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EDITORIAL : “APOSTOLIC IDENTITY”

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(Editor: Pentecostal Truth)



Welcome to the autumn edition of “Pentecostal Truth” for 2024. My team and I successfully published copies of the magazine, in both electronic and printed formats, in April and July. We are now bringing you this edition, which we expect to be in your hands by the end of September/early October. Following that, look forward to a Christmas 2024 magazine, completing our first full year of production for several years. Please get your thinking caps on, getting your articles and associated pictures to me in good time, to be considered for that issue.

In his book, “Apostolic Identity In A Post Modern World”, Rev. D.K. Bernard opens his discussion as follows – “The main theme of this book is how Apostolic Pentecostals should live and how the Apostolic Church should minister in a post-modern world”. Are we truly a people who live by God’s Word with the Holy Ghost empowering us? Do we hold to the absolute truth of scripture, in everything we do, or do we follow the world’s standards, where truth is deemed to be relative and subject to individual feelings and interpretations, to influence us? How can we show ourselves to be a called-out, separated people when we are surrounded by so many voices, views and philosophies? How can we sensibly convey the Gospel to many who just don’t want to listen, or who have pre-conceived opinions that they don’t want to give up or change?

The UPC GB&I General Conference 2024 was aptly themed “Apostolic Identity”, and we had the pleasure of having

Rev. Bernard, General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church International, as our main keynote speaker. As you will see from the pages of this magazine, the Lord definitely showed up in Llandudno, North Wales,

water-baptised in Jesus Name and filled with the Holy Ghost for the first time, as well as blessings and ministry taking place all round.

The theme of this magazine is also “Apostolic Identity”, largely focusing on reports from the Conference, where the above quoted questions were expounded and graciously addressed by all contributors. If you missed aspects of the Conference, or simply wish to revisit some of the sessions, everything was recorded including worship, teaching and preaching. Please follow the YouTube link below, enjoy and be ministered to.

In this issue, you can find the following:

1. Accounts of all evening services, ministered by Bishop L.N. Francis (General Superintendent, UPC Great Britain & Ireland), Rev. N. Trinidad (UPC Philippines) and Rev. D.K. Bernard (General Superintendent, UPC International). Be blessed.

2. Read a contribution, about our conference ladies’ service and the baton being passed from Sis. B. Gadd to Sis. F. Groves, our new incoming National Ladies Leader.

3. Men were not left out this year, having a great service with Rev. Bernard teaching. Read inside

4. See reports, from the Missions Department at General Conference.

5. Still with the Missions Department, catch up with a recent trip made to the Baltic states of Latvia and Estonia, as well as to Helsinki, Finland.

6. Sunday School children have been writing some short excerpts, for “Pentecostal Truth”. Be touched when you read contributions organised by Sis. S. Grant and her team.

7. Of course, the magazine would not be what it is without contributions from our very own Bishop Francis. See inside for his words of wisdom to us.

8. Bible Schools, both Part-Time and Full-Time, have been gearing up for a new academic session. Sis. J. Kelley brings us an update, along with an exhortation to us all.

That’s it for this edition. Be blessed as you read and feel encouraged to submit pieces for future issues. If you wish to do that, or provide any feedback at all on the magazine, please email the Editor, at the following address: cnicol@upcgbi.org

God Bless all of you in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ. Until next time!

Rev. C. Nicol

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE TO THE CONSTITUENTS 2024

“Apostles of Apostolic Identity”

Bishop L. N. Francis



TEXT

Acts 4:33

“And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.”

INTRO

“Apostles of Apostolic Identity”

The 5-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists, and teachers are individuals given by God for equipping the members to do the work of the ministry.

Ephesians 4:11

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”

APOSTLES:

The word "Apostle" describes one who has seen the Lord and was personally SENT by a supernatural anointing. He is a delegate, messenger, one sent with orders.

The Apostolic Church is anointed and sent.

PROPHETS

The word "Prophet" describes a man who lives a very holy life. He is above reproach. He is anointed of God to predict events and happenings. He may have power to order and ordain that certain judgments be sent from God upon unbelievers and the wicked. He calleth those things as though they were not. He may discern the hearts of the wicked and alter the course of history. He exposes sin and wickedness and delivers personal words from God.

The Apostolic church is separated and consecrated unto God to live a holy life. The Apostolic Church is anointed to impact and altered the world that we live in.

EVANGELIST

An "Evangelist" is one who is led of God to preach at various places and open new doors of opportunity for the Apostolic Message. They may baptize, heal the sick, cast out devils, pray sinners through to the Holy Ghost, and instruct others in the more perfect way of the Apostolic Church.

The apostolic church is called to preach the word of God in various places, baptize, heal the sick, cast out devils and pray sinners through to the Holy Ghost.

PASTORS

The word "Pastor" describes a shepherd. He is the guardian of a flock. The word describes a man who is well seasoned in love, patience, longsuffering and reconciliation.

The Apostolic Church has been given the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthian 5: 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are like the shepherd who is patience, loving, kind and long suffering.

TEACHER

The "Teacher" is one who is thoroughly instructed in the Apostolic Doctrine. He puts no interpretation or construction upon the Truth; he merely instructs it as set down by the authority of the Apostles. He knows where opinion begins and established Truth ends. He is not looking for new revelations. He is looking to restore, establish, protect and undergird those Apostolic Truths that remain.

The Apostolic Church is not looking for new revelations. We are walking in the Apostolic Doctrines of the first century as found in the book, Acts of the Apostles.

ORDERS:

Mark 16:15

15 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

The ones sent are to GO, PREACH, TEACH, BAPTISE and MAKE DISCIPLES.

APOSTOLIC like the Apostles; like what the Apostles taught in the book of Acts; like what the Apostles did in the book of Acts.

The Apostolic Church is the body of believers sent out into the world who do not lose their identity because they are not of the world.

We are Apostles of Apostolic Identity with:

- Identity of Apostolic Purpose
- Identity of Apostolic Principles
- Identity of Apostolic Power

Identity of Apostolic Purpose: Sent with a purpose.

1 John 3:8 (KJV)

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

- Born with a purpose
- Born again with a purpose

1400 BC

Moses' identity: We are not Egyptians.

Moses' mother made sure he knew his identity.

THE POLITICAL & SOCIAL CLIMATE WAS ONE OF BONDAGE AND CAPTIVITY, BUT MOSES SAW HIMSELF AS BEING SENT WITH A PURPOSE AND THEY DID NOT COMPROMISE THEIR BELIEF AND CONVICTIONS.

Hebrews 11:24, 25

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

EGYPT: Exiles from Egypt – Moses' identity. Deliverance from bondage, journey to the promise land.

800 year later 600 BC BABYLON

Exiles in Babylon--Daniel's identity. The three Hebrew boys knew their Godly identity.

Daniel 1:6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

Daniel: I AM NOT GOING TO STOP PRAYING AND HONOURING THE ONE TRUE GOD.

The three Hebrew boys' identity:

WE ARE NOT GOING TO BOW.

Even in captivity the people of God were able to bless and bring peace to the land.

Jeremiah 29:4-14 (KJV)

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon.

5 Build ye houses, and dwell [in them]; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the

LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that [be] in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Identity of Apostolic Principles: Sent with Principles

THE APOSTOLIC MESSAGE

Hermeneutics is the art and science of interpretation.

"The first principle"

The first time a thing is mentioned in Scripture it carries with it a meaning that will be carried throughout the word the God.

The first message of salvation preached by the apostle on the day of Pentecost is the same message being delivered by today's apostolic church.

THE APOSTOLIC MESSAGE OF SALVATION

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

ONE GOD, ONE NAME, ONE WAY.

Acts 4:12

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 3:6

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 11:11

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

TRANSFORMATION:

Acts 19:18, 19

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

The message is more important than the messenger.

The messenger is not free to distort, change or confuse the message.

Our denominational name or an affiliation to a religious body does not make us an apostolic church.

The action and behaviour of the believers within that body are the only factors that determine whether or not a church is Apostolic.

Being Apostolic is about the values and core beliefs a person's actions reflects rather than the word a person chooses to describe oneself.

You cannot buy or inherit the apostolic life; you have to live and experience it.

It's an inside transformation not an external makeover.

The background of the letter to the Corinthians:and such were some of you.

CORINTH during the 1st Century

Multi-cultural: It had a large mixed population of Romans, Greeks, and Jews.

Home to dozens of temples and shrines dedicated to such diverse deities as Apollo, Athena, Aphrodite, Demeter and well as the Egyptian deities Isis and Sarapis.

It was noted for its wealth, and for the luxurious and immoral and vicious habits of the people.

Corinth had also developed a reputation for sexual VICES.

IT WAS IN THIS CLIMATE THAT PAUL WROTE TO THE CORINTHIANS.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (KJV)

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, -1 Corinthians 6:9

THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH MUST PRACTICE AND UPHOLD THE "The first principle."

The UPCI considers any form of homosexuality, fornication, adultery, polygamy, bestiality, incest, and transgenderism to be contrary to biblical teaching and states that God's plan is "heterosexuality, with definite boundaries between sexes in both appearance and behavior."

The UPCI has stated, however, that it does not preach condemnation, but rather reconciliation, and implores everyone to be reconciled to God.

Globalisation and multiculturalism can sometimes blur the Apostolic Identity of God's Church.

Fundamental principles of holiness, righteousness and Godliness are sometimes interpreted differently and practice differently, if practiced at all.

HOWEVER, the word of God and not culture should be the foundation on which we established our Apostolic Identity.

We are in the world but not of the world.
Come out from among them....
Be ye separate.....

We are a new person in Christ....

Such were some of you..... (Worship team. Living together...young couple baby dedication-want to be baptised-let's get married)

Identity of Apostolic Power: Sent with Power

THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Matthew 16:19 (KJV)

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Acts 1:8

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Ladylyn's mother

30 years diabetic

Stage 4 cancer and chemotherapy.

The treatment was unbearable, she said stop, I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.

A MIRACLE HAPPENED...the cancer went into remission, and she is now cancer free and completely healed of diabetics.

Azuza Street REVIVAL 1905

Los Angeles

In 1905, William J. Seymour, the one-eyed 34 year old PREACHER--preaching where he preached the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues although he had not received it.

Elders of the church rejected Seymour's teaching, primarily because he had not yet experienced the blessing about which he was preaching.

He was invited to stay in the home of congregation member, Edward S. Lee, and he began to hold Bible studies and prayer meetings there.

It was first in the home meeting that they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Finally, the front porch collapsed forcing the group to begin looking for a new meeting place. A resident of the neighbourhood described the happenings at 214 North Bonnie Brae with the following words: They shouted three days and three nights. It was Easter season. The people came from everywhere. By the next morning there was no way of getting near the house. As people came in, they would fall under God's power; and the whole city was stirred. They shouted until the foundation of the house gave way, but no one was hurt.

People from a diversity of backgrounds came together to worship: men, women, children, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, rich, poor, illiterate, and educated.

Members of the Azuza Street congregation believed that they had been given the same blessings as those received by the disciples of Jesus.
From No Straight News

The Apostolic Church is a Consecrated Church. Identity of Apostolic Principles, Identity of Apostolic Purpose, Identity of Apostolic Power

1. CHURCH & HOUSE: They met in homes for fellowship meetings and in the Temple for public meetings. Acts 5:42 (KJV) And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.
2. STREET MEETINGS: The sick are healed in the street, Peter and John ministry.
3. EVANGELISM IN THE DESERT: Phillip preaches to the Ethiopian Eunuch.
4. Paul preached in the synagogue and in the marketplaces. Acts 17:17 (KJV) Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

CONCLUSION

Apostles of Apostolic Identity

Acts 4:33 (KJV) "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

The sent-out ones in Apostolic Action.

Venezuela: Pictures (180 house groups with a goal to have 300)

Ministers and leaders' conference (over 4000 in attendance) hosted by Pastor Wilmer Peralta and his church Todo X Jesus -1600 strong membership.

- Many received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- Several were baptised in Jesus Name.
- Many healed and delivered from demonic spirits.

Life Tabernacle's House Group Ministry

- 18 months teaching and preparation: Empowering the members for service, multicultural evangelism, intentional leadership empowered to serve.
- Implementations of house group ministry (Home bible studies, care groups, prayer groups, new convert groups.)
- Shutting down of midweek activities and launched the entire church into house group ministry for the month of June, July, and August.

The goal was to have 32 house groups by the end of 2024. After 4 weeks we had 50 house groups, and our average mid-week attendance went up from 160 to 240 persons.

We have new family members and guests that have not been to our church building yet, but they have been to church because the "sent out ones" are having church in their homes.

"GO PREACH, TEACH, BAPTISE AND MAKE DISCIPLES!"

Altar Call Prayer

Acts 4:33 "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

PRAY OVER EVERY MINISTER PRESENT AT THIS CONFERENCE.

We pray the power of God is demonstrated and manifested in your ministry.
We pray the blessings on you and your family for provision for healing for deliverance.
We pray for people to receive the Holy Ghost.
We pray for healing and restoration.
We pray for transformation and confirmation in the lives and ministry of individuals.

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of "Pentecostal Truth." This edition is produced immediately after our "Heaven on Earth" Apostolic Identity General Conference at Venue Cymru, Llandudno, North Wales.

I am thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ and ministers of UPC GB&I for their confidence, electing me to serve for another 2 years.

Your prayers, finances, teamwork and unity contributed so much toward the success of our 2024 General Conference "Apostolic Identity".

- Up to 12 were water baptised and 20 Spirit filled.
- Reports are still coming in, of several notable miracles.

As we now move forward intentionally to Double in a Decade, let's double nationally within our districts and local churches. We pray for transformation and confirmation in your lives and ministry.

God bless you.

Yours For Christ
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GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 SESSIONS

WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER & NEWLY LICENSED MINISTERS

On TUESDAY Night 6th August 2024, Welcome of Guest Speaker, and introduction of new and upgraded ministers

LOCAL LICENSE:

1. Bro. Michael Lowrie: Sunderland
2. Sis. Betty Badenhurst: Life Tabernacle Battersea
3. Bro. Timothy Bent: New Life Brighton
4. Bro. John Paul: Bilston

UPGRADE TO GENERAL LICENSE

1. Sis. Greenaway: Bethel Christian Ministries Hammersmith/London
2. Bro. Samuel Berro: New Life Weston Super Mare
3. Bro. Terrence Rogers: Life Tabernacle Northwood/London

WELCOME

David K. Bernard is the General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church International and the Chairman of the UPC Global Council. He is the founder of New Life United Pentecostal Church of Austin, Texas, and the founding president of Urshan Graduate School of Theology and Urshan College. He holds the JD with honours (University of Texas), DTh (University of South Africa), and BA with high honours (Rice University). His thirty-plus books have been published in about forty languages. He and his wife, Connie, have three children and several grandchildren.

Tu Voz Radio Ministry at GC 2024

Tu Voz Radio broadcasted the General Conference on a Global scale to Europe, North and South America with 800 to 4000 listeners and viewers of the visual broadcast on the Facebook social media platform. The lowest margin was during the morning sessions and highest during the evening sessions.



WHY MARRIAGES FAIL

Rev. L.N. Francis



ILLUSIONS

The first has to do with the illusions with which most people approach the prospect of marriage. At the heart of these is the belief that there is somewhere to be found a per-fect lovmate with whom I can find lifelong happiness.

'The Quest for the Mythical Mate'--Mr & Mrs Perfect

This is an illusion: God has an ideal spouse prepared and that enough prayer and obedience will bring about for me the longed-for relationship.

Dr James Dobson has no such illusions and says that 'anyone who believes that God guarantees a successful marriage to every Christian is in for a shock',

When one brings the fantasy world of "me entertainment industry " into marriage, they find out that you can't just switch on or just switch off.

DIFFERENCES:

A little physical but mainly psychological reasons.

Marriages fail when one fails to recognise and address the deep differences in personality and background. It is one of the ironies of life that we are often attracted to people who are the opposite of ourselves.

Dr Mary Tysoe in The Good Relationship Guide. Research on 300 couples:
These are:

1. The secure group who are comfortable with closeness.
2. The anxious group who worries whether their partners really love them,
3. The avoidant group who fear intimacy.

Of the three the last two will face extreme difficulties and possible failure.

EASY DIVORCE

Entering into marriage with the option that divorce is readily and easily available if one's personal needs are not met is wrong.

Couples are giving up too easy.

I once met an extreme example of a man who married his live-in girlfriend on Christmas Eve, but they agreed to divorce two days later!

It is worth noting that in one survey, 51 % of men and 41 % of women who divorced wished they had not and in 50% of marriages where the couples have become compatible, they said that had divorce been easier they would have broken up years ago.

It is also said that of the divorcees who re-marry 50% are divorced.

Marriage according to the Word of God

1. Matthew 19:3-9 "God has joined"
2. Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33 Love as Christ loves
3. Ephesians 5:22, 33 Submit /respect
4. Ephesians 5: 2-6 Walk in love
5. I Peter 3:7 "Dwell with understanding"
6. Colossians 3:19 "Be not bitter"
7. Hebrews 13:4 "Marriage is honourable"

PARENTAL INFORMATION ON SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS



ENGLAND - 4 SEP 2020

Relationships Education in primary schools and RSE in secondary schools became compulsory in September 2020 in both state and fee-paying schools. All state schools are also required to deliver Health Education.

Relationships Education focuses on positive, non-intimate relationships such as those among family, friends and online. Sex education covers intimate relationships and topics like consent, contraception, and abuse. Primary schools are not required to deliver sex education, although they can do so if they wish.

Health Education includes teaching about puberty and mental and physical wellbeing.

Parents can withdraw their children from sex education, but not Relationships or Health Education. This right is automatic in primary schools, but a secondary school could override a parent's request "in exceptional circumstances."¹ Pupils aged fifteen or over are able to request to receive sex education, even if this is against their parents' wishes.

RSE guidance expects pupils to be taught "LGBT content at a timely point"² in RSE. Primary schools are not required to include this content, but often come under considerable pressure to do so. LGBT content is usually included in Relationships Education.

RSE must be appropriate to pupils' age and religious background.³ Every school must have an RSE policy published on its website and must consult with parents before making or revising the policy.⁴ Christian parents will want to be part of the consultation process and to press for consultation if it appears changes have been made without this essential step.

In response to widespread concerns, the Government is reviewing its RSHE guidance for schools. A new version is expected to be published in 2024. It has also written to all schools telling them they must allow parents to see teaching materials.

WALES

New requirements for RSE in Wales were introduced in September 2022 and apply to primary and secondary schools as well as state-funded nurseries. The changes do not apply to independent schools.

Schools need to teach the content set out in the RSE code. This is broad and includes topics like friendship, kindness, and respect, but also controversial concepts like gender equality and changing attitudes towards gender and sexuality. Sexual health and wellbeing elements cover contraception, abortion and that all people are "entitled" to "pleasurable relationships."

Under the new curriculum, parents no longer have a legal right to withdraw their children from this education.

RSE must be "developmentally appropriate,"⁵ meaning it needs to take into account the pupils' knowledge, maturity, emotional development, and additional learning needs.⁶ Schools must also "provide a range of views on a given subject, commonly held within society" when dealing with "questions of values."⁷

Parental and community engagement are central to the ethos of the curriculum for Wales,⁸ and guidance recommends "2-way engagement with parents, carers, and the wider school community."⁹ Parents can approach schools to offer feedback, provide input and to ask questions or raise concerns.

SCOTLAND

Relationships, sexual health, and parenthood education (RSHP) is taught in primary and secondary schools. It forms part of the health and wellbeing area within the Curriculum for Excellence. RSHP is a broad subject covering topics like friendship, puberty, and parenting as well as intimate relationships, sexual health, and abuse. Most schools follow the learning descriptors set out in the Curriculum for Excellence. All schools are required to follow government guidance for RSHP.

Many schools use materials available from the website, RSHP.scot. However, this is not a requirement. RSHP should also not be confused with the 'LGBT inclusive curriculum,' which is also optional.

Parents can request their child to be withdrawn from the sexual health element of RSHP.

RSHP must be appropriate to pupils' age and stage of development. Draft guidance expects pupils to learn about sexual orientation, gender reassignment and different types of family, including LGBT parenting. At the same time, it requires schools to provide RSHP that is "inclusive of all faiths and beliefs" and enables all pupils to "express and share their beliefs and values."

The guidance directs schools to regularly involve parents in discussions about RSHP. Parents can proactively approach schools with questions, feedback and suggestions concerning this subject.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The law concerning RSE in Northern Ireland changed in September 2023. From January 2024, all post-primary schools are required to deliver “age-appropriate, comprehensive and scientifically accurate education on sexual and reproductive health and rights, covering prevention of early pregnancy and access to abortion”.¹⁰ The changes do not affect primary schools.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of the content delivered under the new requirements. This can be done in writing to the school principal and the request needs to be renewed annually. For pupils in year 12, parents need to confirm that their child does not object to being withdrawn.¹¹ RSE must be age-appropriate and scientifically accurate. Schools are required to develop an RSE policy and program based on their ethos and in consultation with parents, governors, staff, and pupils. Parents' views must be “reflected fully” in the policy.¹² Parents can make the most of this opportunity to ensure their views on RSE are heard and respected in the school's policy and program.

IRELAND

RSE forms part of Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) in the Republic of Ireland. The SPHE curriculum in post-primary schools is currently undergoing changes. In September 2023, the new curriculum for the junior cycle (the first three years of post-primary school) began to be rolled out. A public consultation on the senior cycle curriculum closed in November 2023. It is expected that an updated primary school curriculum specification will be implemented from September 2025 with a public consultation planned for 2024.

Under Irish law, children can be withdrawn from “any subject which is contrary to the conscience of the parent,”¹³ including RSE.

The curriculum for the junior cycle states that pupils should learn to “appreciate...how sexual orientation and gender identity are experienced and expressed.”¹⁴ But schools must not promote a particular viewpoint on these controversial issues. Schools are required to consult with parents about how they “promote the moral, spiritual, social, and personal development of students”¹⁵ through SPHE. So, parents can play a part in influencing RSE delivered in Irish schools. The ideal time to do so is while the changes are ongoing, and schools' plans in this area are still at a formative stage.

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UPC GB&I GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024. AGM – ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS & PRESENTATIONS.

Rev. Charlie Nicol
(Editor: Pentecostal Truth)

On Monday, 5th August 2024, the Annual General Meeting for the United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain and Ireland was held in Llandudno, North Wales. Results of elections, conducted at that meeting and outlined below, were presented to General Conference delegates on Thursday, 8th August, during the evening service. Presentations For Distinguished Service

Presentations For Distinguished Service

A number of presentations were made on Thursday night honouring individuals who have contributed much to the National work over recent years. These were as follows:

Rev. M.A. Caniza, for 6-years service as National Web Editor
Rev. J. Trinidad, for 8-years service as National Music Director
Rev. E. Okala, for 10-years service as Editor of "Pentecostal Truth"
Sis. B. Gadd, for 22-years service as National Ladies Director



2024 General Board Members.

The following General Board members are in place, following the 2024 AGM:

General Superintendent	: Bishop L.N. Francis, elected to serve further 2 year term
Assistant General Superintendent	: Rev. E. Austin serving 2nd year of 2-year term
General Secretary-Treasurer	: Rev. B.S. Ramruttun serving 2nd year of 2-year term
General Missions Director	: Rev. M. Gadd, elected to serve further 2 year term
Northern District Superintendent	: Rev. J. Strickland, serving 2nd year of 2-year term
Central District Superintendent	: Rev. Y. Frater, serving 2nd year of 2-year term
L&S District Superintendent	: Rev. A. Banton, serving 2nd year of 2-year term

2024 General Board Members.

The following appointed individuals are in place, following the 2024 AGM:

National Youth Director	: Rev. A. Hall, serving 2nd year of 2-year term
Sunday School Director	: Rev. O. Johnson, appointed to serve further 2 year term
National Ladies Director	: Rev. F. Groves, appointed to serve 2 year term
National Men's Leader	: Rev. M. Amaoade, serving 2nd year of 2-year term
Editor: Pentecostal Truth	: Rev. C. Nicol, appointed to serve further 2 year term
National Web Editor	: Rev. S. Hemmings, appointed to serve 2 year term
National Prayer Director	: Sis. J. Kelley, appointed to serve 2 year term
National Music Director	: Rev. N. Davis, appointed to serve 2 year term

Let's keep praying for all the above faithful servants, in Jesus Name, as they help lead our organisation forward under the anointing of our Lord.

UPC GB&I GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 – EVENING SERVICES.

Rev. Charlie Nicol
(Editor: Pentecostal Truth)

From Tuesday, 6th August, through Friday, 9th August 2024, the Llandudno conference arena was filled each night for anointed worship, preaching and ministry. Thanks goes out to all who ministered in any capacity, including our keynote speakers: Rev. L.N. Francis (General Superintendent, UPC Great Britain & Ireland), Rev. N. Trinidad (UPC Philippines) and Rev. D.K. Bernard (General Superintendent, UPC International). The Spirit of the Lord was definitely in the house throughout with several baptised in Jesus Name and many more being filled with the Holy Ghost. The following is a synopsis of each night's preaching to help encourage you in your walk with Jesus.

The Conference opened on Tuesday night with Bishop L.N. Francis preaching about "Apostles Of Apostolic Identity," referencing Acts 4:33. He taught about the five-fold ministry, including Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers, along with their roles in equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry. Bishop's message also emphasised the importance of maintaining Apostolic identity and purpose, living a holy life and not compromising one's beliefs despite challenges and persecution.

Bishop also highlighted the significance of preaching the Gospel, baptizing people in the Name of Jesus, and performing miracles similar to the early church in the Book of Acts. He recounted various Biblical stories such as Moses, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who stood firm in their faith and identity despite facing trials.

Additionally, Bishop Francis told of his efforts, along with other local pastors, to connect with

communities and address issues like knife crime and mental health by praying with and participating in patrols with local ministers and police. He noted that there is such a prevalence of mental health issues on the streets nowadays and there is ever more need for Jesus to move in the lives of individuals and in communities across our lands.

Bishop Francis' overall aim was to reinforce the transformative power of the apostolic message and the importance of living and believing as Apostles of Apostolic Identity, knowing that wherever we go Jesus is with us to perform signs and wonders. Citing previous revivals, in Wales, in Azusa Street and across the world, he challenged all delegates to rise up and do the "work of the ministry."

On Wednesday night, Rev. N. Trinidad ministered. He emphasized the importance of the Great Commission urging believers to spread the Gospel worldwide and highlighting the significant impact of missionary work in the Philippines.

He stressed the need to take the Great Commission seriously urging believers to pray, give, and go to spread the Gospel as commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20 and reinforced by the Holy Spirit's power. He shared

in the Philippines noting that UPC Philippines is now self-supporting with nine Bible colleges. Rev. Trinidad recounted his experience of establishing a new Bible college despite financial and political challenges.

He emphasised the time to commit to evangelism is now, not tomorrow, encouraging dele-

gates to serve God and His Kingdom without delay, citing the rapid spread of the Gospel in Samaria (John Chapter 4) as an example.

Personal sacrifice and trust in God are indispensable for us today. Rev. Trinidad compared modern-day Christians to Abraham, urging them to prioritize evangelism over worldly pursuits, assuring that God will provide for their needs, when necessary.

On Thursday evening, Rev. D.K. Bernard delivered a sermon titled "Revival In The 11th Hour," based on Matthew 20:5-6. This highlighted the global reach of the UPC (currently, around 45,000 churches in 200 countries) but there is still a need for continued efforts to spread the Gospel. We are living in the 11th hour spiritually, and there is an urgent need to bring in God's harvest quickly as the world becomes more secular and pagan. Despite everything, though, greater revival is currently taking place than ever before.

Despite post-Christian culture, Rev. Bernard encouraged faith and thinking big, sharing how the power of the Holy Ghost can overcome any philosophy or tradition, as he experienced in Austin, Texas. He stressed the im-

tributing to the revival, urging all to pray, witness, and help disciple others. There is no room for idle workers in this critical time. After all, the organisation's mission is "the whole Gospel, to the whole world, by the whole church." He went on to highlight the need to be ready for unexpected converts from diverse backgrounds, emphasizing love and the work of the Holy Spirit in compelling people to come to Christ.

Both Word and Spirit are crucial, in terms of our Apostolic Identity. Regarding Evangelism: Rev. Bernard stressed the importance of using both the Word and the Spirit to lead people to Jesus. We can share personal testimonies, pray for others, invite them to meetings and help them to both hear and to see and then to experience God for themselves.

Rev. Bernard explained the need for a genuine experience of the Holy Ghost, marked by speaking in tongues, as seen on the Day of Pentecost (Acts Chapter 2). He emphasized that this experience is available to all believers. Many might say that they have the Holy Spirit, but have not obeyed and have not demonstrated the transformative power of Jesus. They need to hear and see, then submit themselves to the Lord's plan and purpose for their lives, allowing them to experience the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Gospel has transformative power. Rev. Bernard cited several testimonies of people from different backgrounds including those, whose first language is not English, those contending with sensory challenges and those from other faiths and beliefs. They all received the Holy Ghost and experienced God's power demonstrating that the Gospel's transformative power transcends everything.





UPC GB&I GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 – LADIES IN ACTION SERVICE

SIS B. GADD

On Wednesday morning, 7th August, ladies from all over the British Isles gathered for worship. Morning Manna was given by our National Superintendent's wife, Sis Olive Francis, encouraging us to be part of the organisation's vision to 'Double in a Decade!' The words of Sis. Francis always ring clear and her example shines. She lives the words that she preaches. Then, at 10.30, our LIA service began. Thirty-five ladies gathered on the platform wearing different coloured sashes representing the various strands of ministry within the LIA department. (*) Many ladies are involved in these ministries, but we wanted a visual representation to inspire even more ladies to join us and be creative.

MINISTRY STRANDS

REPRESENTATIVES

NOTES

Ladies in Action

Tessa Blackmore
Frances Taylor
Wynn Anderson
Avril Rathbone
Sis Turley

These ladies represented the first few decades of Ladies in Action – All those of you who used to come to Ladies Retreats in Fairmile Court & Swanwic

Prayer for the Nations

Beverley Amaoade
Latoya Lumsden
MaryAnn Conway
Rena Grzeszczyk
Madeleine Houssou
Jerolyn Kelley

Over 4 years ago, 'Prayer for the Nations' was started... over 60 ladies have taken a turn leading prayer for every nation and every territory in the world, some several times

Intercessors

Edesiri Eruehah
Carmen Hibbert
Helga Moran
Sis Aggie
Mary Karuiki
Margaret Wright

After decades searching for a team, dedicated to intercession specifically for LIA, a woman of God rose up to stand in that position. Sis Edesiri leads a powerful team

Bereavement Support Group

Faith Groves
Sadie Burnett
Julie Green
Marva Bushay
Lurline Halstead

Sis Sadie & Sis Faith started a new ministry of Support for those suffering loss and bereavement. This has grown and flourished

Pioneer Forum

Sabrina Hallet
Amanda Kelley
Yvonne Frater

Monthly discussions and prayer for those women who are pioneering new works or starting new ministries within their churches

Inspirational Seminar

Marcia Foster-Norman
Maureen Bates
Sharon Swaby
Alethia Lee
Sis Bota Turay

Sis Marcia runs a weekly Inspirational seminar and has now brought that under the LIA umbrella

'Our Voice in ACTSion' on Tu Vos Radio

Pamela Caycho
Sis Joelle LCM
Nursev Morris
Carolina Brando
Patricia George

Last September, we launched! This September, our programme is taking on a new format, with more live interviews & interaction



We thank God for the way He is growing our reach and effectiveness. You can get involved! Join us on Zoom! Join your local LIA events! Step up to your own vision and calling! Support us in prayer!

Our incredibly special guest speaker this year was Sis Janice Sjostrand who has been a faithful friend of Ladies in ACTSion over several decades. She came several times to preach our National Ladies Retreats, a 'Wings' Conference at Life Tabernacle and even, one time, a Central District Men's Conference!

She is well-known for writing the song, 'Alabaster Box,' which many of you know and love. She has sung at the inauguration of the President of the United States ... but, great as her accomplishments are, she came to us, at her own expense, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

She spoke from the heart, sharing from her experiences and journey with the Lord. We were inspired, challenged and blessed. We appreciate her labour of love for the Lord and her ministry to us personally, and count her a treasured friend in the Kingdom of God.

During the service, also, I received presentations from each District of LIA. Since the service, the gifts of love have continued to flow and precious words have been spoken over my life. I am OVERWHELMED by the love poured out to me and I would like to take this opportunity to THANK you ALL for your friendship & kindness. I would like to thank the National Ladies Board for their love, their support & their faithfulness in this ministry.

- Sis Edesiri, who heads up our Intercession team
- Sis Sadie, Sis Faith and Sis Carol, serving as district leaders
- Sis Beverley Amaoade, who has served as secretary/treasurer for many years. The success of Prayer for the Nations and the growth of our department is largely due to her steadfast service and faithful ministry.

I would like to thank the Ministers and leaders of the UPC GB&I for their leadership in my life and their support over the years. It has truly been an honour to serve amongst such genuine servants of God.

I am delighted to see Sis. Faith Groves being appointed to the role of National Ladies Leader and promise to keep her & her team regularly in my prayers. It will be exciting to see LIA grow and develop under her leadership and by the grace and anointing of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May He richly bless ALL of you as we continue on in the unity of the Spirit!

Sincerely,

Sis Bethan Gadd



UPC GB&I GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 – RESTORING THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

BRO. B. OGUN

Bishop L N Francis, General Superintendent of United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain and Ireland, introduced and welcomed the keynote speaker in the Men's Service at General Conference 2024, Bishop Dr. D. K.

dent, United Pentecostal Church International. He is the author of 37 books with a reported circulation of 900,000 in 39 languages, as well as being superintendent over 12,000 ministers and 5,000 churches in North America.

Dr Bernard spoke about "Restoring the Apostolic Faith", and his opening scripture came from Acts 2:42. He explained he believes the apostolic message and experience have always been here since the Day of Pentecost.

along and there have been people, throughout history who have received what God had for them. But, through the 2nd, 3rd and, especially, the 4th centuries, there was a great decline of apostolic teaching and experience.

Throughout most of subsequent history the Christian church, as it was known, was in the institutional sense extremely far from God's plan.

At the beginning of the 20th century, there was a great renewal and revival that spread across the world with outpourings of the Holy Spirit followed by a renewed understanding of Biblical significance of water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. There has been a great work of restoration,

and that work needs to come to every city, every nation and every group of people including Great Britain and Ireland. We need a mighty revival and restoration of the apostolic faith. Men, in UPC GB&I can play their part in bringing it to pass.

Dr Bernard emphasized God has chosen men to be leaders of their families. If you are a husband, you are called to lead your family. If you are a father, you are called to lead your family. That does not mean the wife is of any less significance. Men cannot abandon their responsibility. It should not be the wife that says it is time to go to church. It should not be the wife that says we need to pray. Rather, it should be the man who says it is time to pray. It should be the man who says it is time to go to church. The point is, the man should be taking responsibility, and God has given him the corresponding authority to fulfil that responsibility.

Everyone who genuinely repents of their sins and opens their hearts receives the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is given, to lead and guide us into all truth, opening our hearts. Anybody who repents of their sins and calls on Jesus Christ can receive the Holy Ghost. That Spirit will lead us into a greater understanding of spiritual truth and greater understanding of the Christian life.

If we do not pursue that experience with systematic study of the Bible and preaching/teaching of apostolic ministry, we can lose that experience. Not only must we have an experience, but we must have a doctrine that match-

an experience, we are like a body without a skeleton or a house without a foundation. It may stand for a while, but it cannot survive the long term.

Dr Bernard added we must have a doctrinal foundation, a doctrinal core. We must have an identity that will sustain the experience. Emotions come and go. Feelings come and go. But when you have a doctrinal foundation,

The winds may blow, the rains may fall, and the storms may shake, but you will stand the test of time because you have an apostolic foundation.

Study the Word of God for yourself. Listen to a godly pastor. Are men infallible? No, there is no authority, which is absolute, except God's authority. But do not be in isolation; do not just live on your own but go to church. Be part of

pastor in your life.

Dr. Bernard continued: every generation cannot just look at past leaders. We have to go back to the Bible, back to Jesus Christ, back to the New Testament, back to the preaching and teaching of the Apostles. We call ourselves Pentecostal because we want the same experience as the day of Pentecost. We call ourselves Apostolic because we want the same message as the Apostles received and preached.

If we want to be truly apostolic, we must pursue unity. We may have differences of opinions. Some differences may exist in interpretations of scriptures. If we have a business meeting, we might vote for different policies or vote for different people to hold certain offices, but once we make those decisions we must rally together in unity. We should not cause divisions or separate the body.

Leaders are not infallible. But we should never attack, murmur, or complain, or be part of anything rebellious or talebearing. We must be unified in the local church and in the national church working together, loving one another and bearing one another's burdens. If we have been wronged, we must forgive one another. If we have done wrong, we must ask for forgiveness. We cannot allow separation and divisions.

We should not work in isolation. We need to work together because that is apostolic unity and our horizontal relationship.

Dr. Bernard further said we must have vertical relationship in prayer and worship. We must not take prayer out of our life and out of the church. We must know what it is, to pray in the spirit. We must have intercessory prayer, prayer in private and prayer as a group, prayer at church and prayer at home.

There must be worship in the church. Sometimes people may criticize us, saying you are getting too excited, but when giving your entire self to God there will be a time to shout, a time to run, a time to dance, a time to speak in tongues and a time to clap your hands. There will be a time to laugh and a time to cry. We need men who are prayer warriors, worshippers, knowing how to dance, how to lead and how to rejoice.

In conclusion, Dr Bernard said Apostolic Identity is not a barrier to growth. It is the way to grow. God has designed the church to grow, starting with experience and continuing with doctrine. It must involve our horizontal relationship, then our vertical relationship, leading us to believe God for the miraculous. If we have these elements, the church will grow as God intends.

Your local assembly will grow, and you can reach all of your community. It cannot be just a cultural church. It must be an Apostolic Church--a church which is well suited for reaching everyone in our communities from unbel-

dhists and traditional Christians. It must be a church reaching black, white, Asian and Hispanic people. It has to be a church tailored to reach every culture in Great Britain and Ireland.

Bro. Ben Ogun is a member of Life Tabernacle, Croydon



Bro. Ben Ogun Testimony at Men's Service

Speaking at the Men's Service, I shared a testimony about my journey and how I became a member of the United Pentecostal Church. About 10 years ago, the Lord revealed to me in the Holy Scriptures there is only one God, and that God is the God of the Holy Scriptures, which is the Holy Spirit who gave birth to the Holy Bible and His name is Jesus Christ.

Following the revelation, I went from place to place seeking for people who believe in one true God but could only find people who believe in three gods, so I was stuck and started a house fellowship with my family and some brethren for quite a while. But one day, my wife asked me to search for something else on the internet, and to the glory of God I saw Bishop Dr. D. K. Bernard's podcast on YouTube.

I discovered there were many people who believe there is only one true God. Then I searched on Google and found the United Pentecostal Church International website and got the link to United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain and Ireland before I connected to Life Tabernacle, Croydon.

I will forever be grateful to God for His goodness upon my life and upon my family. I was so excited to be at the UPC GB&I General Conference 2024, and so much the more, that Dr. Bernard was also at the conference as the keynote speaker. Bro. Ben Ogun is a member of Life Tabernacle, Croydon

national Sunday School **UPC GBI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024**

Sis. S. Grant, National Sunday School Secretary

We were delighted to host Rev & Sis Hamby and Sis Maci (their daughter). The children's sessions were Holy Spirit led and fun packed. We praise the Lord for 5 children filled with the Holy Spirit and 1 child who was baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Acts 2:38.

Below are some accounts written by some of the children who attended the Sunday School programme provided.

Precious Angel Koo, aged 11

During the conference, I had so much fun. As I stepped into the building, I knew that I was going to be blessed, and I felt the presence of God as I walked inside the venue. I love the feeling when praising God. I listened to the Word of God. I enjoyed so much praising with everyone even with the young people. Oh, we went to the McDonald's, and it was great. I was so very blessed when I got a gift--the gift of the Holy Spirit. I felt very happy when we started singing 'Praise the Lord!'

Chelsea Perez aged, 11

My family arrived at Wales and walked around finding many interesting things. Then we went to the church with my siblings. We went to the children's church while my parents went to the other place for adults. We were there for the whole week and I made some friends. I can't remember their names. Then we did some fun activities like dancing singing and listening to stories. We learned a new song called 'Praise the Lord' and practised it with actions. We also sang it on the big stage after we listened to a story about a boy named Tim. We went to the park and did some fun activities; I was happy because before we left the children did a presentation. We prayed, danced and listened to some music.

Ruth Espe, aged 8

During the Conference we did lots of singing about Jesus Christ and played games. We also did fun things, and I stayed in a hotel. I saw lots of people and heard about God. So, we did fun things, and we went to the beach, and we bought so many things. And we praised the Lord.

Faith Perez, aged 7

I had heard the songs, and the conference was exceedingly fun. We did lots of amusing things. I had so much fun travelling to the place, and it was very gigantic. I can't believe that I went there, and the experience was exceedingly amazing. After some songs, the children sang more praises. I'm so glad that we went there. We had so much fun and good memories. I learned that when you focus on God when you pray, you might start to talk a foreign language which is the Holy Spirit.

Sean Dagang, aged 10

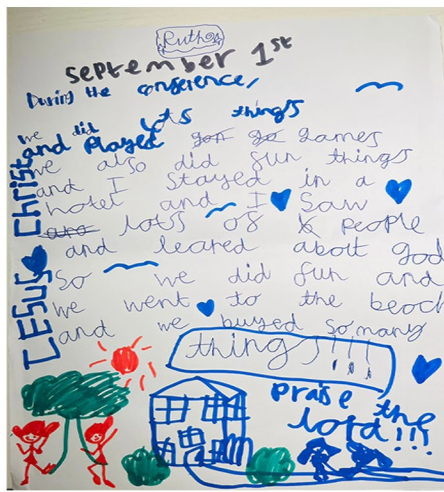
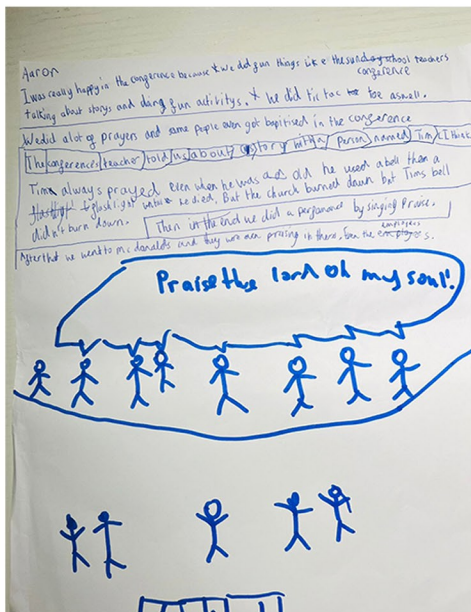
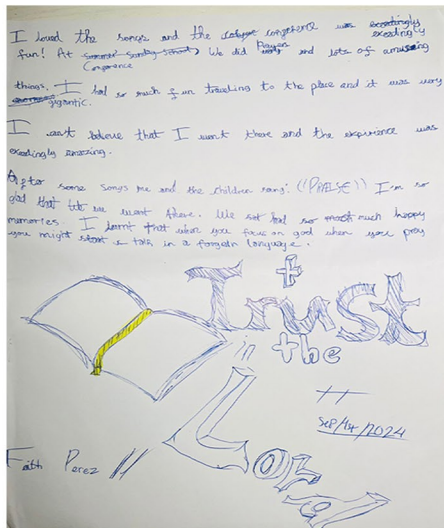
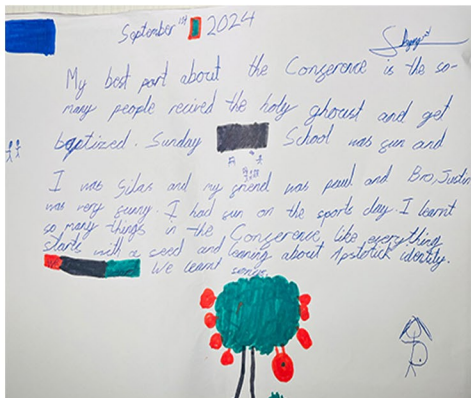
The best part of the conference is so many people received the Holy Ghost and got baptised. Sunday school was fun. I was in the play and acted as Silas in the Bible who was in prison and his friend was Paul. And we prayed. We met Brother Justin [Hamby]; he was very funny. I had fun on the Sport's Day. I learned so many things in the conference like everything starts with a seed and learned about Apostolic identity. We learnt new songs.

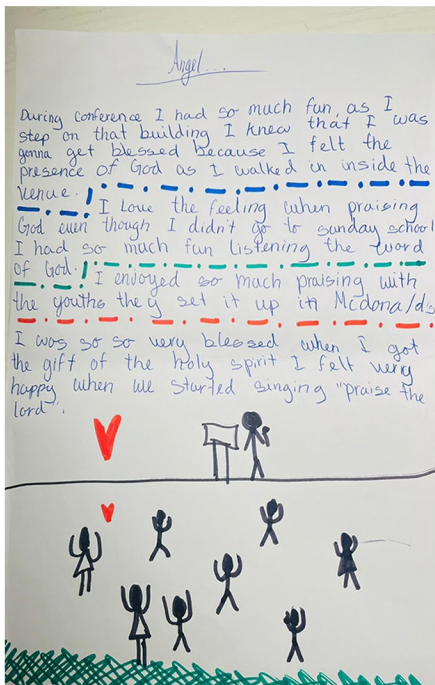
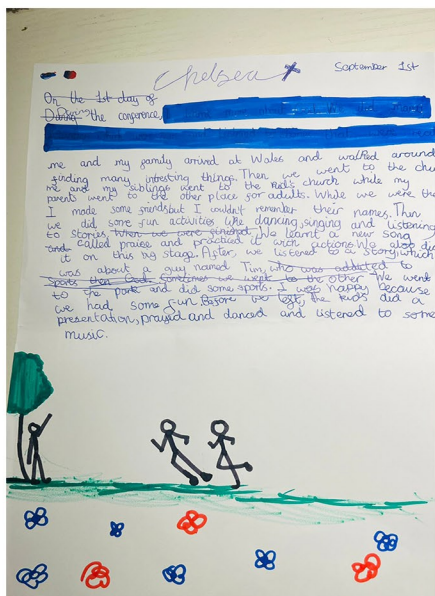
Aaron Perez, aged 9

I was really happy in the conference because we did fun things like the conference song and the Sunday School teachers talking about stories and doing fun activities. We did tic tac toe, as well. We did a lot of prayers and people even got baptised in the conference. The teacher told us about stories. Some people got baptised in the conference and convinced us as he just told us stories with a person called Timmy. Tim always prayed; he used the bell and a flashlight until he died where the church burned down but Tim's bell not burn down. We performed by singing praise and after that we went to another church, in the end, he did a performance by singing praises. After we went to McDonald's, and we praised in there for their employees. Praise the Lord of my soul.

Jose Luis Perez, aged 8

The conference was good because we had Sunday School, and it was fun. We had a Sunday School teacher. He told us many things and he was so funny. And my favourite Sunday School thing that happened was the park. We did lots of things; we even did a song in front of people, and I loved it. I was singing and it was very fun.





national Sunday School AGES 5-12 YEARS

A special creative arts and craft area, with puzzles, paints and Bible images was created for younger children aged 2-4 years.

Guest Speaker- Rev. Hamby supported by Sis Hamby and daughter Maci Hamby

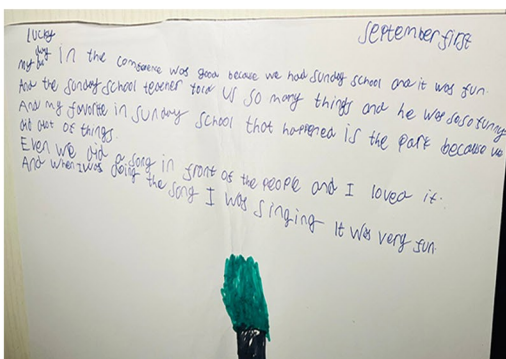
The Sunday School Sessions began on Wednesday morning. Rev Hamby ministered by sharing Bible stories with modern examples which were fun and inspiring. The children were blessed as Rev Hamby played the saxophone. It was amazing as he went on to lead various fun activities and illustrations encouraging children to serve the Lord. The children sang praises unto Jesus, and many responded

On Thursday, the Sunday School visited the local park for a Fun Day and Sport's Event which included egg and spoon, sack races, football and other obstacle challenges.

We ended the Sunday School with a powerful service on Friday morning. There were Bible readings by Josiah Badenhorst and Cooper Kelley confidently reading Acts 2:38-39. The National Sunday School Choir ministered in song beautifully on stage led by Sis. Latoya Johnson Gordon, the choir director. Joshua Williams sang unto the Lord with many describing this as angelic. Rev. Hamby preached an interactive Sermon on Paul and Silas praising the Lord whilst bound in prison.

It was such a blessing, and we praise the Lord for 5 children filled with the Holy Spirit for the first time and 1 baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.

We thank the Lord for the Hambys and Rev. Owen Johnson, the National Sunday School Director, for their passion to see children living for Christ in 21st Century. We are thankful for the National Sunday School Board, Sunday School helpers and volunteers, some ministers and children--all working together in unity.



GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 MISSIONS REPORT

REV. M. GADD
[NATIONAL MISSIONS DIRECTOR]

The missions service began at 3pm on the promenade, Llandudno! Thanks to the hard work of Jonathan Amaode, a team of well-practised, Holy Ghost anointed singers and musicians started lifting up the name of Jesus at the bandstand. Many of the saints of God turned out to give witness to the Lord Jesus, but there were many people from the general public who were drawn to the meeting.

Sis Rachel Dowdie and her team then performed a wonderful skit, presenting the life-changing power of God. It was stirring and powerful. Bro Adrian Dominguez preached an outstanding, faith-building message and at the altar call, there on the promenade, we know of at least 3 people who were filled with the Holy Spirit. Glory to God!

"Where Are They Going?" was the theme of our evening service in which we informed the Body of Christ where their offerings were going, where people were launching out and where our National Prayer Walks were affecting Great Britain and Ireland. Wonderful worship was led by Sis Caniza. Heartfelt thanks were shown to Bro Shaun Hemmings and Bro Ramruttun, and then came the preaching.

Bro Trinidad, Treasurer of UPC Philippines, with his message "Go!" stirred us to ask the question, "Where am I going?" What a stirring of the Holy Spirit and what a powerful response from the saints of God, many of whom pledged to do home Bible studies, prayer walk new areas or launch out with a house group or prayer meeting. Some plan to pioneer in new areas or simply talk to their neighbours and neighbourhood about the goodness of God and the power of the Gospel.

If you would like to know about "Where Are They Going?" use the QR code.

For resources & registration forms, click on the "Where Are YOU Going?" folder.

Finally, for all pastors, leaders and potential leaders, we bring to your attention this year's Autumn Harvest Convention (AHC). Date and guest speaker are as on the graphic. Accommodation must be booked separately by delegates at a hotel of their choice. Further details will be sent out including the conference schedule. Our guest speaker, Bro Goran Andreassen, pastors in Norway and comes with a wealth of experience and a vision to reach the lost.

"Where Are YOU Going?" is our theme. To register, scan the QR code. We look forward to seeing you there.

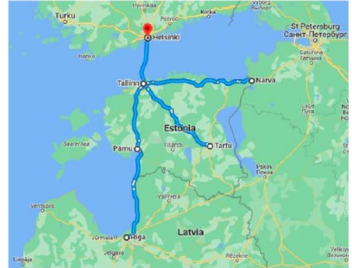


MISSIONS TRIP TO LATVIA, ESTONIA & HELSINKI

Friday, August 23rd saw a team of 9 land in Riga, Latvia later to be joined by a French and American sister. Saturday, August 24th saw the first open-air service conducted in a main square in Riga followed by street evangelism in the market area of the city. Even when sightseeing, the team were evangelising and, through this, a Latvian man and young Ukrainian man were reached.

On the next day, the Latvian man attended the church service and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He was one of a number of first-time visitors, and saints from all over Latvia came to be part of the great service.

On the Monday, we went to be in Jelgava, with AIM worker Sis Jewell. After prayer walking through the town, we met a young overseas student. Asked if he knew Jewell, he said "All the overseas students know her!"



On the Tuesday, August 27th was our next first. Accompanied by Bro and Sis Dunning, furlough replacements in Latvia, we went by bus to Pärnu, Estonia. Here we met up with the Turners, missionaries to Estonia. Together, we had the first meetings the UPC has held in that city. In the open-air, people were touched, and, in the evening, there was one first-time visitor. Look at the photo and you'll see the significance of what's taking place in Pärnu!

Arriving by bus on the Wednesday was our first experience of the capital city of Estonia, Tallinn. The opportunity to rest was very welcome and also to get to know the Turners. During our time in Estonia, they were such kind and gracious hosts.



On the Thursday, we were met from the Tallinn-Helsinki ferry by missionary Mark Alphin. Having walked many of the cities in Finland, he expertly led us in traversing the city of Helsinki by tram, and in praying at key areas of the city. It was our honour to contribute to the great work there and to hear that, on the following Sunday 4, people received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.



Narva, in eastern Estonia, is a bridge-crossing away from Russia. Most of the population still speak Russian. On the Friday, a 2 hour train journey took us to this city. First of all, we did street evangelism with singing and literature, followed by the first service in the city for a long, long time. That evening, there were 8 first-time visitors, and the presence of God was very evident in the Russian-speaking service. Once again, Bro & Sis Moses, missionaries to Russia, were supporting the meetings.



Saturday saw us back in Tallinn with street evangelism. What a wonderful time we had singing and speaking to people! We were sad to say goodbye to the Dunnings who returned to Riga for Sunday service in their house where another person was filled with the Holy Spirit. On the Sunday, we worshipped with the Church in Tallinn in their lovely facility. After a quick turn-around, we were on the bus to Tartu, where we conducted an open-air followed by the evening service. Bro Turner informed us that 4 first-time visitors were in the service where Sis Gertrude preached an outstanding message.

Washed out, yet full up, we left Tallinn on the Monday of September 2. Every member of the team was enriched and leaves with a new vision and burden for the work in the Baltics. "Now unto Him who is able to do....."



BIBLE SCHOOLS ON THE MOVE

It is wonderful and gratifying to see the Bible Schools in Great Britain & Ireland move forward. This past year has seen great progress with the Education Committee that was appointed by Bishop Francis.

We thank God that progress is being made in coordinating curriculum, teachers and resources for the part time schools. Enrolment is up and instructors are working hard to make classes more interactive with greater variety in teaching methods, thus enhancing the whole learning process.

The full time Bible School Board voted to maintain the online Altered Programme but also re-open the campus for onsite classes once again. To that end, much work and preparation has gone into getting the campus ready for the return of in-person classes. We realise it will take time to get the entire programme up and running and to re-gain momentum with enrolment. However, God is enabling the staff to juggle everything and have both programmes operating simultaneously. In the excitement of living for God, attending great conferences and exuberantly worshipping, we can inadvertently diminish the importance of developing daily disciplines and delving deeply into study of God's Word. The Word is what will sustain us through the ups and downs of life. His Spirit within us enables us to joyfully pursue the God-given goals in our hearts. Bible School brings together the Spirit and the Word and trains people for more effective Kingdom service.

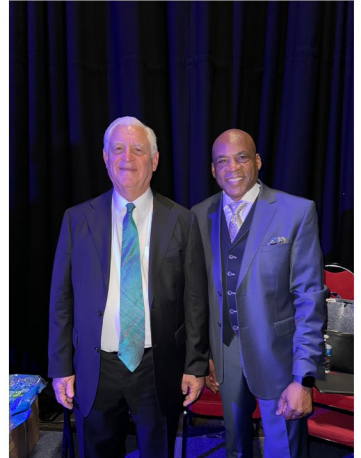
The Bible Colleges of the United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain & Ireland give God praise that people from other nations are joining in the study and training offered by our colleges. Graduates from the Bible Schools in this nation are serving God and making a difference in God's Kingdom in dozens of nations.

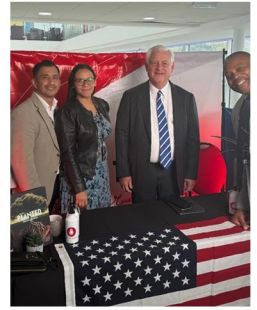
It's not too early for you to begin prayerfully considering Bible School for the next school year that will begin in August, 2025. Two of our part time schools only require 30 days of your life to complete. The full time Bible School only requires 10 months of your life, whether online or in-person. The optional second year full time programme in partnership with Urshan College is also for 10 months.

- ☒ Perhaps God will direct you to give a small portion of your life to formal Bible School training.
- ☒ Perhaps God is calling you to move out of your comfort zone and take a leap of faith.
- ☒ Perhaps God will miraculously supply any finance you need.
- ☒ Perhaps God will open doors of ministry you never dreamed possible.
- ☒ Perhaps Bible School is for YOU!



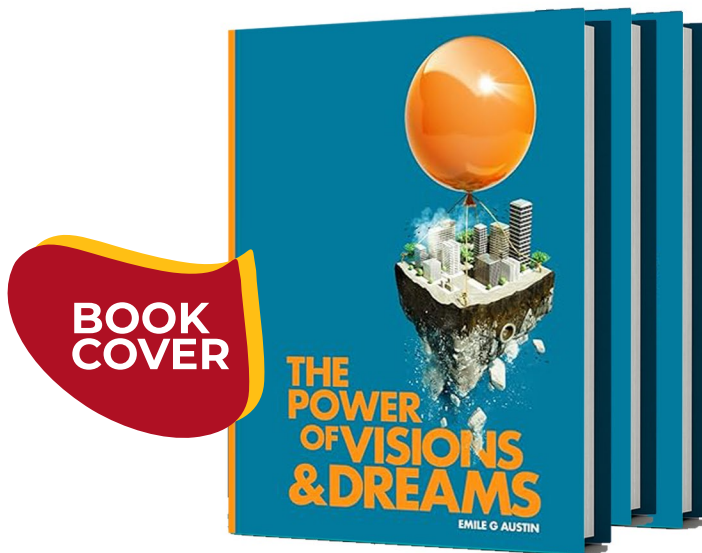
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BOOK RELEASE

THE POWER OF VISIONS AND DREAMS



ABOUT THE BOOK

The Power of Visions and Dreams stands as a guide for expounding on the tangible realities of dreams and visions and lifting the veil between the seen and the unseen

The book explores the profound significance of dreams and visions as catalysts for fulfilling God's purpose and fostering personal growth. Within the pages you will find practical insights and timeless truths, as inspired by the words of Habakkuk 2:2. "Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."

The book will stir within you a fervent passion and desire to explore the meaningfulness and the power of vision and dreams in your life. It will also help you to treasure those visions and dreams as God's investments of His purpose in the human spirit.

This book is relevant to all ages but specially directed to those who are just starting out in life and are wanting to find and pursue God's purpose for their lives.

Rev Emile Austin

AVAILABLE ON AMAZON



WHAT WE BELIEVE

1

The Bible:

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21

2

God:

That God is One, That in Jesus Christ, God was manifest in the flesh, and that in Jesus dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Exodus 20:1-5, Isaiah 45:5, Matthew 1:21-23, Colossians 2:9

3

Salvation/Baptism:

We receive salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are partakers of this salvation through obeying the Truth of the Gospel in the remission of sin, and by receiving the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. We are baptised by this one Spirit into the body of Christ. Mark 16:15-16, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 5:1, 6:1-6, Acts 2:38, 2 Corinthians 12:13

4

The Second Coming of Christ:

In the personal and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ for the Church, and His personal return with His saints in the Second Advent. Phil. 3:20-21, Rev. 22:20

5

Healing:

In divine healing. James 5:14, 1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:5

6

Sin:

That all men are lost outside the scope of the redemptive work of Christ. Eph. 2:12, Gal. 2:15-16, 5:6; Romans 3:23-26, 6:23, Mark 16:16

7

Communion:

In observing the Lord's Supper as a memorial of His broken body and the New Testament in His blood. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

8

Holiness:

All believers must live a holy life. Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:13-16, Titus 2:11-12, 2 Corinthians 7:1

9

Gifts & Ministries:

In the nine Gifts of the Spirit being operative in the Church and in the God-given ministries of the Church. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:11-13

10

Fruit of the Spirit:

That every believer is to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in his life. Galatians 5:22-23

11

Tithing:

Tithing is God's financial plan for providing for His work. Malachi 3:10, 1 Corinthians 4:2, 1 Corinthians 16:2

12

Giving/Almsgiving:

That every believer and body are blessed to be able to give to the needy. Matthew 6:1-5, Acts 20:35, Galatians 2:10



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