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LAUNCH OUT

BY REV CHARLIE NICOL



Welcome to the Autumn 2025 edition of "Pentecostal Truth."

As always, I trust that all of you are well and that most of all, you are spiritually moving forward, **"in the power of His might."** Summer is behind us, leaves are falling, winter is on the horizon, however, none of us should be afraid, for **"greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."** - 1 John 4:4.

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake." (Luke 5:4-6).

The theme of our latest General Conference was "Launch Out" and we have also adopted this direction, for the overall theme of this magazine. It can feel fearful to launch out, trusting more in God, especially, when we are having challenges and storms. The truth though, as we heard in Conference, is that Jesus is right there with us, even when things are so difficult. Indeed, when we experience our toughest times, that is when our Lord shows up most, giving us confidence to move forward and see the victory, as we obey His Word.

If you are going through a lot right now, be assured that Jesus understands. He is with you and will never leave nor forsake you. He, alone, has the power to resolve all your struggles. No matter how we feel, we ought to launch out into the deep, to see God's kingdom come to pass, in us and around us. Remember, multitudes of people are floundering in this world with no hope. We have the means to reach them with the Gospel, throwing them a lifeline of salvation through Jesus Christ before they drown in a sea of iniquity.

Let us be a people, who are ready to launch out, under the unction and calling of our God, holding nothing back and trusting, wholeheartedly, that His will shall be done!

In this issue, you can find the following:

1. August saw our 56th General Conference take place, in Llandudno, North Wales. Our reporters were there and have included detailed summaries and pictures of services and events, throughout 4 days of activities. If you were in Wales, relive the presence of the Lord. If you could not make it, read inside, to catch the atmosphere.

2. As part of business meetings, at General Conference, elections were held, for strategic leadership roles. Please see included listings, for details of updates, along with names of ministers, receiving Local and General Licences, as well as some, who went through Ordination.

3. Following closely on the heels of General Conference, the Five-Fold Ministry Conference took place in London, towards the end of August. Our National missions Director, Rev M. Gadd, has supplied an interesting insight into proceedings, which resulted in great encouragement and blessing, as all attendees launched out. Read inside for more on this.

4. Our aimers to Gilford, Northern Ireland, Rev. Joel and Ashley Castillo, have supplied an interesting article, around what has been happening there, as they stepped out. Be blessed, as you read their words.

5. Sister J Kelley has also supplied a powerful article this time round, "The Dangers Of A Miracle," which I hope challenges and encourages you.

6. This month's Spotlight focuses on the former Editor of "Pentecostal Truth," Rev C. Okala. He reflects on his life so far, highlighting how God's Spirit has enabled him, along with his precious family, to pursue the things of God and, even when challenges arose, he did not give up. Be inspired through his encouraging, uplifting words, as he gives God the glory.

7. Of course, no issue of "Pentecostal Truth" would be complete, without contributions, from our very own General Superintendent, Bishop Francis. See inside, for his words of wisdom.

8. Are you wondering what is upcoming, in UPC GB&I, over coming months? See our Promotions section, for all relevant material, enabling you to be fully a part of things.

That is 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, kindly reach out to the Editor, at the following email address: cnicol@upcgbi.org

Please get all proposed articles, testimonies, and associated pictures to the Editor in good time, to be considered for forthcoming issues. We now have a mechanism in place, where you can directly upload articles and pictures, for the consideration of the Editorial Team. Contact the Editor in advance if you want to use that functionality and he will send you an appropriate link.

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

Rev. Charlie Nicol:

Editor - Pentecostal Truth

Bishop Leroy Nathaniel Francis
General Superintendent of the United
Pentecostal Church of Great Britain and
Ireland



THE LAUNCH OF FAITH:

WITH COURAGE, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Embarking on a Journey of Faith

Faith is not a passive concept—it is an active force that sets things in motion. As Hebrews 11:6 reminds us, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Faith is belief, trust, conviction, confidence, hope, assurance, and reliance. It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).

What Does It Mean to Launch Faith?

To **launch** is to embark on, set in motion, initiate, activate, or bring into being.

Faith is belief, trust, conviction, confidence, hope, assurance, and reliance.

Biblical faith is the evidence of what we believe for, setting in motion what we hope for, and the proof that we have got going and are bringing things into being.

AMP: "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]." (Hebrews 11:1)

The RNLI: A Living Example of Courage and Faith

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) is the charity that saves lives at sea.

- Established in 1824, with over 146,700 lives saved.
- 95% of their crew are volunteers, providing a 24-hour search and rescue service around the UK and Ireland.
- Llandudno Lifeboat Station, founded in 1861, houses modern lifeboats ready to launch at a moment's notice.

Sir William Hillary, the founder, helped save over 300 people from drowning—despite not being able to swim. He lived by the family motto:

"With courage, nothing is impossible."

Biblical Foundations: Launching Out in Faith

The Bible is filled with stories of those who launched out in faith:

- **Joshua** was commanded to be strong and courageous as he led Israel into the Promised Land (Joshua 1:1-7). God's promise was clear: "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you."
- **Jesus called His disciples** to "launch out into the deep" (Luke 5:4), not just to catch fish, but to become "fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19), reaching out to save souls in the vast sea of humanity.

The sea, often used in Scripture as a metaphor for nations and people, represents the chaotic and lost world. Jesus calls us to volunteer our lives, just as the RNLI volunteers do, to rescue those in need.

The Power of Spiritual Gifts

Faith is also a spiritual gift—one of the gifts of power listed in 1 Corinthians 12:9. These gifts enable believers to act, to work miracles, and to bring healing. Faith is a supernatural endowment by the Spirit, empowering us to do extraordinary things for God.

Faith in Action:

What Is Done by Faith? (Hebrews 11)

- **Worship and Offering:** Abel offered a better sacrifice.
- **Walking with God:** Enoch was taken to heaven.
- **Obedience and Preparation:** Noah built the ark.
- **Leaving and Going:** Abraham left his homeland.
- **Receiving Power:** Sarah bore a child in old age.
- **Blessing Generations:** Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph blessed descendants.
- **Protection and Deliverance:** Moses and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea.
- **Endurance in Suffering:** Many endured torture and death, refusing to renounce faith.

Overcoming Fear with Faith

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7) Faith must overcome fear. Like Peter, who stepped out of the boat at Jesus' command, we are called to launch out, trusting God's word above our circumstances.

Touching the Hem of His Garment

The story of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment (Luke 8:43-48) is a powerful illustration of faith in action. Despite social and religious barriers, her faith made her whole. Her story reminds us every obstacle and bring healing and restoration.

A Call to Launch Out

As a church, we are called to launch out in faith—from our local congregations, districts, departments, communities, families, and friends—into the deep sea of humanity to rescue souls. Like the RNLI lifeboats, we must be ready, courageous, and willing to act.

- **Ministers:** Launch out into the deep sea of humanity to save souls.
- **Congregation:** Launch your faith, touch the hem of His garment, and receive wholeness. Let us all join together, launching out in faith, to bring hope, healing, and salvation to our world.

Let us join together, launching out in faith, trusting that with God, nothing is impossible. May we touch the hem of His garment and be made whole, and may we bring hope and salvation to those around us.

Everyone joins together to launch out in Faith from our Local Churches, Districts, Departments, community, family and friend into the deep sea of Humanity to rescue souls.

Let us launch out in faith—together.



BY REV M. GADD
[NATIONAL MISSIONS DIRECTOR]



Before the official start of the 5-Fold Ministry Discovery Conference several of the ministry team, along with prayer warriors from the UK, prayer-walked from Victoria to Buckingham Palace to Westminster and Lambeth Palace. Their final stop was Fairfield Halls, Croydon and this laid a wonderful foundation for the success of the conference.

The conference opened with a prayer and worship on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Bro Stan Gleeson, Bishop Leroy Francis having welcomed the conference to Life Tabernacle Spires, London.

On the Wednesday night, Bishop David Bernard spoke on motives for ministry and then Bro Jason Sciscoe spoke on affirmation coming from God's love, not our gift.

The Thursday morning saw Dr Art Wilson speaking on openness to the 5-fold ministry and the power of the "teacher". Bishop David Bernard followed up by speaking on integrating the local church within the organisation and District to expose the church to ministry that the pastor alone cannot provide.

Bro Stan Gleeson spoke on Thursday night, giving insight to the reason for the 5-fold ministry and Bro Doug Klinedinst ministered on the ministry of the "evangelist".

Friday was the final day of the conference and before the Q&A session Sis Flo Shaw spoke concerning ministry of the "prophet" entitled "The 5fold to the sheepfold". Bro Nathan Harrod then spoke on the priesthood of believers and how the 5fold ministry was to equip the saints to minister.

Concluding the conference on Friday night, Bro Jason Sciscoe spoke prophetically into the conference followed by Bro Allan Shalm, who spoke with apostolic authority. Much was imparted, both to individuals and their ministries and churches and the Church here in UK and Ireland – a powerful move of God to enable us to realise what God has for us and what He wants to do.

Thanks must go to the ministry team that came to speak at the conference and all the planning work that went on, both state-side and here in the UK. Thanks also to the caterers, ushers, musicians, singers, videographers, and sound team.





CONVERSION THERAPY LAW

- A Christian Institute Update

The Christian Institute and its Let Us Pray campaign has been defending the ordinary work of churches since the Government announced it was considering a new law on so called conversion therapy.

'Conversion therapy' is a wide umbrella term chosen by LGBT campaigners. It covers abusive practices by quack medical practitioners and charlatan preachers which are largely illegal already. But campaigners want to go much further and criminalise repentance as well as preaching, prayer, pastoral care and even parenting that fails to endorse liberal theology.

Coercive and abusive behaviour should be caught by existing law. But it is wrong for biblically faithful preaching, prayer, pastoral care and parenting to be in the sights of lawmakers.

Legal challenges

The Christian Institute has instructed solicitors in England, Northern Ireland and Scotland to prepare the ground for a potential judicial review of any new laws on 'conversion therapy' that restrict religious freedom.

This is based on legal advice received from one of the UK's leading human rights KCs warning that an indiscriminate ban could criminalise the ordinary work of churches. This would put the UK in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights and open the Government to legal challenge in the courts.

The Institute has won both its previous judicial reviews against UK governments. The first, in 2007, resulted in a partial strike down of the Northern Ireland Sexual Orientation Regulations. The second, in 2016, resulted in the repeal of the Scottish Government's unlawful 'Named Person' scheme.

Read Jason Coppel KC's April 2021 legal opinion <https://www.christian.org.uk/human-rights-implications-of-proposals-to-ban-conversion-therapy/>

Read a highlighted version of his December 2023 opinion on Baroness Burt's Private Members' Bill.

Read the key extracts <https://www.christian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Summary-Extracts-Coppel-Legal-Opinion.pdf>

Scottish Govt on new collision course with courts

Aidan O'Neill KC has also provided two legal opinions for the Institute.

In the first in December 2022 he warned that the Scottish Government's extreme 'conversion therapy' proposals are "beyond the powers of the Scottish Parliament to legislate". He explained that the "fundamentally illiberal" proposals also breach Holyrood's competence as set out in the Scotland Act of 1998 as they contain measures which change UK equality and discrimination law which is not devolved to Holyrood.

Read a highlighted version of the full 2022 opinion

<https://www.christian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/aidan-oneill-ct-opinion.pdf>

Read a summary and extracts

In his subsequent opinion from February 2024 he branded proposals set out in an 86-page consultation document as "jellyfish legislation... impossible to grasp... [with] a sting in the tail".

Read a highlighted version of the 2024 opinion

[Aidan-O'Neill-KC-Conversion-practices-opinion-February-2024-highlights.pdf](#)

Isle of Man

In March 2024, the Sexual Offences and Obscene Publications Act 2021 on the Isle of Man came into force, introducing the first conversion therapy law in the British Isles. It makes it illegal "for any person to practise, or to offer to practise conversion therapy".

The law defines 'conversion therapy' as "any form of therapy which demonstrates an assumption that any sexual orientation or gender identity is inherently preferable to any other" and that attempts to change or suppress a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. Offenders could face up to two years in prison or a fine of up to £10,000.

Letters from our solicitors to the respective governments in Westminster, Holyrood and Stormont:

SPOTLIGHT ON

REV. CHUKWUEMEKA REUBEN OKALA



Rev. Chukwuemeka (Emeka) Reuben Okala, generally and simply known and called as Bro Okala or Pastor Okala or Rev Okala is the immediate past Editor of the Pentecostal Truth.

Pastor Okala was born a Baptist – a denomination to which his both late parents belonged in Nigeria – his natural country. He temporarily relocated to Athens, Greece in 1979 as a student at the National and Capodistrian University of Athens. His wife joined him circa one year after. He obtained his primary degree in Economic Sciences (B.Sc.) and later obtained a Masters (M.Sc.) degree in Regional Development from Pantheon Graduate School of Political and Social Sciences, Kallithea, Athens, Greece and finally obtained another Masters (M.A.) degree in Mass Communications & Journalism from the University of North London, now London Metropolitan University.

Due to a change in circumstance that bordered much on the loss of our first child and son, Bro Okala who was deeply grieving the excruciating loss of that child, was accidentally, but certainly by the design of the living God, introduced to the Crossroads International Christian Center by a student friend. Crossroads was a young Missionary UPCI Church in Athens, pastored by Rev Alan & Sis Valarie Demos.

So, on Sunday the 21st of March 1982, I made my way to the church and a visiting pastor from the US was preaching in that very Sunday service. I was so much captivated by his message that I got baptised in the Spirit on the same day, even before I had my water baptism at the sea of Glyfada in Athens on the 25th of July 1982. My wife and I had our water baptism the same day and place. We were baptised by Rev. Alan Demos. After our baptism, we retired to Sis. Tessa Blackmore's house very close to the sea and changed our cloths. We were treated with desserts of ice cream, cookies and sweets on that lovely bright Greek Summer day.

Crossroads later witnessed an exponential growth in numerical strength. The Demos' relocated to Germany along the line to start and found a new work (church). In the process Crossroads Church subsequently had three other leaderships sequentially with an updated name, The Pentecostals of Athens UPCI.

I became a member of the Church Board and the Treasurer of the church in mid 1990s under the leadership of Rev Simeon Strickland – the father of Rev Jonathan Strickland – the current Superintendent of the Ireland District of the UP-CGB&I. Rev Jonathan Strickland replaced his father as the pastor of the church when his dad relocated to Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece to found another church.

I was the Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of The African Bugle – a top-notch secular news magazine that aimed to bridge the gap between Greece and Africa in all areas.

All our children were born to us in Greece. We relocated to London in the year 2000 and joined Life Tabernacle UPC Ministries. We have been active members of the church since then.

It was at Life Tabernacle in 2009 that I became a licenced Minister of the UPCGBI and Pastor of the Life Tabernacle Church in the Forest Gate of East London in 2010. I have also served as the Treasurer of the mother Life Tabernacle Church for 16 years and a member of the Church Board. I served the national body, UPCGBI as the Editor of Pentecostal Truth for circa 12 years.

As a pensioner, I have a dream to return to my natural country, Nigeria in no distant future, to help in the growth of the UPC work in my region through encouraging the youths in any way possible. In the short run, I am desirous of seeing the church that I pastor in East London have strong roots. In all, I rely absolutely on Him.

Blessings,
Rev. Chukwuemeka Reuben Okala



GROWTH IS NOT AN OPTION

— BISHOP LEROY FRANCIS



The United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain and Ireland is a vibrant, multicultural Apostolic fellowship of ministers and churches, united by a divine mandate: **to evangelise and lead all cultures and peoples into an Apostolic relationship with Jesus Christ.**

Our mission is clear. Our vision is bold. We are mobilising a force across GB&I — empowered by the love, power, and revelation of Jesus Christ — to reach every community through **evangelism and discipleship** that transforms lives and impacts society.

We are not waiting for revival — we are becoming revival. Growth begins at the grassroots level, with **every believer involved**, every church engaged, and every leader equipped. From preaching points to established churches, from three districts to seven, we are expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and building ministries that involve every member of the family.

Our goal is ambitious yet attainable: **150 churches and 150 ministers** within the next decade. These will be churches rooted in prayer, preaching, and pastoral care — places where the Spirit moves, the Word is taught, and lives are changed.

This is a movement of connection, communication, and collaboration — between local churches and national leadership, between generations and cultures, between vision and action. Together, we will mobilise for personal and corporate evangelism, support one another, and build a united mission that reflects the heart of Christ.

Growth and Progress for the Next Decade

As we turn the page into a new chapter of purpose and promise, the United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain & Ireland stands at a pivotal moment in its journey. The vision for 2020–2030 is bold yet attainable: to **double our impact**—from 100 to 200 churches, and from 100 to 200 ministers—through intentional leadership, strategic planning, and spiritual empowerment.

Rooted in the biblical mandate of **Ephesians 3:20**, we believe that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that works within us. This power demands **proper preparation**, passionate prayer, and persistent pursuit of the mission.

The **Strategic Growth Initiative (SGI)** provides a clear roadmap for expansion, calling for the development of visionary leaders across all districts,



the nurturing of young ministers under 30, and the planting of churches in unchurched cities and towns. It emphasizes measurable goals, sustainable strategies, and the mobilization of every believer to be a part of the harvest.

Drawing from Apostolic principles and proven practices, we are reminded that **church growth is both spiritual and structural**. It requires prayerful leadership, personal care, and active involvement. It thrives on mentorship, discipleship, and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not merely about numbers, but about lives transformed, communities reached, and generations empowered.

Let us move forward with **intentionality and humility**, embracing the call to serve, to lead, and to grow. Let us build not just churches, but movements—where every member is a minister, every church is a mission, and every leader is a multiplier.

Grassroots Revival: Every Believer Involved

Growth begins at the grassroots level — not in boardrooms or buildings, but in the hearts and hands of every believer. The vision to double our churches and ministers by 2030 is not just a leadership mandate; it is a **collective calling**. Every member of the body of Christ is essential. Every prayer, every act of service, every outreach effort contributes to the momentum of revival.

We are not spectators in this mission — we are participants. From the youngest disciple to the seasoned elder, each believer is called to **link, learn, license, and launch**. Whether through mentoring, planting, preaching, or simply loving and serving, the church grows when its people grow.

This is a movement of **intentional discipleship, strategic planning, and spiritual empowerment**. It is a call to **prepare properly, to serve humbly, and to lead boldly**. As Jesus developed leaders at every level — the 12, the 70, the 3, and the 1 — so must we.

Let us embrace the grassroots revival. Let us build from the ground up, with every believer involved, every leader equipped, and every church ignited with purpose.

Together, we will **enlarge, stretch, lengthen**, and strengthen—for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Bishop L N Francis
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
UPC GB&I

THE DANGER OF A MIRACLE

- SIS. JEROLYN KELLEY



Miracles! We all want them. We all believe in them. We all desire to see the miraculous. No doubt, many have witnessed the miraculous power of God.

However, it has been impressed upon my spirit lately that there can be a danger in receiving the miracles we all desire to see. Looking back over the decades, I recall those who have received miracles and had a miraculous ministry only to fall short and lose out in their walk with God.

Why? How can this happen? The more we see God's miracle working power, the more we should trust and believe for the miracles. The sad fact is remarkably simple. Sometimes God in His omniscience cannot grant us the miracles we desire because we simply cannot handle the blessing. We either become proud and arrogant, or we can become self-reliant and quit trusting God as we should.

We all know that in the dark and tough times, we cry out to God. We know that He is our only hope. We realise our own weakness and rely solely on Him. We understand that in ourselves there is no good thing and that it is only through God, working in us and through us, that we can accomplish anything great in the Kingdom.

But when the miracles come, we quit looking upward and start trusting in our own abilities and get lax in our spiritual disciplines. There is great blessing in trusting God and knowing anything we accomplish is only because of Him. The challenge of life is daily, and daily disciplines are what keep us on track—both naturally and spiritually.

I am not saying that if you don't receive the miracle, you have been waiting for that you are not trusting God. I am simply saying that we all must guard against becoming a spiritual consumer more than a disciple. We must guard against self-reliance and spiritual laxness. In our waiting and trusting, great spiritual backbone is developed.

These are tough times for believers and the church. The world is ever challenging us increasingly. Believers are being drawn away by their own desires, their own thinking, their own ideas, and their lack of obedience to God and to their leaders. Let us guard against these attitudes and continue to believe God for the miraculous.

And when the miracles happen, don't fall into the trap of less prayer, less fasting, less church attendance, less study of the Word, less spiritual fellowship. Let us keep trusting and looking to God. Then, He will know that He can trust us with miracles. The miracles will not become our downfall, but rather, they will enable us to build up the Kingdom more effectively. My desire is that God can trust me with miracles and that He will know I am a safe vessel He can allow the miraculous to flow through.

The Real Thing: A Guide to Strengthening Marriage and Family Life

Rev & Mrs L Francis



Introduction

Marriage is a sacred commitment that requires intentional effort, understanding, and spiritual grounding. This article draws from the "Life Marriage & Family Weekend" seminar materials to offer practical guidance for couples seeking to build strong, loving, and enduring relationships.

Before You Marry: Count the Cost

- Prepare for Change: Marriage demands personal growth and adaptation.
- Resolve Issues Early: Don't enter marriage with unresolved problems.
- Guard Your Heart: Emotional integrity is vital for both singles and married individuals.

Guarding Your Heart

Emotional Connection Levels

- Green Light: Attention and attraction.
- Yellow Light: Affection and emotional arousal.
- Red Light: Emotional affairs and addictions.

Protecting Integrity

Enjoy emotional connections within boundaries that honor your marriage and faith.

Reflections for Wives

Based on 1 Peter 3:1-6, wives are encouraged to:

- Cultivate a gentle and quiet spirit.
- Respect and honour their husbands.
- Demonstrate inner beauty through thoughtfulness and love.

Reflections for Husbands

From 1 Peter 3:7, husbands are called to:

- Dwell with their wives in understanding.
- Honour their wives as co-heirs of grace.
- Lead spiritually and emotionally with humility and love.

Conflict Resolution in Marriage

Conflict is inevitable but manageable. Key principles include:

1. Attack the problem, not each other.
2. Avoid exaggeration ("You always...").
3. Stay on topic and avoid dramatics.
4. Offer solutions, not just criticism.
5. Be humble — you could be wrong.

Intimacy in Marriage

Intimacy Busters

- Using sex as a means of closeness.
- Sarcastic or condescending talk.
- Treating your spouse like a child.

Intimacy Boosters

- Holding hands and non-sexual touch.
- Respectful conversation.
- Speaking each other's love language.
- Praying together consistently.

Winning Your Spouse Back

For couples facing emotional or physical separation:

Game Plan for Reconciliation:

- Confession and repentance.
- Building trust through consistent actions.
- Displaying sacrificial love and honor.

Family and Teen Development

Guidance for Parents

- Be loving but firm.
- Educate about physical and emotional changes.
- Encourage spiritual growth and self-acceptance.
- Build good communication and monitor friendships.

Spiritual Development

- Daily prayer and Scripture reading.
- Participation in church and youth ministry.
- Family devotions and consistent prayer times.

Financial Wisdom

- Review finances monthly.
- Avoid credit card traps.
- Consider using cash to control spending.

Final Encouragement

Marriage is worth fighting for. Whether you're preparing for marriage or seeking restoration, remember:

- Don't give up. Get help.
- Keep talking and listening.
- Love is a choice and a commitment.



The Harvest is Now: Answering God's Call Through AIM UKI

By Rev. Joel and Ashley Castillo

Pentecostal of Gilford, Northern Ireland

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I, Send me!'" — Isaiah 6:8

The month of August has been a powerful reminder that when we say yes to the call of God, He does more than we could ever imagine. From baptisms and Holy Ghost outpourings to citywide marches and miracles after General Conference, God is moving in Northern Ireland—and the door is wide open for others to join the work.

Through the AIM UKI program, my wife and I stepped out in faith, leaving behind comfort and certainty to pursue the will of God in a land we had only visited. What we found in Gilford was not just a new city — it was a harvest field ready for laborers. And today, we are witnessing revival: souls baptized in Jesus' name, filled with the Spirit, and transformed by the power of the gospel.

This month, we celebrated multiple baptisms, new believers receiving the Holy Ghost, and powerful unity during the Jesus March—where over 10,000 voices lifted up the name of Jesus across denominational lines. After the Fivefold Ministry Conference, a fresh wind of anointing has pushed us into a new season of boldness, faith, and expectation.

But here's the truth: the revival we are seeing is not just for Northern Ireland. It is for every corner of the UK and Ireland. And it is for YOU.

God is still calling men and women—young and old—to launch into the unknown through AIM. You don't need to have it all figured out. You just need to be available. The same God who called us will equip you. The same Spirit moving here in Gilford is ready to move in Swansea, Oxford, the Isle of Man, and beyond.

So if God is tugging at your heart, don't delay. There is a world waiting for the truth. There are cities waiting for the light of Jesus. The harvest is not coming — it is now.

Will you answer the call?

We continue to pray for laborers, for fresh outpourings of the Holy Ghost, and for bold steps of obedience. If God can use a family from the Dominican Republic and the U.S. to bring revival to Ireland, He can certainly use you—right where you are. Together, through AIM UKI, let's see the Kingdom of God advance across GBI.

In His service,

Rev. Joel & Ashley Castillo

Associates in Missions – Northern Ireland



56th AGM Elections and Ministerial Licenses Updates.

By Rev C. Nicol



On Monday, 4th August 2025, the General Board of UPC GB&I, along with the body of ministers, met in Llandudno, North Wales, for their Annual General Meeting [AGM]. The meeting was lively, with a lot of interesting presentations from our National Department Heads, but the main purpose of this article is to record a list of election outcomes and also to highlight new ministers, receiving their Local Licence, others, being upgraded to General Licence and, of course, some more, who were approved for Ordination.

General Board & Heads Of Department

Below is a list of all current General Board members and Appointed Heads Of Department, along with their status. This information was also called out by Bishop Francis, at the first night of the Conference, on Tuesday 5th August 2025.

General Superintendent – Bishop L.N. Francis - Serving 2nd year, of a 2-year term.
Assistant General Superintendent – Rev E. Austin - Elected to serve a 2-year term.
General Secretary/Treasurer – Rev S. Ramruttun - Elected to serve a 2-year term.
General Missions Director – Rev M. Gadd - Serving 2nd year, of a 2-year term.
District of Ireland Superintendent - Rev J. Strickland - Elected at District Conference, to serve a 2-year term.
District of Scotland Superintendent – Rev R. Kelley - Elected at District Conference, to serve a 2-year term.
Central District Superintendent – Rev Y. Frater - Elected at District Conference, to serve a 2-year term.
London & South District Superintendent – Rev A. Banton - Elected at District Conference, to serve a 2-year term.

National Youth Director- Rev A. Hall - Elected to serve a 2-year term.
National Sunday School Director – Rev O. Johnson - Serving 2nd year of a 2-year term.
National Ladies Director – Rev F. Groves - Serving 2nd year of a 2-year term.
National Men's Leader – Rev K. Kelley - Elected to serve a 2-year term.
Editor of Pentecostal Truth – Rev C. Nicol - Serving 2nd year of a 2-year term.
Web Editor – Rev S. Hemmings – Serving 2nd year of a 2-year term.
National Prayer Committee – Sis J. Kelley.
National Music Committee – Rev N. Davis.

New & Upgraded Licences

The following individuals received a Local Licence or were upgraded to General Licence or Ordination. Bishop Francis announced the below to Conference attendees, during the Thursday evening service and an Ordination Service, for those affected, was carried out.

Local Licence

The following sisters received their Local Licence and were brought into the ministerial body –
Sis Rene Rodgers – Life Tabernacle, London.
Sis Patricia George - .

General Licence

The following ministers had their credentials upgraded, to General Licence –
Rev S. Hallett – Church Of Hope, Edinburgh.
Rev S. Williams - .

Ordination

The following ministers were upgraded, from General Licence to Ordination –

Rev A. Hall – Life Tabernacle, London.
Rev T. Rodgers – Life Tabernacle, London.
Rev J. Trinidad – Tabernacle Of Praise, London.

Additionally, Rev K. Kelley [New Life Church, Swansea, Wales] had his Ordination confirmed by the General Board.

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MORNING MANNA SERVICES BY PENTECOSTAL TRUTH REPORTER



Below is an extract of great Morning Manna preaching, brought to us at the outset of each full General Conference day [Wednesday 6th August – Friday 8th August inclusive]. Be blessed, as we bring you a flavour of these inspiring services and the anointing, which the Lord placed on each of our speakers. Thank you to each of them, for being obedient and sensitive to God's call.

Wednesday Morning – Rev S. Hallett [Church of Hope, Edinburgh] and Rev T. Rodgers [Life Tabernacle, Northwood, London].

On the Wednesday morning, we were blessed with a double header, with both Rev S. Hallett and Rev T. Rodgers sharing what the Lord had laid on their hearts.

First, Rev Hallett brought a message, entitled "The Message Is More Important Than the Messenger." Using a passage, from 2nd Samuel Chapter 18, she emphasised that, in spiritual and biblical contexts, the importance of a message lies not in the messenger but rather, in the message they carry. Using biblical stories, Rev Hallett illustrated how God uses humble and weak individuals to deliver powerful messages, highlighting reliance on God's strength rather than human ability.

- Messengers, in battle: Biblical runners carried vital news across difficult terrains, symbolising the weight of a nation's fate, resting on their message, rather than their status or speed. Two runners brought news to King David after a battle; one was a humble servant, the other a zealous Levite named Ahimaaz, but the king valued the clarity and truth of the message over the messenger's zeal, or reputation.
- John the Baptist, as a messenger: John understood his role as a messenger preparing the way for Jesus, emphasizing that his mission was not about himself but about pointing to the Messiah. The message here was that the Messiah [Christ] was coming and John was merely a forerunner.
- Paul's focus on Christ: Paul prioritised preaching Jesus Christ crucified over his own wisdom or eloquence, reinforcing that the message, not the messenger, is central.

The sermon warned against pride disguised as humility, encouraging believers to trust God's power, despite perceived personal weaknesses or limitations. Paul's "thorn in the flesh" kept him reliant on God, illustrating that human weakness can reveal divine strength and glory. God chooses the humble. Scripture teaches that God uses the weak and foolish to shame the mighty, ensuring that no flesh can boast before Him. Like fragile jars of clay, believers carry the treasure of God's message, and God's power shines brightest, through human weakness and brokenness.

Rev Rodgers then picked up the baton, with an exhortation, "The Forerunner Spirit." Using scriptures from Isaiah 6:8 and John 20:21, he encouraged listeners to embrace their divine calling with courage and faith, likening their spiritual journey to exploring uncharted territories. His message emphasised the importance of being sent by God, having a spirit of adventure, and trusting in divine guidance, despite challenges.

- Embracing divine calling: Rev Rodgers reflected on subjective experiences and the significance, of being sent by God, to fulfil a spiritual mission, encouraging readiness to "launch out," in faith.
- Spirit of John the Baptist: Rev Rodgers went on to highlight the role of John the Baptist, as a witness and forerunner, inspiring listeners to embody a similar spirit of commission and witness.
- Navigating uncharted territory: Using a metaphor, from the book "Canoeing the Mountains," the sermon compared spiritual missions to exploring unknown lands, requiring adaptation and perseverance. Rev Rodgers drew parallels with the Louisiana Purchase expedition, illustrating bravery, preparedness, and the unknown challenges, of pioneering new spiritual paths.
- Overcoming obstacles through faith: Despite unexpected difficulties, like mountains instead of rivers, the message encouraged trust in God's provision and strength, to overcome barriers.
- Call to active witness: Listeners were urged to participate fully, as witnesses of their faith, embracing their role in spreading the message of Jesus. The sermon concluded with a call to open one's mouth and step into new ventures with a spirit of adventure, trusting in God's sending and guidance.

Thursday Morning – Rev K. Kelley [New Life Church, Swansea] – "Launching Out in Faith."

Rev Kelley's exhortation, based around John 2:7-10, reflected Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana, emphasizing the significance of obedience and faith in God's transformative power. It highlighted the role of servants, who, despite knowing the water was ordinary, obeyed Jesus' command, leading to a miraculous change that astonished all.

- Jesus' first miracle: At a wedding in Cana, Jesus turned water into wine after the wine ran out, a significant event, which marked the start of His miracles. This story focuses on the servants, who carried out Jesus' instructions. They knew the pots contained only water, but their obedience to Jesus' command was crucial, for the miracle to occur, illustrating that faith and action are key.
- Symbolism, of water pots: These pots were used for ceremonial washing, representing human imperfection and the need for spiritual transformation, as people were and are likened, to vessels, that God shapes, when given over to Him. The sermon acknowledged personal awareness of flaws and shortcomings, within each one of us, comparing individuals to vessels, containing water, emphasizing the need for divine intervention.
- Miracle was rooted, in obedience: The transformation of water into wine happened because the servants obeyed Jesus, teaching us that miracles in life occur, through faithful obedience, rather than human ability or perfection.
- There was a call to action, for believers. They were encouraged to obey God's call, despite feeling unworthy or limited, trusting that God can use anyone as a vessel for His work. We can be transformed, through Christ. Rev Kelley's message connected Jesus' first miracle to spiritual rebirth, citing scripture that those in Christ become new creations, highlighting the ongoing possibility of renewal and change.

• The Blessing in the Deep

Using the biblical vision, from Ezekiel 47:1-10, Rev Trinidad illustrated the concept of "Blessing in the Deep." He explained that ministry requires moving, beyond the shallow, comfortable waters, into deeper, more challenging spiritual realms. Only those, truly called and sent by God can survive and operate effectively, in these deep waters, which symbolize deeper commitment and dependence on God. The deep is dangerous, but also where God's power and fruitfulness flow abundantly. The sermon encouraged ministers to trust fully in God, relax in His hands, and embrace the unknown challenges of ministry for greater spiritual reward.

• Spiritual Dependence and Growth

The message also highlighted the necessity of surrendering to the Spirit of God and being led by divine guidance. It warned against self-appointment and emphasised that ministry effectiveness comes, only through hearing and obeying God's voice. Rev Trinidad shared personal testimonies, about his own calling and the importance, of adhering to God's direction, rather than personal ambition, or external pressures. He requested ministers to remember their initial call and to renew their commitment to God's mission.

• Encouragement to Move Forward in Ministry

Concluding, the message called on those who feel stagnant or discouraged in their ministry to step forward in faith and obedience. It encouraged ministers to move, beyond fear and hesitation, trusting that God will equip and enable them for the work ahead. Rev Trinidad invited listeners to reflect on their calling, urging them to act on God's command to "launch out into the deep" for the glory of God. This call to action is presented as a pivotal moment for spiritual growth and fruitfulness.

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DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES BY PENTECOSTAL TRUTH REPORTER



Below is an extract of great preaching and ministry, brought to us by our Ladies, Men's Bible School, and Sunday School departments, from Wednesday 6th August – Friday 8th August. Be blessed, as we bring you a flavour of these inspiring services and the anointing, which the Lord placed on each of our speakers. Thank you to each of them, along with worship teams and other ministries, for being obedient and sensitive to God's call.

Ladies Service.

Our National Ladies Leader, Rev Faith Groves, has supplied a separate article and pictures, from the Ladies Conference Service. Be blessed, as you read more from her in this magazine.

Bible School Service.

This service presented a comprehensive and heartfelt message, encouraging individuals to pursue Bible School education and ministry service. It combined personal testimonies, biblical references, and an appeal for financial support, to inspire commitment to spiritual growth and to launch into ministry.

Encouragement to Plan and Commit to Bible School

Speakers emphasised the importance of planning with faith, citing biblical encouragement from Luke and Philipians about counting the cost and trusting God to complete the good work started in individuals. Despite obstacles such as time and responsibilities, the message encouraged committing plans to God

and stepping out in faith to attend Bible School, highlighting the spiritual growth and fullness it brings.

Personal Testimonies of Launching into Ministry

Several testimonies illustrated the transformative impact of Bible School. One individual shared how financial challenges nearly prevented attendance, but they were supported by their church, leading to valuable ministry experience. Another recounted balancing family, health, and ministry responsibilities, whilst pursuing education, emphasising perseverance and trust in God's calling. A couple shared their joint journey through in-person and virtual Bible school, describing how the training equipped them to serve and respond to mission needs, despite hardships like the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Call to Step Out of Comfort Zones

The service highlighted the necessity of stepping out of comfort zones, to fulfil God's calling, referencing biblical figures like Abraham and Peter who took bold, uncomfortable steps of faith. It stressed that ministry requires obedience and availability, even when it feels challenging or inconvenient. Listeners were encouraged to respond to God's call without excuses, trusting that Bible School will prepare them for effective service.

Appeal for Financial Support and Participation

An important part of the service was an appeal for funding, to support students attending Full-Time Bible School, including scholarships for those with financial needs. The goal is to raise at least £10,000 through donations and pledges, enabling more individuals to launch into ministry. The congregation was called upon, to participate by taking envelopes, making offerings, or pledging support, reinforcing that investing in students is investing in the kingdom of God.

Vision for Future Ministry and Impact

The service concluded with encouragement for church leaders to enrol themselves or members of their congregations in Bible School, emphasizing the long-term impact of such investment on ministry effectiveness and spiritual growth. A future harvest of souls is envisaged, along with greater gospel outreach, urging readiness, obedience, and faith, to see God's plans fulfilled.

Overall, the service was a powerful call to faith-driven action, highlighting the role of Bible education in spiritual formation, ministry readiness, and kingdom expansion, blending scriptural teaching, personal experience, and practical appeals, to motivate engagement and support for Bible School programs.

Men's Service.

Rev G. Lopez taught how the Lord moved upon him, to start outreach work in his community. A small group of friends began meeting regularly for Bible study and discussion, which gradually grew in number and required moving to a larger space.

This community emphasised faith, witnessing, and the importance of God's presence in everyday life. One member shared a testimony of faith and perseverance through job loss. Additionally, God promoted Rev Lopez, and he was elected as a leader in the Pentecostal Church of Spain, with ambitious plans to significantly expand the church network in the coming years.

Four friends agreed to meet daily for Bible study, which attracted more participants over time, leading to relocation, to a teacher's classroom, to accommodate growing numbers.

Rev Lopez stressed the importance of sharing God's word and faith in all places, encouraging believers to be active witnesses, without needing formal platforms or eloquence. One individual recounted losing a job two years prior, applying persistently elsewhere, and eventually receiving an unexpected job interview, highlighting trust in God's faithfulness.

Giovanni Lopez, now elected as general superintendent of the Pentecostal Church of Spain, aims to increase the number of churches to 200 within three years, with plans for further local church establishments.

Sunday School Service.

This service provided a detailed account of National Sunday School programmes, highlighting spiritual activities, leadership acknowledgments,

awards, and motivational messages, aimed at inspiring and nurturing children, in their faith journey, within UPC GB&I churches.

Proceedings began with a collective praise and prayer session, expressing gratitude for health, protection, and guidance. Prayer emphasised the importance of wisdom, planning, and courage, launching initiatives, to reach children with the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

Children Elijah and John Mark read from the Bible, specifically Matthew and Luke chapters, recounting Jesus' teachings, and miracles. This was followed by energetic worship, encouraging children to praise God freely and persistently, even to the point of being "annoying" in spiritual matters, which was framed positively.

National Sunday School board members were introduced, from various districts, recognizing their roles and contributions. Special thanks were given to individuals, involved in coordination, choir direction, and sports events, highlighting their dedication to the Sunday School ministry.

Several awards were presented, including National Sunday School Teacher of the Year, Student of the Year and Special Appreciation awards were handed out, to churches and individuals, for their contributions to Sunday School activities, including support for children with special needs and faithful service. Further gifts and certificates of appreciation were presented to key supporters, like Rev Tandy Messi and Bishop Francis, acknowledging their unwavering commitment to children's ministry.

Rev Justin Hamby then brought a message, sharing insights on the significance of children's ministry, emphasising that children are natural worshippers and must be given platforms to express their faith. The message referenced biblical teachings, such as Jesus welcoming children and urging believers to become like children, to enter the kingdom of heaven. It stressed the importance of nurturing children's spiritual growth and giving them opportunities to lead worship and participate actively in church life. Children are inherently devoted and worshippers, needing guidance to direct their focus to God.

- The church should create environments where children feel valued and empowered, not viewed as distractions.
- Stories from rev Hamby's ministry illustrated the impact of engaging children in worship and faith activities.
- The call to adults was to recognize and support the spiritual potential and destiny of children, who can be seen as future leaders and catalysts, for revival.

The message concluded with a call to the church community to invest in children's faith development, recognizing their anointing and destiny. It highlighted that revival and growth in the church begins with children, encouraging the congregation to provide them with love, teaching, and opportunities to thrive spiritually.

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EVENING SERVICES BY PENTECOSTAL TRUTH REPORTER



From 5th August to 8th August inclusive, the 56th General conference 2025 was in full swing, with an overall theme of "Launch." We were abundantly blessed, through all evening services, experiencing anointed, Spirit-filled worship, from Bro Mark Crowder, his lovely wife Blessing, and the team, which came from all over North America. They indeed complemented and augmented our own home-based worship teams, the latter ably directed by our National Music Leader, Rev Nathaniel Davis. We extend our grateful thanks to all involved, across the entire Conference, for their faithful service and commitment, leading us "through His gates with thanksgiving and through His courts with praise."

Below is an extract of great preaching, brought to us over all four nights. Be blessed, as we bring you a flavour of words spoken and the atmosphere created.

All four Conference days saw a great deal of ministry, as scores of people went to the altar. Many were baptised in Jesus Name, filled with the Holy Ghost, and ministered to, in palpable ways. If you missed any services, you can find recordings of them on YouTube. Simply search for "UPC GB&I General Conference 2025."

Tuesday Evening – Bishop L.N. Francis [General Superintendent, UPC GB&I] – "The Launch of Faith."

Using scripture from Hebrews 11:1 and Hebrews 11:6, Bishop Francis delivered a powerful General Superintendent message centred on faith's real substance and the call to courageously launch out in faith, drawing parallels between spiritual commitment and the life-saving mission of the RNLI charity. He emphasized that faith requires action and trust in God's promises to realize greater victories in life and ministry.

Faith's Reality and Launch: Biblical faith is tangible and confident, prompting believers to launch out in faith to witness greater achievements, including the "Double in A Decade" initiative. This act of faith demonstrates submission to God's will and readiness for His movement.

RNLI As an Example of Courage: The RNLI charity, founded in 1824 by Sir William Hillary, a non-swimmer who himself saved over three hundred lives at sea, exemplifies courageous volunteerism and spiritual commitment to saving souls, inspiring believers to act boldly despite challenges.

Spiritual Call to Action: Believers were urged not to be ashamed of the Gospel, embracing God's promises, courageously reaching out to save multitudes through faith, mirroring Jesus' call to be "fishers of men."

Victory Through Faith And Revival:

Launching out in faith leads to spiritual victories and healing, as shown in biblical accounts, and there was a call for a faith-filled volunteer army to support a "Quiet Revival" currently underway in the UK, as young people begin to consider their spiritual welfare more.

Wednesday Evening – Rev G. Lopez [President, UPC Spain] – "A Need For Labourers."

Wednesday night's service centred on the Christian message, encouraging believers to actively engage in spiritual labour and mission work, emphasizing the readiness of the "harvest" and the need for more labourers. Practical experiences were shared, of launching new church groups and calls were made, for participation in upcoming mission activities and Bible study opportunities.

Jesus' teaching highlights that fields are ready for harvest, but there is a shortage of labourers, urging believers to step out in faith and trust to engage in mission work.

One speaker shared a personal story of starting a midweek Bible study group and eventually establishing a local Sunday service in Essex, to meet community needs. Believers were encouraged to launch mission efforts within their own circles, such as family, friends, or schools, responding to God's call to send workers.

Training is available. Upcoming events, like MUKI 2026 and 30-30 were promoted, to help engage young people in evangelism and mission, alongside scholarships and internships for Bible College students in missions. The missions department additionally offered resources, financial backing, and prayer support for those launching new works or extending church outreach.

Regarding Global and local mission focus, plans include mission trips abroad, such as to Angola, but also emphasised local evangelism, through simple acts like Bible study in coffee shops.

Rev Lopez's message stressed the importance of obedience, spiritual growth, and structured mission efforts, to achieve fruitful outcomes in ministry. **Unity and leadership are also especially important.** Attendees were urged to connect with others, supporting each other as leaders, preparing their hearts for effective ministry and revival.

Thursday Evening –

Rev J. Van Gorp – [Pastor, Rock Church, Brussels, and Assistant General Superintendent, UPCI Belgium] – "Miracle in The Storm."

Rev Van Gorp began by commending all volunteers, who helped to make the Conference happen, as well as the General Board and ministry, in UPCI Belgium and UPC GB&I. He then brought a thought-provoking sermon, emphasising faith, amid life's storms, highlighting the power of miracles, and the importance of surrendering fully to God for physical and inner healing, as well as God's provision. He drew from biblical accounts – specifically Matthew 14:15-27 – to inspire believers to trust God's work, even in challenging times.

• **Presence of angels and healing:** Rev Van Gorp shared a vision he was given of angels ministering and predicted a mass healing, both physical and spiritual, during the service.

• **Miracles arise in storms:** The sermon taught that true miracles often occur, not in safe places but amid storms, which challenge faith and reveal deeper revelations.

- **Biblical example of feeding 5000:** The story of Jesus feeding five thousand with five loaves and two fish was used to illustrate God's ability to multiply and provide abundantly when believers fully surrender what they have, bringing "whatever is in the basket" to God. He highlighted that the disciples, distributing food to the multitude, did not receive anything themselves at that point, but a greater blessing was awaiting them shortly afterwards, during a storm.
- **Faith tested in the boat,** during the storm: Jesus instructed his disciples to get into the boat and face the storm, symbolizing the necessity of enduring trials to witness God's power and reach the other side.
- **Jesus' presence in our storms:** The ultimate miracle is Jesus' walking on water and calming the storm, showing that faith in Him brings peace and victory over life's challenges.

Friday Evening –

Rev J. Van Gorp – [Pastor, Rock Church, Brussels, and Assistant General Superintendent, UPCI Belgium] – "What A God."

Rev Van Gorp again exhorted the assembly with a powerful sermon, centred on praising the Lord and seeking the Holy Ghost, for healing, revival, and spiritual empowerment. Truly, what a God we serve! When we launch out, having prayed, planned, and prepared, we will not launch alone. We will launch with a God, like no other!

Citing Exodus 15:11, Rev Van Gorp highlighted God's uniqueness, holiness, and wondrous acts [these are reasons why we worship and praise Jesus as we do]. He went on to emphasise the need for faith and repentance, allowing the transformative power of the Holy Ghost to move, in individuals and congregations.

- **Praise and faith invocation:** Rev Van Gorp went on to encourage praise to the Lord and faith, to receive healing and the baptism of the Holy Ghost during the service. Our God is all powerful. We must never forget what a God we serve! Enthroned above the heavens, He hears the cry of a solitary soul in the night. His whisper can break every chain. He delights in mercy and is a god of love. We need to approach Him in awe and faith, with hands raised in adoration. There is none, beside Him! There is no God like our God!
- **Call for revival and preparation:** The sermon stressed the need for prayer, preparation, and openness to receive God's harvest and revival power.
- **Role of the Holy Ghost:** The Holy Ghost was described as essential for revival and empowerment, sustaining the church's mission, with a call for pastors and congregations to seek the infilling of God's Spirit.

- **Personal testimony:** Rev Van Gorp shared a personal experience of receiving the Holy Ghost [he was the first in his family to do so], illustrating the transformative encounter and encouraging others to seek it earnestly.
- **Invitation to receive:** The service concluded with a call to repentance and prayer, asking for God's forgiveness and the anointing of the Holy Spirit to empower all believers. An altar call was made for those seeking renewal, healing, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit, urging immediate and sincere response without hesitation and there was a great deal of ministry and praise, before the 2025 General Conference was finally dismissed.

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LADIES IN ACTSION SERVICE



Under the LIA (Ladies In ACTsion) there are 7 strands of ministry which are LAUNCHED, unified and tied together.

The Ladies service demonstrated this by tying individual nets together which represents the various strands of ministry and then launching their nets.

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A time of electrifying Praise and Worship rang out with anointed playing by the musicians. God's presence was evidently felt.

Sister Yona Van Gorp exhorted the Ladies with a timely message based on the scripture Luke 5:1-11. A very stirring message, leaving us with this thought;

"God asks you to cast your nets and launch out – the fish were the sign, but the **'Following'** was the assignment.

To God be all the glory!!

Rev. Faith Groves
National Women's Leader



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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 part-takers of this salvation through obeying the Truth of the Gospel in repentance from sin, baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for 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, 13; 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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