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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)

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CELEBRATING - WOMEN IN MINISTRY

"Inspirational, informative, challenging" "A privilege to be there" "We do not realise the rich heritage we have..." – these were some of the comments made following the 3-day **WOMEN IN MINISTRY** Conference held 11th-13th May in Glasgow, Scotland.

This Conference, which was held to celebrate the Centenary of the Ordination of **Olive M. Winchester** in the Parkhead Church in 1912 (the first woman to be ordained in the UK), began on Friday 11th May, with a day of academic papers and discussion held in the Chapel of The University of Glasgow where about 45 gathered. A key-note address was brought by **Dr Janet Wootton** of the Congregational Federation. Other speakers included: **Dr Kay Smith** (Azusa Pacific University), **Rev Carla Sunberg** (District Superintendent), **Dr Rebecca Laird** (Point Loma Nazarene University), **Dr Diane Leclerc** (Northwest Nazarene University), **Dr Jeanne Orjala Serrão** (Mount Vernon Nazarene University), **Dr Deirdre Brower Latz** (NTC), **Anna Adams & Stephanie Smith** (University of Notre Dame), **Nel Shallow** (Methodist Church), **Dr Heather Walton** (Glasgow University), **Dr Lesley Orr** (Edinburgh University) and **Jenny Baker** (Sophia Network). Also taking part were, **Dr Harold Raser** (Nazarene Theological Seminary), **Dr Robert Doyle Smith** (Olivet Nazarene University), **Major Dr John Read** (The Salvation Army), **Dr David Rainey** (NTC), **Dr Geordan Hammond** (NTC), **Dr Thomas A. Noble** (NTC/NTS), **Dr Ian G. Wills** (Sharpe Memorial, Glasgow), and **Andrew Vail** (University of Birmingham).

Documents and information relating to **Olive Winchester's** time at Glasgow University (she was the first woman to be admitted to the BD programme, enrolling in 1909) were made available by the University archives department and on display, and included **Olive Winchester's** signature when she graduated.

A commemoration service of worship and prayers of thanksgiving was held in the evening at Sharpe Memorial Church when a number took part.

Approximately 100 gathered in the Sandyford Henderson Church of Scotland, Glasgow, on Saturday, 12th May, for a full day of fellowship and worship, speakers and seminars. Addresses were brought by **Dr Elaine Storkey**, **Emma Stark**, & **Dr Deirdre Brower Latz**, and with additional speakers from Mission Scotland, International Christian College (Glasgow), Sophia Network, and Tear Fund.

The Conference concluded on Sunday, 13th May, with special services at Sharpe Memorial Church, Parkhead. **Rev Carla Sunberg** was the guest speaker at the morning service.



Women in Ministry at the Sharpe Memorial Church, (l.to r) Rev Michelle Robinson, Dr Rebecca Laird, Dr Elizabeth Hynd, Dr Diane Leclerc, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz, Rev Carla Sunberg, Dr Jeanne Serrão, Rev Beth Wills.



Women in Ministry delegates at the Sandyford Henderson Church of Scotland.

to, and served in, what is now the Sharpe Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Parkhead, Glasgow, set a precedent for strong women of faith to serve in Christian ministry; notes the Women in Ministry events being held in Glasgow between 11 and 13 May 2012, including those at the University of Glasgow; believes that every woman, child and man is of equal value, and wishes the organisers and people taking part well as they celebrate what it believes is this significant milestone for the UK's Christian community.

The following motion was tabled at *The Scottish Parliament* by **John Mason** (MSP for Glasgow Shettleston): *That the Parliament notes that 11 May 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the first woman being ordained to the UK Trinitarian Christian Ministry; considers that Olive Winchester, who was ordained*

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

The annual gathering of delegates and friends – clergy and lay - at our assemblies continues to be an important time of worship and inspiration, fellowship and friendship, when reports are received and elections made, and when matters of church administration are attended to. It is a time of reunion, when new friendships are made, and when we encourage one another in the work God has called us to share in together.

The South Assembly was held in the impressive **Dewsbury Minster**, kindly lent to us for the two days 23rd-24th March. The North District held its Assembly and Conventions in the equally impressive **Paisley St Matthew's Church** of the Nazarene over the weekend 23rd-26th March.

SOUTH ASSEMBLY



District Assembly in Session



Ordination group (l.to r) Rev David Montgomery (DS), Rev Erica Tuxworth (Ordinand – Watford Woodside), David Tuxworth, Dr Jerry D. Porter (General Superintendent)



Dewsbury Minster – Church of England



A presentation was made to David Barnes of Bolton First, in recognition of his 29 years as District Treasurer/ Business Manager (l.to r) Dr Jerry D. Porter, Joan & David Barnes, & Rev David Montgomery).



Rev David Montgomery makes a presentation to Rev Joy Osborne, of the Grimsby Trinity Church. Joy was the first Nazarene Prison Chaplain in the UK and she is to retire in June 2012.

NORTH ASSEMBLY

Rev David A. Hands MBE (Sunderland) (left) is presented with a plaque, by Rev Philip McAlister (DS) to mark his official retired status, recognising over 4 decades of ministry on both British Isles districts.



Sunday Evening United Service



A Distinguished Service Award is presented to Rev Beth Wills (Glasgow) who is retiring from chaplaincy ministry – 22 years in Manse Ministries and 10 years as Chaplain of Strathclyde House. Dr Ian Wills (right), was invited to present the award to his mother, with Rev Philip McAlister (DS) looking on.



District Ministers' Licences are presented to a number of men & women as prayer is offered by Rev Geoff Austin (Ardrossan) for them and their respective ministries.

GREETINGS FROM GERMANY



The work of the Church of the Nazarene in Frankenthal – in South West Germany – was established in 1983 under the ministry of **Rev Hans Günter Mohn**. In 1999-2000, under the ministry of **Rev Wilfred Ache**, a former *Aldi* supermarket unit was acquired and converted into a church. (In the mid 1990's the late **Rev Tom Findlay** gave interim ministry to this church for about a year).

The Stöpplers, who pastored in Cardiff and London, and who have now retired back to their homeland and are living in Emmendingen in the Black Forest, were visiting Frankenthal recently. **Rev Werner Stöppler** was preaching there in the absence of the present pastor, **Rev Thomas Güting**. God is blessing the work in Frankenthal and about 120 attend regularly on a Sunday morning.



Above – The Stöpplers: Werner and Angelica

Left – The spacious entrance area

BROOKLANDS BAPTISM

On Sunday 29 April 2012, following the morning service and a fellowship buffet lunch, the sanctuary at the Church of the Nazarene at Brooklands, Manchester, was packed to overflowing in the afternoon to witness the baptism of four candidates. Some of those attending had travelled from as far as Spain.

It had all begun some weeks earlier when **Julia Sahile**, who is originally from Ethiopia, and fairly new to the Brooklands church, had asked the pastor, **Rev. Karl Stanfield** (who conducted the service), if she could be baptised. The announcement of the forthcoming service had prompted three other persons (all of whom are regular attenders at the church) to ask if they too could be baptised. These were **Nikki Armett** (who is married with a young son), **Heather Critchley** (who attends a local Academy where she has recently started a Christian Union which now attracts around a hundred teenagers to some meetings), and **Jack Bolton** (who is a student at High School, and had just returned from Mexico where he had worked with other young Christians from Britain in a short project to build a completely new house for a Christian pastor and his family who ministered in a very a deprived part of the country).

One of the moving moments in the memorable service was when a message congratulating those getting baptised was read out. It had been sent from the Philippines by **Dr Dick Eugenio**, who in January had left Manchester, and the Brooklands church, after successfully pursuing doctoral studies for several years at the nearby Nazarene Theological College. At the church he had served as a part-time youth worker and helped build up a lively youth group in which Heather and Jack were active members. Dick wrote: "My heart is full of joy, although my joy would have been more complete if I were there with you. . . . I am particularly pleased that Heather and Jack are going to be baptised today". Describing Jack as "a man of many talents", Dick's prayer was that Jack's life would be "a source of inspiration to all who see the labours of your hands for the Lord". Referring to Heather as "a committed young lady", Dick commented that her life was "a testimony that strong faith is a possibility even for the younger generation". He concluded by reminding all the baptismal candidates that, "He who started

a great work in and through you, will carry you in His arms as you continue to live and labour for the Lord, now and forever." (Reporter: Bill Graham).



The Baptism Cake



Brooklands Pastor, **Rev Karl Stanfield**

MINISTERS' PRAYER CONFERENCE

Pastors from Scotland, Ireland and the North of England met in Irvine, 6th-7th February for fellowship and prayer. The 2-day programme included some papers on aspects of prayer, a report on the new outreach in the Republic of Ireland from Rev Steve Morley and communion.



Prayer Conference group pictured outside the Irvine Church – Rev Steve Morley (Ireland) is on the extreme right of the picture.



Baptism candidates (l.to r) **Jack Bolton, Nikki Armett, Heather Critchley, Julia Sahile**.

Manse Ladies Retreat



Over 20 North District Manse Ladies (pastors and pastor's wives) met 10th-12th February at the Seamill Hydro on the Ayrshire coast in Scotland. Led by **Rev Beth Wills** the programme of worship, reflection and relaxation, included a trip to the Ardrossan church where **Rev Geoff & Jane Austin** provided a meal for the group.



Mair Paton ministering in song



"...when we get old" with **Rev Tracey Day!**

Men's Breakfast - LARGS

On the 1st Saturday of every month, and meeting throughout the year, a group of men get together for breakfast and a time fellowship in the Largs (Scotland) Church of the Nazarene. Organised and led by **Pastor Norman McCullough** of the Largs church, the programme – in addition to breakfast – takes the form of a speaker, or a DVD, and sometimes just a time of informal fellowship. **Rev Trish Laird** is the pastor of the Largs church.



Men's Breakfast, Largs

South Ladies Retreat

Approximately 70 attended the South District ladies retreat held 27th-29th January at The Hayes, Swanwick. The programme, organised by the NMI District Council, featured **Dorothy Tarrant**, who spoke on the theme, "The Transforming Power of God". **Sarah Thornton**, of the Leeds South Church, reports:

"**Dorothy Tarrant**, who has recently returned to the UK after working in Romania at the Veritas project she helped to set up, was this year's speaker. The project reaches out to the needs of the community, meeting the social needs of the very young to the older generations. Her work inspired me greatly...one thing in particular was how she spoke of the light of Jesus being reflected on our faces! **Cathy Tarrant** (**Dorothy's** sister-in-law) also spoke and blessed us greatly with her daily devotions.

"On the Saturday night we had a ceilidh – followed by sketches and poems and songs. My own church, South Leeds, presented a skit called the 'Boogie Woogie Washer Woman', and **Rev Tracey Day** treated us to a hilarious insight of what it will be like 'when we get old'.

"For anyone who has never been, I would say it is well worth it; the rooms are hotel quality, and the food excellent. Next Christmas, ask

for donations to go to the retreat instead of presents – you won't be disappointed. There is something very wonderful about hearing a group of women sharing in worship and singing their hearts out in harmony praising the Lord! See you next year, ladies!"



...skits and fun

A presentation was made to **Joan Barnes** to thank her for helping to arrange the Ladies retreat for some 20 years.



Lurgan Children's Mission

A Children's Mission was held at the Lurgan (N.I.) church 10th-12th February with members of the Child Evangelism Fellowship leading the programme. An average of 50 children attended each night, and some of the parents stayed for the programme. The children also took part in the Sunday evening service. **Pastor Jim Fugard** is the pastor of the Lurgan church.



Children's Mission in the Lurgan church hall

Watoto AT ARDROSSAN



The **WATOTO** choir in concert.

A great crowd of nearly 180 enjoyed the energetic singing of the Africa **WATOTO** children's choir at the Ardrossan church on Tuesday evening, 10th April. A donation of £500 was made to the choir and African craft merchandise was available for purchase. The music was excellent and the testimonies from the children were very moving as all were orphans or had been abandoned by their families. Opportunity was given to sponsor a child at the Watoto School in Uganda. A new Watoto School & Home is to be opened in Southern Sudan – a country soon to be entered by the Church of the Nazarene. **Rev Geoff Austin** is the pastor of the Ardrossan church.

Easter at Desertmartin

Over 100 attended a 'Merry Church' programme held on Easter Sunday morning, 8th April, at the Desertmartin, (N.I.) church. The Good News that "Jesus is Alive" was celebrated by singing, crafts, stories, and by the church family coming together. **Rev David Evans** is the pastor of the Desertmartin church.



Craft work –
for all ages!



Celebrating together in the Desertmartin church hall

New Members welcomed at Sunderland



There was a great sense of joy and encouragement on Sunday 11th March, when pastor, **Rev David A. Hands MBE**, welcomed two new members into the Sunderland fellowship by Profession of Faith. Pictured are the new members, **Margaret Johnston** and **Elaine Miller** surrounded by members of the Sunderland church. A cake and refreshments followed the service to complete the celebrations.

Easter at Llay

Pastor Jen Blake reports on Holy Week events at Llay.

"Holy Week in Llay was a joyous occasion. We celebrated Palm Sunday, and shared the story of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, with a Merry Church, and a number of children and families from the community came along. Following the service members of the church went out delivering hot-cross buns to our neighbours along with an invitation to our Easter services. On Good Friday we held a Prayer Labyrinth on the theme of the Temple in Jerusalem, and many were moved and challenged by this experience. All this led to our Easter Day celebration service, and the baptism of Ian Ashcroft who has been in the church for just over a year, and who is to become a Church Member in a few months time.



There was a real sense of joy as we came together to worship our Risen Lord and King, Jesus Christ. God is great and the Llay Community Church is enjoying His goodness."

Llay Baptism (l.to r),
Pastor Jonny Blake, Ian
Ashcroft, Dave Cooke
(Board Member)

In Memoriam

THOMAS VANCE FINDLAY passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Sunday evening, 11th March, at his home near Perth. He was 67. Originally from Ardrossan, **Tom Findlay** entered British Isles Nazarene College, Manchester, when he was 17. He took further studies at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, and at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and quickly established himself as a scholar, preacher, and teacher...he spent just over a decade on the faculty of European Nazarene College, Switzerland. He also contributed papers and articles for denominational magazines, and books on Holiness Preaching and Exposition.



Thomas Vance Findlay

In the 1980's **Tom Findlay** became a minister in the Swiss Reformed Church, and pastored two churches in Switzerland over a 7-year period. He returned to his native Scotland in the late 1990's and exercised an interim ministry in a number of Nazarene churches – Irvine, Largs, and Blantyre - as well as preaching in other denominations. For a time he represented the charity '**Mercy Ships**', which involved trips to Africa, and speaking in churches and Rotary Clubs to promote the work of that charity.

The Perth Trinity church was packed on 21st March for the Service of Thanksgiving, when many tributes were brought including a family tribute from **Christopher Findlay**. Others taking part included, Dr Peter Rae, Rev Klaus Arnold, Rev Derrick Thames, Dr Thomas A. Noble, and Rev Colin H. Wood, and Rev Werner Stöppler and Rev Clive Burrows shared in the Crematorium Service. Friend and colleague, Dr Alex Deasley, although unable to be present, contributed a tribute for the service.

Our sympathy and prayers are offered to **Anne, Christopher, John & Richard Findlay**, as they endeavour to come to terms with this loss.

A **Tom Findlay Scholarship** has been established at Nazarene Theological College, Dene Road, Manchester, M20 2GU, and donations may be sent to the College marked 'Tom Findlay Scholarship' (cheques payable to 'Nazarene Theological College')

DAVID FREDRICK EDGAR was called home suddenly in the morning of Friday, 30th March. He was 79.

Born in Belfast and originally a carpet fitter and upholsterer, **Fred Edgar** was an evangelist with the Shankhill Road Mission before entering the Nazarene ministry in 1979 (**Rev David J. Tarrant** was District Superintendent at the time) and he began his ministry in the Belfast Shankhill Road Nazarene church. In 1982 the Edgars moved to Troon, and were there for 6 years, returning, in 1988, to the Shankhill church in Belfast. **Fred** continued in ministry past retirement age and up to his home-call; he "did not grow weary in well doing" and we thank God for his faithfulness to the local church and to the work of the district.



David Fredrick Edgar

The funeral service, held on Tuesday, 3rd April, was well attended by family, friends and pastors. The service was taken by Rev Albert Griffith, with Rev Philip McAlister (District Superintendent) taking part. The Edgar's son, **Rev David Edgar** brought a family tribute. We remember at this time **Evelyn Edgar**, and all the family. The **Edgars** had five children: David, Karen, John (deceased), Kathleen, and Jill.

CHURCH VISIBLE OR INVISIBLE?

"A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden..." Matt.5:14.

"When did that church get built?" a Barnsley man asked **Pastor Ian Newton**. "Fifty years ago!" was the reply. "No!" exclaimed the man, "I have lived here for years and haven't noticed it." What had changed?



Rev Ian Newton

Recently the Barnsley Church of the Nazarene invested in a quality 12 sq ft sign, which also reflects car head-lights at night. In addition the church was featured on the front page of the local newspaper, on local radio, and in a regional newspaper. As a result of this media coverage, several families contacted the church, and the local resident's association donated £100 towards the church's Diamond Jubilee Celebration. And **Pastor Newton** was invited to talk to the Resident's Association about the activities and work of the church.

The church has a beautiful garden, well maintained property, notice boards and web-site that are kept up-to-date, and has a visible presence at a number of local community groups. The pastor is a school governor, and is known in the community by children and adults alike.

The Barnsley Church is enjoying its seventh consecutive year of growth. From a congregation of 17, numbers are now nearly 40. **Pastor Newton** comments, "We praise God for the faithfulness of those in the church and for the moving of His Spirit."

The challenge for every church is to be seen! How visible is your church?



Barnsley Church of the Nazarene



Barnsley congregation



...AND Latvian nationals were invited to use the Barnsley church for their monthly service, held 19th May. Pictured are some of the approx 120 that attended the Saturday evening service, many coming from 60-70 miles away.

INDUCTIONS



BELFAST MEGAIN MEMORIAL

Pastor Martyn Johnstone (originally from Uddingston) was welcomed to the Megain Memorial Church, on Sunday, 26th February. **Martyn** takes up the position of Youth Leader and becomes part of the ministry team working along side senior pastor, **Rev Ivan Miles**, and associate, **Rev L. Richard Porter**.



The District Superintendent, **Rev Philip McAlister** brought the message, and the young people performed a drama, "*New Guy in Town!*" and made a presentation to **Martyn**.

(l.to r) Rev L. R. Porter, Pastor Martyn Johnstone, Rev Ivan Miles, Rev Philip McAlister (DS).

PERTH TRINITY

The Perth church was well filled on Friday, 2nd March, for the welcome and induction service for **Rev Jim Ritchie**. A graduate of Glasgow Bible College and Edinburgh University, **Jim** comes to us from the Church of Scotland, and has had many years of experience in pastoral ministry and music evangelism. Sir Brian Souter welcomed the Ritchie family on behalf of the local church and greetings were brought by ministerial colleagues; Rev Kenny Borthwick (Scotland Trust/Edinburgh) and Rev Jim Stewart (Minister of Letham St Marks Church of Scotland, Perth). The District Superintendent, Rev Philip McAlister, preached the sermon and conducted the induction, and members of the Church Board gathered round the Ritchies for a time of special prayer.



(l.to r) Chris Franklin (Youth Pastor), Maggie and Rev Jim Ritchie, Rev Philip McAlister (DS)

LLAY, N. WALES

A congregation of approximately 125 filled the Llay church on Saturday, 3rd March, for the welcome and induction of co-pastors **Rev Jen & Pastor Jonny Blake**. In addition to church leaders and members of local Wrexham & Pen-y-Cae congregations, 22 travelled from Carlisle – the **Blakes** former place of service. Also present were Nazarene ministers, **Rev Vic Edwards**, **Rev Tracey Day**, **Rev Pete O'Brien** and **Rev I. Barrie Thomas** (Carlisle) who brought the message. The induction was conducted by District Superintendent, **Rev David Montgomery**.



Nazarene clergy and local leaders gather round the **Blakes** (centre) as Rev David Montgomery (DS) offers prayer

CARLISLE

A new Youth & Children's Worker was formally welcomed to the Carlisle churches at a joint (Belle Vue & Raffles) service held in the Belle Vue church on 18th March. **Leon Whyte** is an experienced and qualified youth worker, and will work with senior pastor, **Rev I. Barrie Thomas** and the ministry teams between the two Carlisle churches. The Whytes came to Carlisle in February; **Leon** was previously a youth worker with the Elmwood Church in Salford, and has worked for Youth for Christ.

Representatives of the Carlisle Church Boards with the Whytes. Back row: Rev I Barrie Thomas, Allan Paterson, Allan Cameron, Brian Downie. Front row: Kath Queen, Deborah & Leon Whyte, Fay McGowan



BELFAST FIRST

Pastor David Hamill was inducted to the Belfast First church on 24th February. The church was full and a number of pastors participated in the service including, Rev Ken White, Rev David Evans, Rev Ruth Turner and Rev Philip McAlister (DS). The Hamill Family were welcomed on behalf of the local church by Julie Anderson. Originally from Carrickfergus and a member of the Larne ministry team, Pastor Hamill spent a short time in the Congregational Church in Scotland before accepting the call to Belfast First.

(l.to r) Isabel, Lauren & Pastor David Hamill

LEEDS SOUTH

Rev Chris Lewis was inducted to the Leeds South church on Saturday, 19th May. Originally from the USA and a graduate of International Christian College, Glasgow, Pastor Lewis is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene and has pastoral and missionary experience in the UK and in Central and South America. The Induction was conducted by Rev David Montgomery (DS), the preacher was Pastor Darnell Starks, and special music was brought by the Park Family.

(l.to r) Linda Boston (Church Secretary), Rev Chris & Karen Lewis, Rev David Montgomery (DS).



OLDHAM

A large number of people from neighbouring Nazarene churches and other denominations were present for the induction of **Pastor Andrew J. Robinson** to the Oldham church on Saturday, 9th June. The sermon was brought by Dr Deidre Brower Latz (Principal NTC), and the induction was conducted by Rev David Montgomery (DS). Originally from N. Ireland, Pastor Robinson is a graduate of British Isles Nazarene College (now NTC) and has had a career in the Fire Service, which has included training and supervising others in the UK and in the Middle East. Rev David Montgomery (DS) comments, "...we are trusting God for a new day and a new thing in Oldham."



(l.to r) Rev David Montgomery (DS), Pastor Andrew and Elizabeth Robinson, David Brooks (Church Secretary).

Leadership Changes at NTC

At a special meeting of the Board of Governors of Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, held 18th February 2012, **Rev Dr Deidre Brower Latz** was elected to be the next Principal of the college. Dr Brower Latz took up this position from 1st May and the official installation will take place at graduation on 20th October.

Dr Brower Latz is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, and a graduate of Nazarene Theological College and The University of Manchester. Her PhD thesis, awarded in January 2010, is entitled, "A contextual reading of John Wesley's theology and the emergent church: critical reflections on the emergent church movement in respect to aspects of Wesley's theology, ecclesiology and urban poverty."

Dr Brower Latz says that when she was elected Principal she felt honoured and humbled, and, in spite of the enormous changes this appointment will bring to her and her husband, Andrew Latz, she felt a sense of peace.

Deirdre writes: "I am mindful of following in the footsteps of deeply spiritual and visionary leaders of the church and value their example highly. NTC is a strong, vibrant community of faith, with a wonderful legacy of scholarship and training; its graduates, literally scattered around the globe, are serving Christ in an incredible variety of ways. We are aware that the times are changing: NTC of the future will continue to be a vibrant community of learning, training and research for women and men of all ages as they prepare for lives of service. We are also aware that we will need to be increasingly creative, visionary, imaginative, flexible and pioneering – this is exciting. We are facing unprecedented challenges in many ways – our culture's view of God and the church has changed, the government's tightening of immigration controls makes it much more difficult for overseas students to attend, the financial climate is difficult for everyone – yet, in spite of all this, we are excited about all that the future holds for us, and we are working together to hear God's voice and follow where God leads us."

In the words of Rev David Montgomery, Chair of the Board of Governors, "We look forward to the leadership of Dr Brower Latz believing the college is in good hands."



Dr Deirdre Brower Latz



College Faculty and Staff, and Members of the Board of Governors, totalling about 70, met on Saturday, 28th April, to honour retiring Principal, **Rev Dr David McCulloch**. A graduate of the College (1968), David McCulloch served the church as a pastor in the UK and in South America and was the Principal of the *Instituto Teologico Nazareno* in Guatemala City. In 1986 the family returned from South America to the UK, and Dr McCulloch joined the faculty of the College. A graduate (PhD) of The University of Glasgow, Dr McCulloch has made a significant contribution to NTC over the past 26 years of which 8 have been as College Principal. As Principal, he has helped to guide the College through numerous official reviews (IBOE, BAC, NYA, QAA...and academic reviews by The University of Manchester), seen the largest number of PhD graduates in the history of the College, overseen College developments such as, the building of the Emmanuel Centre, the refurbishment of Hurler Hall, the refurbishment of Beech Wing, the installing and upgrading of computer systems, and the dedication of the Hugh Rae Library. We thank David McCulloch for his faithful ministry and leadership, and wish him, and his wife Elizabeth, every blessing for the future.

Dr David McCulloch

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE - Northern Ireland



Participants and Coaches

The second LDI, launched by the North District, was held 7th-10th June at the Farset International centre, Belfast, N. Ireland, with 16 participants and 7 coaches from 8 churches, taking part. Facilitators included, **Rev Derrick Thames** (Erskine), **Pastor Alan Baird** (Erskine), **Rev Michelle Robinson** (Parkhead) and **Pastor Michael Kane** (Carrickfergus). Rev Michelle Robinson comments, "It was a great and inspiring weekend that included worship, teaching, prayer, applied learning activities...and lots of discussion!"

END OF AN ERA

Saturday-Sunday, 19th-20th May, was a weekend of celebration and thanksgiving as the final services were held in the sanctuary of the historic **Sharpe Memorial Church, Glasgow**. Crowds of over 300 shared in the times of worship and reminiscence...as the history of the church and the faithfulness of God was remembered and traced over the past 106 years.

Many special guests and visitors came from near and far to share in the weekend, and letters and card of greetings were received from many who were unable to attend. Guests included the grandchildren of Dr George Sharpe (the founder and first pastor of the church), Dr Samuel W. Hynd CBE (Swaziland) and his sister Miss Isabel Hynd....and Dr Hynd's daughter, Dr Elizabeth Hynd (also from Swaziland), was present.

Church services are now being held temporarily in the John Wheatley College...which is about half a mile from Parkhead Cross, and in the coming days, the old church and halls will be demolished and a new purpose-built facility built on the same site.

It is the end of an era, but also the beginning of a new chapter in the life and history of the church with new opportunities for ministry and evangelism. **Rev Dr Ian G. Wills** is the senior pastor of the Parkhead church.



Special visitor - Dr Samuel W Hynd CBE sharing memories



Parkhead Young People



The Sunday morning congregation gathers outside the church



The Church Board & Ministry Team with local Member of the Scottish Parliament, John Mason (centre)



The Parkhead Choir ministers in song



Pastor Ian "closes the door"



The church meets in the John Wheatley College on Pentecost Sunday morning

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"TIME FOR REFLECTION"



Dr Ian G. Wills (Parkhead) was invited to give the "Time for Reflection" talk at the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday, 29th February. The 5-minute talk marks the commencement of the weekly sitting of the full chamber of Members of the Scottish Parliament. A reference to Dr Wills' contribution was also made in the Scotsman newspaper.

SPORTS DAY

This annual event on the North District was held in Glasgow on Saturday 26th May in glorious sunny weather. Approximately 300 attended, and the winning teams were: 1st Irvine, 2nd Perth, 3rd Parkhead. Thanks to Sports Director, **Jordan Dickson** (Irvine) and his team of helpers, and to **Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE** (Chair of SSDM, and Master of Ceremonies!).



...on your marks!

Swanwick Conference

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And Leaders
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THESSALONIANS 5:23 : RENEWAL OF BODY MIND AND SPIRIT



PALCON 2012

This United Fraternal/Conference, for PASTORS AND LEADERS (PALCON), is being held 29th October-1st November at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The Main speaker is **Chick Yuill** and others will be taking part. Information and application forms are available. Total cost: £180/£185 (room and meals)...Deposit of £75 required. Bookings to **Rev Ian Newton** (Barnsley). **BOOK NOW!**

Choir Visit



The Crusader Choir, from **Northwest Nazarene University** (Nampa, Idaho, USA) visited the British Isles last month. Under their director, Dr Barry Swanson, the choir presented programmes in Dublin (Christ Church Cathedral), in Nazarene churches, community centres and retirement homes in Ireland and England including: Greystones, Bangor, Lurgan, Carrickfergus, Bolton, Sheffield and Earls Barton and the choir also sang in York Minster. Picture: Dr Swanson and the choir in Bolton First Church of the Nazarene.

100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mrs Ella Barclay celebrated her 100th Birthday on Monday, 28th May. A longstanding member of the Port Glasgow church, Mrs Barclay has been a resident in Strathclyde House for the past few years. A special celebration was held on Saturday, 2nd June, when family members and special guests were present. Mrs Barclay's husband, Mr Robert (Bobby) Barclay, died in November 2003, age 94, after 67 years of marriage...and there are two sons, 5 grand-children and 14 great grandchildren. A daughter, Elma, died in 1967, age 23.



Mrs Ella Barclay – holding her Birthday Card from the Queen – with (l to r) Sir Brian Souter, sons, David & Jim, and Rev Beth Wills (Strathclyde House Chaplain)

Big Church Day Out



A Group of 20 from the Llay church at the Big Church Day Out

Some of our churches were represented at the Big Church Day Out, held 1st-3rd June at Wiston House, West Sussex. An annual event that attracts thousands of Christians from many denominations, the camping conditions and torrential rain did not dampen spirits as worship, fellowship, relaxation, the bands, and speakers, were enjoyed by all.

Burrows Retirement

About 100 gathered on Saturday, 25th May to mark the retirement of **Rev Clive and Grace Burrows** from the assigned ministry. A graduate of British Isles Nazarene College, and Lancaster University, **Rev Burrows** has served the church as pastor, missionary (Papua New Guinea), College Lecturer and District Superintendent, and in recent years as co-pastor of the Bolton First church. The "farewell programme" included refreshments, a "this is your life" when photos and memories were shared, and presentations to the Burrows were made.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

Individuals, families, communities...and churches...have been joining in the nation-wide celebrations to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Special meals, street parties, community celebrations have been enjoyed by many.

The Llay (N.Wales) church reports on their celebration...the Llay Luncheon Club of nearly 40, including the local councillor, met on 30th May for a "festive and patriotic party" in the church hall, which was decorated appropriately. In addition to a three course meal, an old fashioned sing-song was part of the programme. Llay pastor Rev Jen Blake, comments, "It was a wonderful celebration..."



Llay Luncheon Club celebrates in the decorated Church Hall



Volunteers Janice Margaret & Glenys in the kitchen



Clive & Grace Burrows "cutting the cake"

IMPORTANT DATES



2012

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP
(North)
30th June - 6th July

NYUK HOLIDAY (SOUTH)
23rd - 28th July
Nefyn, N. Wales

NORTHBREAK
28th July - 3rd August

BREAKTHRU'
4th August - 11th August

NORTH MINISTRIES DAY
15th September
Paisley

COLLEGE GRADUATION
20th October
General Linda Bond (SA)

DIDSBURY LECTURES
22nd - 25th October
NTC Manchester

UNITED FRATERNAL/PALCON
29th October - 1st November
Swanwick

BOARD OF COLLEGE GOVERNORS
16th - 17th November
NTC Manchester

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES
15th - 16th March - BISD
15th - 18th March - BIND

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
19th - 28th June
Indianapolis, Ind. USA

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