dr. Donald Bolt - Administrative Bishop*

## WE'RE GOING VIRTUAL!

We're pleased to announce that ENGINE ROOM is going virtual! With effect from 12th August 2020, Engine Room will take place via Zoom. Further details to be published shortly.

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## JOHN FISHER & THE IDMC GOSPEL SOUL CHOIR

John Fisher and IDMC Gospel Soul Choir releases 3rd single from the upcoming 10th recorded album, called 'My Joy'.

Based on Nehemiah 8:10, the song reminds it's listeners that even through everything we are currently facing in the world today; the Joy of the Lord is our strength.

John and the choir continues to work on the upcoming album, determined to continue to spread the gospel to all through music.

from public figures on the impact of this programme.

It is John's vision to be able to continue to offer these kids this programme, and to do so, We Sing U Sing Ltd has set up a Go Fund Me page to assist. Please find the donate link below.

If you have missed the Summersong Festival 2020, it is still available to view here

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To find out more about IDMC Gospel Soul Choir and We Sing U Sing Ltd, please visit their websites :

<https://www.idmcgospel.com> & <https://www.wesingusing.org.uk>

### WE SING YOU SING...12 YEARS ON

We Sing U Sing Ltd is a children's music programme formed by John Fisher throughout schools in South London. The programme is set to give disadvantaged kids and schools without music programmes an alternative outlet. Teaching kids songs of Hope, Joy, and the Gospel, we have seen kids over the past 12 years gain confidence, respect for each other, and love for all whom they come in contact with. Some schools will also testify to the fact that this added programme has helped students grades improve, due to the positive impact it brought.

This year saw We Sing U Sing Ltd celebrate its 12th year, via a virtual Summersong festival, as the kids could not gather this year. It showed selected performances from the past 11 years of Summersong and testimonials



John Fisher receives a Certificate of Recognition from the Mayor of Croydon, for his work with We Sing U Sing Ltd and with IDMC in the community and at large.

Congratulations on your ongoing good work.

### 'GIVE THANKS' BY TT

TT from Harvest Temple, Wolverhampton released his new music single on the 8th July 2020. He commented, "'Give Thanks' is about being thankful for what we have. I believe this track fits in with everything that is going on right now in our world and I hope that during this time people are encouraged by the song and vibe out to it."

Watch the video by clicking on the you tube logo below:



Here is the smart link to download or listen to TT's song using your preferred music streaming service: [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information visit: <https://kingship.co.uk>



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## 20 YEAR OLD ARTICLES GIVEN NEW LIFE AS PODCASTS



In the summer of 2001, three members of NTCG Handsworth – David King, Altia Walters and Ulite Malcolm, taught a three-week series of singles seminars, to a class of South Birmingham College theology students.

The seminars birthed a ministry called Positively Single Network, through which they led seminars and workshops locally for several years. Early into the ministry, a local gospel music label called Kingship, granted them a monthly column on their website, through which they published 36 articles over a 4-year period, touching the lives of singles near and far.

Written at the turn of the century, some articles were very candid and ground-breaking, at a time of a great dearth of serious ministry addressing involuntary singleness. Now, ahead of the twentieth anniversary of the ministry's birth, many of those articles are being converted into podcasts and re-published as 'classics' under SAM's Faith for a Mate Academy.

Re-publishing the articles as spoken word media, brings to life and to light how germane they still are and why

today's millennials would be wise to take them seriously.

Positively Single Network came to a natural end, when the team became involved in a group commissioned to look at relaunching NTCG SAM nationally, which took place in April 2006.

The first of these classic podcasts "Stop the Sublimation" was published this month and the entire project will be completed by next summer. [www.theologyforsingles.com](http://www.theologyforsingles.com)



## WOMEN'S HERITAGE PROJECT

You may or may not be aware of our Heritage Centre located at the Leadership Training Centre. To find out more, please visit the following websites:

[https://ntcg.org.uk/wdm/about/heritage\\_panel\\_project/](https://ntcg.org.uk/wdm/about/heritage_panel_project/)  
<https://ntcg.org.uk/education/about/history/>

To date, there is very little recorded evidence of the contribution of women to the New Testament Church of God here in the UK. We have established a **Women's Heritage Working Group** and are planning to create a digital platform in the Heritage Centre to showcase the stories of our women. It will show their impact on the lives of members in their local churches, the contribution they have and continue to make to the impact of their churches in their communities and the legacy for the younger members of our denomination and society as a whole.



We are inviting every President to join us in this initiative.

Here are some ways in which you can engage with this project:

- Arrange a group visit to the Heritage Centre and become more informed about the accomplishments of our pioneers and the history of our church here in the UK.
- Contribute to our fundraising initiative. We are seeking to raise a minimum of £5,000 to set up and maintain the interactive digital platform.
- Contribute material such as letters, photographs, booklets/books, programmes and other documents to the collection of archives that will help to tell the past and present stories of our women's experiences in the NTCG and service to their local church and community.

For further information, please refer to my recent letter sent to all WDM Presidents and/or contact me at your earliest convenience: [joycelyne.bolt@ntcg.org.uk](mailto:joycelyne.bolt@ntcg.org.uk)

## LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

The London Fire Brigade are looking for people to join their team. Not all lifesavers wear uniforms. From specialist support staff to education & fire prevention, enforcing regulations to answering 999 calls, they're a diverse welcoming community. If you would be interested in joining their team, see a link to their careers page below:

[www.london-fire.gov.uk/careers](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/careers)



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## LOCKDOWN: DON'T GIVE UP!!



**The West Midlands Region 2 Evangelism Team** led by Marion- Joy Wilson has maintained a positive attitude towards soul winning. Lockdown

increased the urgency of intercession for souls with a high emphasis on the call to prayer and networking, from international to local level.

Coronavirus induced worldwide lockdown since March has prompted many churches and technophobic individuals to become digitally connected to the global benefits of on-line meetings. Marion encouraged the West Midlands team to get on board Evangelist Sharon Miller's growing on-line Prayer Closet Ministry.

The first lockdown online Evangelism conference was zoomed on the 9th May with the theme 'Locked-down' Don't Give up. Almost 100 individuals logged into this session from as far afield as Jamaica, USA and Africa to hear Evangelist Miller speak. At a subsequent session themed 'Transformation' listeners were reminded that one of the keys to transformation is self-isolation and lockdown is a conduit conveying change, during a temporary delay to a permanent stage.

On 12th June the West Midlands Evangelism zoom session included the faith based initiative presentation of the project 'Rebuilding Brooklyn' by Bishop Hugh Nelson the Senior Pastor of Flatbush Church of God USA. Marion-(Joy) shared some of the pre Covid activities of the team:-

- A follow up testimony from the Bulgaria Mission Trip reported that three young boys had given their hearts to the Lord. The West Midlands team had also sent a substantial amount of clothing for needy Bulgarian children in the care of Church of God Schools.



*Some of the Bulgarian children who captured the hearts of the Mission team.*

- A coachload of 70, plus others supported December's Worcester Cathedral praise-fest outreach where more than 1000 people packed into the cathedral. The praise and worship so impressed a visiting cleric from Wales he invited the worship team to minister at a wedding in Wales.



- A rainy day Outreach in Kidderminster yielded souls for the kingdom. The promise of return to Kidderminster has been put on hold due to Covid 19 but undeterred the West Midlands Evangelism and Missions team continue to have on-line conferences, prayer closet sessions, and global networking.

Following on from the online sessions some of which attracted maximum capacity logging in, Evangelist Marion set up a Virtual platform for altar call, with plans to continue post-Covid because there is a realisation that the current pandemic has caused worldwide spiritual disturbance and the on-line platform provides a safe link where Holy Ghost filled praying individuals are committed to pray with and signpost souls to local churches for kingdom growth and discipleship wherever they are .

**Submitted by Revd Sadie M Lindsay-Brooks**

**On behalf of Marion-Joy Wilson  
West Midlands region 2 Director of  
Evangelism and Missions**

## JOY IN THE MORNING

What the devil intends for evil, God will turn to good

The spirit of fear released, we counteract with Love

For perfect love casts out fear

Clear our minds Lord

We have the mind of Christ

Arise with the spirit of might

Clothed in His Light

The devil tries to choke us

But the spirit is our breath

We won't fear death

The devil tries to mute our voice

But we make our own choice

Lion of Judah roar - Eagle soar ...fly

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High

Still abides under the shadow of His wing

Sing praises unto Him through thick and thin

Spirit of God rise from within

Don't be discouraged- be encouraged

Don't be frightened - be enlightened

Don't be depressed - get up, get dressed

Face the day - Pray

Weeping may endure for a night

But joy comes in the morning

Take this as a warning to us all

The devil wants us to fall

Don't give in to distraction

It's time to take action

Faith without works is dead

Instead ask yourself

What is the reason for this season

That God has brought you through

Stand strong, you belong

To the one who gave His life for you

Be true to El Shaddai, Adonai

Our Most High God

*By Susan Hale*

# LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTRE



Our national training and educational provision continue to serve students and aspiring applicants of our range of courses for ministerial licensure, personal development, and academic enhancements. We are constantly developing our provisions to increase accessibility through online platforms including zoom particularly during this unfamiliar reality that requires numerous adjustments to our operational practices.

The LTC continues to explore and develop our online course provisions, regional learning hub of blended learning and assessments for our students. The outcomes will be shared as we celebrate more success. Consequently, we are attracting more academic partnerships that will allow students who have developed an interest in postgraduate

studies leading to doctoral research programmes.

LTC applauds the united efforts of the team of individuals who continue to support and enhance the training and educational delivery of LTC including; our denominational leadership, efficient administration, dedicated board members, the Heritage Centre administrator, committed facilitators and diligent volunteers.

We are encouraged to unitedly build on and contribute to our national legacy and international heritage through the provision of life-long learning for Christian discipleship and leadership.

*Rev Delroy Henry*  
National Director of Education



## NATIONAL EDUCATION BOARD



This year has been the most challenging time for LTC, since it began in 2007. None of us expected COVID-19 and its consequences, but you have all rallied to these challenges; seizing every opportunity to ensure that the work of LTC would continue beyond COVID-19. So, let me thank you all - students, facilitators, Board members

and LTC staff for not giving up or succumbing to the ferocity of the time. With God's help, we will deliver the mission and vision of LTC, and improve on the programme of work scheduled in the coming academic year, so that we are better equipped should we encounter another time like this. Every blessings

*Bishop Herbie McKenzie*  
Chair, National Education Board

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 KJV

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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- Rightly dividing the world
- Introducing Great Themes of Scripture

### Doctrinal Courses

- Faith Foundations for Life & Ministry in the 21st Century
- Living the Faith
- Knowing the Holy Spirit
- Christian Ethics & Practical Theology (Walking in the Truth)

### Pastoral Courses

- Knowing Your Church
- Leading with Integrity
- Understandig Yourself & Others
- Equipping People for Ministry
- Learning the Practices of Ministry
- Ministering Through Music
- Planting & Growing Churches
- Helping People in Crisis
- Preaching the World Today
- Care & Help Minisitries (Integral Mission)



# LTC: YOUR FLEXIBLE PARTNER FOR INSPIRING AND SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP ASPIRATIONS



My name is Julian Moore and I'm a member of NTCG Chuckery Road (Family Worship Centre), part of the Bilston District and located in Walsall, West Midlands. I am a current CAMS (Calling and Ministry Studies) student, having commenced my programme of study during September 2019. Having been a member of my local church since 2000, and fulfilling a

number of key positions including Secretary, Local Youth Director, Local Secretary/Treasurer, District Secretary and District LifeBuilders (Men's) Director, I sensed God's calling to take my practice of ministry to a deeper level.

Education and learning has always been close to my heart, which coincided with me spending the last 18 years working in Higher Education, supporting the research and learning activities of three West Midlands-based Universities. I am committed to CPD (Continuing Professional Development) and have thoroughly enjoyed my journey, through engaging with the NTCG Leadership Training Centre.

The primary resources (textbooks and study guides) provided for each of the modules present a great introduction, whetting your appetite to conduct your own additional research and study. The modules: Learning the Practices of Ministry, Understanding Yourself and Others, Christian Ethics & Practical Theology and Faith Foundations for Life in the 21st Century, are all essential and topical allowing one to learn key fundamentals, gain

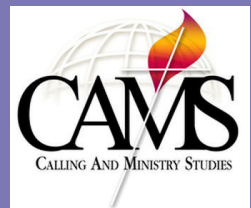
best practice and prepare, effectively, for future ministry.

However, the Leadership Training Centre has something for everyone and does not solely focus on those with aspirations for future credentialing. The 'Knowing Your Church' module provides a fascinating and historical look back on the church's inception, growth and establishment of key governance and practices. I would encourage any member of the church to study this module, which has helped broaden my knowledge and understanding.

A real asset of the Leadership Training Centre comes in the form of its highly qualified and enthusiastic facilitators, who bring a richness and relevance in experience, to their teachings. An approachable, friendly and flexible service, offered by its skilled Administrators provides help and support when required.

I wholeheartedly embrace the vision of our National Education Director, Revd. Delroy Henry, in helping to educate, equip and inspire all individuals with learning ambitions. In demonstrating my support, I became a Leadership Training Partner earlier this year and have offered my services in helping to promote the Centre and upcoming Open Days, by drawing on my HE experiences. You can find out more about collaborating with the LTC at <https://ntcg.org.uk/education/about/ltc-partnership/>.

*Julian D Moore*  
CAMS Student 2019 - 2021



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**CIMS EXAMS**

We are delighted to announce that booking for the exams scheduled for 12th September 2020 is via Eventbrite.

The session will begin at 9:00 with registration.

The office will be open at 8:30am.

Fees will be collected by DEBIT CARD (no cash please).

**Please click below to book your place.**



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