



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)

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Whatever it Takes

On 9 September 2012, the Carrickfergus Church held a memorial service to celebrate the life of Mrs Charlotte (Lottie) Gay, missionary to the Cape Verde Islands and a founding member of the Carrickfergus Church. The church was named in memory of her husband, Rev S. Clifford Gay. In preparation for the service I went on a walk down memory lane. There were qualities in those early pioneers that identified and shaped the church. Two choruses they sang regularly sum up those qualities:

Whatever it takes dear Lord I'm going through,
Whatever it takes dear Lord, I'll be true.
I don't need to understand,
All I ask, to hold Your hand,
Whatever it takes, whatever it takes, whatever it takes. (Unknown)

I'm going to live the way He wants me to live;
I'm going to give until there's just no more to give;
I'm going to love, love 'til there's just no more love.
For I could never, never out-love the Lord. (William J. & Gloria Gaither)

The challenge comes to Nazarenes today to be "whatever it takes" kind of people; people that live, give and love the way that Jesus did. Today, we face all kinds of thoughts and opinions, but "we need to stand for something otherwise we will fall for anything".

The following is a list of statements that I want my church to stand for and live by:

- **We are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ and will proclaim His Lordship regardless of the many influences or pressures in our world**
- **We believe that true salvation is through the blood of Jesus Christ and will boldly declare His name as the only begotten Son of God, who is the way, the truth, and the life**
- **We commit ourselves to holiness of life whereby we seek to wholeheartedly love God and each other**
- **We commit ourselves to live in the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God and for the edifying of His Church**
- **We commit ourselves to make disciples of Jesus Christ as commanded in the Great Commission**
- **We commit ourselves to care for the underprivileged and to defend the cause of the powerless and helpless in accordance with God's Word**

In all the changes that are taking place around us, these things are worth standing for. They might identify us and shape us as "whatever it takes" kind of people.

Rev. Philip McAlister, District Superintendent



north-BREAK-thru REPORTS

NORTHBREAK - over 190 attended *Northbreak* held 28th July-3rd August. This year's speakers included, Rev Philip McAlister, Dr Ian Wills, Rev Dick Porter, Rev Derrick Thames, and Melanie Ward. In addition to enjoying the facilities at Moreton Hall, trips to places of interest were a part of the daily activities. Thanks to Steve Clarkson and his committee for organising another great holiday.



Speakers and special guests at Northbreak (l.to r) back row: Rev Derrick Thames, Rev Steve Morley, Rev Dick Porter, Graham Meiklejohn (NTC); front row: Melanie Ward, Annette Morley, Ruth & Rev Philip McAlister (DS)

BREAKTHRU - 150 of all ages attended the *Breakthru* week held 4th-11th August at Moreton Hall and enjoyed the usual mix of fun, worship – and good food for the body, mind and spirit. Speakers included, Mary Wood, Rev Leslie Evans, Dr Deidre Brower Latz (NTC) and Simon Cheatle. The Birmingham Gospel Choir visited one evening, and real donkeys and a stagecoach featured at the Wild-West theme day. Thanks to all who made the holiday a success, especially the committee, Andy Evans, Sandra Lloyd, Audrey Woodhall, Paul Salmons, Rev Erica Tuxworth, Lewis Woodhall, Lorna Mead...and Rev Pete O'Brien



Breakthru Group

Inductions & Appointments

ILKESTON - Pastor George McMullan was inducted to the Ilkeston Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, 28th July. Tea was served at 4.00 pm and the service followed with Rev Peter O'Brien as preacher. Rev David Montgomery (DS) conducted the induction in a full church.



(l.to r) Rev David Montgomery, Clare & Pastor George McMullan, Nathan (left) and Jordan.

Manchester Longsight



(l.to r) Rev David Montgomery (DS), Diego Lopez, Sandy Hodnett, Rev Lynn & Rev Steve Birkinshaw

On Sunday 23rd September the Commissioning Service for the new Pastoral Team for the Longsight Church was held. Former senior pastor Dr Deirdre Brower Latz brought the message and the Act of Commissioning was led by Rev David Montgomery (DS). All four team members are bi-vocational; Rev Steve Birkinshaw (originally from Dewsbury) – minister with over-sight - works as a school teacher and chaplain, Rev Lynn McLean Birkinshaw (from Irvine) is a school teacher, Sandy Hodnett (from Newcastle, N. Ireland) has recently started work as a youth worker with N-Gage, and Diego Lopez (from Columbia & Madrid, Spain) is a youth worker for M13 and a schools worker.

Colne Closes

A Service of Thanksgiving, marking 75 years of ministry in Colne, Lancashire, was held Saturday, 11th August with just over 30 people present. Rev David Montgomery (DS) preached and former pastors, Rev G. Marshall Goff and Rev Tony Tamburello took part. Greetings were received from Rev David Trump, and memories were shared. The service concluded with the singing of "Love divine, all loves excelling", the act of decommissioning and prayer. The work in Colne was established following a Tent Campaign in 1936, led by the Pilgrim Revival Party of the Calvary Holiness Church, and some 200 attended in the early days. We thank God for those who have been a part of this work and for the witness that has been maintained across the years.

The corner property in which services have been held



Visitors were part of the congregation for the closing service

Mayoral Visit

The Mayor of Morley, **Councillor Andy Dalton**, was guest visitor at the **Ardsley** Church of the Nazarene on Sunday 26th August. He was able to meet and greet worshippers and hear about the work of the church in the community. The Mayor said that he had received a warm welcome and was encouraged to hear about the work of the church. He said that the work of all churches in the area was immense and he counted it a privilege to be able to lend his support to their endeavours.

An experienced lay preacher and secretary of the local evangelical congregational church, the Mayor is no stranger to the small fellowship of Ardsley Nazarenes, and he has often lent his support to Nazarene churches and projects in the West Yorkshire area. He took part in the morning service and delivered a sermon on the importance and impact of the power of prayer.

The Mayor made reference to the history of the church in Ardsley... it is one of only two congregations in the Greater Morley area which has been started in the last 40 years. The congregation grew out of a Sunday School outreach by members of the Morley Church of the Nazarene, and met originally in a local mill canteen, progressing to the local Labour Party Hut, before building a modern church in the early 1970s.

The Mayor commented, "Over the years Nazarene Churches have remained faithful to the gospel and have worked hard in their communities. I count it a privilege during my year of office to have been able to visit and encourage the fellowship at Ardsley. I wish them God's blessing as they seek to make the glad tidings of the gospel known."

David Lawton is the lay-leader of the Ardsley Church.



Mayor, Cllr Andy Dalton, with some of the members of the Ardsley Church

NCM HOUSE

It was in 1991 that **Billy Mitchell** had a vision for a cross-cultural 'Conflict Transformation' ministry in N. Ireland which became known as LINC (Local Initiatives for Needy Communities). For nearly two decades Billy & his wife Mena worked tirelessly in this Compassionate Ministry. Following Billy's untimely death in July 2006 the work has undergone some changes.

The building at 218 York Street, Belfast, continues to be home for faith-based and community organisations and is a hub of activity for the Kingdom. And within the last year a new committee has been meeting to redefine the work of **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM)** in Ulster and Ireland as a whole.

The Building has been renamed **NCM HOUSE**, and will be the base for NCM operations and activities. The committee is hoping to appoint a coordinator of Compassionate Ministries to initiate a new ministry to the North Belfast area and to help local congregations engage with their communities.



NCM House, 218 York Street, Belfast, with new signage



Part of the lounge/conference area that can be used for meetings

Chaplain's Retirement

A special meal and reception was held on Thursday, 6th September, in the restaurant of Strathclyde House, to mark the official retirement of **Rev Beth Wills** who has served for over 10 years as Chaplain. Those taking part included Norman McCullough (on behalf of the residents), Lady Betty Souter (representing the Strathclyde House Trust) and Rev Andrew McGurk (recently retired minister of St John's Church of Scotland, Largs, representing local clergy).



Presentations were made to Rev Beth Wills...including an iPad



Rev Beth Wills with Pastor Ann Goodwin (right) who has taken over chaplaincy duties

NEW SCHOOL OPENS

Pastor Alan Baird, youth pastor of the Erskine Church, was invited to take part in the opening ceremony of the new £31 million, Park Mains High School, Erskine, which has 1,374 pupils.

The official opening of the completely re-built school was held on Tuesday, 18th September, and Pastor Baird was invited to bring the opening dedication speech. The Erskine Church has maintained close links with Park Mains High School over the years...since the 1980s when Rev Geoff Austin was the minister. At the present time the Erskine ministry team, Rev Derrick Thames, Pastor Alan Baird, and associate Melanie Ward, serve as chaplains to 4 of the year groups – nearly 1,000 pupils.

In his dedication speech Alan declared, "May this truly be a unique arena where this generation of young people, and the generations to come, are invested in, prepared, equipped and empowered to enter the world that awaits them. ...it is my great pleasure to dedicate this building to the people...to those who are changing the world, to those who will meet the challenges of tomorrow..."

Alan comments, "It was a great honour to be involved in such an occasion and it was one that gives testimony to the years of work and investment by the church in the life of the school."

Park Mains High School. Those taking part in the Opening Ceremony, in addition to Pastor Alan Baird, included Council Leaders, The Provost, and the Head Teacher – Mr Michael Dewar



In Memoriam

Nazarene missionary **CHARLOTTE "LOTTIE" GAY** passed away 6th August in *São João da Madeira, Portugal*. She was a few weeks short of her 88th birthday.

Born in Belfast, Lottie was brought up in a strong Christian home and was the second youngest of 11 children born to Robert & Margaret Munn. Many of the family became fulltime Christian workers at home and abroad, including Lottie's sister, Jessie, who married Rev Ernest Eades and, like Lottie and her husband, served with the Church of the Nazarene in the Cape Verde Islands.

Lottie trained as a nurse (SRN) and in midwifery. In her early years of nursing she cared for many young soldiers returning from the Second World War. She also became the personal nurse to Sir James Andrews (Lord Chief Justice of N. Ireland) and, for a short time attended Field Marshall Bernard Law Montgomery...but she felt God's call to missionary service.

Lottie Munn was introduced, by Rev & Mrs Ernest Eades, to Rev Samuel Clifford Gay, a Welshman who was serving with WEC in the Cape Verde Islands. Following a brief courtship, by correspondence and a conversation in a tea room at Victoria Station (London) when Clifford proposed to Lottie, they married, and in 1955 set off together for the Cape Verde Islands to serve as missionaries. Lottie's skills as a nurse and her musical gifts as an accomplished pianist were a great asset as she tirelessly accompanied her husband on his visits to the islands.

Following the untimely death of Clifford in 1972 (age 61), after a routine operation at a London hospital, Lottie and her two young sons, Peter and Andrew, returned to N. Ireland. As a District Nurse in Belfast at the height of the troubles (Lottie was twice hijacked losing her car to terrorists) she was often escorted by the police or army to difficult places in the Ardoyne, Crumlin, or Shankill areas to visit patients. Lottie also became very involved in the new Nazarene work in Carrickfergus which was an outreach ministry of the Belfast First church under the leadership of Rev Ernest Eades and she moved from Belfast to Carrickfergus to be near the new work. From the small beginnings in the 'chicken coop' a new church was eventually established and built under the ministry of Rev John Paton and on 31st January 1981 a memorial stone was laid by Lottie and the church was dedicated to "...the memory of Rev S. Clifford Gay Missionary to the Cape Verde Islands 1936-1971."

When Lottie eventually retired from nursing she continued to be active serving the Church of the Nazarene in the Azores, and then, moving to Portugal to be nearer the family, she actively supported the local Nazarene fellowship there. Health concerns over the past couple of years eventually necessitated nursing care. The funeral, on 7th August, was held in a packed chapel and conducted by Rev Manuela Vera-Cruz, and was a time of thanksgiving and celebration of Lottie's life – remembering the ministry Clifford and Lottie gave to Christ and the Church. Lottie Gay will be remembered for; her musical gifts...accompanying congregations, training Sunday School and Adult choirs; her nursing skills and care for people; her infectious Irish smile and humour which captured many hearts; and her commitment as a missionary and a true follower of Jesus Christ.

Lottie is survived by her sons, Peter and Andrew, and her grandchildren, Michael Clifford and Peter Alexander Gay.



Rev Samuel Clifford Gay (1910-1972) was born in Risca, South Wales, and trained for the ministry at The Bible College of Wales, Swansea, under Rees Howells - the well-known teacher and prayer intercessor. Following short assignments in Africa working with WEC, he came, in 1939, to the Cape Verde and worked with Nazarene missionary, Rev Everette Howard (who had arrived in the Cape Verde in 1936) eventually becoming a Nazarene missionary himself. Rev Clifford Gay served in the Cape Verde for over 30 years until his death in 1972.

Clifford & Charlotte Gay



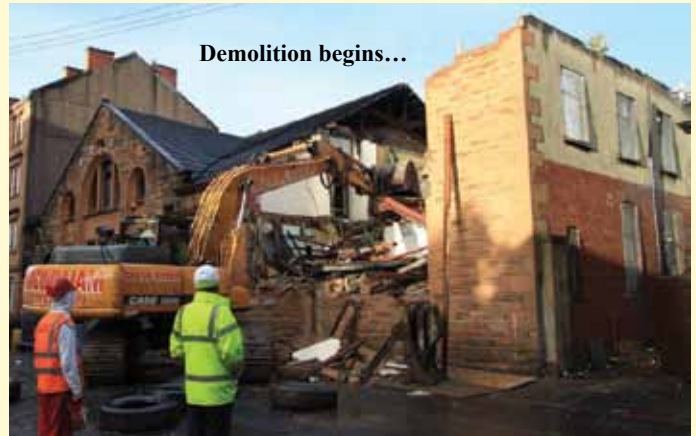
Charlotte "Lottie" Munn Gay



IRVINE HARVEST

The Irvine church celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, 23rd September. Pictured are Sunday School Children and teachers participating in the service and singing choruses, to thank God for "All good gifts around us!"

Demolition of the historic 105 year-old Parkhead church began in earnest during the week beginning 1st October. Foundation stones have been preserved, and behind one of them a "time-capsule" (glass jar) was discovered containing some minutes, a list of the original members of Rev George Sharpe's **Parkhead Pentecostal Church**, the order of service of the Foundation Stone laying ceremony, and some coins bearing the head of King Edward VII. The site has now been completely cleared so that the new church can be built.



PERTH BAPTISM

An estimated crowd of 300 filled the sanctuary of the Perth Trinity church on Sunday 9th September when 16 were baptised – 12 of these were young people. Those baptised were: Lesley Crabb, Emma McInnes, Harry Cooper, Renata Skata, Barry Underwood, Jack Swan, Jason Hewitt, Becky Ritchie, Donna Barlow, Andy Ritchie, Bobby Garforth, Ross McMillan, Matthew Gloag, Ben Clarkson, George Strachan, Joshua McCleary. Rev Jim Ritchie is the pastor of the Perth Church and is assisted by youth pastor, Chris Franklin – who leads the 40-strong youth group.



The town of Wicklow where Rev Steve & Annette Morley are working.

MISSION: Ireland

Rev Steve Morley reports from Co Wicklow, Ireland on a "Toy Story". "In the film *'Toy Story'* the toys come alive and you might say, "there's a miracle". In Wicklow, Ireland, we too have seen an answer to prayer; we have received over €500 (£400) worth of toys, free. The Lisburn Church has generously given Mission: Ireland toys to use in the development of our ministry to children and families, and we are planning to start a Parent & Toddler Group here in Wicklow.

"We have been praying about the needs associated with ministry development, and God's answer is now all about us...there are toys everywhere! It is so exciting to see the way God provides. 'Thank you Rev Albert Griffith and Lisburn Nazarenes!'"

"As you think of us here in Ireland, please pray for us – for ministry development and for opportunities to share Jesus in the community. These are exciting days...the fields are certainly ripe for harvest."



HOUSTON

Focus on Youth

Two special Sundays were held in the Houston Church – 19th August, and 26th August. On the first Sunday 8 young people were baptised...a week later 9 young people were received into the membership of the church by Profession of Faith.



Baptism Candidates: Back row (l.to r) Andrew Scott, Stephen Hedges, Lucy Jowett, Jennifer Scott, Jessica Canning. Front row... Nicholas Barclay, Nathaniel Jowett, Billy Hedges. Officiating in the baptisms were Houston pastor, Rev Benito Coetzee, assisted by Rev Derrick Thames (Erskine)



New Members, (l.to r) Nicholas Barclay, Andrew Scott, Jessica Canning, Lucy Jowett, Jennifer Scott, Abigail McVey, Jane Shepherd, Keziah Coetzee (not pictured: Stephen Hedges)

Diamond Jubilee

Rev Ian Newton, reports on a Queen's Diamond Jubilee service held on Sunday, 3rd June, in the Barnsley Church. The service, in which the Mayor took part, was followed by a buffet lunch. As part of the celebrations a 'Certificate of Appreciation' was presented to Ken & Marjorie Sowerby in recognition of many years of faithful and dedicated service to the church. (Marjorie is a Church Trustee, and Ken undertakes steward's duties...the Sowerbys are the grandparents of Rev Michelle Robinson – Manchester). The certificate was presented by the Mayor on behalf of the church.

Barnsley Mayor, Cllr Dorothy Higginbottom, and members and friends of the Barnsley church on Diamond Jubilee Sunday



LLAY WELCOMES New Members

Llay Community Church welcomed 6 new members by Profession of Faith on Sunday, 22nd July. The church service was followed by a fellowship "bring and share" lunch. Pictured back row (l.to r) Les Leaver, Rev Jen Blake, Gemma Colclough, Glenys Hughes, Ady Colclough, (front row) Pastor Jonny Blake, Bronwen Loftus, Margaret Jones.



EURASIA/INDIA

Four delegates represented the British Isles at the Eurasia Nazarene Youth Congress held 31st July-5th August in Chennai, India. Speakers included, Gary Hartke (Global NYI Director), Klaus Arnold (Rector EuNC), Suneil Danage (India Field Co-ordinator), Sabine Weilk (Eurasia NYI Co-ordinator). Over 200 delegates from 19 different countries united under the theme, "Called to be like Christ: loving others in our world."

In addition to worship and seminars, where stories of injustices many experienced in their countries were told, delegates were able to visit a Hindu temple, and the tomb of St Thomas and St Thomas Mount.



Representatives at the Eurasia NYC India (l.to r) Tim Evans (formerly Greystones, now pastoring in Jerusalem), Steve Taylor (Bolton First), Louise Kenyon (Manchester & NTC), Michelle Robinson (Manchester)

MISSIONS & OUTINGS



CRAMLINGTON – a District NYI Mission was held 20th-27th July in Cramlington with a Team of young people led by Pastor Rob Fitzjohn (Cramlington), Pastor Zoe Robinson (Irvine) and Sammy Robinson (Larne, N. Ireland). The programme included games, a sponsored walk, working at a local community centre, and a youth café held each evening.



Mission Team and Cramlington Youth: Pastor Rob Fitzjohn is kneeling centre/front, Cramlington pastor, Rev Steve Chism, is standing at the left of the group

IRVINE – the Irvine church Summer Mission was held 16th-27th July. Between 30-50 children attended the kids club held each morning for songs and bible stories, each afternoon practical activities in the community were arranged depending on the weather, and evening activities were planned and worship times held. Local NYI President, Callum Dunlop, thanks everyone who was involved, and speakers, Pastor Shelley Kenny (Parkhead) and NTC Student, Ben Goodwin. Rev Des Robinson is the pastor of the Irvine church.



'Kids club' listen to a Bible Story

The Praise Band leads the evening worship



BARNESLEY – held 13th-16th August, over 40 children attended the Barnesley Children's Holiday Club which used the Scripture Union "On Your Marks!" material. The programme consisted of games, crafts, DVDs, stories, which all sought to encourage the children in their faith. Earlier in the Summer, on 27th July, a family trip to the sea-side (Filey) was organised and nearly 50 enjoyed the day out. Rev Ian Newton is the pastor of the Barnesley church.



Trip to Filey on a beautiful day

BULGARIA – a team of 8 travelled to Bulgaria 13th-27th July for this European NYI North District Mission. Held in the village of Vidrare, the team shared in a children's and youth camp (the programme included bible stories, songs and games), and made visits to a local orphanage for games and crafts and visited orphans who were bed bound. The team was also able to visit the capital city of Sofia, and the Manaselska Reka mountainous region.

Bulgaria Mission Team (l.to r): Ruth Lloyd (Parkhead), Andrew Scott (Houston), Steven Purdy (Bethany), Martyn Johnston (Megain Memorial), Jess Canning (Houston), Tomas Canning (Houston), Jenn Scott (Houston), Jess Hutt (Parkhead).



LISBURN – 12 students from Asbury University, Kentucky, USA, together with team leaders, James & Rachel Ballard (New Hope International Ministries) visited the Lisburn church, 28th May- 4th June. Pastor Zoe Robinson (Irvine) and Deborah Griffith (Lisburn) joined the team, and a VBS week was held which included a Youth Sports Night, Door to Door outreach, and participation in Sunday services. A highlight for the visitors was a trip to the "North Coast", visiting the Giant's Causeway and The Rope Bridge. Rev Albert Griffith is the pastor of the Lisburn church.



Asbury University students with Lisburn Nazarenes on the North Coast, Co Antrim

LLAY – over 30 children enjoyed an Olympic themed Messy Church at Llay Community church in June. A small team from Ontario Church of the Nazarene, Oregon, USA, visited the church as a Work & Witness group, working in the church and community (the team created a Prayer Room), and then they were joined by the others in their group (who had been working at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester), to assist in 'messy church'.



Team from Ontario, Oregon, with members of the Llay church

DROMORE – Over 60 were involved in the Dromore (N.I.) Holiday Bible Club which was held 27th-31st August. This year's theme was "Sonlight Express" and the boys and girls experienced a 'journey' on a "Nazarene Express" train to learn about the relationship God wants to have with each one of us. The focus on "Jesus and Me" was presented on each of the five evenings under the themes, Jesus Saves, Jesus Leads, Jesus Cares, Jesus Loves, Jesus Returns. During the course of the week each child was presented with a Bible. Rev Noel Somerville is the pastor of the Dromore church.



Boys & girls at the Dromore Holiday Bible Club

Oldham 80th Anniversary

The Oldham Church celebrated its 80th Anniversary over the weekend 18th-19th August. A buffet tea was held on the Saturday with photographs and power-point recalling former days, and friends from the Ashton Church were invited to share in the services. The Oldham pastor, Pastor Andrew Robinson, was the preacher.

It was in the Summer of 1932 that the 'trekkers' of the International Holiness Mission (IHM) conducted a "Revival and Healing" tent campaign on ground at the top of West Street. Led by Rev Maynard G. James, a band of sanctified, Spirit-filled men, answered the call to "put in your sickles and reap for Me an abundant harvest..." Thousands flocked to the tent in those early days and many hundreds were saved... it was not unusual for 50 or 60 people to respond to the invitation and to remain after the service for prayer.

At the close of the Tent Campaign a vacant hall, above Roses drapers shop, on Manchester Street, was obtained and some 700 believers joined together to continue the work. The programme of the "Manchester Street Holiness Tabernacle" was characterised by preaching, prayer, testimony and holiness meetings as well as open airs, marches of witness with placards, and 'bible waving'.

In 1935 the Oldham fellowship became part of the Calvary Holiness Church (CHC) which had been founded by IHM ministers, Rev Maynard G. James, Rev Jack Ford, Rev Leonard Ravenhill and Rev Clifford Filer... it was in 1935 that the first issue of The Flame magazine was produced. And Oldham became an important centre for the work of the CHC where rallies and conventions were held.

It was in 1951 that the lease for the rooms over Roses expired and the church needed a building. Providentially the former Methodist Chapel on York Street became available for purchase and funds were miraculously found to make the purchase. In the 1950s the Oldham church became part of the Church of the Nazarene when the unions took place with IHM churches (in 1952) and CHC churches (in 1955).

Many changes have taken place across the years, and the community around the church is very different to what it was in the 1930s. But the message is unchanged, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" - and the work goes on.



Inside the tent in 1932



80th Anniversary Service with Pastor Andrew Robinson in pulpit



The building at York Street



The "flame-emblem" of the Calvary Holiness Church

COLLEGES CO-LABOURING FOR CHRIST

The leaders of *NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (NTC Manchester)* and *EUROPEAN NAZARENE COLLEGE (EuNC Switzerland)* have met over several months to explore ways of developing higher education in mutual cooperation and support in the European region.

A number of areas have been identified where each institution can continue to develop while sharing together in joint developments. As a result of these recent conversations the following have been agreed.

► to **collaborate** in the delivery of the certificate in Spiritual Formation offered through the establishment of a joint EuNC/NTC Learning Centre in the UK. This will be for those in the first stages of studying for ordination

► to **agree** with the transfer of academic credit between both institutions.

► to **encourage** European Nazarenes – lay and clergy - to continue to engage in life-long learning through courses offered through home-study, district learning centres. And for those wishing to study in a residential community and to degree/post-graduate level, for NTC to be recommended as an institution of choice.

► for **faculty members** of both institutions to engage in personal development and for faculty exchanges, discussions and collaborations to take place.

► to **share resources** – libraries, people, I.T., and a vision for the future.

Those involved in *NTC* and *EuNC* are "...excited by these new days in our lives and institutions and we are profoundly grateful to be a part of an international church, and a region, where education is valued highly and fruitful service in the mission of God is seen to be a shared responsibility."

(A fuller version of this statement is available)



EuNC Rector – Rev Klaus Arnold



NTC Principal – Dr Deirdre Brower Latz



LISBURN'S 12th JULY

Pictured are some of the 50 guests who enjoyed the cooking of Rev Albert Griffith on 12th July – which is a significant date in N. Ireland's history and culture. This 'special meal' has become an annual event in the Lisburn church when the pastor cooks a 3-course meal and the church hall is decorated to suit the occasion. All donations from the event go to the church building fund.

SUMMER CAMP

20 children and 10 adults from 5 churches (Llay, Ashton, London, Carlisle Raffles & Belle Vue) attended the South District Summer Camp, held, 7th-10th August in the Peak District (Hope Valley, Edale). The week was filled with outdoor activities with a 'cowboy-western' theme, but also, and more importantly, worshipping and learning more about Jesus.



Campers in the 'brilliant' location in the Peak District

YOUTH HOLIDAY

Over 40 young people attended the South District NYUK holiday, 23rd-28th July, held in Nefyn, N. Wales. This years theme was "Where's Wally!" and this was linked to the spiritual programme which looked at 'identity' – who we are, who God is, and what this means for us in our personal lives. A number of speakers participated in the week's programme and opportunity was given for young people to use and develop their own gifts. The social/activity programme included trips, high ropes, horse riding, 'volcano building', beach games... NYI District President, Jenny Robertson, comments, "...the Spirit of God was with us throughout everything; an amazing time was had by all. God did an amazing work at Nefyn and the young people loved every minute..."



Youth Holiday Group at Nefyn

Wembley Event

A group of 44 from the Llay and Pen-y-Cae churches travelled to Wembley, London, on Saturday, 29th September, to share with 32,000 Christians for the **National Day of Prayer & Worship** (NDOP). Rev David & Pauline Evans (Desertmartin – originally from Wales) were also present. Speakers included NDOP Convenor, Jonathan Oleyede, who challenged everyone to reach the children of the world with the Gospel through the Samaritan's Purse organisation. Rev Jen Blake (Llay) reports, "...it was a fantastic although tiring day..."

The Llay/Pen-y-Cae group at Wembley



LLAY Baptism



Jade Williams (left) was baptised in a moving service in the Llay church on Sunday morning, 30th September. Pictured with Jade (who celebrated her 18th birthday the day before) is Amy Picken (centre) – Jade's friend who assisted in the baptism – and Llay pastor, Rev Jen Blake.

Paralympics Success

CONGRATULATIONS to the 3 students from **Korea Nazarene University** who won gold medals at the recent London Paralympics. Lim Woo-keun won the 100-meter breaststroke, Min Byung-un won the 100-meter backstroke, and Choi Ye-jin won in the Boccia. Min Gyoo Shin, President of Korea Nazarene University, commented, "They deserve to receive many compliments...I am very proud of them and bless them in the Name of Jesus Christ."

As Scotland (Glasgow) gets ready for the 2014 Commonwealth Games a committee, "**More Than Gold 2014**" representing churches and para-church organisations in Scotland, has been formed, to "...**mobilise the church to serve their communities, the City of Glasgow and the Commonwealth Games.**" Dr Ian G. Wills (Parkhead) represents the Church of the Nazarene on the Executive Committee.



Min Byung-un, one of the 3 Gold Medal Winners

IMPORTANT DATES



2012

NTC HOUSE PARTY
9th-11th November (BISD)

BOARD OF COLLEGE GOVERNORS
16th-17th November

NTC OPEN DAY
20th November

NYUK CHRISTMAS PARTY
15th December (BISD)
Dewsbury

NTC OPEN DAY
5th March

NTC PUBLIC LECTURES
5th, 12th, 19th March

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

DRYSDALE LECTURE (NTC)
9th April

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
20th April
Irvine

NTC PUBLIC LECTURES
16th, 23rd, 30th April

PASTORS' SUMMER SCHOOL (NTC)
28th-30th May

ONE-DAY THEOLOGY CONFERENCE (NTC)
15th June

MWRC ANNUAL LECTURE
(Manchester Wesley Research Centre)
18th June

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

BREAKTHRU
17th-24th August
Condoval Hall, Shrewsbury

2013

'SIMPLY CHURCH' CONFERENCE
19th January
Erskine

LADIES RETREAT
18th-20th January
Swanwick (BISD)

PRAYER CONFERENCE
4th-5th February
Irvine (BIND)

NTC PUBLIC LECTURES
5th, 12th, 19th February

LEADERSHIP WEEKEND
8th-10th February
NYUK (BISD)

BOARD OF COLLEGE GOVERNORS
1st-2nd March

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