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Women's Empowerment Conference - Programme

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GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Rev Mrs Millicent Brown

It is my privilege once again to extend sincere greetings to our Administrative Bishop, Ministers, Presidents, Secretaries, Co-ordinators and all my Sisters and Brothers who have joined us from home and abroad to celebrate and praise our King of King and Lord of Lords.

Our theme this year follows neatly from last year's 'Planted in Christ' and is encouraging us to '**Grow Glow Go**'. It is quite possible to be planted and yet not grow; it is also possible to grow and yet not produce any fruit.

Failure to Thrive (FTT) is a description applied to children whose growth, within the first three years of their life, is significantly below that of other children of similar age and sex. Children who are referred as FTT are usually assessed in detail, with clinicians looking carefully at a range of causes such as deprivation of food to emotional or psychosocial deprivation.

Failure to Thrive is not exclusively a term associated to the medical profession. There are Christians who can be diagnosed as FTT. Such Christians usually deprive themselves of the food and nourishment

which is necessary for healthy spiritual growth. Good nourishment include reading the precious Word of God, spending time in prayer with thanksgiving, having a deep desire to know and experience God in His fullness coupled with a desire to share his love with others. We have been born to grow; to grow in God's grace and His wisdom, and to grow in His knowledge and understanding. It has never been God's desire for us to fail to thrive. We must grow strong and stable, and mature so that we are not tossed about by different kinds of 'winds' and we will not be influenced by teachings which are contrary to God's words. There is no doubt that the glow of the Holy Spirit will be evident in our lives as we grow in Him and it is His spirit which will urge us to go forward sharing the message of hope and deliverance, it is the glow of the Holy Spirit that will enable us to achieve all that Christ has designed for our lives and it is the Holy Spirit's presence that will aid us as we wage war against the enemy. After Moses had experienced just a glimpse of God's presence "...the skin of his face shone..." (Exodus 34:29). May your experiences with God during and after this Conference cause you to shine.

Grow in His Love, **Glow** in His presence and **Go** with confident assurance that God stands with you.

“But grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen” 1 Peter 3:18



**GREETINGS FROM THE
ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP**

New Testament Church of God England & Wales

Rev Dr. Eric A Brown FRSA

I am privileged yet again to offer greetings to First Lady Brown, the Women’s Ministries Board, special guests and all delegates at this your tenth Women’s Empowerment Conference.

I wish to commend the National Women’s Ministries for their dedication in working for the betterment of our church at local, district and national levels. Through your work, lives are being changed in this country and abroad, and for this we give God all the glory.

Although we prayed and planned separately about the theme for our conferences, we arrived at the same themes for the foregone national convention and for this conference. There is no other conclusion than that this is God ordained. My prayer is that God will use your chosen preachers and presenters to unpack His word in such a way that every life will be touched and changed; so that, like Moses returning from his encounter with God, you too might glow with His presence.

When this happens you too will not only grow, but you will glow and brighten the corner where you live, work, study and play.

With my prayers and best wishes.

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GREETINGS AND WELCOME FROM

Mrs Cynthia Spence and Executive Board Members

Once again it is a privilege and a pleasure to greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ our Lord. On behalf of the National Women's Executive Board, I take this opportunity to welcome all our guests and delegates to our Annual Women's Empowerment Conference.

It is indeed a pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to our Administrative Bishop Dr Eric A Brown, members of the National Executive Council, all Ministers, Presidents, Co-ordinators and Secretaries.

To our guest speakers Dr Andria Smith from the USA, Rev Nettie Williams, Rev Sharon Smith, our prayer leaders Rev Sharon Miller and Rev Hilary Thompson, workshop presenters, worship team and musicians, we are so pleased that you have accepted our invitation to minister throughout the weekend.

The theme for this year's conference is **Grow Glow Go**. The scripture encourages us to "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" 2Peter 3:18. To Grow is to become enlarged, to increase, to become larger and stronger, and to be changed from one state to another, to advance in full stature or maturity.

The Glow represents the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit which gives us the boldness to GO and fulfil the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15)

I trust that throughout this weekend you will be spiritually enriched, encouraged and challenged as you Grow through the preaching and teaching of the Word, be at that place and allow the Holy Spirit to empower you to Go.

Every Blessing

"Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

Isaiah 54:2



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.

PRAYER LINE

Our 24 hour prayer line – **0160.48.24.24.7** – call and leave your requests for prayer or e-mail: **bigmoveprayer@aol.com**

ACTION UPON HEARING THE FIRE ALARM!

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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 emulate 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.

Building 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





Rev Dr. Andria R Smith Ph.D.

Known for her insightful analysis, penetrating oratory, love for learning and steadfast dedication to Christianity, Rev. Dr. Andria R. Smith is a highly sought after speaker. As a Jamaican native who came to the United States as an adolescent, she authored a seminal dissertation on the adjustment of English-speaking Caribbean adolescents who have migrated to New York City, two nonfiction works entitled *Guidance From The Heart: A Christian Resource Guide For Young People* and *I Am Not Single I Am Just Not Married* and various booklets entitled *The Power Of...* Dr. Smith preaches and lectures nationally and internationally on issues ranging from family-related matters, to male and female relationships and adherence to Christian principles.

Dr. Smith has degrees in Early Childhood Education and Social Work from Adelphi University where she graduated with honours and has a doctorate degree in Children and Adolescent Issues from New York University (NYU). In addition to her university training, she has certificates in Family Therapy and Substance Abuse Intervention and Prevention.

Dr. Smith resigned her position of twenty-one years with the New York City Department of Education to

pursue her calling to the ministry under the auspices of **Empowerment Arms, Inc. Bringing Lives together, A Ministry of Compassion.** Through this ministry Dr. Smith works as a consultant with churches to develop and execute their vision and ministry manifesto. Dr. Smith works closely with pastors and leaders in an advisory capacity to support the visions and initiatives of ministerial leadership. Dr. Smith works to enhance the administration, protocol and overall ministry structure helping leaders to bring their vision to life.

Dr. Smith is a very active member in her church, **Church of God of East Flatbush** in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Smith began working with young people at the early age of fifteen and has been a Christian Education Teacher for over 30 years. She is an ardent servant and has served in numerous offices including Women's Ministry President, Youth Leader, and Bible Studies Teacher of her local church. Dr. Smith delights in the preaching and teaching of God's Word and has given herself over to its study and application in order to bring restoration and wholeness to the body of Christ. Dr. Smith gives honour and glory to God daily knowing that without Him all her accomplishments mean nothing.



GUEST TEACHER

Rev Sharon D Smith

Rev Sharon is one of 11 children born to Stanley and Gloria Smith. Her parents are God-fearing people who laid a solid foundation in her early years; teaching Godly principles and instilling good Christian morals which continue to guide her life today. Having been raised in the church, Rev Sharon began her personal relationship with the Lord at the age of 17 attending the New Testament Church of God in Dudley under the leadership of Bishop L A Jackson; before moving to London to start her nurse training at West Middlesex University Hospital, Hounslow. She attended the Hammersmith and Dulwich NTCG branches before becoming a member of Deptford NTCG under the leadership of Bishop H P Strachan, who recognised her potential and put her forward for ministry. She assisted Bishop H P Strachan in his ministry and served the church in many capacities before officially becoming the Assistant Pastor under the leadership of Bishop D A Douglas, in 2005.

In 2008 following months of seeking the Lord, Sharon knew that her life would dramatically change and that God was going to do a new thing in her life. When the call came to Pastor the church in West Ealing in 2009, she knew that God had

been preparing her for this season in her life. Since moving to West Ealing, Rev Sharon has nurtured the fellowship and is seeing gradual spiritual growth.

Her ministry also extended to those in Prison where she served as an Assistant Volunteer Chaplain at East Sutton Park Prison, Maidstone. Sharon has lectured on both regional and national levels on a variety of subjects including spiritual and health issues.

Sharon is down to earth and has a great sense of humour. She loves God and has a desire to see His will done on earth as it is in heaven. Sharon is passionate in her belief that all individuals should have a fulfilling relationship with Christ, realise their potential and fulfil their destiny in God.

Rev Sharon is single and agrees with the following statement by Bishop T.D Jakes ***“Wholeness doesn’t come from having another person; wholeness comes from being tied in with God. Wholeness comes when He does for you what no one else could do. You are complete in Him”.***

Jakes, T D (1996) *T.D. Jakes speaks to women! Deliverance for the past, healing for the present.* Albury Publishing, Oklahoma.



Rev Nettie Williams

Nettie Williams is an ordained minister who currently serves as Pastor of a growing congregation at NTCG Herne Hill with her husband of 35 years, Deacon Bill Williams. She accepted the Lord as her Personal Saviour at the age of 15; was baptised in water and in the Holy Spirit at the age of 17 and preached her first sermon when she was 16 on the theme of "Peace". Nettie has felt the call of God on her life from her teenage years and from then has been continuously involved in ministry of one kind or another.

She has served as Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Family Training Hour President, Pioneer for Christ Coordinator, District Youth Board Secretary, Local Youth Director, District Youth Director, Recording Secretary for National Conventions, member of the National Youth Board during which time she had responsibility for Leadership Training and Development and as Coordinator of the National Youth Convention. She also serves as a Facilitator at the Leadership Training centre.

Nettie is a Graduate of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Development and has served for many years in the public and private sectors as a Human Resource Management Specialist both at Corporate and Operational levels in the development and implementation of a wide range of Human Resource

disciplines. She trained as a Lawyer, a Professional and Executive Counsellor and also in the management of Voluntary Organisations. She served on Independent School Boards for non-admissions and as an Inner London Education Authority School Governor for many years. She was also a candidate for Councillor in her Local Borough Elections in 1998.

Nettie is a woman armed with a versatile ministry; an anointed preacher of the word, a gifted teacher, prolific prayer warrior, mentor, life coach and one who sees her role as enabling and empowering individuals to reach their potential. She has a deep passion for winning souls and reaping the harvest and works relentlessly towards this end.

An inspired speaker, who has lectured and preached at district, national and international levels, she captures the imagination and attention of her audience both young and old. Her messages are prophetic, personal, relatable, practical, and applicable.

She is undoubtedly a woman of our times whose ministry encapsulates both the contemporary and traditional values of the church.

Nettie typifies 1 Corinthians 15v58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord".

SCHEDULE

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 <i>Rev Dr. Andrea Smith</i>
9.30 pm	CLOSE OF SESSION

Saturday

9.00 am	Morning Glory Prayer & Praise <i>Rev Sharon Miller & Rev Hilary Thompson</i>
10.00 am	SCHOOL OF MINISTRY: Transformed to Go <i>Rev Sharon Smith</i>
11.00 am	WORKSHOPS: Ready Steady Glow! (5-12 years) <i>Miss Brenda Jennings and Team</i>
	The Glow Factor (13-17 years) <i>Mrs Alison Jackson</i>
	Glow in the Dark (18-24 years) <i>Mrs Kerine Kerr-Johnson</i>
	It's a Mind Thing (25+) <i>Rev Mrs Bridget Brooks</i>
	Glowing in your Golden Years (65+) <i>Mrs Cathy Flowers</i>

Advancing in Education and Business

Miss Brenda Lee & Mrs Ruth Alexander-Wright

Growing and Glowing in your Marriage

Mrs Fay Robinson & Bishop Brian Robinson

12.45 – 3.00 pm LUNCH

3.15 pm Exceptional Women's & So-journer Truth Awards

5.00 pm Worship & Celebration

Reflection/Testimony

Ministry of the Word:

Rev Dr. Andrea Smith

7.30 pm **CLOSE OF SESSION**

Sunday

9.30 am Morning Glory Prayer & Praise
Rev Sharon Miller & Rev Hilary Thompson

10.30 am **SCHOOL OF MINISTRY:
Transformed to Go**
Rev Sharon Smith

Ministry of the Word:
Rev Nettie Williams

1.00 – 3.00 pm LUNCH

3.30 pm Worship & Celebration

Update on **SHAPE**

Reflection/Testimony

Ministry of the Word:
Rev Dr. Andrea Smith

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, encourage and inform those in attendance.

Our teaching sessions **Transformed to Go** reflects the fact that we are in constant need of the transformation and renewal that only Christ can give; we cannot be effective in our service for our Master without the changes that transformation brings. These sessions will help us to understand the need for transformation, the process of transformation, the things which may hinder transformation and the joy that flows from a life transformed by the image of God.

Children are a heritage of the Lord; they are a gift from God himself. We seek to encourage and empower them to believe in themselves. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee together with England's hosting of the Olympic Games has made 2012 a truly historic year. Like true athletes who need to train and prepare themselves for their event, this workshop will seek to inspire the minds of our children to be **'Ready'** for a challenge, motivating them to become **'Steady'** and focussed, as they develop their self-esteem looking towards a bright future, with a

positive aim and vision to go forward and **'Glow'** for the Lord.

Teenagers are often encouraged to ensure the correct diet and healthy habits as it is during these years that the mind and body go through many changes. The changes in the body, assisted by 'glow' foods, are reflected in the skin. This workshop will convey the understanding that **The Glow Factor** does not only come from the natural foods or a physical make-over, but as they grow in Christ, the glow of the Holy Spirit will be reflected in their mental, physical, emotional and educational wellbeing.

Our markets are crowded with 'glow in the dark' products. An important feature of some of these products, however, is that before they can glow they need to be 'charged'. This workshop – **Glow in the Dark** - will convey to our young women that in order for them to glow away from the glare of family, friends and ministers they need to be 'charged' with God's Holy Spirit. Young women will glow when they experience God's divine presence and are in communion and fellowship with Him; they will glow even when temptations are overwhelming. They will glow because they recognise that God has called them to be light in this dark world of sin.

School of Ministry and Workshop Information in brief

The human mind is unique and capable of dealing with new and difficult situations but the mind is also capable of negative thoughts and feelings. The enemy will use the emotions of individuals, their negative circumstances and even past failures to cause conflict in the mind and steal the peace that God gives. There is no doubt that the way people think will have a bearing on the way they behave and the things they do. This workshop – ***It's a Mind Thing*** – will help individuals to understand that decisions which affects all of life are made in the mind. The word of the Lord reminds us “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.” Isaiah 26:3.

The workshop - ***Glowing in your Golden Years*** - seeks to motivate and encourage women over the age of 65 to become (or remain) involved in their church and community. Some of these women may feel that they have ‘reached their end’ and have nothing more to offer to the Church, their peers, young people or their community. The Scripture reminds us that “...they shall still bear fruit in old age” Psalm 92: 12-15 so in spite of their age it is their responsibility to continue to bear fruit and display a positive and passionate outlook in their church and community.

The education aspect of the workshop ***Advancing in Education and Business*** will help participants appreciate life-long learning and the opportunities/routes which are open to them as they climb the educational ladder. For those who have started or about to start in business the business aspect of this workshop will include details of the business plan, financing, target audience, location, managing the business, registration and employing people.

The workshop - ***Growing and Glowing in your Marriage*** - is to give support to women who are facing a number of challenges in their marriage but really want to grow and glow within the marriage. Women will be reminded of the obligations that both parties have toward each other and the fact that our hectic pace of life can create obstacles which can in turn cause marital conflicts and stress. Mention will be made of the very important part sexual intimacy plays in marriage and the ‘order’ that God created. In order to gain a male perspective and have a greater understanding of what a husband want from his wife, we have invited Bishop Robinson to join Sister Fay in this presentation. Together they will explore ways in which the marriage can grow and glow again.



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. She is involved in the Single Adults Ministry. Brenda has a BA (Hon.) degree in Early Childhood Studies.



Alison Jackson

Alison is a product of the church in Willesden where she came to Christ under the ministry of Dr. Issachar Lewinson. She is a Graduate of Hertfordshire University and is a qualified Teacher of The Deaf. Her ministry passion has always been about people and in particular the need to see the youngest members of our church community enjoying a rich experience.

She has organised and led children's church for many years in the Dudley church and now also in Muntz Street where she also serves as the Local Women's Ministries President. Her desire is to see young people grow and develop into strong and secure soldiers in Christ.

Alison is married to Rev. John Jackson and has three children Madison 14, Shashamani 12 and Rae-Kwan 8.



Kerine Kerr-Johnson

Kerine Kerr-Johnson has always loved the church, the singing, the preaching and church family. Her ministry has been focused on children and the older people and she is passionate about people who are the most vulnerable in society and totally dependent on others to meet their needs.

Kerine became a Christian and was baptised in 1977. Handsworth NT has always been a part of her life from birth. She has always been involved in children's ministry as far back as she can remember starting as a teacher helping in Sunday school, and leading junior choir and adult choirs. Kerine has been a member of various choir and groups including The Majestic Singer. For over 30 years she is has been the co-ordinator for the local Saturday school, a position she continues to enjoy. Kerine's skills also extend to catering and she has been a part of a team that has had the opportunity to cater at conventions and various weddings.

With encouragement from her mother she tried the nursing profession and after completing a pre-nursing course knew that was not the path for her. She had no idea what she wanted to do except that she always had a love for working with children. She became a clerical officer, quickly moving into a nursery officer's post. Can you imagine going to work having fun and loving what you do? Kerine says she " was in heaven and would have stayed there had God not had a plan for my life". Against all odds she qualified as a Social Worker in 1991 and joined the Child protection team. She was later promoted to Older Adults as a Assistant team manager, progressed to a Social Work Team manager and is now the Team Manager for the Access to Service for Adult Care.

Kerine attributes all her success to God for "He alone has made my life the blessing that it is today."



Bridgette Brooks

Bridgette Brooks loves to worship and has experienced many breakthroughs through praise and worship. However, this is not how she felt as a child. She was born in England to Jamaican parents in 1964 and when her parents split at a tender age she blamed God because the separation coincided around the time her mother started to attend church, subsequently hardship followed. She started to count the days she would be old enough to leave church.

However, to God be the glory and the attentiveness of a strong principled Christian mother in Sister Anita Minott, Bridgette was saved (12 years), water baptised (15 years) and filled with the Holy Spirit (19 years). She has experienced working in all the various departments at the NTCG in Deptford, Wood Green and Luton respectively. She currently holds the position of Director of Youth & Christian Education (aka Discipleship) for Luton District. Her heart's desire is to encourage and see children and young people experience a real relationship with Jesus and experience the power they can have because they know Him.

She has been employed in the private, public and voluntary sector. Some of the highlights of her career are; as a Home Office Policy Adviser she participated in the implementation of legislations that established the Criminal Records Bureau and the

regulation of the Private Security Industry. She has provided advice to Parliamentary MP's and senior ministers such as Jack Straw, Hillary Blair, Charles Clark and John Denham. She is currently working for the UKBA assessing and deciding asylum claims and potential victims of human trafficking. She has been married to a loving and supportive husband, Garrett Brooks for 23 years; they have five children Wayne, Garrett, Alexzina, Angelica & Akua. What does an ordinary woman such as Bridgette have to offer... her life experience.



Cathy Flowers

Cathy has been walking in newness of life with Jesus for 33 years and by His grace, she is determined to continue walking with Him for the rest of her life. Cathy says when Jesus found her she was at a cross road in her life not knowing which direction to go; she was messed up, spiritually sick and helpless, and ready to die. Life had dealt her some hard blows.

Prior to meeting Jesus Cathy was married to the love of her life - her childhood sweetheart - for 16 years from whom she got her the beautiful name. Cathy had previously left Jesus for him in spite of her Mother's reminder that "The way of the transgressor is hard." Although Cathy did not understand what her Mother meant at the time, she realized later that her mother was right. Cathy and her husband have

two sons, one daughter, five grand children and one great grand-daughter, Mya who is nearly four.

From the time Cathy came into the church she has been active. She has worked in various capacities as Ladies Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, FTH President, Local Youth Leader and District Youth Board Member. She also directed the choir, taught Bible classes, coordinated Street Evangelism, and occasionally ministered the Word, and during this time had a full time job amongst other things.

Cathy was eager to study the word and shortly after her conversion enrolled and attended EBI in London 1981-1983. She had challenges when her low results blighted her confidence and later when she felt 'too old to study'. She overcame these challenges and has completed several courses at the Leadership Training Centre with glowing results and commendations.

Cathy currently serves as Sunday School Superintendent, Bible Study Teacher coordinator, Adult Choir Director, and newly elected Member of Church & Pastor's Counsel.

At 69 plus years Cathy says "I am Glowing in my Golden Years"



Brenda Lee

Brenda Lee has been serving the Lord for many years and has served in the Lee Sunday School Department for over 20 years, fourteen of those as the Sunday School Superintendent.

One of the most satisfying things as a Christian is to be serving and operating within your gifting and this is certainly the case with Brenda. She has a passion for lifelong learning and her secular occupation is an educator, inside and outside of the classroom, with students of all ages and abilities.

Brenda is a Mathematician and was a department head and an Assistant Head teacher; she currently combines her teaching with an additional role in Educational welfare. She has a BA (Hons) in Maths, Education and Computer Science. She is currently completing her Masters in Mathematics Education, yet still finds time to be part of the team heading up a successful Community Holiday scheme at Lee Church, for children ages 4 – 12, which combine academic teaching with lots of, artistic, sporting and other creative activities.

Brenda is known for her cheerful disposition and humble spirit she is always ready to learn new things and loves the Lord and His people, counting it a joy to serve in the right capacity. You can be sure that she will strive to make any presentation she gives, engaging, challenging, edifying and fun.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?but covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way. (1 Corinthians 12:29-31)



Ruth Alexander-Wright

Ruth was born in St. Ann, Jamaica to proud parents, Rev. & Mrs. Sydney Alexander. She commenced walking with the Lord at an early age.

She is passionate and committed to the promotion, development and growth of God's kingdom and so has served the church in several capacities; she currently serves as an officer on the Church and Pastor's council, Sunday school teacher, Musician, and the Women's president in her local church.

Ruth gained her professional qualifications at Kingston School of Nursing and The University of the West Indies, Jamaica. She then migrated to the UK where she continued her education at Buckinghamshire Chiltern University in the field of Cardio-thoracic Nursing.

Ruth is a gifted motivational speaker in her field. In 2007, following her lecture at the International Transplant Medical symposium in Denver, Colorado, she received a standing ovation and was awarded a Certificate of recognition for her work in the field of Leadership and management of team dynamics. She is passionate about helping people through

mission and so in 2010, she acted on a vision she received some years ago. To fulfil her purpose as a global humanitarian, Ruth founded HeavenScent Domiciliary Care Services Ltd and is currently the Managing Director. She believes that God has favoured her and is still blessing the company in order to promote and support the charitable work He has directed her towards.

Ruth considers herself to be a highly influential, transformational activist and plans to work in partnership with world charities to combat humanitarian issues such as systemic poverty, abused children and domestic violence against women globally as the Lord directs her.



Bishop Brian & Mrs Fay Robinson

Mrs. Fay J. Robinson is an anointed woman of God; she has been married to Bishop Brian Robinson for 34 years and is the proud mother of 2 beautiful daughters. Fay, a strong woman of faith, has served the Lord in various capacities including Local and National YLM coordinator, Sunday school teacher, and assistant Sunday school superintendent for over 40 years. She presently serves on the National Women's Ministries Board, as District Women's President and Chair of the SHAPE Committee.

Fay's passions are to ensure her family remain happy and focused and to enable women to realise their full potential.

Fay is a Registered Nurse and has worked in various areas of the nursing field. Presently she works as a Continence Specialist Nurse.

Known for her tenacious spirit, unwavering faith and charming smile Fay is a visionary who has the gift of recognising a need and designing strategies to meet those needs. During her tenure in ministry she has identified, implemented and executed various ministerial programs to meet the needs of whole person. Among these programs are Mission trip to Africa, supporting the needy and Mission Pembury - an event designed to impact a local estate housing 10,000 people. Activities included a spa day, BBQ, sporting activities for all ages, prayer stations for those requesting prayer and also interaction with the Police department, Olympic medallists and other community based organisations which has now become an annual event. She has also organized and implemented an outreach program for women in her local church - the mother daughter program - designed to connect younger women with senior women in the church as a mentor mentee program.

Fay is a well-rounded woman who is a passionate preacher and a knowledgeable workshop leader. She enjoys cooking, scrabble, jigsaw puzzles and spending time with her family.

Brian Robinson is Senior Pastor of the New Testament Church of God, Clapton, where he has served for the last 16 years. He serves as coordinator of the church's Ministerial Internship Programme, as well as teaches at the church's Leadership Training Centre in the areas of hermeneutics, homiletics, and Pentecostal Spirituality. He also serves on the church's National Board of Education. He holds a M.Div. degree from the Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee, and a MA in Christian Theology from the University of London, which he pursued through Heythrop College, the University of London's specialist college in Theology and Philosophy.

Brian and his wonderful wife, Fay, have been married for 34 years, and have two fantastic daughters, Davinia and Marsha.



Mrs Charmaine Hudson

(Guest Singer)

Charmaine Hudson, nee Dunkley, was born in Kingston, Jamaica.

At the age of eleven, she knelt on her bed and gave her heart to the Lord, promising Him, that she would serve Him until the day she dies. She acknowledges that although she has failed Him many times He has never failed her and for this she gives Him praise and glory.

Charmaine married Rev. Colin Hudson in 1986, in Kingston Jamaica and moved to England the following year. God has blessed them with two beautiful children, Colin Hudson (Junior) and Catherine Hudson, both servants of the most High God.

In spite of the "many curve balls" that life has thrown them, Charmaine says they have "learnt to trust in Jesus and depend upon His word", and she testifies to the fact that "there is no failure in God." Charmaine loves the Lord with all her heart, body and soul and has a deep and passionate desire to continue to serve Him. She celebrates Him for His awesomeness and will continue to praise Him for all His greatness.

Planning AHEAD

RETREAT TO CONQUER 2013

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th February

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE 2013

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February 21 – 23, 2013

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Leaders”**

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SAM - Single Adult Ministry

It has been a busy year for the national SAM team, with members of the team conducting weekend seminars at West Croydon, Nottingham, Gloucester and Lee. This past June, SAM also co-hosted a successful "Jesus, Single Like Me!" UK tour by Kris Swiatocho from North Carolina. Kris is one of the USA's foremost speakers to Christian single adults and her itinerary included talks at three of our churches - Handsworth, Wolverhampton and Aldershot - where she was warmly received.

Finally, SAM was one of the sponsors of 'Life Begins...' - a play by Silvano Griffith-Francis (NTCG Mile End) which ran from 18 - 23 September this year at the Lost Theatre in South West London.

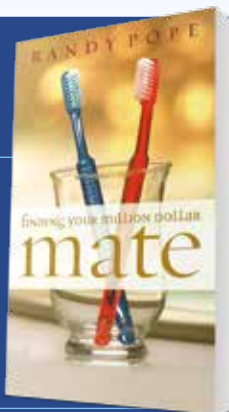
The SAM team are greatly looking forward to God's agenda for the coming year, which shall include a new development in ministry to widows.

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