

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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UK Delegates (l. to r) Richard Wood, Rev Jim Ritchie, David Day, Rev David Montgomery

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

“ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE, ONE LORD, ONE FAITH”

Delegates and visitors from the UK joined with thousands from the global church in Indianapolis, USA, 21st-30th June, for the 29th General Assembly and Conventions. In addition to conventions, workshops, exhibitions, and nightly worship-preaching celebrations, over 1000 delegates transacted the business of the assembly. Presenting the Quadrennial Address (which is available on-line www.nazarene.org) General Superintendent Dr David A Busic spoke of the denomination's ministry in Six Regions, representing 162 nations, 165 primary languages and with 2.5 million members. Following the retirement of Dr Jerry D Porter and Dr J K Warrick, two new General Superintendents were elected. Dr Filimão Chambo is the first black African to be elected a General Superintendent; he is fluent in Portuguese, English and a number of African languages, and holds a PhD degree from the University of Johannesburg; Dr Carla Sunberg is the second woman to be elected a General Superintendent (she is the daughter of General Superintendent Emeritus Dr Jerald D & Alice Johnson); she is fluent in English, German & Russian, and holds a PhD degree from the University of Manchester.



Dr. Filimão M. Chambo (l), Dr Carla D Sunberg
General Superintendents

Congratulations to those from the UK who were elected to positions on global boards and committees: Rev David Montgomery & David Day (General Board), Dr Philip Weatherill (re-elected NMI General President), Cathy Tarrant (re-elected to the General NMI Council).



Board of General Superintendents (l.to r) Dr. Eugénio R. Duarte, Dr. David W. Graves, Dr. David A. Busic, Gustavo A. Crocker, Dr. Filimão Chambo, Dr. Carla Sunberg

Commenting on the fact that although the church is growing in many parts of the world growth has levelled off and there has even been numerical decline in the West and in Europe, Rev Jim Ritchie (North District Superintendent, who was attending his first Nazarene General Assembly) said, "...I was encouraged by the growth of the church around the world whilst at the same time challenged by the decline, or at best status quo, amongst the Church in N. Europe...growth and new church plants [must] be a priority. I have no doubt that God is calling us to this and therefore we must respond to that call....we have a big task on our hands, but thankfully our God is able."

INDUCTIONS

REV CHUNG

Rev Jinsub Chung was inducted to the Weston-super-Mare church on Saturday, 5th August. A graduate of Korean Nazarene University, Cheonan, South Korea, and formerly an ordained minister with the Presbyterian Church of Korea, Rev Chung's credentials were recognised at the 2017 District Assembly. The induction was conducted by Rev David Montgomery (DS) and Rev José Correia (Birmingham Zion) was the preacher.



(l.to r) Rev David Montgomery (DS), Rev Jinsub Chung, Youngsun Chong

PASTOR ROB & PASTOR BEV

Pastor Rob & Pastor Bev Fitzjohn were inducted to the Cramlington church on Saturday 19th August. The Fitzjohns return to Cramlington (where they served as lay members) following a 3 1/2 year ministry in the Govan (Glasgow) church. Rev Jim Ritchie (DS) preached and conducted the induction, Rev Adele Moorhouse (local Methodist minister) brought greetings and Nazarene ministers taking part included, Rev Tommy Goodwin MBE, Rev Nathan Payne and Pastor Sammy Robinson. Martin Spence of the Cramlington church, welcomed the new pastors.



Cramlington Ministry Team (l.to r) Helen & Pastor Stuart McPhail, Pastor Bev & Pastor Rob Fitzjohn

NEWSROUND

NORTHBREAK

An estimated 300 of all ages attended Northbreak, 29th July-4th August. Held again at the Lancaster Royal Grammar School, the North-



break Team was led by Rev Michael Kane. Morning gatherings and evening celebrations were held in a large marquee and good use was made of the 'Hub' area and the dining hall. Speakers included, Dr Kent Brower (NTC), Rev Ruth Turner (Millbrook), and Anthony Delaney (lead pastor of Ivy Church Manchester) visited for a couple of days. The holiday was characterised by fellowship, friendships made and renewed, trips and experiences, and much blessing. The Northbreak team are planning on a new venue for 2018...watch this space!



Northbreak Leadership Team

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YOUTH WEEK (South District) – was held at the Bible Centre, near Erskine (Scotland). 21st-27th August, with approximately 85 young people from 11 churches (Manchester Longsight & Didsbury, Fresh Ground London, Bristol, Bolton, Ashton, Leeds, Sheffield and Watford Balmoral Road & Woodside). The theme, "Pirates" resulted in a pirate-themed banquet, 'piratey' games, and a pirate themed meeting each morning. Local Erskine pastor, Rev Derrick Thames, was the main speaker with Rev Alan Baird and Amy Warner (Erskine Youth Pastor) taking part. Nearly 30 young people from Scottish churches joined in the activities on the Saturday for games, a bonfire and a worship service. Tom Salmons (Sheffield) comments, "...we had a really blessed week...many people made new or renewed commitments to Christ..." and Rev Michelle Sowerby (London) added, "...youth camp was an excellent combination of the social and spiritual...we had some powerful and encouraging times of worship where many...went deeper in their relationship with God."

Next year's camp will be in Matlock, 4th-10th August 2018...so save the date!



BREAKTHRU'

Breakthru' was held 13th-20th August at Ellesmere College, Shropshire, with 210 attending. The main speaker was Rev Stéphane Tibi (Regional Education Coordinator) who spoke on deepening our intimacy with God-the art of discipleship. He and his wife, Sandra, spoke and prayed with many people during the course of the week. Other speakers included, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz (NTC), Rev David Montgomery (DS) and Rev Pete O'Brien (Holiday Director), and daily 5-minute presentations on the theme of slavery were brought by Dr Joseph Wood (NTC). Between 25-30 pastors met on the final weekend for a get-together at which Rev Tibi spoke. In addition to the seminars and times of worship, the programme included trips, a murder mystery, water games, swimming, large screen movies, crazy golf...and a banquet.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPS

NORTH DISTRICT Over 50 campers and about 20 leaders attended the camp held 7th-12th August at the Auchengillan Outdoor Centre (N W Glasgow). Based on the theme "heroes", the campers explored the characteristics of being heroes in God's eyes, and in our generation. The programme included on-site activities ranging from kayaking to archery, and a highlight of the week was a trip to the Sea Life Centre, Loch Lomond. Rev Nathan Payne (Camp Director and Chair of the SSDM Board) reports, "...there were 15 campers who made a decision to follow Jesus – many for the first time....this was our last year at Auchengillan, for now, at least...we will be moving to a new venue next year, so stay tuned for more information."



SOUTH DISTRICT Camp was held at Alton Castle (Staffordshire), 31st July– 3rd August, with 32 children and 13 teen/adult workers representing 7 churches. The theme was "Deep Sea Adventure - Exploring the Depth of Jesus' Love". The programme included morning and evening times of worship (called "Dive Zones" which included crafts, Bible story and games) sessions with "Dude & Bro", evening cinema with popcorn and ice lollies, good food and afternoons full of fun and games. At the Tuesday evening service an invitation was given and 47% of the group (including one leader) stayed to pray to ask Jesus to be a part of their life. Camp director, Rev Sarah Lowenberg (Watford) commented, "...what a wonderful return of investment!"



NEW APPOINTMENT



Rev Michael & Debbie Kane

CHAPLAIN & WARDEN. Following a 6-year ministry assignment in the Carrickfergus Church of the Nazarene, Rev Michael & Debbie Kane – and their son Mikey – have moved to Manchester to become College Chaplain and Campus Warden respectively with effect 1st September. Both come from the East End of Glasgow, and were former members of the Parkhead church. Michael

testifies to having been saved from a destructive life of drugs and alcohol in his early twenties, and after graduating with a BSc degree in Sports Science from Glasgow University, obtained the MA from NTC (Manchester). He was ordained in 2015 and has a passion for learning and engages easily with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Debbie found Christ as a young person and desires to help others find Jesus and has had a special ministry with children.

ASSESSMENT CENTRE



Pictured above are the eight candidates and their assessors from the Ministry Assessment Centre held at NTC, 7th - 9th September

COFFEE MORNINGS

The College thanks all the churches that have responded to this Fund Raising Appeal. Promoted by the Fund Raising Committee of the College, a number of churches have supported and held coffee mornings and cream teas including, Largs (£500 raised), Parkhead (over £1000 raised), and a 'cream tea' held at the North District Northbreak holiday raised £442.



Parkhead Coffee Morning



Largs Coffee Morning

LEADERS RETREAT

Members of the senior leadership team of the College held the annual away-day retreat in July at the Westwood Christian Centre, near Huddersfield. In addition to Dr Deirdre Brower Latz (Principal), Dr Kent Brower (Vice-Principal) and the academic deans, Dr Peter Rae and Rev Louise Kenyon, others attending were Debi Green, Lee Cook and Chris Cherrill.



(l.to r) Dr Peter Rae, Rev Louise Kenyon, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz, Debi Green, Chris Cherrill, Dr Kent Brower, Lee Cook

College Principal, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz, reports, "...we prayed, talked, shared and dreamed about the present and future configuration of the college – which includes, the property, programmes, finances, funding, faculty and the process of equipping women and men to serve the church. Some of the key issues discussed were, how we develop our spiritual life, our ways of communicating who we are, the wider programme needs, and the renewal of faculty...it was a really fruitful time."

NEW APPOINTMENT

MARKETING & FUND RAISING COORDINATOR. Chris Cherrill has joined the College team and been appointed to this position. Chris grew up in S W England near Bristol and has worked with vulnerable adults and in an inner city drop-in centre for some 10 years. He first came to know Jesus through a long period of ill health. Recently he has developed a passion for studying the Word of God and loves exploring the scriptures to find new things about the Kingdom of God. Chris is married to Li-Jen who is working in the Finance Department at the College. Li-Jen comes originally from Taiwan and has a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Hawaii. Li-Jen is really excited to be given this opportunity to work in a higher education environment.



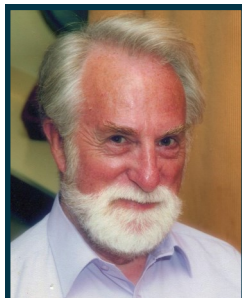
Chris & Li-jen Cherrill

BECOMING MORE ACCESSIBLE

Beginning in September the College MA has become approved for student loan finance. Students can borrow up to £10,000, half of which is for tuition and living expenses. In England and Wales funding can be for full-time or part-time study; in Scotland funding is only for full-time study. Decisions are awaited for N. Ireland. Graduates from NTC or from the former ICC (International Christian College) from the last five years are eligible for a 20% bursary on MA or PhD fees. And if you are a Nazarene Minister you can apply for a further 17.5% (and discounts are available for members of Nazarene churches too).

NTC is planning to offer a pathway in Practical and Pastoral Theology from 2018. Currently awaiting validation, this pathway will include unit options in Theological Reflection, Contemporary and Contextual Spirituality, Personhood and Prayer, Ability and Disability, and in Spiritual Maturity and Aging.

IN MEMORIAM



Rev Bill Townsend

Rev Bill Townsend passed away after a lengthy illness 31st May, he was 77. Originally from Glasgow, and a member of the Parkhead YP, he was greatly influenced by the ministry of Rev Sydney Martin. Responding to a call to

ministry, Bill enrolled at British Isles Nazarene College, Manchester, but as a result of family responsibilities ministry opportunities were postponed. Bill studied at the Didsbury Teacher Training College and became a school teacher for some 9 years. In 1975 Bill and Pam Dawson were married in the Fenton Church, and in 1981 they entered the pastoral ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. Assignments followed in St Helens, Ardrossan, Sunderland and Grimsby over a 24-year period. Bill also obtained the MA degree from Nazarene Theological College.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Bill Townsend was held 12th June in the Grimsby Trinity church led by the Rev Colin H. Wood with Dr Kent E Brower and Rev John Paton taking part. Pam Townsend, who as wife and nurse had shown devoted care for Bill over the months of his illness, brought a moving family tribute. We thank God for Rev Bill Townsend who maintained a resolute and determined trust in God and exemplified an unwavering faith in Christ as his Lord and Saviour throughout his illness as he had done throughout his life and ministry.

SWAZILAND MEMORIALS

A number of pioneer Nazarene missionaries are buried in the small cemetery located on the Manzini Mission Station, Swaziland. Following the home-call of Dr Samuel W Hynd CBE last year - Dr Hynd died 18th August 2016 aged 91 - a new head-stone has been erected. Pictured below are the graves of (to the left) Dr Samuel W Hynd which is next to the grave of his first wife, Rosemarie, who died tragically 1st January 1975.



AFRICA MEMORIES



Nazarene Missionary to S. Africa & Mozambique, Heather Howie (now retired) and her late husband, Rev Frank Howie, remember Dr Filimão Chambo when he was a teenager, and knew his parents...who were both ordained ministers in the Church of the Nazarene in Mozambique. (Filimão's parents - Rev Manuel & Rev Bessie Tshambe - are pictured attending a 1988 District Assembly in Central Nazarene Church Maputo, Mozambique).

NYI MISSION TEAM

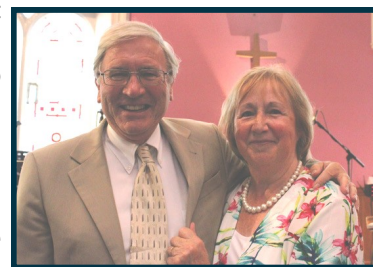
Thirty-one young people from 7 churches - Ardrossan, Cramlington, Dunfermline, Erskine, Paisley, Parkhead and Perth - spent 10-days (14th-23rd July) on mission in Desertmartin, N. Ireland. Young people from the Desertmartin church supplemented the team, and some YP from Carrickfergus made visits. The leadership team was made up of, Sammy Robinson, Paula Benbow, James Clarkson, Amy Swan, Lauren McGillivray and Ryan Smith. The Mission had a three-fold focus, involvement in the Holiday Bible Club (which reached 37 young people), community activity (litter picks, fence painting and community contact), and youth engagement. Devotional and teaching sessions were shared by Pastor Sammy Robinson (team leader) and Pastor Gary Law (pastor of the Desertmartin church), with Ryan Smith taking part.

Pastor Sammy Robinson reports, "God was so kind to us...the team had an incredible time serving Him and God made Himself very real to each of us during the devotional times. God answered our prayers and we were able to build on the fantastic work being carried out by Pastor Gary Law and the local congregation. We hope and pray that seeds have been planted and will continue to sprout and that God will continue the good work He has started..."



INDIA ASSIGNMENT

George & Helen Williamson (Perth) left in early August for a 4-5 week visit to the Nazarene "Reynolds Memorial Hospital", in Washim, Maharashtra, India. George, who has already made one visit to the hospital, will be involved in management and administrative support, and personnel development in the hospital and following this visit may be making subsequent visits. The hospital was founded by Dr Orpha Speicher in 1938; Scottish Nazarene missionary-nurse, Agnes Willox (Parkhead) served in the hospital for some 12 years alongside Dr Speicher in the 1940-1950s.



LLAY BAPTISM

In addition to celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, 4th June, the Llay church in Wales shared in an extra blessing when two were baptised and gave public witness to their faith in Jesus Christ. This was a particular encouragement to the pastor, David Gilmour, who was inducted to the Llay church a month earlier.



(l to r) Helen Fernée, Pastor David Gilmour, Fiona Roberts

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