



PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DR. EMMANUEL OSEI

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the precious name of our soon coming King.

I trust that many of you were able to accept the invitation of our GC President last Sabbath; and joined the world church for their quarterly day of fasting and prayer, under the theme, 'Praying for a Heart like Jesus'.

Jesus started his discipleship ministry with forty days of fasting and prayer (Matthew 4:1-2), and regularly withdrew to pray throughout his ministry (Mark 1:35). He prayed all night before choosing the twelve disciples (Luke 6:12-16) and prayed so earnestly before his crucifixion that sweat, like drops of blood, fell from his forehead (Luke 22:39-46). If the Son of God utilised fasting and prayer for an effective ministry, we cannot afford to neglect these disciplines as we seek to **Make Disciples & Build Communities**.

So often we read how Jesus was moved with compassion for lost souls which motivated Him to minister to those who had been ostracised by society and even by the religious leaders.

Friends none of us is beyond saving. Jesus came into this world in order to save us since we could not save ourselves. This is why I concur with the Revival and Reformation committee of the world church to pray for a heart like Jesus.

Let me invite you to visit their website

www.revivalandreformation.org where you can access material to help you prepare for the next Prayer and Fasting Session on the 2nd of October. Please get the materials and plan to join your global family.

This week, I was pleased to get a report from our Personal Ministries Director, Pastor Mike Mbui. Many of you are using the Discovery Bible Reading method at home, during Sabbath School and with your friends during bible studies, to discover God together as He is revealed in the Bible.

Many are finding that the relational context of discovery is helping to cultivate disciples who feel accountable to one another to obey what God is revealing through His Holy Spirit each week.

As we move into the third quarter of our discipleship strategy for 2021, I encourage you to continue this good work. We should not feel content simply to disciple people to Christ but should continue the process from conversion through maturation and multiplication, to nurture teams of disciple-makers. That is, disciples of Jesus who enter into relationship with new people to intentionally help them follow Jesus, be changed by Jesus, and join the mission of Jesus.

I am encouraged to know that a number of our churches are being proactive in growing teams of disciple-makers. We commend the pastors and churches who are leading the way.

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When individual members and churches extend the process of disciple-making through their natural networks, a wave of transformation will sweep through families and communities, to create Adventist presence in previously unentered territories.

Please come on board and join this Disciple Making movement so that we can **Make Disciples & Build Communities**.

Communication & Media**President's Update: 5 July**

Please share this video update or schedule the clip in your online service:
youtu.be/xe2Ap-1Ubno

Monday Morning Manna: 5 July

Please be encouraged by these short devotional messages and feel free to share:
youtu.be/-03VfVaXKGO

60 SEC News

Watch the new episode here:
youtu.be/cZd6ahSj9dU

SEC COMMUNICATOR Magazine

This quarter, we direct our attention to the repercussions of the abduction and murder of Sarah Everard earlier this year and discuss **Gender Inequality**. We also celebrate 20 years and counting of the Adventist Special Needs Association; and feature the usual departmental updates and church news:

seccommunicator.com

Cornerstone Counselling Service (CCS)

Please ensure your members are aware of the support available through Cornerstone:

- Call the dedicated listening line from 8am to midnight, seven days a week on 0330 133 2495;
- For counselling appointments, call the office on 0207 723 8050, from 9.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Thursday, and 9am to 12 noon on Fridays;
- Email connect@ccscounselling.org.uk;
- Visit our website to chat online and for emotional support resources:
ccscounselling.org.uk

Women's Ministries Hardship Fund

If you are a woman experiencing hardship as a result of this pandemic, we may be able to help! Feel free to apply (or support) this fund by emailing womens@secadventist.org.uk.

Hyland House Adventist Primary School September 2021 Enrolment

Hyland House is a Christ-centred, dynamic, London-based, coeducational Adventist primary school for children aged 2 to 11 years. Dedicated to their students' mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being, Hyland House focus on developing confident, well-rounded, resilient children, who will achieve academic excellence, develop Christian character traits, and build strong friendships that will last a lifetime and beyond. Please inform the parents in your congregation and social network that enrolment for September 2021 is now open. For further information:

- call 0208 520 4186
- email info@hylandhouseschool.org
- or visit www.hylandhouseschool.org

Stanborough Press**Sabbath School Supplies for the Third Quarter Available Now**

Bible study guides for all ages are still available from Stanborough Press.

- Call us on 01476 591 700
- Email sales@stanboroughpress.org.uk, or
- Visit www.lifeforcebookshop.co.uk

The Watford shop has returned to normal opening hours (12:30pm-5pm, Mon-Thu and 10am-2pm, Fri); and the Advent Centre shop is open once a week (11am-3pm, Sun).

Peterborough Church Daniel Series**Friday 9 July (7.30pm)**

Please join Pastor Michael Walker this Friday for *The Final Showdown* - the concluding part of his in-depth study into the book of Daniel.

Zoom Meeting ID: 950 8821 5936

Passcode: 542182

Singles Ministry**S.N.A.G.D. Click & Connect Weekly Zoom****Aftermath of Abuse****Friday 9 July (7pm)**

Renowned speaker, author, producer and innovator, Brenda Walsh, shares her insights in the final part of this essential programme:
us02web.zoom.us/j/8337107765?pwd=TTMyN0N3cWhqelRCNzNlQelhrUGtVZz09

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 710 7765

Passcode: BLESSED (N.B. new uppercase password).

Adventist.Singles**Big Singles Conversation****Saturday 10 July (9pm)**

Learn what to look for in a Godly spouse in the concluding part of this two-part series with Hilton Samuel. Join for priceless tips:
us02web.zoom.us/j/5455184477?pwd=VmJMNmUrc0V2RzJnUnpCQWdxQUhmZz09

Zoom Meeting ID: 5455 1844 77

Passcode: Genesis218

Weekly Zoom Meetings

Use the same login details to join events for single, unmarried Adventists every weekend:

- **Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays (8pm)
- **Sabbath School Study:** Fridays (9:30pm)
- **Big Conversation/Bible Quiz Night:** Saturdays (9pm)
- **Singles Zoom Walk:** Sundays (12 noon)

Croydon Church**Festival of Sound: Just Praise****Saturday 10 July (7pm)**

This year's concert is in aid of the St Vincent & Grenadines Volcano Disaster Relief. Watch on the [Croydon SDA Church YouTube channel](#).

Plant Based Online Cook-Along Classes**Thursday 15 July (7pm-8pm)**

Learn how to cook tasty and nutritious

plant-based dishes and immune-boosting smoothies. Register on Eventbrite:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/croydon-online-plant-based-cook-along-classes-registration-129590056347

Men's Ministry**Real Men Real Talk****Monday 12 July (7.30pm-9.30pm)**

Men of all ages from across the SEC and beyond are invited to join this online meeting via Zoom Conferencing. **Brother Sam Mahlangu will be our main speaker:**

zoom.us/j/96509777808?pwd=bnRBdWtFZlNIQkw1ZmlLR2Q3c21QZz09

Zoom Meeting ID: 965 0977 7808

Passcode: MEN192021

For details contact Devon Boyd on 07956 383222 or dboyd@secadventist.org.uk.

Family Ministries**Attachment Matters****Friday 16 July (7pm-8.30pm) & Saturday 17 July (3pm-4.30pm)**

Join Dr Lynda Ince-Greenaway for a two-part seminar on the relevance of attachment for childhood and adult relationships. Watch on the [SECmedia YouTube channel](#) or email Ligia at luzac@secadventist.org.uk to register to join via Zoom.

How to Double the Happiness in Love and Marriage with Dr Curtis Fox Saturday 24 July (7pm-9pm)

Watch on the [SECmedia YouTube channel](#) or join via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 960 1366 3069

Passcode: 205980

Parental Legacy & Parenting in a Digital Age Friday 30 July (7pm-9pm) & Saturday 31 July (5pm-7pm)

Drs Robert & June Kennedy re-evaluate value-based parenting and the cyclical nature of relationship; and share tips to help you reconnect with your children in a post pandemic world. Watch on the [SECmedia YouTube channel](#) or join via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 966 4235 0405

Passcode: 689084

Women's Ministry**Effective Leadership Certification Training Sunday 18 July (10am)**

Women looking to enhance their effectiveness as leaders are invited to participate in this training, presented by SEC Women's Director, Jacqueline Otokpa. For details call 01923 232 729 or email jotokpa@secadventist.org.uk.

Zoom Meeting ID: 983 3071 5667

Passcode: 710671

The Great Reunion: 4-day Summer Retreat Friday 27 August - Monday 30 August

Join us at the new Hay's Wood Retreat and

Conference Centre, for our long awaited Women's Retreat, with special guests from the USA, and St Vincent. Meals, accommodation and workshops are included in the £250 per person fee, as well as a concert and banquet. For information and bookings:

- Call 01923 232 729
- Email jotokpa@secadventist.org.uk or
- Visit www.secadventistwomen.com/events-1/the-great-reunion-womens-4-day-summer-retreat

Community Services

Taking Your Community Project to the Next Level

Sunday 25 July (11am-12 noon)

Pastor Sophia Peart shares the skills, tools, and mindset you need to succeed.

Zoom Meeting ID: 962 0502 6971

Passcode: 536636

Children's Ministry

Treasured: Virtual Vacation Bible School

Monday 26 July - Saturday 31 July (11am-1pm)

Join Brixkidz & SEC Children's Ministry as they embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. At Treasured VBS, kids dig into action-packed,

faith-filled adventures. They'll discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold – it's them! Register at: vbspro.events/p/events/brixkidz-secvbs Treasured t-shirts for children and adults can be ordered from: secpathfinder.shop

Ministerial Department

Elders Council Area Training

Every Weekend until Friday 30 July

Please encourage all your Elders to register for this weekend training programme specially designed to train Elders in Leadership. Training dates and times for each area can be found on the SEC website: sec.adventist.uk/events/event/em/2021-07-02-elders-council/-/0

Please also share the following registration link: forms.office.com/r/evaxhARh4L

Church Growth

Mission Course: Through a Glass Darkly
Wednesdays until 11 August (6pm-7.30pm)

Discover your incarnational ministry and mission in the new normal during this interactive course. Click the link below to learn more and register:

bit.ly/ThroughaGlassDarkly

ADRA-UK Update

#WalkForADRA: 50,000 miles for £50,000
Continues until Tuesday 31 August

ADRA-UK aim to raise at least £50,000 to help some of the most vulnerable communities in the world, by walking for a combined total of 50,000 miles. Visit ADRA's website to register, log your miles, get your #walkforadra t-shirts, and most importantly donate: adra.org.uk/walkforadra

SEC Prayer Line

Join us for a Spirit-filled hour of prayer every morning from 6am.

Dial in (UK): 0330 088 1937

Telephone access code: 619764#

Join the online meeting:

join.freeconferencecall.com/churchh

Online meeting ID: churchh

International dial-in: fccdl.in/i/churchh

Warmest regards,



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