'LOOK AT THE REALITY' SWEENEY TELLS MINISTERS

"If we followed national statistics our membership would be over three-hundred thousand," Pastor Ian Sweeney told South England Conference provincial ministers at a gathering on Tuesday, 1 November. It was the third in a series of meetings that the recently elected President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland is holding with ministers around the country. As President he wears his passion for evangelism and mission on his sleeve – and that passion is causing him to think about how Adventists are reaching out to the majority of the population in the British Isles.

The Adventist mission ethos means that members can be found in almost every country of the world. Yet, while the church in the UK sent out many missionaries from its shores in the last century, the indigenous church over the past thirty years has struggled while church growth has come via immigration followed by evangelism largely within the ethnic minority communities.

While hard statistics are difficult to come by, it is estimated that less than 10 percent of those 32,000 members would be regarded as indigenous. In earlier discussions with the London ministers he noted that within the 11,000+ members in the London area there are probably less than 200 that can be described as white British. "This is total role reversal in terms of the British population where less than ten percent are immigrants," Sweeney stated adding, "in reality we have become a black majority church within a white majority population." To be proportionate with the general population that would require a membership increase of 90 percent! An impossible dream? "We need to wake up and look at the reality," Sweeney says. "We need to look for ways to make an impact."
The aim of the meetings that he has so far held with ministers in the North and South England Conferences, as well as with a number of local congregations, is not so much to provide solutions as to raise awareness of the enormous challenge and commission the church faces. Quoting Elder E E Cleveland he says, "You can't finish the work without doing the work," and has pledged that the primary focus of the Executive Committee will be evangelism. However, it is at local church level where the real impact is made and in his discussions Sweeney is challenging every local congregation to "take seriously its reason for being." The aim of every board and business meeting should be "how do we reach the lost?"

Reacting to the presentation Pastor Ron Clemow noted that Adventists need to be more proactive in their communities. The discussion focused on how many Adventists have genuine friendships in the community, how to develop them and the note that "we must be friendly, but we must present the Gospel." Pastor Mick Smart is one of a small number of ministers that have been released from normal pastoral duties in order to church plant. He has found it to be an astonishingly refreshing experience and challenged the Conference to release more ministers for 'front line' evangelism. South African pastor, Robin Lewis, who has served in the South England Conference for 8 years recommended the book, 'Watching the English' noting that he has been challenged to learn how to relate to the English mind-set. He said, "It is well worth a read and has helped me to understand the culture that I need to work with in order to be successful."

A meeting such as this is obviously just the start of a process. However, Sweeney, with Antiguan parents, an Irish grandfather, but born and bred in Leicester, finds within himself a burning desire to use his time in leadership to reach beyond the histories of the past and the challenges of the present in order to allow God to do something amazing in our communities in this increasingly secularised country.

While evangelism was the major focus of the day at Newbold church centre, other presentations included taking time for the ministers to focus on their 'Sabbath rest', as well as discussions on the current media evangelistic efforts on the web and on Revelation TV. Time was also taken to look at how well local churches are communicating their mission with their communities. Robin Lewis was voted as Secretary to the provincial ministers' forum which is currently chaired by Ian Sleeman.

A full article on Evangelism and Mission in the British Isles exploring these ideas more fully will shortly be available in a future edition of MESSENGER. Comment on this article now and join the discussion on Pastor Sweeney's new blog.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH ADVENTIST COLLEGES ABROAD  [Newbold PR]

On Thursday 27 October the Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) Board of Directors voted to welcome Newbold College as an affiliate member of Adventist Colleges Abroad, a consortium of Colleges and Universities in the North-American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"We believe passionately that this partnership can afford significant opportunities for North-American students who choose to explore, live and learn abroad in England for a year" Dr Philip Brown, Newbold College Principal, said in welcoming the decision. "Our wish is that students who
are attracted to Newbold will discover not only the unique diversity of our college community but seek out the numerous opportunities afforded on and off campus to cultivate their spirituality and learn for life" Dr Brown added.

Dr Odette Ferreira, Secretary of the ACA Executive Board and Director states, "We are looking forward to this partnership and to the opportunity of offering our North-American students this new international experience which, with God's help, will be unique in their lives."

Dr Niels-Erik Andreasen, Vice Chair of the ACA Executive Board shared the rationale for the decision: "In addition to studying several languages, ACA students can now explore the arts, humanities, social sciences, and religion in a European setting while being exposed to more traditional British ways of teaching and learning."

"I am delighted about this news. It was part of the restructuring plan in February to achieve this objective" Dr Bertil Wiklander, Chair of the Newbold College Board of Trustees said in also welcoming the decision.

This important decision enriches student life at the college just as much for British students as the international mix and debate that ensues helps broaden horizons and perspectives. "I believe that an international experience is one of the most exciting and enriching experiences that a student can have. Encountering different cultures, habits and people makes you open-minded and gives you the ability to look at life from a whole different perspective" Izak Juric, recently elected President of the Newbold Student Association (NSA) commented.

Deputy Principal Dr John Baildam, is excited that this initiative will give students from the USA a unique opportunity to study English literature within just an hour's drive of where much of it was written, and to develop intercultural competencies and understandings, especially in terms of learning to appreciate and use a very different form of the English language.

**ASNA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS: CONNECTING PEOPLE CHANGING LIVES** [Sophia Nicholls, ASNA Co-Founder & Trustee]

"I am the one who should say a heartfelt thanks to ASNA for what I thought was one of the most spiritual, moving and rich in fellowship and love Sabbath evenings we have ever had." The words of one of the guests who attended ASNA's 10-year celebratory banquet on Sabbath, 8 October 2011 at the Oxford Belfry Hotel. ASNA (Adventist Special Needs Association) is a user led charity inspired by the birth of Matthew Nicholls who has multiple disabilities and special needs. It developed to support the spiritual, social, emotional and physical needs of people living with disabilities and special needs. ASNA also works with churches to enable the gospel to be accessible to people with or without disabilities.

This black tie banquet brought together ASNA members, volunteers, trustees, supporters and sponsors to mark this milestone in the journey of ASNA. Words of congratulations and pledges for continued support were given by special guests Jackie and Earl Ramharacksingh, South England Conference Treasurer, and Lynette and Pastor Terry Messenger, SEC Executive Secretary.

Simone and Bert Smit, CEO of ADRA-UK also attended as special guests. Bert expressed words of congratulations and thanks to ASNA for the partnership work over the past 10 years.
acknowledged the initial support and advice given by the previous ADRA-UK Director, Raafat Kamal who continues to support ASNA from the TED.

ADRA-UK and the SEC are two key partners in ensuring the success of the work of ASNA. ASNA chairman, Nigel Nicholls, recognised this partnership in his response to the speeches and congratulations given by the special guests.

Over 80 volunteers have supported ASNA over the past 10 years. In order to recognise their contributions and undying commitment, Pastor Messenger, Bert Smit and Nigel Nicholls officiated in awarding certificates of recognition to the volunteers to thank them for their continued support.

The banquet was the highlight of the annual ASNA Carers' Weekend 7 - 9 October, where unpaid carers from all over the UK come together for spiritual, social and emotional support. Carers are at risk of both mental and physical illness and so the workshops provided by Pastor Leslie Ackie on Emotional Intelligence and the health checks, seminars and demonstrations by Grace Walsh and Unity 7 provided much needed nurture and support for the carers in attendance.

Further encouragement and worship was provided by the inspirational spirit-filled Christian singer Marilyn Baker who is blind, and Tracy Williamson, well-known Christian writer and speaker who is deaf. Tracy and Marilyn enabled us all to contemplate the life and love of Christ and His working in our everyday life. Their beautiful singing and speaking inspired one of the delegates to respond, "what an inspiration to us all who have sight and hearing. It isn't an obstacle to them because they recognise God and feel blessed. It should make us count our blessings."

In 2007, the BUC appointed a Disability Coordinator, Sharon Platt-McDonald, who has worked very closely with ASNA to produce a number of disability awareness resources and organise an annual UK-wide Disability Coordinators' training conference. This year's conference will be held in The Oxford Four Pillars Hotel, Abingdon Road, Oxford on Sunday, 13 November. It promises to be a key learning event as well as a celebration of the Disability ministry in the UK over the past 10 years.

ASNA would like to thank God for leading the charity to this milestone. We can thank Him for the many families and churches to have benefited from the work of this organisation through the respite breaks, training workshops and seminars and resources developed. We would also like to recognise our many volunteers, members, donors, supporters and partners since 2001.

For further information about ASNA or to volunteer or make a contribution to the work, please visit their website or send an email to info@asna.info.

NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR ARE FAST LEARNERS [Tam Cader]

A romantically darkened Wednesday evening in trendy Notting Hill, a vibrant and buzzing part of west London was host to the inauguration of a brand new community choir! London Live, a contemporary church plant, took the initiative on 19 October 2011 and as the church doors opened it was inspiring to see a steady stream of budding vocalists making their way in and helping themselves to our courtesy refreshments as they got to know each other. There were a number of new faces from the community to meet: some who came either with friends or who were responding to our colourful advertising in the local paper or our glossy A6 leaflet delivered to their letterbox.

By 7:00 pm the group had swelled to approximately twenty-three eager participants. Their choral exploration began with an introduction to a series of warm-up exercises designed to prepare the voice for singing. Choir director, Keron Rhami, very proficiently demonstrated each vocal exercise. A number of jovial chuckles could be heard echoing off the
vaulting and arches of the rather magnificent church structure. The primed chorales were then divided into their voice types grouping and began to learn Hezekiah Walker's worshipful song 'Faithful is Our God'. By 9:00 pm the new London Live Community Choir was an inspiring vociferous ensemble. The evening culminated in a harmonious round of applause, contented laughter and a little more socializing before they all headed out into the night.

The launching of the London Live Community Choir left people buzzing with excitement for the coming weeks. Friends were made; phone numbers exchanged and relationships born. It was a powerful experience! For London Live the Community Choir represents a building of bridges between people; an opportunity to experience life together; and an occasion to share our friendship and our God with people around us.

**SYDENHAM CHURCH SABBATH AWARENESS MARCH** [Leonie Johnson]

Emil Day, the 19-year-old Youth leader at Sydenham Seventh-day Adventist church, was the brainchild behind a successfully organized street march in the Sydenham area of South East London to proclaim the importance of remembering to keep holy the seventh-day Sabbath. Emil states, "I felt a conviction to spread God's Word. I was thinking what key things sets us apart from other Christians and make us unique; and I thought the Sabbath. Many people have forgotten the true seventh-day Sabbath rest day. I saw this as an opportunity not only to witness to non-Christians, but Christians of other denominations."

Emil had never organised a street march before but he did his research and set out an action plan. "I had to get police, local council, and Church Board approval," he says. "I also needed a budget to purchase equipment such as boards for placards, a megaphone etc."

Emil received a mixed reaction from his local church. "Some people thought it was a wonderful idea and what we should be doing as Christians in proclaiming God's Word. Others disagreed and thought we should be proclaiming Jesus and not Sabbath, and that Christians shouldn't march," Emil states. Still others thought we shouldn't be marching on the Sabbath even though the march was about the Sabbath. Then there were those that felt we didn't have sufficient time to organize a march.

Emil was not put off and so on Sabbath, 29 October he reminded the congregation of what would take place. At 12:30 pm the main worship service ended and everyone that was taking part put on specially designed t-shirts and their walking shoes. The marchers had a police escort leading them followed by four main speakers – Emil, Sheldon Boothe, and two church elders. Behind the speakers was a large banner with Exodus 20:8 written out in full and the words "Saturday is the Sabbath". Then behind the larger banner was Lewisham church drum chore, followed by the rest of the marchers holding placards promoting the Sabbath and Jesus. While Emil was hoping for 150 to join the march he says, "like with Gideon in the Bible only around 60 were ready and prepared to spread God's words!" After a mile long march down the main Sydenham High Street they dispersed into a local park – where Emil stated, "It exceeded my expectations! The response from the public was great, and I felt like one of the early pioneers of the Adventist Church." He says that there were no significant negative reactions from the public and that some people actually applauded what they were doing. In addition people were actually holding out their hands to receive our locally designed Sabbath tracts and DVDs. Over 900 were handed out.

As a young Youth leader he is very encouraged. What has he learnt? "A positive was that people out there are still looking for the truth, and there are lots of people in our communities that don't know what we as Seventh-day Adventists believe and they are willing to listen. Time is precious and we all have a responsibility regardless of our age to proclaim God's Word and stand up for His truth."
While there were doubters before the event the feedback afterwards was very positive. "A lot of members were very excited after the march and felt we needed to march regularly," Emil enthuses, adding, "People are still coming up to me and telling me different stories of people they have met who witnessed the march and the impact it has had on them."

One member, Cherie McKenzie, designer of our Sabbath DVD, sums up the day for her: "The march was great. The whole experience was surreal and it didn't feel strange, it felt like we were really spreading the Word of God. And people were so willing to take the leaflets and DVDs. I was amazed at how many people slowed their cars down to take a leaflet. It made me realise that whatever happens, when we join together in unity, great things can be done."

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND EVANGELISM** [BUC Ministerial Association]

There is a busy itinerary ahead for Dr Derek Morris, recently appointed Editor of Ministry magazine and Associate Ministerial Association Director at Adventist World Church Headquarters. Dr Morris is perhaps best known in this country for his much appreciated Hope Sabbath School broadcast on Hope Channel sponsored by Forest Lake church in Florida. He has also been a Camp Meeting speaker.

Opportunities to learn at the feet of Dr Morris over the coming week are available across the British Isles. Some events have to be reserved.

**Friday,** 4 November: 7:30 pm. St Albans church, 121 St Peter's Street, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3EL.

**Sabbath,** 5 November: 9:00 am and 11:15 am. Newbold church, St Marks Road, Binfield, RG42 4AN. 3:00 pm. SEC Area 6, De Vere Hotel Latimer Place, Latimer, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 1UG.

**Sunday,** 6 November: 10:00 – 16:00. Airport View Hotel, Dublin. (Irish Mission Ministers)

**Monday,** 7 November: 10:00 – 16:00. Scottish Mission Office. (Scottish Mission Ministers)

**Tuesday,** 8 November: 10:30 – 16:30. BUC Offices, Watford. (Pastors' Leadership Seminar – contact Faye Weekes to reserve a place.)

**Wednesday,** 9 November: 7:30 pm. St Albans church.

**Sabbath,** 12 November: 11:15 am (preaching), and 4:00 pm (Elders' workshop). Hampstead church. Theme: Church Leadership and Evangelism, Lay leaders are especially invited. Church address: 66 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, London, NW3 2BE.

**FEEDBACK & CORRECTIONS**

Following Monday night's Revelation TV VIEWPOINT programme on *The Sabbath* a young Catholic was impressed. She writes, "I think what's important is that we all Christians or Jews should set aside a day (whichever I don't mind) to reflect, pray, worship and come together collectively as a community and as a family in the home and our places of worship to praise God." It is the start of a conversation that we pray will continue and develop. John Wilby in Scotland commented on an earlier edition. "I've just viewed the VIEWPOINT editions on the Environment and Politics. Your skilful handling of the topics and the choice of interesting articulate contributors made for, in my opinion, one of the best and most professional pieces of AMC broadcasting so far." A Welsh viewer, Leslie Riskowitz writes, "I've watched many, many religious interviews, but yours takes the cake!" One minister suggested this week that "these programmes are ideal to download and share in a house group as a discussion starter for further Bible study." Your viewpoint on VIEWPOINT would also be welcomed, particularly as we endeavour to reach out into the community with this kind of programme.
Barry Gowland wrote concerning last week's article, BE CHRISTIAN BUT... BE CAREFUL, noting that scams have always been a problem for the Christian and that discernment is needed in sorting out the needy from the unscrupulous. He gave an example from his days in Edinburgh church forty years back, but we are also aware of other examples over the past several years in a number of parts of the country.

Also last week, we apologise for crediting the wrong author to, OPPORTUNITY KNOCKED FOR NOTTINGHAM CENTRAL. The inspiring article was written by Grace Walsh, North England Conference Health Ministries director. The sharp eyed among you also pointed out that in the 'STRENGTH TO LOVE' marriage enrichment story we had managed to add 35 chapters to the book of Ecclesiastes. Chapter 49 should have read 'chapter 4'. Happy reading!

NEW ADDRESS FOR NORTHOLT CHURCH

Please note that with immediate effect the Northolt Seventh-day Adventist Community church are now meeting at Eden Independent School, Eastcote Lane, Northolt, Middlesex, UB5 4HW. You are welcome to join us there any Sabbath from 10:00 am.

This change, together with other recent changes has been updated on the www.adventistchurches.org.uk website and in the latest edition of POI for satnav and the iPhone church finder app.

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

A choice of UK produced Adventist programmes are available for you to watch this coming week.

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692) watch the following two programmes:

VIEWPOINT, Monday 7 November, 8:30 pm. God in a Cruel World. We constantly hear the secular world dismiss Christianity by saying "if God is real why does He allow bad things to happen?" and even in a secular world natural disasters are called "Act of God". Is God responsible and if so why does He allow so many bad things to happen to people whether you believe in Him or not?

'Adventists In Conversation', Thursday 10 November, 8:30 pm. Marjukka Ostrovjianovic lived a double life. A good Adventist teenager Sabbath morning, but a party animal increasingly involved in alcohol and drugs the rest of the week, she had no time for school, family or Christian friends until the day when, as a 16-year-old, her Cannabis taking triggered severe panic attacks and a morbid fear of death. Learn how a caring mother can make the difference in the life of a troubled teen, and how a return to God, prayer and Christian music helped her year-long road to recovery, a successful return to study, and her ability to assist others in their search for God.

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and website including the following episodes of 'In Conversation':

Friday 4 November: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: End of Life Issues. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away – but when it comes to end of life issues we are not always sure when that 'taking away' should happen.
Sabbath 5 November: 12:30 am, 9:00 am & 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: End of Life Issues
Monday 7 November: 12:30 am and 9:30 pm: Ashwin Somasundram – Mars bar makes a minister!
Wednesday 9 November: 8:00 am: Roy Adams – Exploring the life of a great editor and author,
8:30 pm: Herta von Stiegel – Faith in Communistic Romania, Capitalist City Bank & in the charity sector,
12:00 midnight: Ashwin Somasundram
Friday 11 November: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: Sabbath – Antidote to modern pace of life. In an increasingly hectic world can the Sabbath tradition give the secular world some tips on how to keep the relentless demands on their time in perspective?
Sabbath 12 November: 12:30 am, 9:00 am & 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: Sabbath – Antidote to modern pace of life.

COMING EVENTS

THE DONUT MAN IN CONCERT! Saturday, 5 November to Sunday, 6 November. Internationally acclaimed children's songwriter and performer, Rob Evans, 'The Donut Man', returns to the UK this autumn! Join him on Saturday, 5 November at House on the Rock in London, or Sunday, 6 November at Newbold Seventh-day Adventist church. Tickets cost £8 each (£5 for children aged 4 and under), and can be ordered from the SEC Children's Ministries department. Full details on the Children's Ministries page on the SEC website. Contact: Anna McLarty <cm@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 23 27 28.

JOSEPH KING OF DREAMS. Saturday, 5 November to Sunday, 6 November. Come and enjoy a Musical performed by Preston Seventh-day Adventist Youth portraying the life of Joseph. Refreshments will be on sale. Performances on Saturday, 5 November 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm and Sunday, 6 November 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Venue: Preston Seventh-day Adventist Church, Grimshaw Street, Preston, PR1 3DD. Free admission but a donation will be collected. For further information please contact Mr C Jeffers on 07931735384 or email cajeffers@hotmail.co.uk.

CHILDREN’S HEALTH EXPO. Sunday, 6 November. If you are interested in running a Children's Health Expo the next training is on Sunday 6 November 2011 at Harvey Hadden Sports Complex, Wigman Road, Nottingham, NG8 4PB from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost: £30. Please contact Orlene Dunkley or Grace Walsh to book a place on 0115 9606312. Email: Orlene Dunkley: odunkley@necadventist.org.uk or Grace Walsh: gwalsh@necadventist.org.uk, Health Ministries, Community Services & Disability Ministries Director, North England Conference, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham, NG3 5DB. Phone: 07791230043.

"SEARCHING FOR A GOD TO LOVE" WEEK OF PRAYER. Monday, 7 November to Sabbath, 12 November. Newbold Week of Prayer: "Searching for a God to Love" will look at the themes of: The Centre of Existence, Why I don't Abstain, Living on the Edge, Suffering – Why so much? & Humble Assurance. Speaker: Well-known author, speaker and Professor in English Literature, Chris Blake. Monday – Friday at 7:30 pm and Sabbath 9:00 am and 11:15 am. Newbold church, St Marks Road, Binfield, RG42 4AN or by live stream online at: www.newboldmedia.org. Contact: Patrick Johnson <pj@newboldchurch.org>. Phone: 01344-401792.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND EVANGELISM. Sabbath, 12 November. Dr Derek Morris will be preaching at Hampstead church for Divine worship at 11:15 am, and again at 4:00 pm, Sabbath 12 November. Dr Morris is Associate Secretary, Ministerial Association, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Derek hails from Britain and received his ministerial training at Newbold College. In addition to serving as Editor of Ministry magazine, he's also the presenter of the internationally acclaimed Hope Sabbath School broadcast sponsored by Forest Lake church, Florida, USA. Church Leadership and Evangelism will be Dr Morris' theme, and lay leaders are especially invited. Church address: 66 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, London, NW3 2BE. Contact: Humphrey Walters <boscobel7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07956 922121.

REINVENTING YOUR SABBATH SCHOOL. Sabbath, 12 November. Discover how exhilarating a Ministry-driven class can be. Chris and Yolanda Blake author of "Reinventing your Sabbath School"
have been able to create a class that focuses on community and Christ-centred living. This workshop is an amazing opportunity to help your church re-focus your Sabbath School. 15:30 Sabbath, 12 November. Newbold church, St Mark's Road, Binfield, RG42 4AN. Contact: Kirsten Oster-Lundqvist <koster-lundqvist@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

"RAISE THE ROOF 3" GOSPEL CONCERT. Saturday, 12 November. "Raise the Roof 3" Gospel Concert, an evening of singing and praising God with "pure" Gospel music. Artists: Faith Vocal, Matthew Lombart, Jehana South, Promises, Mahali Selepe, Kenton Noel, plus local groups. Time: 6:45 pm. Venue: The Hub Union Baptist Church, Easton Street, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP11 1NJ. Entry price: £5.00 per person, or £16.00 for family of 4. Refreshments on sale. Car park next to church. A fundraising event organized by Micklefield Community Seventh-day Adventist church. Contact: Des Thomas <desjthomas@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07855432750.

PRAISES ACCORDING TO RICHARD SMALLWOOD. Saturday, 19 November. Hackney Adventist church invites you to our fundraising concert featuring the songs from the maestro of praise Richard Smallwood. His music lifts up the name of Jesus and gives praise and adoration to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Listen to soloists, groups, musicians and choirs perform Richard's songs. Venue: The Rock Tower, Tuffnell Park Road, London, N7. Time: 6:30 pm. Tickets: £10.00. Look out for competitions to win yourself a couple of tickets. For more info contact Patsy Reid 07947158537. Food on sale plus exhibitors who will be promoting their businesses and products. If you wish to promote contact Patsy ASAP as only six positions remain. Contact: Patsy Reid <joanre29@gmail.com>.

RESTORATION. Saturday, 19 November. There is tension in our communities, families are under pressure on every side, and this has a knock-on effect on society. Health problems are on the increase, impacting people's sense of well-being and hope. Something has to change. The annual Restoration event is coming to London on Saturday, 19 November at Holloway Seventh-day Adventist church. Produced by Mike Johnson and Gail Masondo, this free event uses inspiring Gospel music and narrative to help bring about hope for the restoration of things that are under threat at a personal and social level. Music by The Restoration Singers, 3JHN, Ruth Nassa, Celia Wickham-Anderson, and Paulette Marcy. Visit http://restoration2011.eventbrite.com to reserve free tickets. A thanks offering will be collected. For further information, call 07757 816 316. Contact: Mike Johnson <mike.johnson@talktalk.net>.

CONFLICT – THE FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE. Sunday, 20 November. Set in South London, this play portrays the lives of two women, their families, relations and friends as well as the various circumstances that they are faced with, and their attitude towards them. Through their stories the production portrays not only the difficulties they are faced with, but also shows an entertaining insight into gang culture, teenage violence, infidelity, jealousy, perseverance, trust, forgiveness and victory, as well as great humour, and razor sharp wit and all the drama associated with it. It will demonstrate biblical solutions to these issues. Premiers Sunday, 20 November @ 7:00 pm at the Broadway Theatre, Catford, London. Tickets: Box Office 0208 690 0002 or www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk. Patron: The Jamaican High Commissioner to the UK, H E Anthony Johnson. Contact: Tre Young <taayoung@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07852002545.

SMALL ADS

POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION: Your picture (A4 size). Any format is acceptable – poster will be scanned and copied digitally – must include the words: Music4Children 2012 Residential sacred music weekend. Optional words: Children aged 8 - 15, sing and play sacred music, experienced musicians and house parents, improve technique, improvise, create, M4C2012. (Booking details will be added to the poster after the competition). How to enter: Post with your name, date of birth, address and parents' telephone number to Dr D R Sinclair, Music Advisor, NEC Office, 22 Zulla Rd, Nottingham, NG3 5DB or email DRSinclair@necadventist.org.uk with the subject M4C2012. Deadline: Tuesday, 29 November 12 noon. Prize: Free attendance at the Music4Children Weekend,
30 March - 1 April 2012. Led by a team of experienced musicians and house parents, participants will learn music that they can play in church.


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