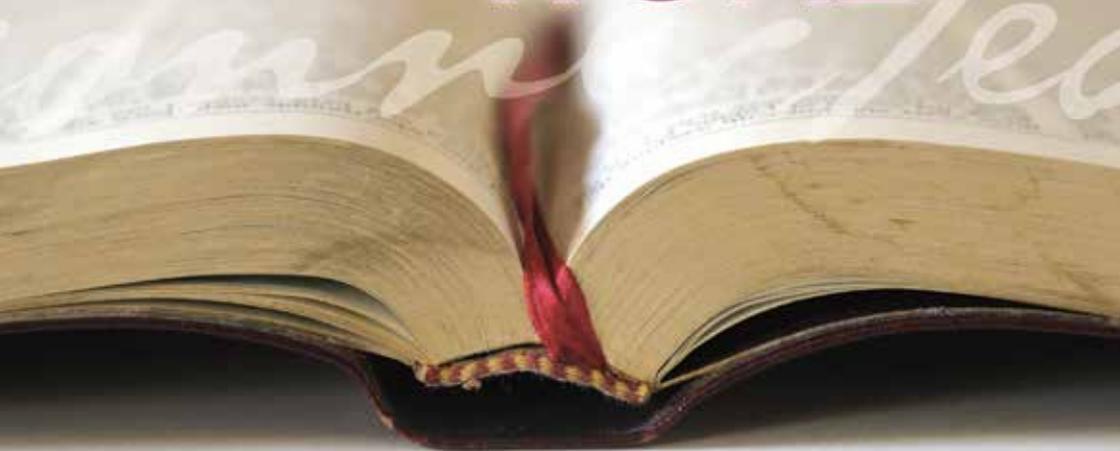


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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE
1ST - 3RD OCTOBER 2010



connected
TO THE **WORD**



Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, B70 7JW



GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Mrs Millicent Brown & Executive Board Members

It is my honour and privilege to extend sincere greetings to our Administrative Bishop, Presidents, Co-ordinators, Secretaries, Delegates, Ministers and guests who have come to share with us as we Connect to the Word.

In recent months the words "Economic Downturn" have become prominent in our everyday conversations. These two words speak of uncertainty, rising unemployment, negative equity, falling assets and perhaps worse of all these words convey fear. People have become afraid of what might happen because of what is, in effect, a global crisis.

As Christians we are not immune from social and economic factors. However, we cannot allow ourselves to live in fear. Godly fear is to be encouraged but to live our lives fearing what tomorrow might bring and wondering whether or not we will be able to pay the next bill or buy the next meal is against God's principles for His people.

His word declares in Psalm 37:25 "...I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."

Throughout the scriptures starting in Genesis 15:1, we are admonished to "**Fear not**", St. Luke 8:50 tells us "**Fear not**: believe only", St. Luke 12:7 says "**Fear not** therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Isaiah 54:4 states "**Fear not**; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame..." Isaiah 35:4 "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, **fear not**..." With so many positive declarations and promises from the Word of God, I encourage each of you to trust God for today and tomorrow. Study the Word, live in the Word, know the Word; it will give you the assurance that you need to confidently trust God in all times and seasons. "And now my daughter, **fear not**; I will do to thee all that thou requirest..." Ruth 3:11.

Have a blessed weekend.

“Your Connectivity Determines Your Productivity”



GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP

Rev Dr. Eric A Brown FRSA

It gives me the greatest of pleasure to greet First Lady Brown, National Women's Ministry President, the National Women's Board and all delegates to this your 8th annual Women's Empowerment Conference. I do so in the name that is above all names, Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God.

I know the passion you and your team carry for this ministry because I hear it in your prayers, at your fasting sessions, in your telephone conversations and in our frequent discussions. I am absolutely convinced that this ministry cannot be stopped and that it is destined for success because you have made it your mantra to Stay Connected to the Word and you have set the glory of God as your highest priority. Therefore I can confidently say to you, don't you worry about the global economic downturn. Jesus told us over 2000 years ago, *"Do not be worried about what you will drink, nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Who of you by being worried can add a single hour to your life?"* *"Your heavenly Father knows that you need all those things, so do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself..."* (Matthew 6:25, 27, 32 & 34).

Our responsibility is to stay connected to the Word and prepare for the upturn. *"Go borrow vessels at large for yourselves from all your neighbours, even empty vessels; do not get a few and you shall go in and shut the doors behind you and your sons, and pour out into all these vessels, and you shall set aside what is full."* (2 Kings 4:3,4).

I say to you in the name of the Lord, stay connected to the Word and go prepare for the upturn!

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Mrs Cynthia Spence

It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to once again, on behalf of the Women's Executive Board to welcome all our guests and delegates to our Annual National Women's Empowerment Conference.

We also extend a very special welcome to our Administrative Bishop, members of the National Executive Council, all Ministers, Presidents, Coordinators and Secretaries.

We especially welcome our guest speakers, Evangelist Joycelyn Barrett from the USA, Rev. Ruthlyn Bradshaw and of course Rev. Mrs Millicent Brown, Director of Women's Ministries, our workshop presenters, worship team and musicians, we thank you all for accepting our invitation to minister throughout this weekend.

We are expecting a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the lives of believers and to those who need Christ as their personal Saviour, our cups will be full and running over as we open our mind and our heart to the Word of God.

The theme for this year's conference is "**CONNECTED TO THE WORD**" we need to be truly connected to the word. Paul's writing to the Colossians (3 v 16) admonishes to "*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom*". Unless we know the Word we cannot apply it, so I encourage you to get into the WORD.

God bless you richly.

General Information

PRAYER

We anticipate a mighty move of God as we join in the Morning Glory Prayer and Praise. The session on Saturday will commence at 9.00 am and at 9.30 am on Sunday morning in the main auditorium.

THEFT

The National women's Ministries Department will not accept responsibility for loss/theft of any property.

FIRST AID

First Aid will be available throughout the weekend. Should you require assistance please ask at the registration desk.

COUNSELLORS

Qualified Counsellors will be available throughout the Conference. If you wish to share any concern or just require a listening ear please ask at the reception desk.

OTHER INFORMATION

It is possible that during this Conference, your child/young person below the age of 18 may be photographed or recorded. The Women's Ministries Department will take all possible steps to ensure

that these images are used solely for the purpose for which they are intended which is the promotion of the Conference.

NOTE TO EXHIBITORS

We would respectfully ask all exhibitors to close their booth whilst the conference is in session.

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Mission Statement

The Women's Ministries Department will endeavour to assist women in developing a deeper understanding and relationship in God through worship, fellowship, training and leisure, and to enhance our relationship with the wider community by welcoming other cultures and organisations.

Through the Conferences and Retreats offered by the Women's Ministries Department we aim to:

- › Educate and Inform
- › Empower & Equip
- › Encourage socialization
- › Train
- › Fellowship & Network
- › Worship
- › Build confidence
- › Motivate
- › Build self-esteem
- › Mentor
- › Rest
- › Expose others to different lifestyles
- › Disciple each other
- › Utilize skills and qualities of our leaders

The Women's Ministries Department continues to be guided by the principles of The **BIG MOVE**... This programme is our church's strategy for transformation and impact.

Build Confident, committed leaders

Informing and impacting our youth

Growing healthy Churches

Mobilizing our Church for Ministry and Missions

Offering Hope to our Communities

Valuing our women and our men

Evangelizing our community and our world





GUEST SPEAKER

Evangelist Joycelyn Barnett

Joycelyn Barnett has had an intense desire to help others reach their potential and live a balanced life through the word of God for many years. Born into a family of preachers and leaders, her path to the pulpit was long and winding. Her call to ministry has provided an extensive journey of preaching and teaching spanning the globe.

Evangelist Barnett earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Herbert Lehman College, Bronx, New York. After following the urging of the Holy Spirit, she moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida where she began her eight - year career as an educator, teaching Social Studies and History to middle school students. She also graduated from the Church of God Ministerial Internship Program. Evangelist Barnett is an avid student of the Word.

She has preached and taught the gospel throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. She has delivered her message through the mediums of television, radio and the written word.

Her ministry includes: Anointed Psalmist, Prophet, Teacher, Preacher, Old Testament Scholar, Ministry to youth and to the other parts of the body of Christ. She is the author of several books and pamphlets including: "More than a Conquer, A Guide to Spiritual Warfare and The Loneliness of Leadership". She has also written plays and manuals. She has conducted numerous leadership seminars, revivals, conferences and crusades.

Proud Grandmother to Aiden Anthony, three adult children, Kori, Christopher and Angela, know her as Mom. She is married to Elder Terrance Barnett where they work corporately in ministry effectively, **"HEALING THE HARVEST"** to the nations.

Evangelist Barnett feels that she is called in this last day and age to expand the church's awareness of the magnitude of the harvest. She is committed to bringing the passion for the harvest to each and every place she ministers.



GUESTTEACHER

Rev Mrs Ruthlyn Bradshaw

Rev Bradshaw was born in Montserrat and emigrated at an early age to Boston U.S.A where she received most of her formal education and early theological training. Ruthlyn is a gifted communicator and counsellor. Through her anointed ministry she brings healing, restoration, and empowerment to the body of Christ. She is widely acknowledged and frequently sought after. She travels extensively, ministering both nationally and internationally. Having gained a masters degree in Applied Theology at Spurgeons College in the UK, she is presently pursuing her doctorate at the same college.

She is the senior pastor for two branches of the New Life Assembly Fellowship of Churches. A visiting lecturer at Spurgeon's college, a lecturer at the Institute of Theology and Christian counselling, as well as a faculty member and lecturer at the NLA Purpose Driven School.

Rev Ruthlyn Bradshaw also writes sermons for the College of Preachers journal. She is married and has three children and one grandson.



CONFERENCE HOST

Rev Mrs Millicent Brown

Millicent made a personal commitment to the Lord at the age of 15. She later became actively involved with the New Testament Church of God, Catford, where she was supported by Christian parents. It was from this church that she met and married Eric Brown, the present Administrative Bishop. She is confident that God has blessed them with each other and is sure that their friendship and respect for each other has been an important part of their sound, stable and blissful marriage. Shortly after their 2nd anniversary in 1973, she moved with her husband to Germany where he commenced his theological training.

She has worked with her husband in five separate pastorates in London and worked side by side with him for eight years when he served as National Director of Youth and Christian Education.

In 2002 Millicent was inducted as the Director of Women's Ministries of the New Testament Church of God, England and Wales. God has blessed this ministry under her leadership and she derives immense satisfaction in seeing the lives of women transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Her desire is to impact and inspire women to realize their potential and then use them to enhance God's Kingdom. Millicent has a deep and passionate love for God and His people, and is confident that her close relationship with God will sustain her in difficult times. Millicent has a BA (Hons) degree in Sociology.

Millicent has three sons, Leon, Wayne and Julien, three daughters-in Law, Patricia, Michelle and Rachel and three grand-children Jude-Elliott, Mia-Gabrielle and Reya Naomi. She is particularly grateful to God that all her children are committed Christians and involved in Ministry.

FRIDAY

- 3.00 pm REGISTRATION
- 5.00 pm Buffet/Reception
- 7.00 pm Worship & Praise
- Official Opening of Conference
- Celebration & Praise
- Ministry of the Word**
Evangelist Joycelyn Barnett
- 9.30 pm **CLOSE OF SESSION**

SATURDAY

- 9.00 am Morning Glory Prayer & Praise
Rev Sharon Miller & Mrs Yvette Rudder
- A Word about Prayer:
Making the Right Connection in Prayer
Mrs Pat Ferguson
- 10.00 am **SCHOOL OF MINISTRY:**
Abundant Life in the Word
Rev Mrs Ruthlyn Bradshaw
- 11.00 am **WORKSHOPS:**
Connected to the Word – not the World (5-12 years)
Miss Brenda Jennings
- Hide the Word (13-17 years)**
Mrs Cassandra Gray
- Its Precious – Hide It (18-24 years)**
Mrs Denise Stephenson
- Sexuality and the Word (25 +)**
Mrs Dawn-Marie Bowen
- Connected to Succeed in Education and Business**
Ms Ellin Joseph & Ms Grace Alalade
- Kingdom Connection**
Rev Ms Angela Palmer

12.45 – 3.00 pm LUNCH

3.00 pm Exceptional Women's & Sojourner
Truth Awards

5.00 pm Worship & Celebration

Update on **SHAPE**

Reflection/Testimony

Ministry of the Word:
Evangelist Joycelyn Barnett

7.30 pm **CLOSE OF SESSION**

SUNDAY

9.30 am Morning Glory Prayer & Praise
Rev Sharon Miller & Mrs Yvette Rudder

A Word on Prayer:
**Making the Right Connection
in Prayer**
Mrs Pat Ferguson

10.30 am **SCHOOL OF MINISTRY:**
Abundant Life in the Word
Rev Mrs Ruthlyn Bradshaw

11.00am Worship and Praise

Ministry of the Word:
Rev Mrs Millicent Brown

1.00 – 3.00 pm LUNCH

3.00 pm Worship & Celebration

Reflection/Testimony

Ministry of the Word:
Evangelist Joycelyn Barnett

7.00 pm **CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**

School of Ministry and Workshop Information *in brief*

The school of Ministry and the workshops are designed to enrich the lives of all in attendance. The children will focus on the theme **“Connected to the Word – not the World”**. They will be helped to understand that the Word of God is powerful and has an impact upon every life choice they make. They will be helped to understand that connection to the Word is much more beneficial than connecting to the World.

Hide the Word is a direct statement to our young women to encourage them to Hide the Word of God in their hearts as it will not only keep them from sinning against God, but it will comfort, strengthen and guide them in every area of their lives. Knowledge of the Word is also vital for defending the gospel when they are confronted with scepticism.

“It’s Precious – Hide It” will help our young women understand what precious commodity the Word of God is and the fact that precious things are cared for. They will also understand that if they value the Word of God; they will be cared for, protected and preserved by it.

“Sexuality and the Word” is designed to support our young women’s understanding of the Word of God in line with their sexuality. It is to help them understand that all sexual activity outside of marriage is forbidden by God. It is important also that our unmarried women, not least those who are new to the faith, be given guidelines and support how to conduct themselves in order to avoid falling into new or former sexual practices.

The education and business workshop under the title **“Connected to Succeed in Education and Business”** will help participants make the right choices in education, training and employment and will also help them understand the concepts which are necessary in building effective businesses and the part education plays in ensuring success. Those already involved in business will understand that productivity is the cornerstone of business success and to succeed in these areas demands commitment, dedication and connectivity.

The Kingdom Connection session will help delegates understand the importance of connecting to the Kingdom through prayer and fasting and the study of the Word. Whenever we pray the Lord’s Prayer we declare the Kingdom of God – “Thy Kingdom Come”. It is through Kingdom connection that we are able to keep standing even in the face of opposing odds.

Our teaching sessions **“Abundant Life in the Word”** will help us understand that abundant life is not primarily related to the things we possess but rather to the intimate relationship we have with God. Instead of a static life, our relationship with God is continually growing and allowing us to enter into that life that possesses all of God’s virtues. Provision is made for very person who accepts Christ as Lord to live an abundant life. Abundant Life is realized when believers understand that nothing can suppress God’s Grace.



MISS BRENDA P JENNINGS

Brenda is a member of the New Testament Church of God Cathedral of Praise Wood Green and was the Children's Church Coordinator for several years. She loves children and has been working in childcare for over 15 years. She is currently the Manager of a London based Community Nursery.

She is actively involved in promoting early year's education primarily working with the black community, building a support network for parents/carers, enabling them to have a positive impact on their children, educationally and socially.

Over the years she has organised several community projects such as parent workshops, achievement awards, cultural shows which actively involved the community and she has successfully ran a youth project for children between the ages five and seventeen years of age.

Brenda has been granted life -time membership of the Millennium Award Fellowship as a result of doing a project on games children play in Burkino-Faso. Brenda has a passion for missionary work particularly with children and has been involved in overseas missions such as setting up children and youth ministries and organising community projects. Brenda is now currently involved in the Single Adults Ministry.



MRS CASSANDRA GRAY

Cassandra Gray is a successful, focused and driven young woman, who is passionate about young people understanding who they are in God. Cassandra mentors many young women from all walks of life and wants to see women raise their aspirations and achieve their full potential.

From an un-churched background, she became a Christian at the age of 20 after God responded to her cry for help. God not only proved Himself to Cassandra but revealed His plans for her, taking her life in a completely new direction. God placed Cassandra at Herne Hill NTCG where she developed a love for the Word and a greater hunger for God. She was desperate to grow spiritually and regularly attended bible study and prayer meetings. During her time at Herne Hill, Cassandra served as a youth leader, Sunday school teacher and evangelism team member.

After getting married in July 2009, Cassandra moved to Wolverhampton where she now lives with her husband Philip and attends Harvest Temple NTCG. Here she serves as the coordinator for 'Kingdom Builders' which is a youth church for 11 – 15 year olds. Cassandra has a Bsc Honours degree in Managerial and Administrative Studies, a PGCE in Business Education and has completed the Young Leaders Programme run by Derek Prince Ministries. Cassandra has taught in several mixed comprehensive secondary schools in South London and is currently the Head of ICT and Business Studies at an outstanding girl's school in Birmingham.



MRS DAWN-MARIE BOWEN

Sis Dawn-Marie Bowen was born in Jamaica (Montego Bay) and after graduating with a Bachelors Degree (Hons) from the University of the West Indies, she came to the UK in 1993 to pursue Postgraduate Studies in Actuarial Science at City University, London. She acquired a Masters of Science Degree in that discipline and has been working as an Actuarial Analyst for the last 13 years.

She gave her life to the Lord from the age of 12, and has been actively serving in the church over the ensuing years of her spiritual journey. She currently serves in the capacity of president of the Family Training Hour at West Croydon and is also a member of the Ladies Board. She has also lectured on a number of occasions at their annual district ladies seminars.

Sis Dawn is married to Richard Bowen for nearly 22 years and is the mother of an eleven year old son and an eight year old daughter.

Sis Dawn advocates that our lives should always be connected to and intertwined with God's Word as it speaks to every facet of our life.

MRS DENISE STEPHENSON

Denise is a member of The New Testament Church of God, Brooks' Bar, Manchester where she currently serves as the Sunday School Superintendent.



She is married to Neville Stephenson and the Lord has blessed them with two wonderful children, Ebony aged 11 and William aged 9. Denise obtained an Honours Degree in Social Sciences and is a Solicitor practising in the area of Family Law.

She enjoys walking, eating out and quiet evenings in with her husband.

She has a passion for the study of God's word and desire to see God's people devoting themselves to the word and its application.



MS ELLIN JOSEPH

Ellin is a Service Manager for ECSL (Enfield Education, Children's Service & Leisure), Education Welfare Service. She has worked in the Local Authority sector for 23years, previously in Hertfordshire Children Services as an Area Child Protection Liaison Officer. Ellin manages the Education Welfare Service, which includes the management of the Child Employment & Entertainment, Children Missing Education and the Educational welfare of children and young people disaffected within the educational system. The service is responsible for parental prosecutions either through the Magistrates or Family Courts. Ellin has a postgraduate ME'd in Community Education.

Ellin is Director for Evangelism for the District of Luton. Ellin love to sing and to Worship the Lord. She is at her happiest when in the company of her immediate and church family.

MS GRACE ALALADE



Grace Alalade has many years experience in both IT and business and has worked in the public and private sectors. She joined Shell in 1998 and since then has taken on various roles within the company in Information Technology, Organization Design and Change Management. Her current role involves leading change, training and communications for 350 global staff for the Aviation and Marine businesses.

As the former Chair of the Shell African Network (an employee network for staff of African/Caribbean heritage), Grace grew the membership from 90 to 300 members in 3 years. Under her leadership, the Network was the finalist for Race For Opportunity's Mentoring Award category in 2009.

Grace is on the speaking circuit and past engagements have included:

- World Diversity Leadership Summit, Prague, 2006
- Understanding and Engaging with Diasporas, Wilton Park, West Sussex, 2007
- Learning Conference, Ashridge Business School, Herts, 2009

Grace Alalade attends Rochester NTCG in Kent. In previous ministry roles, she has served as a Youth Leader, provided strategic direction on a Christian National Youth Committee and led prophetic creative ministries with young people.

Grace is also the Founder of The Dream Bigger Company, which delivers the Pathway 2 Excellence Framework training for churches and focuses on leadership development for Christian Leaders.

REV ANGELA PALMER



Rev. Angela Palmer is the Associate Pastor and Women's Ministry President at the New Testament Church of God Northampton.

A graduate of Overstone Theological College, she also gained a Bachelors of Ministry Degree through the European Theological Seminary. Rev Palmer is also a graduate from the Gloucestershire College of Art and Design. She continues to use her artistic abilities, and is currently engaged in a mission's project using her water colour paintings that are sold to raise funds for benevolent projects.

No stranger to the conference floor, and an avid speaker, she has ministered in women's conferences at home and abroad. She has a God given call and passion for Missions and has travelled for this purpose to Uganda, India, Kenya and Jamaica.

Rev. Angela regards bringing up Godly and successful children as one of her greatest achievements. A mother of two Adult children Tanya and Richard, a son in law Michael and three grand children Christian, Charlotte and Cieran she regards them as 'God's gifts.'

Receiving a specific call to minister to women, her aim is to help in propelling women to achieve beyond their wildest expectation.



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