

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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DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES 2018

"Hearing what the voice of the Spirit is saying to the Church"

Our people are asked to be in prayer as delegates and visitors meet for the District Assemblies. Pray that the Spirit would indeed speak to the church and inspire, guide and renew our vision in these days. Pray for the presiding General Superintendent, Dr Eugénio R. Duarte, as he comes to us on his first visit as GS, that he may be given wisdom and understanding as he ministers to us and chairs the assembly meetings. Pray too for our District Superintendents, Rev David Montgomery and Rev Jim Ritchie, as they bring their annual reports to the assemblies and as they continue to lead the Church of the Nazarene in the British Isles.

This year's District Assemblies are being held in Sheffield (South District) and Bangor, N. Ireland (North District) over the weekend 9th-12th March. Programme details are as follows.

SOUTH DISTRICT SHEFFIELD, HEELEY

Friday, 9th March

3.00 pm – 5.00 pm – NMI Convention

7.00 pm – 8.30 pm – NMI Service

with Dr Eugénio R Duarte

Saturday, 10th March

9.00 am – 12 noon - Assembly Business

2.00 pm – 3.15 pm - Conflict Management: Dr Julie Lunn

- Safe Guarding: Rev Louise Kenyon

3.45 pm-5.00 pm - Forge Taster: Rev Trevor Hutton

- Church Facilities: Rev Carl McCann

7.00 pm – 8.30 pm - Ordination Service:

Dr Eugénio R. Duarte

NORTH DISTRICT BANGOR, N. IRELAND

Friday, 9th March

7.30 pm - Worship &

Celebration

Saturday, 10th March

9.00 am - Big Breakfast

10.00 am - Seminars

11.30 am - NYI & SSDM

Conventions

2.00 pm - NMI Convention

7.00 pm - Worship Rally

Sunday, 11th March

Morning Worship at Nazarene Churches.

Speaker at Bangor: Rev Jim Ritchie

Afternoon NTC Reception at Bangor Church

6.00 pm - Worship Gathering

Monday, 12th March

9.00 am - Assembly Business

1.45 pm - Assembly Business

6.30 pm - Ordination Service
with Dr Eugénio R. Duarte



INTRODUCING DR EUGÉNIO R. DUARTE

Dr Eugénio R. Duarte was born in Brava, Cabo Verde, where he attended the Church of the Nazarene and he was converted at age 12. Following a call to preach he studied at SNCV (Seminário Nazareno de Cabo Verde) and he also holds degrees from Azusa Pacific University (MA) and Northwest Nazarene University (MBA). The degree of Doctor of Divinity was granted by Africa Nazarene University in 2006. Dr Duarte has served the church in Cabo Verde as pastor, District Superintendent, as well as teacher and Director of SNCV. He has also held leadership roles in Africa West, Strategy Coordinator for Central Africa and as Africa Regional Director. He was elected a General Superintendent in 2009. Dr Duarte and his wife, Maria Teresa, have three sons and two grandsons.



INDUCTIONS

THETFORD – Rev Tracey Day was inducted to the Thetford (Norfolk) Church on Saturday 6th January. Tracey comes originally from Great Yarmouth, where Tracey and David Day met and were married. Contact with and involvement in the Church of the Nazarene was made when the Days moved to Thetford and where Tracey worked as a postmistress in a local post office and newsagents. Following a call to preach, Tracey studied at our College graduating in 1999 and then became involved, for over 8 years, in ministry in the two Bolton churches. Following a nearly 10 year ministry in the Penycae church Rev Tracey Day accepted the invitation to be the pastor of the Thetford church. The Days' daughter, Rev Kat Wood (wife of Dr Joseph Wood - NTC) is a member of the ministry team of the Ashton Church.



(l.to r) David Day, Rev Tracey Day, Rev David Montgomery, Alison Montgomery



(l.to r) Val Baker, Rev David Montgomery (DS), Dr Ken Baker

THORNTON - Dr Ken Baker was inducted to the Thornton Church on Saturday, 13th January. Three previous pastors were present for the service, Rev G. Marshall Goff, Rev Wesley Hands, and lay pastor Kevin McCann who led the church for a number of years. Ken Baker comes originally from Sheffield where, as a teenager, he was greatly influenced by the ministry of Rev Leslie Evans at the Victoria Street Nazarene Church. Following studies at our college and completing his Masters degree Ken pastored the Westhoughton Church of the Nazarene and taught at Emmanuel Bible College. Over the past years Ken has completed a PhD degree in New Testament Ecclesiology through our College in Manchester, taught school, written a number of books, pastored churches in the London area, and been involved in church planting in Ireland. Ken and Val (who is a school teacher) have 4 children, and over the years have fostered some 25 children. The Bakers are currently teaching 'on-line' to children in China.

TROON – Pastor David Rudge was inducted to the Troon (Scotland) Church 20th January. Originally from Cheshire, David and his wife Pam have lived in Macclesfield for the past 31 years where David has worked as a research chemist in the pharmaceutical industry – he holds a BSc degree from Liverpool University. Following lay-involvement in his local church and a call to full-time ministry David has taken studies at Cliff College and at Nazarene Theological College. He is at present completing a MA degree in Mission. During June-August 2016, David served as interim-pastor of the Irvine Church of the Nazarene. Pam is a qualified Nursery Nurse with experience in various support and management roles. The Rudges have 3 married daughters living in England. David & Pam comment "We have heard that Troon is the 'small town with a big heart', and have already found this to be true. We look forward to getting to know and serve the people of Troon and are excited to be here and feel privileged to be a part of this lovely community." We welcome David & Pam to the ranks of the Nazarene ministry.



(l.to r) Jeannette Allan (Church Secretary), Pastor David and Pam Rudge, Rev Jim Ritchie (DS)



(l.to r) Rev David Montgomery (DS), Pastor Keefe Owen, Faith Owen

PENYCAE – Pastor Keefe Owen was inducted to the Penycae Church on Saturday, 27th January. Two previous pastors were present – Rev Tracey Day and Rev Andrew Hope. Originally from Cardiff, Keefe is a graduate of the Prairie Bible College (Canada), he has studied Missional Aviation, and holds an MA degree from Regents Theological College (England) in Missional Leadership. Keefe has experience in youth and pastoral leadership and in 2015 was invited by Rev Tracey Day to join the ministry team as missionary-associate. Following the move of Rev Tracey Day to Thetford the local church has welcomed Keefe as lead pastor. Keefe is married to Faith, who is a Welsh language teacher...the Owens have 3 children...and Keefe is a keen 'unicyclist'.

TAUNTON - Pastor Naomi Gull was inducted to the Taunton (Bathpool Chapel) Church on Saturday, 17th February. Originally from Pakistan and a school teacher, Naomi had a remarkable conversion from Islam to Christianity in 1991 and began to witness to her fellow Muslims who enquired about her faith. As a result of intense persecution it became necessary for Naomi to flee Pakistan in 1995. Naomi has received a broad education both in Pakistan (Punjab University) and has taken a number of courses in the UK, including, studies at the University of Wales, a BA(Hons) degree from Mathersey Hall, Nottinghamshire, and she has taken further studies at NTC, Manchester. Following contact with Rev Andrew Robinson and the Oldham church, and also with Canon Phil Rawlings ('Manchester Centre for the Study of Christianity & Islam' at NTC), Naomi became a local minister in the Oldham Church of the Nazarene, leading prayer groups and overseeing a Multinational Christian Fellowship. May God bless Pastor Gull and the work of the church in Taunton.



(l.to r) Rev David Montgomery (DS) & Pastor Naomi Gull

PRINCIPAL HONOURED

While on a visit in January to Olivet Nazarene University (ONU), Illinois, USA, and as part of a four-month sabbatical break, NTC Principal, Dr Deirdre Brower Latz was appointed, by ONU President, Dr John C. Bowling, as the recipient of the 'Reverend Dr Fay Quanstrom Chair of Pastoral Ministry' for a term of two years. This endowed visiting professorship was established to provide encouragement and support to faculty who are engaged in preparing women and men to follow God's call to ministry as both volunteers and professionals. Dr Brower Latz says, "I feel truly privileged to receive this honour. I am always staggered by the generosity of people who support the development and formation of leaders who will serve the present and future church..." Both Dr Walter and Dr Fay Quanstrom are former faculty members of ONU; Dr Walter Quanstrom has served as one of the top 35 executives with BP/Amoco.

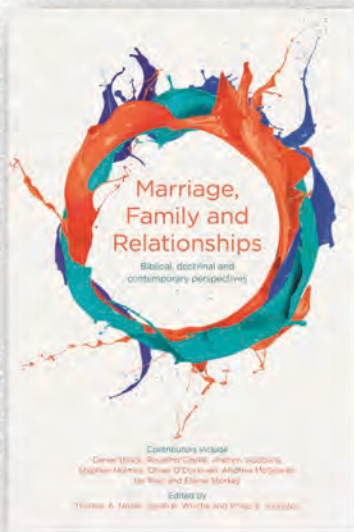


Dr Deirdre Brower Latz at Olivet Nazarene University

NEW BOOK

Marriage, Family and Relationships: Biblical, Doctrinal and Contemporary Perspectives. (IVP, 2017). Two Nazarene scholars, Dr T.A. Noble and Dr Sarah Whittle, were on the editorial team of this recently published book on the Christian view of marriage and human sexuality. The sixteen chapters are written by evangelical biblical scholars and theologians advocating the historic Christian stance. Prof. Oliver O'Donovan, previously of Oxford and Edinburgh and a leading Christian ethicist, writes about the lack of credible theological basis for a revisionist position. Prof. Andrew McGowan examines the relevance of the doctrine of human fallenness and original sin. Dr Elaine Storkey, a former president of Tear Fund, produces some conclusions from her recent book about the horrendous treatment of women which she has encountered in her world travels. Dr Stephen Holmes of St Andrews examines revisionist literature and asks whether Christians need to question some of our assumptions about marriage which owe more to modern romanticism than to Scripture. Other chapters examine Deuteronomy, Leviticus, and the Song of Solomon, and the teaching of Paul in the New Testament. Singleness, the role of the father in the family, and the history of marriage law and customs are among other topics.

This book is fully in line with the position of the Church of the Nazarene, carefully restated at the General Assembly last June and now published in the new edition of the Nazarene Manual.



INTENSIVE WEEK

Four courses were taught to nearly 50 students during the Intensives week, 15th - 19th January. 'Corinthians' was taught by Dr Mi Ja Wi (who completed her PhD last year supervised by Dr Kent Brower). A course on Church History was taught by visiting lecturer, Dr Andrew Ollerton - author, pastor & church historian. "New Forms of Church" was taught by Rev Trevor Hutton and "Wesleyan Tradition" was team-taught by Dr Geordan Hammond, Rev Colin H. Wood and Bill Graham.



Dr Andrew Ollerton teaching during Intensive Week

As part of the Wesleyan Tradition course an American style "camp-meeting" service was held with the students singing Gospel hymns of the period and with Dr Joseph Wood as preacher in the style of Charles G. Finney (Charles G. Finney was a 18th Century American preacher who is known as the 'Father of Modern Revivalism').



Dr Joseph Wood as Charles G. Finney



M+POWER
EURASIA

The Eurasia Region M+POWER programme held a training event at the Bible Centre, Inchinnan (Scotland), in January. There were 18 who went through the Mentor Training programme (9th-12th January) and they were joined by another 18 who were exploring volunteering with M+Power for the Participants Training (12th-14th January). Seminars included "Mentoring Across Cultures", "Discerning the Call of God", and "Worldview and Culture". M+Power prepares people for cross-cultural mission experiences - for 3 months to 2 years - with the Church of the Nazarene across the Region and sometimes to other parts of the world. M+Power is a great option and opportunity for gap-year students, career break, and those who have retired and would like to do something different to contribute to the mission of God in other places.

For more information visit <http://eurasiaregion.org/volunteers/>



M+POWER participants at the Bible Centre

MINISTRY TEAMS MEET FOR PRAYER

5TH-6TH FEBRUARY



at Brooklands (Manchester)



at Watford (Balmoral Road)



at Erskine/Bible Centre

BAPTISM SERVICE



Rev Albert Griffith, assisted by Jim McTernaghan, baptised Andrew Massey, Susan Baird, Courtney Smith and Bethany Pierce (pictured) on Sunday evening, 26th November 2017 at the Lisburn (N.I.) church.

CHRISTMAS MEAL



Thirty attended and enjoyed a Christmas Meal on Saturday, 23rd December 2017, at the Govan church. The programme included an 'Instant Nativity', games, and some illusions. The pastor, Rev Wesley Hands, says that "...all were well fed!"

NEW MEMBERS



Pictured with Rev Robert Barker (left) are (l.to r) Andrew Rooker, Caitlin Howden, Jack Heinzman, Velma Rooker, who were received into Membership on 26th November 2017 at the Grimsby church.

CHAPLAINS APPOINTED

At the end of September 2017 Pastor Sammy Robinson was appointed Chaplain of the Dunfermline Athletic Football Club. In addition to his duties as pastor of the Headwell Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Sammy is providing pastoral advice and support for all individuals associated with the club. Pictured is Sammy Robinson (left) with Club Manager, Allan Johnston.



Last Summer retired Nazarene minister, Rev Robert Barker, completed a 'Merchant Navy Ship Visiting Course' and was appointed Chaplain – Mission to Seafarers – at Immingham Docks and the River Humber. Pictured is Rev Barker 'ready to board ship'.

STUDENTS VISIT

As part of the 'Love Works Project' a group of students from Point Loma Nazarene University (San Diego, USA) visited the Megain Memorial Church, Belfast, last August to help the local church minister to families in the community. Games, Holiday Bible Club, a Movie Night were part of the programme which was attended by over 65 children and their families. Local pastor, Rev David Evans, says, "...we believe hearts were touched as the team shared Jesus in a loving and caring way."



FRESH GROUND

...in Battersea, London, has launched a new Newsletter which includes a welcome to Pastor Clint and Lauren Grimes who have recently arrived from Texas, USA, to help in the Café Ministry. For more information visit www.freshgroundlondon.com



LADIES WEEKENDS

These were held 9th-11th February. Over 40 attended the annual South District Ladies Retreat held at Swanwick (pictured) and this year's speaker was Jaime Lidstone (Perth) – who is the daughter of Rev Geoff and Jane Austin. The theme was "Simplicity" and Jaime spoke of disciplines that enable us to follow Christ's example – it was a time of blessing for women to share in praise, worship and prayer. A weekend for North District "Manse Ladies" was held at Arrochar in the Scottish Highlands. Approximate 20 attended and Francine Brower (Manchester) was this year's speaker who spoke about God's Grace and shared insights and lessons learned from her own personal journey and experience. It was a moving and blessed time of fellowship and sharing together. Thanks are expressed to those who organise and plan these events.



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