

# 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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## DARE TO DREAM - IMAGINATION UNLEASHED DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES



17th-19th March 2017  
Paisley, Scotland

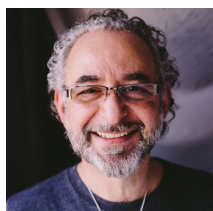
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### SPEAKERS

**Alan Hirsch**



**Keynote speaker**  
Australian missiologist,  
author, professor,  
conference speaker  
and founder of Forge  
Mission Training  
Network.

**Helen Brough**



**Director of Forge  
Scotland** and is based  
in Dundee where she is  
developing Lattice - a  
missional networked  
community discipling  
women on the margins.

**Andrew Vertigan**



**Andrew** has been  
involved in planting  
churches for 25 years  
and is the Salvation  
Army's National  
Mission Enabler for  
Fresh Expressions.

**Diane McWilliam**

**Diane** is based in  
Glasgow and was  
originally a community  
worker for her local  
church. She is the  
Scotland Development  
Manager with ROC  
(Redeeming Our Communities).



**John & Olive Drane**



**John and Olive** are based in Glasgow and are  
both Fellows of St John's College, Durham.  
John is a trustee and co-chair of the Church of  
England Mission Theology Advisory Group,  
and Olive has been lead researcher for a major  
report on fresh expressions of church in Scotland.



**Shirley Berry**



**Shirley** works as  
Group Head for  
Community Support  
and Development  
within Bethany Trust.  
She has over 15 years  
experience working  
in community settings

and is a Board Member of a number of  
charities and Christian organisations.

### GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

**Dr Gustavo A. Crocker**, who will be with us for our District Assemblies, comes originally from Guatemala, Dr Crocker has served as Director of Field Management for Compassion International and as a senior vice-president with World Relief, as well as serving with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. For 9 years he was Eurasia Regional Director, and in 2013 was elected one of the 6 General Superintendents of the International Church of the Nazarene.



### PROGRAMME SUMMARY

#### Friday 17th March

09:00-12:00

North District Assembly (St Matthews Church)  
South District Assembly (Elim Christian

Fellowship)

14:00-17:30

D2D Session 1

19:00-20:30

D2D Session 2

20:30

NYUK Event

#### Saturday 18th March

08:00-09:00

Prayer Breakfast

09:00-13:00

D2D Session 3 & Groups

14:00-17:30

D2D Session 4 & Prayer

19:30-21:30

D2D Session 5 & Worship

21:30

NTC Supper

#### Sunday 19th March

09:00-10:00

D2D Session 6

10:30-12:30

Ordination Service

13:30-14:00

North District NMI Lunch

14:00-17:00

North District NMI Convention

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Following discussions by the North District Advisory Council and with the approval of the Board of General Superintendents, Rev Jim Ritchie, senior pastor of the Perth Trinity Church, was appointed District Superintendent of the North District with effect 1st December 2016 by Dr Gustavo A. Crocker (General Superintendent). The vacancy was created by the resignation of Rev Philip McAlister, who served for the past 5 years.



*Rev Jim & Maggie Ritchie*

A graduate of the Bible Training Institute (Glasgow) and of Edinburgh University (New College) with BD & MTh degrees, Rev Ritchie has had, for over 30 years, considerable experience in ministry as a Youth Pastor, full-time Christian musician, pastor in Canada and Scotland, Church of Scotland minister, and for a time as Director of the Scotland Trust.

Although Jim only came to the Church of the Nazarene 5 years ago, he says that "...I have never felt more at home and complete in my calling." At the 2013 District Assembly Jim's ordination credentials were received by Dr Jerry D. Porter (General Superintendent). Jim is married to Maggie and they have 5 adult children. Jim will continue to give leadership in Perth, in addition to his district responsibilities. Let us remember Jim & Maggie in our prayers as they enter this new chapter of ministry and responsibility.

## AWARDS



*Liz Robinson BEM*

Congratulations to Elizabeth 'Liz' Robinson who has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year's Honours. The citation reads, "Bereavement Manager, Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. For Services to Healthcare". For over 8 years Liz was the Bereavement Manager at the hospital in

Crewe which involved serving in an education and teaching role, liaising with bereaved families, managing a Chaplaincy Team and working with professionals such as medical staff, undertakers, coroners, and local church leaders. Liz is a former student of our College and is the wife of Rev Andrew Robinson (Oldham).

Following the report on the Barlinnie Prison (Glasgow) Bible Class in 'TOGETHER No 26', George D. Fotheringham (Parkhead) was presented with the 'Gordon Haxton Award' at a ceremony held at the Prison on Wednesday 22nd November 2016. The inscribed award reads, 'HMP Barlinnie, Gordon Haxton Award, Presented to George Fotheringham, Barlinnie Bible Class, "For his outstanding contribution and commitment following 46 years Voluntary Service"'. (The presentation was made on exactly the 2nd anniversary of the death of George's wife, Edith).



*George Fotheringham receives the award from the Prison Governor, Jacqueline Clinton*

## IN MEMORIAM



*Rev Raymond Spence*

Rev Raymond Spence was called home late on Sunday, 22nd January. He was 88. Originally from Hartlepool, Raymond Spence trained for the ministry at Beech Lawn Bible College. In the early 1950s Pastor Spence and Rev John Crouch conducted a campaign in Ballymacarrett, Belfast, and Raymond became the first pastor of the new church in 1951. He became engaged to Phyllis McClelland of Belfast and Dr George Frame conducted the wedding in 1954. Ordained in 1955 by Dr Samuel Young (General Superintendent) other ministry assignments followed including, Barlanark (Glasgow), Carlisle, Sheffield, Bournemouth, and Bolton First. For 12 years the Spences' pastored churches in Canada (Niagara, Ontario, and Trenton, Nova Scotia). Retiring to Lurgan, N. Ireland Rev Spence was involved in and supported the work of the church at Lurgan and on the Ulster Zone for these past 20 years. Rev Spence was in the full time ministry for some 45 years. Nearly 200 attended the Service of Thanksgiving held on Saturday, 28th January, in the Lurgan Church, conducted by Pastor Jim Fugard, at which many tributes were brought, including family tributes from son Ken, and son-in-law Rev Ian Fitzpatrick (DS of Canada Central). We remember Phyllis Spence and the family...one son and four daughters...in these days.



*Jeanne McGonigle*

Jeanne McGonigle passed away Sunday morning, 5th February, after a lengthy illness. Jeanne met Pastor Herbert McGonigle in London and they were married in 1961, and for 55 years she has been a support and encouragement as a pastor's wife in Walthamstow (London), Uddingston, and Leeds (Dewsbury Road), and as part of the family of Nazarene Theological College during the nearly 40 years, Dr McGonigle has been tutor, College Principal, and Principal Emeritus. Following interment, a

Service of Thanksgiving for Jeanne McGonigle's life and testimony was planned for Friday, 17th February, at the MacLagan Chapel at Nazarene Theological College. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr McGonigle, the sons, and their families, in these days.

## NCM HOUSE MINISTRY



*Isabel Hamill*

Faced with the need to address Mental Health and Suicide issues in the community and recognising the lack of services that are available, Stephen Cairns reports that a new ministry is being established at NCM House, Belfast. Isabel Hamill MBACP, MNCS, (who is a fully qualified counsellor, a member of professional bodies, trained in grief and trauma counselling, and is also a pastor's wife), is offering a new counselling

service. Isabel will offer an integrative approach that encompasses all aspects of counselling theories regardless of age, race, gender and religious affiliation. Problems such as anxiety, depression, relationship difficulties, and Mental Health First Aid will be covered. Isabel says, "...sessions will normally last for an hour and be non-judgemental, confidential, relaxed and in a safe environment where empathy, warmth and respect will be shown to all...counselling can be hard work, but I believe with the right attitude great things can be achieved". Isabel Hamill can be contacted on 07539 356003.



## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### WATFORD NEWS



*Rev Erica Tuxworth & Pastor Jack Buxton*

Pastor Jack Buxton has been appointed associate pastor of the Woodside Watford church, and will be officially inducted on 18th February. Originally from Sheffield, Jack, who comes from a non-church family, began attending the Nazarene Kids Club when he was 8 and later became a member of the Sheffield youth group. He began attending church after being invited by a friend and came to faith in Christ. Following a call to ministry at an NYUK youth camp, Jack eventually enrolled at NTC graduating with a Diploma in Theology, and he

received his first District Minister's Licence last year. He will be working full-time at Woodside, alongside Rev Erica Tuxworth, and his responsibilities will include, youth ministry, preaching, and developing the future vision of the church.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY



*YP Group at Fresh Ground*

Nearly 60 young people enjoyed the NYUK South Christmas Party hosted by Fresh Ground, London, on Saturday, 26th November. The programme included a "London Treasure Hunt", 3-course meal, carols, and a message from John Mark Hutton. The group also shared in the Sunday morning service at Fresh Ground, and Pastor Jack Buxton was the speaker.

### YP WEEKEND



*YP Weekend*

The North District YP weekend was held 27th-29th January at the Auchengillan Outdoor Centre, near Glasgow. Nearly 90 attended and 9 churches were represented. Rev Michael Kane (Carrickfergus) spoke on 'Our Part in the Story of God'. District NYI President, Amy Warner, comments, "...the weekend was filled with lots of worship, games, prayer times and activities... the local leaders did an amazing job at cooking and organising games...it really was a success."

### LADIES WEEKEND

About 40 attended the South District Ladies Weekend held at Swanwick, 27th-29th January. The speaker was Rev Claire Fender who spoke on the theme of 'God's Angels' - how they minister and speak to us - and "...what is our response when God's Messenger speaks?" Numbers were a bit down this year, however, everyone was blessed by the ministry, fellowship and testimonies, and enjoyed the fun - hilarious skits and dramas - crafts and the facilities at The Hayes Conference Centre.



*Ladies Retreat - Swanwick*

### APPOINTMENT



*Dr Deidre Brower Latz  
(NTC Principal) with  
Dr David Bundy*

Dr David Bundy, Research Professor of World Christian Studies at New York Theological Seminary, was appointed in January 2017 Associate Director of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre (MWRC), which is based at Nazarene Theological College. A graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary (MDiv,

ThM), and of Uppsala University (PhD), Dr Bundy's extensive and varied writings includes books on Keswick and research on the British roots of the Korean and Japanese Holiness Churches. Dr Bundy, who has been a Visiting Fellow with MWRC for these past months, comments, "I have been very impressed with the use of resources and the quality of work that is done in and around the MWRC, the positive influence the MWRC has had in the UK and beyond, and the Centre's vast network of connections." Dr Bundy will work alongside MWRC Director, Dr Geordan Hammond. (MWRC is now working with 13 partner institutions...for more information visit [www.mwrc.ac.uk](http://www.mwrc.ac.uk))

### INSPIRE

Approximately 70 representing 10 churches, attended the N. Ireland INSPIRE day held, 21st January, at the Belfast First church. Speakers and topics included, Diane Holt (Transforming Community), Cathy Tarrant (Messy Missions) and Amy Warner (Influence). The INSPIRE programme, organised by the Board of Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries (Chair: Rev Nathan Payne) seeks to challenge and inform local churches relative to new ways of making Christ known in our communities.



*"Messy Missions"*



## CHURCH ORGANISED

The Millbrook Church of the Nazarene was officially organised 12th November 2016. It was in 2003 that God began to plant a desire in the hearts of people for a fresh start and a new church in the Larne area of N. Ireland. Slowly the vision became a reality and a children's work called "Eli's Toyshop" was started which quickly developed into a regular Sunday Service and Sunday school. After meeting for 7 years in the McNeill Theatre in Larne, it was decided to move the work to Millbrook Village just outside Larne. Meeting in the local Community Centre in an area of some 300 homes, the church became, on 1st January 2012, the Millbrook Church of the Nazarene. God has blessed the work over these past years with many activities taking place as the church reached out into the community. Rev Philip McAlister conducted the Service of Organisation when 31 were welcomed as Charter Members. Pastor, Rev Ruth Turner, says, "Millbrook Nazarene really is a church in the heart of the community with the community in its heart."



*Millbrook Nazarenes*

## THE TUNNOCK STORY

Boyd Tunnock CBE shared the "Tunnock Story" at the at the Uddingston church on Monday evening 23rd January. Founded in 1890, and famous for its Caramel Wafers and Teacakes (10-12 million items are produced each week), the factory is located across the road from the Uddingston church. Boyd Tunnock – the grandson of the firm's founder, Thomas Tunnock – has, over the years, shown an interest in and supported some of the projects of the church.



*Boyd Tunnock CBE at Uddingston Nazarene*

## PRAYER CONFERENCE



*Prayer Conference participants with, (seated front row l to r) former and present District Superintendents, Rev Colin H. Wood, Rev Jim Ritchie (DS), Rev Philip McAlister, Rev John Paton*

Over 40 pastors and probationers attended the annual North District Prayer Conference held 6th-7th February in Irvine. The theme of the conference was 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Sessions were introduced by Rev Jim Ritchie (DS) and Dr Fred Drummond (Director: Evangelical Alliance – Scotland) was the main speaker.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP



*Fiona Wilson with son Corey* Congratulations to Fiona Wilson who has been elected South District NYUK President. The AGM was held in the Birmingham Zion church on 21st January with 13 Youth Groups represented when encouraging reports of ongoing developments in youth ministry across the district were brought including new ministries beginning to emerge in London (Fresh Ground), Pen-y-cae and Watford (Woodside). Fiona came to faith a few years ago and immediately threw herself into local youth ministry as well as enrolling at NTC for further studies. She is part of the Watford (Balmoral Road) Ministry Team (she was appointed Youth pastor in August 2015) and heads up a variety of youth programmes and initiatives working alongside pastors, Rev Mike & Rev Sarah Lowenberg. (Fiona is the granddaughter of Rev & Mrs W. Wyndham Lewis – Wyndham Lewis, who served in our ministry (Cosham, Leeds & Hart Memorial Glasgow) passed away 4th November 2016, age 91).

## JOIN THE GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER



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