



# CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

# TOGETHER

"Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others" (Romans 12:5)

**British Isles – – – SUMMER 2011**

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES – REPORTS AND NEWS

General Superintendent, **Dr Jesse C. Middendorf**, presided at District Assemblies held, 25th-26th March in **Morley, Yorkshire**, and 28th March in **Belfast, N. Ireland**. Regional Director, **Dr Gustavo Crocker**, took part, preaching and bringing devotions. And the **Power of One** "Resurrection Power - Easter to Pentecost" devotional journey, produced by the Regional Church, was promoted at both assemblies.

At the South Assembly incumbent District Superintendent, **Rev David Montgomery**, was elected with a unanimous vote, and two were elected to **Elder's Orders** – **Rev Helen Lawson** (Sheffield) and **Rev Sarah Derck** (NTC/PhD Student).

The North Assembly, held in the **Megain Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Belfast**, featured a weekend of Conventions and special services, and there were three ordinations: **Rev Ruth J. Turner** (Elder – **Larne**), **Rev David M. Schnitter** (Elder – **Carrickfergus**), **Rev Colin I. McConkey** (Deacon – **Bethany**). **Rev Colin H. Wood** brought his final report after serving as District Superintendent for nearly 19 years, and **Rev Philip McAlister** (**Carrickfergus**, and **North Europe Field Strategy Coordinator**) was elected District Superintendent on the 3rd ballot.

At both Assemblies there was a spirit of celebration and thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the past. And renewed vision and optimism were evident as the Church of the Nazarene in the UK moves forward in the Power of the Spirit into the year that is ahead of us.



North District Ordination Group (l to r): **Rev Des Robinson**, **Dr Jesse C. Middendorf**, **Rev Colin McConkey & Nicole**, **Rev Ruth & Graham Turner**, **Jenny & Rev David Schnitter**, **Rev Philip McAlister**, **Rev Colin H. Wood**.



District Superintendent, **Rev Colin H. Wood**, brings his final report to the assembly.



Advisory Board Member, **Mark Canning**, presents **Rev Wood** with a *Distinguished Service Award*.



**Rev Des Robinson** presents **Mary Wood** with a gift on behalf of the Advisory Board.



Elected District Superintendent of the North District on the 3rd ballot, **Rev Philip McAlister** addresses the assembly in *Megain Memorial Church, Belfast*.



General Superintendent, **Dr Jesse C. Middendorf**, introduces the **McAlister** family to the assembly (l to r): **Jonathan, Stephen, Ruth, Ruth & Rev Philip McAlister** – with **Dr Jesse C. Middendorf**.



**South District Ordination Group** (l to r): **Rev David Montgomery**, **Rev Sarah Derck**, **Joshua & Joseph**.



**South District Ordination Group** (l to r): **Stu & Rev Helen Lawson**, & **Rev David Montgomery**.



Part of the congregation at the South Assembly held in **Morley**.

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# HOLY WEEK VISIT

**Dr James H. Diehl** – *General Superintendent Emeritus* (who retired at the 2009 General Assembly) – visited the North District during Holy Week. A 3-day mission was held in **N. Ireland** (at the **Megain Memorial Church, Belfast**) and Dr Diehl spoke at a pastors and spouses breakfast gathering. In **Scotland** services were held in **Perth Trinity, Glasgow Parkhead, & Paisley St Matthew's** churches. And over 50 met with **Dr Diehl** for a special pastors and spouses seminar and lunch. Many were blessed, encouraged, and helped as a result of Dr Diehl's ministry.



Some of the worship group members leading the praise (l to r): **Esther Wood, Joanne Tarrant, Rev Dr Ian Wills.**



**Dr James H. Diehl** – *General Superintendent Emeritus* – brings the message.



Part of the 400-strong congregation in **Paisley St Matthew's Church** for the *Easter Sunday Evening United Service*.



The **Parkhead Glasgow** Church Choir, directed by **Jennifer McLachlan**, bringing messages in song.



**Rev Philip McAlister**, with **Ruth** at his side, addresses the **Paisley** congregation.



Advisory Board member, **Steve Clarkson** (r), presents retiring District Superintendent and family to the congregation (l to r): **Richard H. Wood, Carolyn Wills, Rhonda Burleigh & Mary Wood.**



Pastors and spouses meet with **Dr Diehl** (pictured 2nd from left) for a seminar and lunch at the **Erskine Bridge Hotel, Scotland.**



District Superintendent, **Rev Philip McAlister**, and **Ruth McAlister** are introduced to the congregation by **Dr Diehl** (r) who prays for them as pastors gather around laying hands on the **McAlisters.**

## NEWS FROM EAST LINGS

**Skegness Community Church** - the Church of the Nazarene in **East Lincolnshire** - continues its work under the leadership of **Rev Ian Banks**. The vision of the church is included in the church's Mission Prayer, that the church would *...grow in love...grow in service...grow in numbers.*

Sunday services have been held in the **County Hotel, North Parade, Skegness**, for the past two years. And last month a **Charity Shop**, located in the hotel and open three mornings a week, has been established. Already a cheque for £50 has been presented to the **Skegness Branch of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association** (see picture).

Plans have been launched for a "Sea & Share" fellowship weekend to be held at the **County Hotel** 30th September-2nd October, and bookings for this are already being received. News and information of the work in **East Lincs** can be obtained from the website [www.eastlincs-nazarene.org.uk](http://www.eastlincs-nazarene.org.uk)



**Charity Shop Presentation** – **Rev Ian Banks** presents the cheque to the **Skegness Branch of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.** (l to r – front row) **Rev Ian Banks, Val Liffen, Peter Newsome, Rev Don Mentch (King's Lynn), Ross Muirhead** (Hotel Manager), (l to r – back row) **Graham & Cathy Price, & Mary Mead...**and with dogs - **Sweep & Remy** - in the foreground.

# LIVING STONES . . . a challenge from Rev. Philip McAlister, District Superintendent

In a garden, recently, I saw a stone that accurately predicts the weather. Engraved on the stone are these words, "If the stone is wet it is raining. If it is white it is snowing. If it is warm it is sunny. If it is missing someone has stolen it." The Apostle Peter tells us that we are living stones. What words should be indelibly marked in the stones that attend our churches? One word comes to mind – fellowship.



*Rev. Philip McAlister*

Fellowship is more than attending Church — it is assimilating into the body of believers, becoming part of a worshipping, loving, caring and sharing community. 1 John 1:7, reminds us that fellowship is not an optional matter for believers. It says, "If we walk in the light (in fellowship with God) this causes us to have fellowship with one another." The result is, "the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin". Fellowship and cleansing are related through the blood of Jesus. If a body part is severed from the flow of blood that part will become infected. Spirituality will be hindered without continual circulation of the blood. For the blood of Jesus Christ to have its continual cleansing effect in us we must remain attached to Christ's body.

1 John 2:10 "Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble." This shows that there is a strong, inseparable relationship between fellowship and loving the brethren. Fellowship is intended to be the practice of loving the brethren, which helps keep us in a right relationship with Christ.

Rejecting fellowship leads us away from the Body. A famous preacher once said "show me a professing Christian who seldom attends Church, and I'll show you a backslider who needs to get their heart right before God." How much love do you have for other believers in the church? Jesus said that the world would recognize our faith by the way we love one another (John 13:34-35). It is essential for every believer to be an active part of a Christian community. Willful rejection of fellowship can be evidence of not walking in the light. Fellowship is critical to our continued survival as Christians. We need the preaching and teaching from God's Word, the atmosphere of worship and praise, the encouragement that we draw from our other believers, the opportunities of Christian service, and we need the opportunity to practise love toward other Christians. Get involved and stay in faithful fellowship with the body of Christ! Don't run off if something disappoints you.

I think a Christian stone could have these words on it. "If the stone is wet it is crying and someone needs to show it compassion. If it is white and fresh someone needs to disciple it. If it is warm someone needs to gain from its warmth. If it is missing someone needs to go and find it."

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" (Heb. 10:24-26)



Pictured are Manse Ladies at the annual retreat which was held 18th-20th February at the **Seamill Hydro** on the Scottish Ayrshire coast. This year's retreat included a visit to the **Ardrossan** Church where a meal was provided. **Rev Beth Wills** heads up **Manse Ministries** on the North District.

## MANSE LADIES MEET

# INDUCTIONS

The **Morley** congregation celebrated the arrival of their new pastor, **Rev Rosemary Brown**, on 15th January 2011. A warm welcome was given to **Rosemary, Michael**, and their two children **Christopher & Charlotte**, back to their native Yorkshire! The induction service was conducted by the **Rev David Montgomery**, and the guest speaker was **Rev Ray Busby**. ...it was good to have **David Barnes** playing the organ, and great to see the church full!



**Morley Induction** (l to r): **Rev John & Mair Paton**, **Rev David Montgomery**, **Rev Rosemary & Michael Brown**.

On Saturday 19th March **Rev Jose (Junior) Correia** was inducted to the **Birmingham Zion Church**. The congregation is made up of people from three nationalities – **Brazil, Pakistan**, and the **UK**...and **Pastor Jose**, who is from **Brazil**, has been eagerly trying to learn English over the past year. In the induction service there were bible readings in **Punjabi, Portuguese** and **English** as well as various musical items that reflected the different cultures. **Rev David Montgomery** preached (in **English!**) and reports a real sense of the presence of God among the congregation.



**Birmingham Zion Induction** (l to r): **Rev David Montgomery**, **Marcia Correia**, **Rev Jose (Junior) Correia** – and **Ana & Elouise**.

**Rev Tony Tamburello** was inducted to the **Cardiff, S.Wales**, church on Saturday, 11th December. The service was led by District Superintendent, **Rev David Montgomery**, **Rev Peter W. Gentry** was the speaker, and **Susanna Mancho** the soloist.

In addition to members of the family, friends from the area and Zone joined in the celebration, filling the church and enjoying fellowship together, as the **Tamburellos** were welcomed back to their home church.

**Cardiff Induction** (l to r): **Rev David Montgomery**, **Mary & Rev Tony Tamburello**,



**Lurgan Induction** (l to r): **Rev David Montgomery**, **Len Adamson** (Board Chairman), **Pastor Jim & Helen Fugard** & **Rev Colin H. Wood**.

**Pastor Jim Fugard** was inducted to the **Lurgan N. Ireland** church on Friday, 14th January, when an overflow hall was used to accommodate the crowds. **Jim** & his wife **Helen** had been members of the **Lurgan YP** and former YP colleagues were present and took part in the service...these included, **Rev David Montgomery** (who preached), and **Rev Chris Girvan (Llay)** and **Rev Karl Stanfield (Manchester)** who took part and paid tribute to the ministry and influence of former pastor, **Rev Raymond Spence**.

**Rev Spence** and his wife **Phyllis**, who served in **Lurgan** 1973-1984), were called forward and presented with gifts to mark the occasion. The service was conducted by **Rev Colin H. Wood**.



**Rev Karl Stanfield** (centre) pays tribute to the ministry of **Rev Raymond & Phyllis Spence** (standing right), while **Rev David Montgomery & Rev Colin H. Wood** (seated) look on.

**Bristol Knowle Induction.** On a very wintry day – Saturday, 4th December – approximately 100 people filled the **Bristol Knowle** Church for the Induction of **Rev Matthew Norris**. As travel conditions made it impossible for the District Superintendent to attend, **Rev Barry Hall (Weston-super-Mare)** took the service, and brought the message and inducted the new pastor. May God's blessing be on **Matt & Heather Norris** in this new assignment.



# College News

A major refurbishment programme is under way for **Beech Wing**, located on the campus of **Nazarene Theological College, Manchester**, to provide upgraded student accommodation and an apartment. **Beech Wing** is named after, and to preserve the link with, the former **Beech Lawn Bible College** (1947-1955), of the **Calvary Holiness Church** - which was located in **Stalybridge** (formerly in **Cheshire**).



**Rev Maynard G. James** was the founding Principal of **Beech Lawn Bible College** and the President of the **Calvary Holiness Church** (1935-1955).

Pioneer Missionaries, the late **Rev Jim & Agnes Graham**, are to be honoured when the second floor development of **Hurlet Hall** is completed and named the **Graham Memorial Suite** in their memory. The completion of this project is dependant upon the construction of a stair-tower to be built at the North end of **Hurlet Hall** for which funds are needed.

The **Grahams** (**Jim** from N. Ireland and **Agnes** from Scotland) served together for nearly half a century in Africa...including Swaziland, Malawi, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Their lives have been a blessing to many at home and abroad.



**Rev Jim & Agnes Graham**

Funds are being raised for both these projects and the Board of Governors of **Nazarene Theological College** commend these projects to you for your support and prayers.

## NEW MEMBERS



A group of eleven new members were welcomed, by Profession of Faith, into the **Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Parkhead, Glasgow**, in January. **Rev Dr Ian G. Wills** is the senior pastor of the Parkhead Church.



**Parkhead Members** (back row l to r): **Jim Gaitens, Sandy & Karen Smith, Susan Barnes, Sonja & Tony Ford**; (seated l to r) **Rebecca Lister, Rachel Burns, Chloe Moore, Jessica Hutt, Emma Burleigh**.



.....and **Rev Des Robinson** welcomed **Fiona Murray, Jamie Davie** and his mother **Margaret Davie** into the membership of the **Irvine, Church of the Nazarene**.

## Christmas Memories

Many churches had to postpone, rearrange...and even cancel...Christmas Services as a result of the bad winter weather. Pictured is a group of children from the **Glasgow Govan Church** acting out the Nativity Scene. **Pastor Ronnie McCullough** is the pastor of the Govan Church.



## YOUTH GO DUTCH

The *North Europe Field NAZARENE YOUTH CONGRESS* was held over the New Year in the *Netherlands*. Over 200 young people from many countries participated – and over 50 were from the UK. It was a great time of celebration, blessing, and friendship.



NYI UK Group at the *Regional Youth Congress*.

## Regional Conference



Dr Jerry D Porter – *General Superintendent*.

Information, costs, and booking forms for this “Celebrate One” conference have been sent to local churches. To be held in Turkey, 12th-16th October, the main speaker is to be General Superintendent, Dr Jerry D. Porter. Many others will be taking part, and our people are invited and encouraged to attend.

## Ladies Conference

Approximately 40 ladies gathered in *Irvine* on Saturday, 30th April, for this annual conference organised by **Pat Macdonald**. A number of churches across the district were represented, including a group from *N. Ireland*. **Mary Wood** spoke on the theme “...you shall be called a new name” (Isaiah 62:2), and **Ann Goodwin** led the devotional times. Many said the day had been both challenging and encouraging.



Ladies Conference group at *Irvine*



**Mary Wood**  
– Conference speaker

## Ardrossan Community Fun Day

Held on Saturday, 30th April, at the **Ardrossan** Church between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm, the fun day included face painting, crafts, plant sale, bouncy castle, cream teas, burgers and hot-dogs, nail painting, snow-boarding Wii game, etc. The fun day, which was organised by **Phil Tatlow** and his team, was to raise money to send children to Sunday School Camp. Pastor, **Rev Geoff Austin**, reports on a successful and well attended day...with approx

£750 raised (£200 of this was raised by **John Kerr** who had a sponsored leg-wax!). In a few weeks the children themselves are doing a sponsored walk around **Millport, Isle of Cumbrae**.



*The Bouncy Castle was in demand*



*Jane Austin at the craft table*

# In Memoriam

**Mrs Elizabeth (Bessie) W. Mitchell** went to be with the Lord on 23rd November 2010. She was 93 and had been in care for a number of years. Originally from *Glasgow*, **Bessie Mitchell** shared with her late husband **Rev Dr T. Crichton Mitchell** (who died August 1996), in pastoral assignments in *Paisley, Bolton 1st, & London Thomas Memorial*, and in Nazarene Colleges in *Switzerland, Manchester, & Colorado Springs*, USA. Funeral services were held in *High Blantyre* on 10th December.



**Dr T. Crichton & Mrs Mitchell**

**Mrs Emily Adams** – wife and co-worker of **Rev G. Kelvyn R. Adams** – passed away suddenly on New Year's Day morning. She was 79, and had been unwell for a few months. The funeral was held on Saturday, 8th January, at **West Presbyterian Church, Bangor**, when many gathered to pay tribute and to support **Rev Adams** and the family.

The **Adams** shared in a number of pastoral assignments across the years, and these have included, **Lurgan, Uddingston, Belfast 1st, Bangor, Oldham**...plus pastoral assignments in the USA and Canada.

## Mrs Emily Adams

**Mrs Marion Schofield** was called home 6th January...she was 94, and had been in care in **Bolton** for a number of years. Along with her late husband, **Rev Dr Thomas W. Schofield** – former South District Superintendent and Regional Director (who passed away May 2009) - **Mrs Schofield** exercised a vital ministry as a pastor's wife and District Manse hostess. The **Schofields** pastored in **Birmingham, Glasgow-Govan, Ardrossan, Dewsbury, Bolton 1st** & then for a total of 22 years as District Superintendent and Regional Director.

The funeral was held in **Bolton 1st Church of the Nazarene** on 13th January, followed by burial at **St Mary's Church, Deane, Bolton**.



**Mrs Marion Schofield**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**2011**

**MAY TERM NTC COURSES** 3rd-20th May

**CONTINUING EDUCATION  
FOR PASTORS (NTC)** 23rd - 26th May

**MEN'S WEEKEND** (South) 1st-3rd July

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP** (North)  
2nd-8th August

**NORTHBREAK** (North) 30th July-5th August

**BREAKTHRU** (South) 6th-13th August

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
12th-16th October, Antalya, Turkey

**COLLEGE GRADUATION** 22nd October

**2012**

**UNITED FRATERNAL**  
29th October-1st November Swanwick

## CHURCH WEEKEND

The **Ardrossan** church (Pastor, **Rev Geoff Austin**) and the **Houston** church (Pastor, **Rev Benito Coetzee**) shared together in a Church Weekend held in the loch-side hotel at **Arrochar, Scotland**. The attendance was 102...and **Pastor Benito Coetzee** reports that the accommodation, food, and facilities at the hotel were excellent.

Sessions for children were led by, **Mrs Vanessa Coetzee, Lisa Coetzee & Penny Canning**, while the youth were led by **Pastor Ana-Marija Tomic & George Bradford** - assisted by **Robin Coetzee**.

Devotions were led by **Rev Coetzee** and there were seasons of intense prayer for God to revisit **Scotland**, and to heal and revive the church.

**Rev Dr Ian G. Wills (Parkhead)**, the speaker for the weekend, spoke on "**Relevant Faith**" – *The Road to Relevant Faith, The Rhythm of Relevant Faith, The Roots of Relevant Faith, and The Reality of Relevant Faith*.

**Pastor Coetzee** comments, "...we were thoroughly blessed and inspired...we certainly sensed the Presence of God over the weekend and we were challenged as to what it means to be the Children of God."

Church Weekend group at the **Arrochar Hotel**.



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