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# EDITORIAL

# INCREASE

BY REV. CHARLIE NICOL



**H**ello and welcome to the Spring 2026 Edition of "Pentecostal Truth" (Issue 313), themed "Increase." As I write these words, it is refreshing that the wintry weather in the UK is beginning to clear up and there are the beginnings of some spring sunshine and a little warmth. I'm sure you know that generally helps build up people's spirits, when they have hope that something better is on the horizon.

Ephesians 4:14-16 says – "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

The world would have us chase after a whole lot of things, to "increase" ourselves, but we truly need to step back and allow the Lord to have His way in our lives, to nurture us, build us up in faith and to give us direction. In that way, He will cause us to "increase" in the right ways, where we know the value of our relationship with Jesus and where He gets the glory He deserves. So many "pathways" are called out by the world, but these will, ultimately, only lead to destruction. Humble yourself, trust and hope in God's plans and He will lift you up and increase you, in due season!

In this issue:

1. District Conference season concluded in February 2026. Our reporters and photographers were at all four events, and this magazine brings you a flavour of each, in words and pictures.

2. Three sisters, across our nations, bring us their insight, into the theme of "Increase." Be encouraged, as you read testimonies and exhortations, from Sister Latoya Lumsden, Sister Kiki Sutherland and Sister Arlene Buchanan.
3. District Conferences may just have finished; however, we are now looking forward to General Conference 2026, in Llandudno, North Wales. Please see a promotion, from our conference organisers and begin making plans, to be a part.
4. As ever, our General Superintendent, Bishop Francis, has supplied some material for this magazine, to help instruct us and build us up. This time, as well as Increase, he brings wisdom for us, about Marriage and Stewardship. Be blessed and encouraged, through his contributions.
5. A regular magazine feature now, is our "Spotlight" article. Be encouraged and blessed, through the words of this quarter's contributor.
6. A range of other features have been included in this edition, which we hope will be of interest to you.
7. Finally, stay abreast of all events and activities, coming up in the next few months, across UPC GB&I. Since the outset of the year, there has been a sense that the Lord is looking to increase the body and to expand. See our Upcoming Events section, to stay informed of everything that will be taking place, via our departments, nationally and district-wise.

That's about it, this time round. If you wish to contribute to a future issue of "Pentecostal Truth," I would be glad to hear from you. Once the next theme has been decided, I will communicate that to all pastors and ministers. It's great to have the formal reports, from conferences and the like, however, we also need good interest stories and testimonies from all of you, as it is those, that make the magazine more readable and interesting.

Where you want to become involved, please email the Editor, at [cnicol@upcgbi.org](mailto:cnicol@upcgbi.org)

Until next time! God Bless!

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Charlie Nicol

# GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S APRIL 2026 MESSAGE TO ALL MINISTERS AND CONSTITUENTS

BISHOP LEROY NATHANIEL FRANCIS  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE UNITED  
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
IRELAND



**W**e stepped into the year 2026 on our knees, united in prayer across the United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain & Ireland. Our national theme— **INCREASE** —resounds across our fellowship, rooted in the revelation of Jehovah-Jireh, God our Provider. During our National Prayer Meeting, with up to **277 devices connected and almost 300 people participating**, the Lord confirmed, through prophetic utterance, that "our ending will be greater than our beginning." We boldly declare that **2026 will be a year of fulfilled promises**.

## Job 8:7 (KJV)

Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

## Genesis 22:14 (KJV)

And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-Jireh... In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

## The Fourfold Vision of Increase

As a national body, we are proclaiming increase in four dimensions:

### 1. Increase Spiritually – The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23

Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance—these are the evidence of spiritual maturity that we desire to flourish in every believer.

### 2. Increase Ministerially – The Gifts of the Spirit

#### 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of Healing
- Working of Miracles
- Prophecy
- Discerning of Spirits
- Different Kinds of Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues

We believe the gifts will operate more deeply, more frequently, and more effectively throughout our churches.

### 3. Increase Financially – National Prosperity

Our faith target for national finances, from £200,000 to £500,000

As God provides, we commit to stewarding every resource for the advancement of the Kingdom.

### 4. Increase Numerically – "Double in a Decade"

A national vision of multiplication, **believing God for 30% growth in 2026**.

## National 2026 Goals:

- Ministers: 128
- Churches: 73
- Preaching Points: 51
- Total Worship Centres: 125

We believe every soul matters and every community deserve an apostolic witness.

## Our Vision Declaration, for 2026

"Empowered by Jehovah-Jireh, We pray for a decade of divine increase—spiritually, ministerially, financially, and numerically.

Rooted in faith and guided by the Word, we manifest the Fruits of the Spirit, operate in the Gifts of the Spirit, and fulfil the apostolic mandate of Ephesians 4:11-12: equipping the saints for the work of ministry and building up the body of Christ.

We pray for increase in our resources for national impact, multiplying ministers, members, and churches—doubling in a decade."

## Increase Comes From the Lord

### Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it...

It is God who grants growth, and it is God who sustains it. We acknowledge Him as our Source and our Keeper.

Increase without Him is impossible; increase with Him is unstoppable.

### Praying, for Financial Release, Across the Nations

We continue in focused prayer for:

- England
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- Republic of Ireland

### Key Leaders

- **Rt. Hon. Rachel Reeves**, Chancellor of the Exchequer – responsible for national economic matters
- **Rev. Sourieh Ramruttun**, UPC GB&I Secretary Treasurer – stewarding national finances

### Our Prayer

- We repent of all sin and anything contrary to God's Word.
- We honour the Lord in obedience, with tithes and offerings.
- We confess that God is our provider, supplying all our needs.
- We pray:
  - Bind the strongman holding finances in bondage

- Release resources
- Prosper all national financial plans
- Open the windows of Heaven
- Rebuke the devourer
- Empower Increase for the expansion of God's Kingdom

### Personalising the Promise of Increase

Together, we will witness Increase in 2026. But Increase begins individually—with faithfulness.

#### Matthew 25:21 (KJV)

Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things...

Every church is encouraged to expand its leadership base to support growth. Every district is building tools and strategies aligned with the national vision.

### The Triangular Principle of Increase

"The triangular principle teaches that the higher you want to rise,  
the broader your foundation must be.  
Faithfulness in the small enlarges your base,  
and God uses that base to elevate you into greater things."

Yours for Christ,

*Bishop Leroy N Francis*

## EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP AND FIRST LADY FRANCIS

**A**s we are reminded of the **death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ**, we rejoice in the hope and victory His sacrifice has secured for us.

Our prayer is that you will continue to experience:

- **The empowering work of the Holy Spirit**
- **Redemption and protection, through the precious blood of Jesus**
- **The peace, that flows from our communion and fellowship with Christ.**

May this Easter season renew your faith, strengthen your spirit, and fill your heart with the joy of the risen Saviour.

God bless you

*Bishop Leroy Francis & Sister Olive Francis*

# THE GOD OF INCREASE



**"T**he God of Increase" teaches that all true growth—whether spiritual, material, or personal—comes from God. Drawing from 1st Corinthians 3:7, the message emphasizes that while humans may plant and water, only God brings increase. This truth keeps believers humble and reminds them that blessings, promotion, and success are acts of divine grace, not merely human effort.

## Key Themes

### 1. God as the Source of All Increase

Scriptures, including Deuteronomy 8:18 and Proverbs 10:22) show that God gives the power to gain wealth and that His blessings come without sorrow. Any increase—spiritual or material—flows from His grace.

### 2. Increase Through Faithful Stewardship

God multiplies what is handled faithfully. Passages like Matthew 25:21 and Luke 16:10 underline that God observes how we handle small responsibilities before entrusting us with more. Obedience and wise use, of what we already have, unlocks increase.

### 3. Increase is More Than Material Wealth

God desires growth, in spiritual areas such as faith, wisdom, love, and character. Verses like 2 Peter 3:18 and 1st Thessalonians 3:12 show that spiritual maturity leads to broader blessings, in life.

### 4. Increase Comes Through Sowing

Following principles in Genesis 8:22 and 2nd Corinthians 9:6, sowing—whether time, resources, love, or faith—is essential, for reaping a harvest. Generosity and obedience lead to multiplication.

### 5. God Desires to Increase His People, for His Glory

Psalms 115:14 and Isaiah 54:2–3 show that God intends His people to grow, so they can impact generations. Increase is not only personal gain, but a means to expand God's influence and blessings to others.

## Conclusion

Increase is not something Christians chase; it is something they receive, by trusting God, being faithful, growing spiritually, and sowing consistently. God is able to do exceedingly beyond what we imagine (Ephesians 3:20), and believers are encouraged to trust Him as the God of increase in every area of life



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# BEFORE YOU SAY

# “I, DO”

Is your relationship built on the rock or a shifting foundation? Bishop and Sister L. N. Francis provide a blueprint for spiritual readiness, outlining the non-negotiables — from character and conflict to shared vision—to ensure your "I do" is built on a solid, lifelong foundation.

**M**arriage is one of the greatest blessings God has given to humanity—but it is also one of the greatest responsibilities. Before entering the sacred covenant of marriage, every couple must pause, reflect, pray, and honestly evaluate their hearts and readiness. A strong marriage is not built on feelings, romance, or passion alone—it must be built on Christ, character, and commitment. This guide provides essential questions every believer should ask, before saying “I do.”

## 1. Have You Fully Surrendered Your Life to Jesus?

A healthy marriage requires two spiritually healthy individuals. If Christ is not at the centre of your life, He will not be at the centre of your marriage. Romance fades, emotions change, and challenges arise—but a life anchored in Jesus provides strength, stability, and wisdom. Entering marriage without spiritual maturity is a risk you cannot afford to take.

afford to take.

## 2. Do You Get Along With Others?

Patterns follow people. If your life is filled with broken friendships, constant conflict, jealousy, anger, or drama, marriage will not fix these issues—it will magnify them. Learn to manage your emotions now. Allow the Holy Ghost to heal wounds and reshape your character before you join your life with another.

## 3. How Have You and Your Partner Handled Conflict?

Every couple disagrees, but how you disagree matters. If your relationship is filled with shouting, emotional volatility, or unresolved tension now, these patterns will worsen after marriage. And any form of verbal or physical abuse is a non-negotiable warning sign.

• **Stop. Seek help. Protect yourself**

#### 4. Have You Been Open About Your Past?

True intimacy requires transparency. Secrets today become wounds tomorrow.

If you struggle with:

- Depression
- Addiction
- Trauma
- Past sexual brokenness
- Emotional pain

—seek healing before marriage. A concealed past will eventually surface and affect your spouse.

#### 5. Do You Trust Your Partner's Past?

If questions remain, do not ignore them. Ask for clarity, ask for honesty, ask for details. Trust is the foundation of a marriage—if the foundation is cracked, the home will shake. Do not rush down the aisle hoping things “will sort themselves out.”

#### 6. Are You Preparing for Marriage or Just Planning a Wedding?

Too many couples invest more time in flowers, cakes, and colour schemes than in preparing for life after the ceremony.

A beautiful wedding will last one day. A marriage must last a lifetime. Prioritise counselling. Prioritise communication. Prioritise preparation—not performance.

#### 7. Are You Financially Responsible?

You do not need wealth to have a strong marriage, but financial chaos can suffocate love.

If you or your partner:

- Have no savings
- Cannot manage a bank account
- Avoid budgeting
- Carry hidden debt

—these issues must be addressed now. Financial peace creates marital peace.

#### 8. How Do Both Families Feel About the Marriage?

While your decision is ultimately yours, family dynamics impact your future.

Conflict between families can create long-term strain. Seek pastoral guidance if tensions are high wisdom now prevents heartbreak later.

#### 9. Do You Share Similar Life Goals and Expectations?

You don't have to share every hobby or interest, but you must share vision.

Key conversations include:

- Children or no children?
- Career expectations?
- Ministry calling?
- Lifestyle values?

You cannot build a unified future with conflicting dreams.

#### 10. Can You Be Completely Yourself With This Person?

If you feel pressured to change who you are to be accepted, that is a major red flag.

A godly spouse will:

- Bring out the best in you
- Encourage your growth
- Love you without performance

You are not marrying an ideal—you are marrying a person.

#### 11. Does This Person Strengthen Your Faith and Character?

Your spouse will shape your spiritual life more than any other person.

If they:

- Weaken your values
- Draw you away from God
- Pressure you into compromise—they are not God's choice for you.
- A Christ-centred marriage requires a Christ-centred partner

#### 12. Would You Want Your Future Children to Become Like This Person?

Your children will not only resemble your spouse—they will imitate them.

If you would not want your sons or daughters to grow into the character of your partner, pause. Pray. Rethink.

#### 13. Can You Remain Committed “No Matter What”?

Marriage is a covenant—not a contract.

When you stand before God and say, “Till death do us part,” you must mean it. If you are entering marriage with an exit strategy or “backup plan,” you are not ready. Commitment is not optional—it is foundational.

#### Conclusion

Marriage is holy. Marriage is God-ordained. Marriage is lifelong.

Before you say, “I do,” slow down. Seek God. Seek counsel. Seek clarity. A strong marriage begins long before the wedding day—with wisdom, honesty, and spiritual readiness.

Yours for Christ,



*Bishop Leroy Francis &  
Sister Olive Francis*

# ARE CHRISTIAN NATIONS REALLY ABOUT SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR CHRISTIANS?



**T**his article, written by Paul Huxley for Christian Concern (April 2026), reflects on the organisation's Hope for our Nation Lent campaign and explores what it means for a nation to be Christian. The central claim is that advocating for Christian influence in national life is not about securing special privileges, but about promoting what is believed to be objectively good for society.

## 1. Christian Nations, as Desirable

The author argues that:

- Christians intuitively see Christian nations as beneficial.
- Biblical passages portray nations thriving when they follow God's ways.
- A country more aligned with Christian teaching — through its people, its laws, and its public identity—tends to experience greater freedom and flourishing.
- Structural Christianity, Christian laws, and a Christian population are presented as interconnected and mutually reinforcing.

## 2. Addressing the Accusation of "Privilege"

The National Secular Society suggests Christian nationalism is about Christians seeking special treatment. The author responds by arguing:

- Christianity is not a zero-sum system—non-Christians also benefit from living among. Christians, who act with kindness, moral discipline, and neighbourly love.

- Every worldview shapes society: secularism also imposes a framework on public life.
- Historically, Christianity built many of Britain's key institutions (schools, hospitals, civic life), whereas atheism has not produced a comparably flourishing society.

## 3. The Christian Claim: "We Don't Need Privileges"

Some Christians argue the Church grows best under persecution, so privileges are unnecessary.

The author counters that:

- While the Church can grow under persecution, it has also been historically crushed in many regions.
- Christians would not wish persecution on fellow believers.
- Institutional support, such as that following the conversion of Constantine, has often led to widespread evangelism, cultural development, and societal good.
- The claim is not that the Church needs power, but that society benefits when leaders follow God's commandments.

## 4. Vision, for Gospel-Shaped Nations

The author concludes that:

- A truly Christian nation would be marked by life, love, justice, truth, and hope
- Although the UK is far from such a reality, Christians should continue praying and working toward societal transformation, grounded in Christian values.

# 12 Reasons

## NOT TO LEGALISE ASSISTED SUICIDE

This article, written by Tim Dieppe (Christian Concern), presents 12 reasons why assisted suicide should remain illegal, in the UK. The author maintains that legalisation would fundamentally undermine societal values, endanger vulnerable people, and erode protections around human life.

### 1. It Suggests Some Lives Are 'Not Worth Living'

Legalising assisted suicide implies that certain people—often disabled or seriously ill—would be better off dead and lends state legitimacy to this idea.

### 2. Vulnerable People Will Feel Pressure, to End Their Lives

Evidence, from places like Canada and Oregon, shows many patients choose assisted suicide due to feeling like a burden, revealing a risk of coercion or perceived obligation.

### 3. Safeguards Do Not Hold, Over Time

International cases demonstrate that once legalised, eligibility tends to expand beyond the terminally ill, increasing access for people with disabilities, mental health conditions, or non-terminal issues.

### 4. Judges Cannot Reliably Protect Life

The author has cited UK court cases, where judges ruled that death was in a patient's "best interests," raising concerns over relying on judicial oversight as a safeguard.

### 5. Autonomy, Is Not a Sufficient Reason

While autonomy is valued, it is argued society restricts choices that endanger life and making assisted suicide an option creates irreversible risks.

### 6. People Often Change Their Minds

Stories of individuals, who initially wanted assisted suicide, but later found meaning or changed perspectives, illustrate the irreversible nature of the decision.

### 7. It Damages the Patient-Doctor Relationship

Allowing doctors, to offer or recommend assisted suicide,

risks turning healthcare providers into "agents of death," undermining trust.

### 8. Most Medical Professionals Oppose It

Palliative care doctors, along with several major medical bodies, remain against legalisation, and many clinicians would object to participating, on conscience grounds.

### 9. Assisted Suicide Leads to More Suicides Overall

Countries with legal assisted suicide have seen rising euthanasia rates and, in some regions, increases in unassisted suicides as well.

### 10. It Conflicts, with Historical and Professional Ethical Codes

Traditions, like the Hippocratic Oath, prohibit administering poison. Major world religions also generally reject assisted suicide

### 11. It Devalues Human Life

Comparing human death, to putting down animals, reduces human dignity. It is argued that societies flourish when human life is treated as sacred.

### 12. End-of-Life Prognoses Are Unreliable

Medical predictions, of life expectancy, are often wrong. Legalisation risks prematurely ending the lives of people, who might have lived much longer.

### Conclusion

This article promotes that legalising assisted suicide would endanger vulnerable people, erode ethical and societal norms, and create irreversible harms. The author has been calling for a national debate and urges Parliament, not to follow other countries that have moved in this direction.



# Christian Teaching & Worship Ruled Unlawful in Northern Ireland

There has been a strongly worded response, to a UK Supreme Court ruling, that found Christian-focused religious education (RE) and collective worship in Northern Ireland's state-funded primary schools, to be unlawful. The ruling stated that existing arrangements did not meet the requirement, to be "objective, critical and pluralistic," under human rights law.

This decision represents a direct attack, on the Christian foundations of Northern Ireland's education system and reflects a wider cultural shift, away from biblical truth, toward secular relativism. It is concerning that Christianity will be treated merely as one belief option, among many and that Christian teachers, will no longer be able to present biblical teachings, as truth, even in schools with predominantly Christian pupils.

Human Rights frameworks now elevate individual autonomy, over shared Christian heritage. While acknowledging, that human rights historically emerged from biblical principles, they are now being used, to undermine Christianity and exclude it from public education. Claims, that the ruling does not restrict Christians' freedom, to pass

on their faith, are inherently untrue.

Issue is taken, with the court's view, that allowing pupils to withdraw from RE or worship, is an insufficient safeguard. This is interpreted, as implying that Christian teaching is harmful, unless diluted, and this signals the exclusion of Christianity, from the public square, rather than genuine inclusion.

The response situates the ruling, within a broader process of secularisation across the UK, warning that curriculum revisions will weaken Christian instruction and replace it, with humanist, or relativistic, values. Several commentators are quoted to support the claim that the outcome will be not neutrality, but a different form of ideological teaching.

Overall, the ruling as a step toward "moral freefall," asserting that Christianity makes absolute truth claims incompatible, with imposed pluralism. There is a call to action, urging Christian parents, educators, and church leaders, to resist the erosion of Christian worship and teaching in state schools and to speak out, against further secularisation.



## TikTok VICAR' FULFILS THOUSANDS OF REQUESTS FOR BIBLES



A vicar has given out almost 3,000 Bibles in a year, following his evangelistic TikTok videos.

Revered David Sims, known as the 'TikTok Vicar,' has posted dancing videos with an offer to send out Bibles for free.

The vicar of St Thomas Church, Aldridge, in Walsall, has been thrilled at the number of requests and he now has a team of volunteers to post the Bibles, with a booklet explaining the gospel. 'Jumping for joy' Revered Sims explained: "Visitors are turning up to church, after seeing a couple of videos on TikTok.

Imagine how excited you would be, if someone came up to you at church and said, I am interested in faith – do you have a Bible, I could have?" I'd be jumping for joy and rushing to get them one. "And here I am, with piles of Bibles in the hallway ready to go to the post office. All because some people saw a silly dancing vicar, on TikTok, and God's Spirit started to work in their hearts. Praise God!"

### Cultural shift

This comes alongside reports of surging Bible sales, with Christian publisher SPCK reporting a 27.7 per cent increase last year – the biggest on record – and a 106 per cent rise since 2019. Sam Richardson, CEO of SPCK Group, said that the increase in Bible sales is "evidence of a significant cultural shift, regarding matters of faith and religion in this country." He explained: "The significant and sustained upward trend, in Bible sales, suggests that more and more people are investigating the Christian faith themselves and seeking to draw their own conclusions about its truth.

Article taken from <https://www.christian.org.uk/news/tiktok-vicar-fulfils-thousands-of-requests-for-bibles/>



# CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2026



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CENTRAL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



The conference sessions started on Friday morning with Rev Charles Robinette covering Physical Health (Prevention). Next, we investigated Spiritual Health with Rev Matthew Hemus, followed by a Q&A panel. In the afternoon, Rev Faith Groves led a dynamic session, on Mental Health. The final day session was for Ministers & Spouses, where Rev Robinette ministered under anointing, with transparency, allowing the Holy Spirit to operate. There have been numerous testimonies, of how all these sessions impacted lives. Sunday School sessions were provided for the children who enjoyed a fun filled time. The evening service begun with worship, ushering us into the presence of the Lord. We then had a Testimony, by Rev Barry Miller, on the healing power of the Lord, bringing him back from near death and how the Lord had sent an angel to look after him. His testimony inspired us all.

The district superintendent Rev Yvonne Frater then brought the Word, "By whose stripes ye were healed" (1st Peter 2:24) The Lord desires that all his ministers and his body be healed and restored. All ministers were asked to come forward as they prayed through, and were then released, to go among the congregation, to minister. There have been several reports, of healings, that have subsequently taken place.

**"I AM THE LORD THAT  
HEALETH THEE"  
EXODUS 15:26**

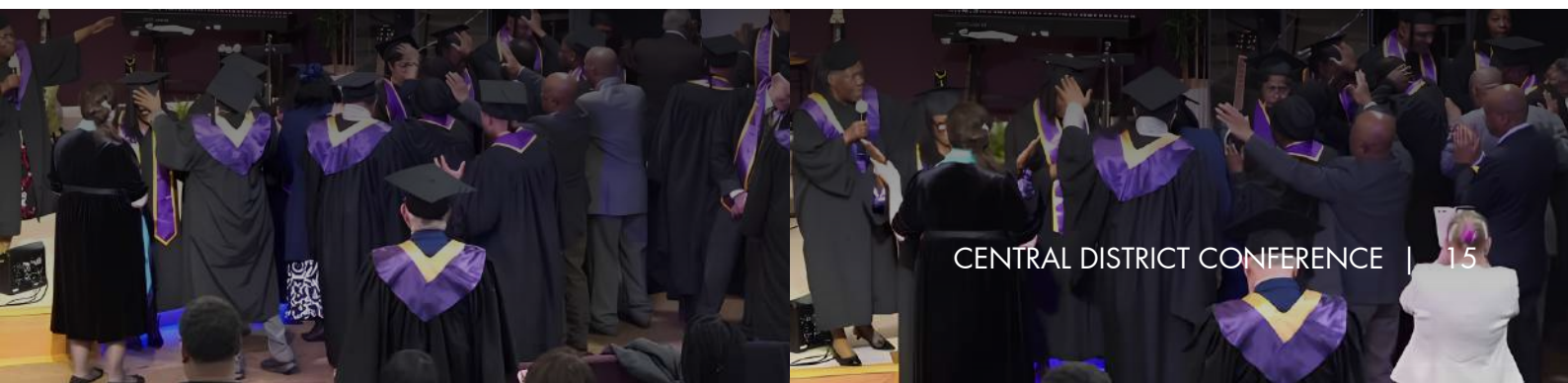
## **Rev Yvonne Frater Q&A Panel**

A highlight of the conference was the ministry of Rev. Charles Robinette, whose preaching carried a remarkable anointing. Through the Word of God, he spoke with clarity, authority, and spiritual sensitivity, calling the church to deeper faith, healing, and expectation. Many testified that his messages stirred hearts and created an atmosphere, where the presence of God moved in a profound way.

Another significant moment of the conference was the Bible School Graduation, held on the Saturday morning. It was a joyous and inspiring occasion, as graduates were celebrated, for their dedication and perseverance in studying the Word of God. Several graduates shared that their time in Bible school was not merely academic, but transformational. Through their studies, they experienced personal healing, restoration, and spiritual growth. Their testimonies were a living expression of the conference theme — God truly remains the One, who heals, restores, and renews.

## **Prayer for the MBC Graduates**

Throughout the conference, there was a powerful sense of unity, purpose, and divine visitation. From the preaching and worship to the fellowship, among believers, every aspect of the gathering reflected God's compassionate heart toward the Central District. Indeed, it was an extraordinary conference, leaving many encouraged, strengthened, and reminded, that the Lord still declares to His people: "I am the Lord that healeth thee."



# LONDON AND SOUTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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The 2026 L&S District **"One Accord"** conference started on Saturday 7th February at 10am with a prayer breakfast, attended by approximately 50 people, coming together for just over an hour of prayer, fellowship, and refreshments, for those who had travelled a distance to be in fellowship.

The first of the day sessions involved simultaneous men's and ladies' sessions, led by Rev Timothy Bent – L&S men's Leader and Sis Sadie Burnett - L&S ladies' leader, respectively. Approximately 50 men and 70 ladies were in attendance in these sessions.

Next, a Sunday school session, led by Sis Selina – London and South Sunday School Coordinator took place, in which both adults and children were blessed by a masterful puppet show, put on by Bro & Sis Hemmings. Afternoon sessions continued after lunch, with a session, led by Sis Samantha Cruzada, our District Youth leader. The youth were engaged and greatly blessed, with ministry and scripture recital, along with a Word of instruction, from Rev Terrance Rogers. Simultaneously, alongside the youth programme, we ran two developmental workshops, raising the profile of (CAP) Christians Against Poverty, and the district Prison Ministry programme, where we provided training, for around 20 people who expressed interest in joining the Prison Ministry team.

The main service started at 3pm and was attended by about 300 people. Following a powerful time of worship, praise and testimony, Rev Banton preached on the theme "One Accord In Solomon's Porch."

The newly elected District Board and appointments were presented to the conference. *(See page 19 for more details)*

Rev Lavern Greenaway was thanked, for her faithful service as district prayer coordinator.

The service, on Sunday 8th February, was a sharp departure from the normal structure, of our District Conference. The board thank God, for being with us, in this forward step of faith. We were both challenged and blessed by the Word of God, "Continue In One Accord," delivered by Bishop Keith Linton, Presiding Bishop of Beulah Apostolic Church. We were privileged to have guests and visitors from several other Apostolic churches, including Beulah Apostolic Church, Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, and Bethel Apostolic Church. The Sunday service had approximately 570 people in attendance. This conference brought hundreds of saints together in one accord and the Lord was glorified.

Written By

*Bishop Anthony Banton*

London and South  
District Superintendent





# IRELAND DISTRICT UPCGBI 2026 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

WRITTEN BY

REVEREND JONATHAN STRICKLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

**O**n 20-21 February, 2026 worshippers from 20 people groups, 15 cities, and constituents from all 8 of our UPCGBI churches were represented in Waterford, Ireland for the first Ireland District Conference. The Conference theme was, 'BUILD,' and it was beautiful to see how God's hand has been active across our District increasing the faith and unity among the brethren, and the resulting fruit of numerical increase.

Friday evening, General Secretary-Treasurer, Sourieh Ramruten spoke on the subject, "Before you build, count the cost." The message was very timely, and was well received. The anointing upon the Word was confirmed with the signs that followed in the response at the Altar, and those who left the Conference with a greater sense of purpose.

Saturday morning, after our devotion, we held our first AGM. We were honoured to have Our Assistant General Superintendent, Jimmy Austin as an observer, and our General Secretary-Treasurer, Sourieh Ramruten as our official General Board representative. All of our licensed ministers were present, and we elected Reverend Macdonald Frederick to a two-year term as District Secretary-Treasurer. There was great unity and participation, as well as, determination to build together going forward.

## THE CONFERENCE THEME "BUILD"

Saturday afternoon, we closed the Conference with a message from District Superintendent, Jonathan Strickland on the subject, "Building without hands." The Word was again followed with a moving response from the congregation that lingered in the presence of the Lord.

The 2026 Ireland District Conference was not only greatly attended, or greatly visited by the Holy Spirit, it was greatly impactful upon the faith and resilience of the constituents. Everyone left with the will to work together, and most importantly, with God to build His Kingdom across all of Ireland.



# Scotland District Conference



The first Scotland District Conference took place from 19th – 21st February 2026 at New Life Church, Glasgow. Delegates gathered for worship, preaching, and teaching, focused on themes of unity, spiritual action, revival, and faithfulness.

## Thursday Night

In his District Superintendent keynote address, Rev Robert Kelley brought a message, entitled “Just Do It!” based on Ecclesiastes 9:10. The message emphasised readiness, obedience, and action, in response to God’s call. He noted, it often requires something to “die” within us, to create space, for new spiritual life.

Rev Kelley invited believers to step out of comfort zones and embrace growth, using examples such as Isaiah, Noah, Caleb/Joshua, and Abraham. He further referenced Nehemiah and Romans 12:11, encouraging believers to remain, spiritually, “boiling hot,” excited, and motivated, by the Holy Ghost. He stressed urgency: don’t wait, don’t delay—step into God’s direction with enthusiasm. “Just Do It!”

Our conference guest speaker, Rev Goran Andreasson then picked up, with an exposition on “The Chief Cornerstone,” centred on Acts 4:10. He taught that Jesus must be the foundation of life, not an addition to it, explaining the cornerstone analogy, as alignment, for the believer’s entire life. In ancient construction, the cornerstone was the first and most important stone laid.

If the cornerstone were not perfect, the entire building would fail. Religious leaders rejected Jesus because He did not fit into their existing structure. Accepting Him would require tearing down their entire structure and starting again with Him. Jesus challenges us, with the same thing today: we cannot simply add Him to our existing plans. He must become the starting point for everything. Rev Andreasson highlighted how Jesus unites Old and New Testaments and stands outside time. Friday Morning Rev Alexander Chrysanthous, District Secretary-Treasurer, spoke on “God’s Abundance,” teaching from 2 Kings 3, on digging ditches, in faith. People’s desperation was evident, where three armies travelled seven days, through the wilderness, and ran out of water—creating a life-threatening crisis. God then gave instructions, commanding them to dig ditches in the valley, even though the land was dry. He promised that, without wind or rain, the ditches would supernaturally fill with water.

Rev Chrysanthous emphasized God’s nature, of providing more

than enough, encouraging the audience, even in temporary “wilderness” seasons, to move, from “never enough,” to “more than enough.” One word from God, can change an entire situation.

Rev James Beek, District Missions Director, then spoke on “The Dark Night of the Soul,” drawing from Isaiah 50:10–11 and other Biblical references. Rev Beek declared that dark times happen, even to faithful believers. He explained that seasons, of God’s felt absence, can be seen as moments of deep spiritual formation. It is God’s way of deepening faith, refining convictions, revealing, what we genuinely believe and preparing us for growth. When God finishes His work in us, we emerge with deeper faith, greater strength, clearer purpose, and renewed conviction.

Rev Beek cited further biblical examples, including Isaiah 45:3, encouraging obedience, trust, and patience.

## Friday Evening

Rev Andreasson preached on “The Scarlet Line” from Joshua 2, about Rahab and the scarlet cord, as a prophetic picture of Christ’s blood. This emphasised unity, as essential for revival, Highlighting the redemptive inclusion of Rahab, in Jesus’ lineage. Remarkably, Rahab became part of Jesus’ genealogy. Though a Gentile and former prostitute, she was woven, into God’s redemptive story, showing that God consistently redeems broken people, for His purposes.

Believers were called to remain, in the body of Christ, not isolated from the church. They were exhorted, “Look for Rahab—she may be right outside your window.” The church is called to open the door, invite people into the “house” and cover them, with love, prayer, and the message of the blood. Jesus’ blood heals, protects, and restores, bringing spiritual life, wholeness, and freedom.

## Saturday Afternoon

Rev Andreasson focused on “David’s Empty Chair,” in 1st Samuel 20. He used David’s absence, at the king’s table, as a metaphor, for commitment and priorities. An empty chair speaks a message—it tells others what we value. Faithful people are noticed when they are absent because their presence is consistent. Choosing, not to be present, communicates priorities. In church life, faithfulness matters—not only attendance, but kindness, encouragement, and responsibility for one another. Rev Andreasson encouraged faithfulness, love, accountability, and readiness, for Christ’s return.

# DISTRICT AGM ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS 2026

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REV. KEITH GENTRY – ELECTED FOR TWO YEARS TERM  
REV. ALLISON MITCHELL – SECOND YEAR OF TERM  
SIS. CARMEN HIBBERT - SECOND YEAR OF TERM  
REV. JULIAN DOYLEY – SECOND YEAR OF TERM  
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SIS. JOANNA GROVES – SECOND YEAR OF TERM  
SIS. KERRY HEMMINGS – ELECTED FOR TWO YEARS TERM  
SIS. HELGA MORREN – ELECTED FOR TWO YEARS TERM

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REV. DAVID ESPINO – ELECTED FOR ONE YEAR TERM



# REMEMBERING WHO YOU ARE

*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”*

*- Ephesians 3:20-21*

**L**ast year, I found myself in one of the most overwhelming seasons of my life. I was working on my university dissertation — an 8,000-word piece that counted for 100% of my final grade.

My supervisor was not providing the support I needed, and when I reached out to the Year Lead, I was told there was nothing they could do and that I would simply have to manage. The student support services were also unable to help, as my topic was so unique that it fell outside the scope of what they were equipped to oversee.

I remember coming to church that week feeling confused, overwhelmed, and desperate. I didn't know where to turn. It was in that state that Pastor Beek preached a message titled "Know Who You Belong To." That message reached me in a way I cannot fully explain. I listened to the recording of it several times a day that entire week, holding onto every word. The enemy was working hard to make me give up. Imposter

syndrome was loud — telling me I wasn't good enough, that the reason I wasn't receiving help was because my topic wasn't worthy, that I should quit. But I refused to accept that lie. I reached out to the Holy Spirit and asked Him to help me, and He did.

I completed that dissertation with no external support — but God was with me every step of the way. When the results came out, I didn't just pass. I received a distinction. The Lord had done the impossible. He had taken what felt like an impossible situation and turned it into a testimony of His faithfulness.

I share this to encourage you today: no matter what you are facing, remember who you are. You are God's masterpiece — His master plan. Don't give up. Don't let the enemy convince you that you don't belong. You belong to God; He will bring you an increase and He will see you through.

Written by

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Sister Arlene Buchanan

Music Director, Christian Life Church, Falkirk

*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. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” - Jeremiah 29:11-13*

**H**ow can I get increase if I don't decrease? In John 3:30, John the Baptist realised this truth, when he met Jesus. Less of us, means more of God.

Increase means to grow but how can we grow, if we are not being fed by God's Word, through the bible and hearing the preaching of the gospel? A dictionary definition of "Increase" is to add something, or to grow. We should ask ourselves the question, when was the last time, something good was added to our lives, as individuals? When was the last time, we have seen spiritual growth, in our walk with the Lord? We need to go back to basics of scripture. I have been reminded of that, over the past year. God's guidance, in this instance, is not complicated; it merely comes down to good old prayer and reading our Bibles, seeking the Lord and allowing the Holy Ghost to move, in our lives.

What is it going to take, for your increase, in God, to come? The answer is time, effort, potential long suffering, and faith. God knows the perfect time, for your increase. He knows- and has- the best future, in plan for us. We just need to believe it and never cease to trust Him!

Sometimes increase will come, at the best times, when we are hungry for it and looking for it. But sometimes, it manifests, at more challenging times when we least expect it. It nevertheless comes, because Jesus has always been and always will be a

Waymaker, watching out for us and having only the absolute best intentions, towards all, who follow Him.

An increase in faith, an increase in finance, an increase in deeper love for the Lord, a restoration and healing, in your marriage... All of these are more than possible, through Christ. Through Him, nothing is impossible!

What is the increase, you seek? Matthew 7:7 is so simple, but we make it so complicated:

**"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"** If I knock, on my neighbour's door and they are home, I am sure to get an answer. Our Lord is always available and true, to His Word. We just need to have the faith to believe it.

Increase can take place, in our spiritual lives, our emotional being, our hearts and minds, or our knowledge, of who God truly is. Sometimes God is standing ready, to give us the increase we are seeking, but He just wants us to ask for it. He also wants us to give him worship and praise, for who He is and what He can do. Remember, we ought to give the Lord glory, in all things. Giving and receiving, are two quite different things in life. Sometimes, we find people, who just want to take and take and then others, who want to give of themselves, to bless God and others around them. May we be a people, who selflessly serve in God's kingdom, loving one another and preferring one another, proving that we are modern-day disciples of Jesus. As we pour out what the Lord gives us, into the lives of our brothers and sisters, as well as into the lives of those, who are yet to be Born.

Again, our Saviour will ensure that we are not left short and will bring us the increases we need, in Jesus Name.



# TAXING FAITH: CLC APPEAL JUDGEMENT

*The Court of Appeal has officially greenlit the Government's VAT raid on private school fees, cementing a key Labour manifesto pledge. This landmark ruling marks a fiscal turning point that threatens to squeeze low-cost Christian faith schools out of the market. For families seeking a faith-based curriculum outside the state system, the "luxury" tax may soon turn a spiritual choice into a financial impossibility.*

## 1. Background to the VAT Policy

- VAT exemption on private school fees was removed following Labour's 2024 manifesto.
- The change took effect provisionally from November 2024 and formally through the Finance Act 2025.
- VAT has applied to private school fees since January 2025.

## 2. Who Brought the Appeal

- Evangelical Christian schools, parents, and pupils, supported by the Christian Legal Centre (CLC).
- Schools include Emmanuel School (Derby), The King's School (Hampshire), and Wyclif Independent Christian School.
- These schools rely on modest fees and donations and operate on very narrow financial margins.

## 3. Evidence of Harm Presented

The claimants showed that VAT is:

- Accelerating declining enrolment.
- Making fees unaffordable for many families.
- Forcing closures of Christian and other faith schools. Examples of closures or near-closures include:
- Alton School, Carrdus School, and Cedars School.
- The King Alfred School, a claimant, already closed due to VAT-related financial pressure.

These closures disproportionately affect low-cost Christian schools serving lower- and middle-income families.

## 4. Legal Arguments on Appeal

Claimants argued the policy violates:

- Article 2, Protocol 1 ECHR — right to education and respect for parents' religious/philosophical convictions.
- Article 1, Protocol 1 — property rights.
- Article 14 — prohibits discrimination

Key points:

- Families cannot replicate Evangelical Christian education in state schools due to regulatory limits.
- The VAT burden is excessive and not justified by the Government's aim, of raising revenue.
- The Government failed to consider less intrusive alternatives, or transition arrangements.
- Sudden implementation created hardship, especially for pupils with SEN or in exam years.

## 5. The Court of Appeal's Decision

The Court:

- Acknowledged the significant impact on religious schools and families.
- Accepted that Convention rights were engaged.
- Nevertheless held the policy to be objectively justified, citing:
- The legitimate aim of raising revenue for state education.
- Administrative difficulties and unfairness, of creating exemptions for low-fee or religious schools.
- Parents retain access to state education or home education, so the "essence" of the right to education is preserved.

**The Court rejected:**

- Claims of violation of property rights.
- Claims of unlawful discrimination against faith schools. The Court upheld the VAT measure's legality.

## 6. Critique of the Judgment

This article argues the Court was wrong because:

- Home education is not a realistic alternative, for most families and is, itself, facing tighter regulation, under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.
- State schools cannot offer, the distinctively Christian, faith-integrated education, these families seek.
- The Court relies on flawed human rights jurisprudence that protects freedom from religious education but not for it.
- The ruling renders section 9 of the Education Act 1996 (parental wishes) effectively meaningless if the state makes preferred education financially unattainable.
- The Court's assumption of "neutral" state education ignores real-world pressures, on schools to adopt ideological approaches (particularly LGBT content), conflicting with some Christian beliefs.

The author suggests the Government's broader agenda, appears aimed at increasing state control of education, including restricting, private and home schooling.

## Conclusion

The issue is framed as fundamentally about: Parental rights, Religious freedom and Educational pluralism. There is a warning that many Christian schools may not survive the VAT regime and there are calls for:

- Continued legal challenge (with plans to appeal to the Supreme Court).
- Political and moral pressure, to protect faith-based education.
- Advocacy by Christians, to resist policies, that make Christian schooling financially impossible.

# STEWARDSHIP

## LESSON 1

### What is Stewardship

Throughout Scripture, we encounter a word that is no longer common in everyday conversation—steward.

Yet the concept of stewardship lies at the heart of the Christian life. Understanding it is essential for spiritual growth, effective ministry, and faithful living.

This lesson explores what it means to be a steward of God's resources and introduces the biblical foundation for tithing.

#### 1. What is stewardship?

Stewardship is management—caring for and overseeing what belongs to another.

#### 2. How is stewardship different from ownership?

Owners possess; stewards manage on behalf of the owner.

#### 3. Of what areas of life are we stewards?

- Time.
- Talents.
- Finances.
- Resources.
- Truths of God.
- Opportunities

#### II. Lessons from Jesus' Parable (Luke 19:12–27)

Jesus gives a powerful picture of stewardship in this parable. Several truths emerge:

##### A. Stewardship Requires Decision-Making (v. 13)

The decision of what to do with the owner's assets was placed entirely in the servants' hands.

##### B. Stewardship Expects a Return (v. 21)

The servants understood the master expected a positive return on what he entrusted to them.

**C. Stewardship Determines Reward (vv. 17, 19, 24)** Faithful management brought reward; failure brought loss.

#### III. Stewards in the New Testament (1 Corinthians 4:1–2)

##### A. More Than Money

Stewardship involves the management of talents, truths, ministry responsibilities, and spiritual gifts, not only finances.

##### B. Faithfulness Is Required

Stewards must be faithful consistent, dependable, steadfast. God does not desire a relationship based on convenience but on commitment. How we manage our lives our calendars and our checkbooks reveals what we value most. Financial Stewardship Where we spend our money reveals what matters to us. (Read Matthew 6:19–21)

#### Discussion Prompt

If someone manages finances belonging to another, what should we expect them to do? How does this apply to Christians, who are stewards of God's resources?

#### Practical Financial Stewardship Includes:

- Budgeting
- Avoiding unnecessary debt
- Paying bills promptly
- Wise, prayerful planning

#### Introduction to Tithing

Tithing is a vital aspect of stewardship. The word tithe means "a tenth."

#### As stewards, we must understand:

- What tithing is?
- Where it should be paid?
- What we tithe on?
- When to tithe?

**Tithing is a tenth of your income or increase. (See Genesis 14:20; Hebrews 7:2–4)**

#### IV. The History of Tithing

##### A. Before the Law

Abraham tithed to Melchizedek (Genesis 14:20). Jacob promised God a tenth (Genesis 28:22).

##### B. Under the Law

1. All the tithe belongs to the Lord (Leviticus 27:30–34).
2. Tithes supported Israel's spiritual leaders (Numbers 18:20–24).
3. Tithes were brought to a place chosen by God (Deuteronomy 12:5–6, 11, 17)
4. Not tithing was considered robbery (Malachi 3:8–10).

##### C. Christ's Teaching (Matthew 23:23)

Jesus affirmed tithing, while condemning hypocrisy. He said the Pharisees should not leave tithing undone, but must also practice justice, mercy, and faith.

##### D. Under Grace

1. Abraham tithed; believers are called children of Abraham (Galatians 3:7; John 8:39).
2. Hebrews 7 teaches that tithing continued in the early church (written A.D. 64).

#### What Is Tithing Today?

Tithing is giving 10% of all increase—salary, dividends, business profits, bonuses, benefits, inheritance, settlements, produce, etc.—to support the ministry. Tithing is a key to blessing. Many financial struggles could be eased if believers practiced biblical giving. God owns everything. We are managers. If the Owner instructs us to bring 10% to support His work, we should gladly obey.

#### REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS A STEWARD?
2. WHAT DO YOU MANAGE FOR GOD?
3. WHAT DID THE POOR MANAGER IN LUKE 19 FAIL TO DO? WHY WAS THIS POOR STEWARDSHIP?
4. WHAT DID THE GOOD MANAGERS DO? HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?
5. WHAT DO OUR BANK ACCOUNTS AND CALENDARS REVEAL ABOUT US?
6. WHAT IS A TITHE?
7. WHAT DID CHRIST SAY ABOUT TITHING

# PROMOTIONS

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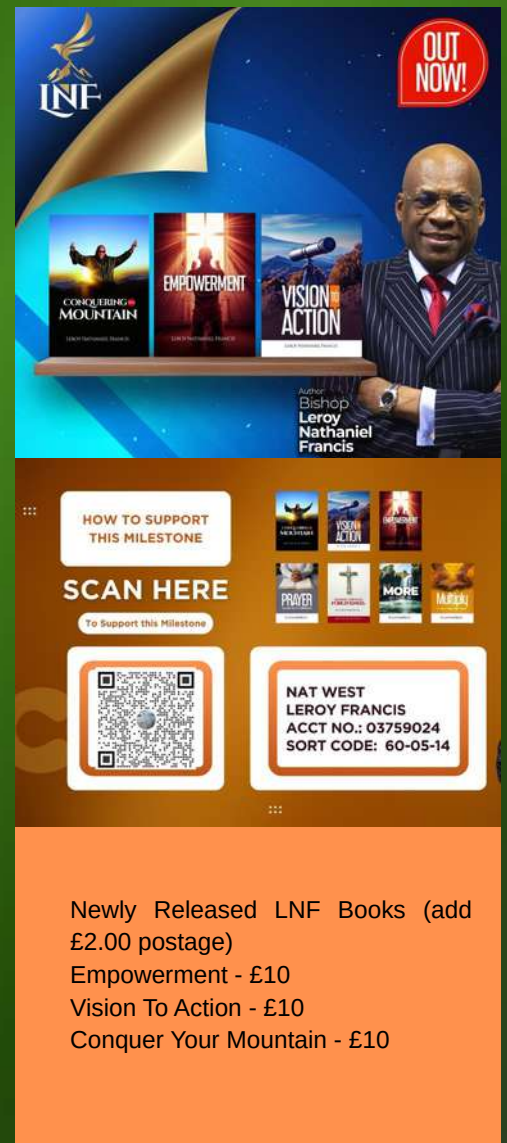
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# A DAY OF AWAKENING: MEN UNITED IN PRAYER ACROSS THE UK & IRELAND



***“There are moments in the life of a nation when God calls His people to rise, to stand together, and to lift their voices as one. This was such a moment.”***

At 9:00 a.m., men and churches from all four districts across the United Kingdom and Ireland gathered some in sanctuaries, some in homes, all connected through Zoom—to seek God with one heart. Technology became a bridge, linking at least 32 screens across two nations, but it was the Spirit of God that truly united us as we had both Spanish and English speaking folks as one in prayer.

Our National Men’s Director, Rev. Kyle Kelley, led the charge with a stirring call to prayer. He reminded us that men are not merely participants in their communities they are protectors, intercessors, and spiritual warriors. As he spoke, you could sense a holy resolve rising among the men. We prayed for strength, courage, and the grace to stand firm in a world that desperately needs godly men.

We lifted up our churches, believing for renewed passion and resilience. We prayed for our leaders—both spiritual and civic—asking God to guide them with wisdom and integrity. And we prayed for our nations, trusting that when men seek God, families, communities, and entire societies are strengthened.

Though the corporate session lasted only 30 minutes, its impact was unmistakable. It was a spark—small in duration, powerful in effect—igniting a day of prayer that continued in churches, homes, and hearts across the UK and Ireland.

The remainder of the day was left open for men everywhere to continue in prayer as the Lord led them. Some gathered in groups, others prayed alone, but all shared the same purpose: to stand in the gap for our nations and for the men God is raising up.

We thank God for the grace to come before Him, united and expectant. May this be the beginning of a deeper awakening among men — an awakening of faith, strength, and purpose.



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# WHAT WE BELIEVE

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**THE BIBLE** - THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD. - 2 TIMOTHY 3:16, 2 PETER 1:19 - 21

**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

**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 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

**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

**HEALING** - IN DIVINE HEALING. - JAMES 5:14, 1 PETER 2:24, ISAIAH 53:5

**SIN** - THAT ALL MEN ARE LOST OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE REDEMPITIVE WORK OF CHRIST. - EPH. 2:12, 13; GAL. 2:15 - 16, 5:6; ROMANS 3:23 - 26; 6:23, MARK 16:16

**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

**HOLINESS** - ALL BELIEVERS MUST LIVE A HOLY LIFE. - HEBREWS 12:14, 1 PETER 1:13 - 16. TITUS 2:11 - 12, 2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

**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

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** - THAT EVERY BELIEVER IS TO MANIFEST THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN HIS LIFE. - GALATIANS 5:22 - 23

**TITHING** - TITHING IS GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN FOR PROVIDING FOR HIS WORK. - MALACHI 3:10, 1 CORINTHIANS 4:2, 1 CORINTHIANS 16:2

**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

