Pastor Ikwisa Mwasumbi ordained

The camp meeting ordination is one of the highlights of the event and a never-to-be-forgotten experience for those being ordained. Pastor Ikwisa Mwasumbi, currently the pastor in our Leeds Central, Leeds Beeston and Leeds West churches, was ordained at this year’s NEC camp meeting, 16-22 June, Prestatyn.

Tanzanian by birth, Pastor Mwasumbi lived in Pune, India and studied at Spicer Memorial College at primary, high school and undergraduate levels. He has since then also studied at Newbold College. Pastoral ministry was not the first draw on the young man’s life, but the call to serve became louder and more insistent. Ikwisa has been married to Sharon for thirteen years and is the father of three children: George, Helen and Lupakisyo. For both him and his family, ordination is the culmination of his recent ministerial growth.

The introduction of the candidate to the congregation was made by Pastor Fred Mapp, while the spiritual challenge and encouragement were given by Pastor Cyril Sweeney in his usual sincere but humorous style.

Ordination is more than just the laying on of hands by a band of brothers – it is also the investiture into a particular and sacred role and responsibility. In the Seventh-day Adventist understanding this is a recognition of God’s presence in a life already devoted to ministry. Pastor Ikwisa Mwasumbi responded to the laying on of hands by detailing God’s call on his life back through two generations of his family, up to his current pastorate in Yorkshire.

The North England Conference welcomes Pastor Ikwisa Mwasumbi to the ranks of the brother and sister pastors already serving the Lord in a conference seeking to rebuild walls of grace in the towns and cities in which they serve.
Recentely, on 4 July, the United States celebrated Independence Day. Why on that date? Because on that day in 1776 its famous Declaration of Independence was published.

This document has fascinated lawmakers and directly influenced the democratic processes in numerous other countries, including Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Hungary, New Zealand and Czechoslovakia.

The first paragraph of the preamble, brought to prominence by Abraham Lincoln during his famous Gettysburg Address in 1863, is well known. In fact, I am sure that you have heard it quoted before:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

“Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”, three rights that every person is entitled to.

Rights that no one has the authority to withhold from us. Sounds good and proper, doesn’t it? But how easy is it to ensure these core human rights? Governments, courts and constitutions do a reasonable job of ensuring “Life” and “Liberty” for most of us, but the “pursuit of Happiness” is quite another issue.

Some argue that the term “pursuit of Happiness” refers to the ownership of property, however, such a narrow original meaning for the term is quite unlikely. Those who drafted the document meant it to be used in a much broader sense.

Is happiness a right? Is happiness actually a right? You may find this odd, but I would argue that it isn’t. If it were, then Westminster would be able to pass a bill granting it to us! All of us – with no exceptions! I must side with Benjamin Franklin – one of those who crafted the declaration – who wrote:

“The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.”

Yes, we all have the right to ‘pursue’ happiness, but each of us must make a personal effort to achieve it. So what is your game plan? Will it be the same as mine?

Does one size fit all?

We are all uniquely, wonderfully different. The ‘recipe’ for your happiness will require some ingredients that are not found in mine. But let me illustrate what I mean. Some years ago, Elize and I accepted job reassignments that required our relocation to an Africancountry that was in economic decline.

Subsequently, the Lancet (2012) published much higher estimates of the proportion of breast cancer (around 18 percent) and colon cancer (around 19 percent) attributable to physical inactivity in the UK.

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Keeping active!

According to the World Cancer Research Fund, physical activity can reduce risk of breast cancer by 20% and colon cancer by 20%.

The delicious benefits of regular physical activity include:
- Reduced risk of breast cancer by 20% and colon cancer by 20%.
- Improvement in glucose metabolism – regular physical activity may reduce diabetes risk by 20%.
- Reduced risk of coronary heart disease by 20%.
- Increased fitness, reduced body fat and improved bone density.
- Improved mood and reduced risk of depression.
- Improved mental health and reduced risk of dementia.
- Reduced risk of bone fractures by 20%.
- Improved sleep.
- Increased longevity.
Dear Editor

On weekdays we get our children to school on time and ourselves to work, but on Sabbath mornings we arrive at any time, sometimes as late as 11:00, because it is the highlight of the week and of Sabbath mornings? Why do we treat God with disrespect by not keeping our appointment with Him?"
**Balanced but passionate Adventism**

*by Pastor David Neal, Irish Mission president*

**Is it possible that we may experience greater success in reaching people if we share more of the ‘who’ – what we know about Jesus – rather than just the ‘what’ of our beliefs?**

Surely this is not how things should be? We can and must do better. 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways. Reclaim our rightful name, and let our actions be a very necessary and soul-searching prayer for these times, particularly as we try to convince our people through the Cities of Hope project.'

**‘Grey’ to ‘Gold’**

The burden on my heart is that what we share may not be a confidant, Christ-centred hope with absolute confidence and integrity, thereby turning the ‘grey’ of their lives into the beautiful ‘gold’ of Christ. How may we experience greater success in reaching people if we share more of the ‘who’ – what we know about Jesus – rather than just the ‘what’ of our beliefs? Wouldn’t it be a true reformation of Pentecost if our lives were able to consistently attract people to the message of Jesus? That’s the change I long to see in myself – in all of us who make up the Church – and grow. I long to see both a balance and passion for Christ that is second to none. We’re not there yet – we have challenges – the same ones you’ll easily find among Adventists in Auckland, São Paulo, Johannesburg or Oslo, that we ignore these problems: Just focus on the positive and easier path, rather than the one that’s as simple as that, though, particularly when you listen to the stories of those ‘inside’ our Church who are helped. How do we ‘renew’ the church culture can be at times. Like the author of each article below suggests, on four current matters in particular, we’ve got some serious re-balancing to do.

Non-Adventist authors – should they really be out, out, out?

The tortured shape of this editorial is a grim illustration of the fact that a tiny minority of Adventists is now wielding unwarranted influence on the Church’s educational and pastoral ministries by mistaking sincere intent for the right idea. I urge us to consider the positive actions we can take to move from the ‘first steps’ of the past to ‘First Steps’ for the future, to think about how United States evangelical churches are increasingly taking health and fitness seriously. ‘But if the dry winds of legalism have now swept that windmill off its moorings, the seven churches of Revelation, in particular the church of Laodicea...’

‘Living right, being off-balance and lacking passion is atheism. We have much work to do.’

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Let the little ones come

It was Tuesday morning, the first day of the North England Conference Children’s Ministries’ programme. The sun was beaming as the children, big and small, boys, girls, and cradled babies made their way to Pontins, Prestatyn, 16 to 22 June, was a great success. Running under the unified theme of ‘Rebuilding the Walls’, each department or ministry shaped their programme around the story of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of Jerusalem’s walls. The theme was chosen in support of the current vision of the NEC as cast by the president, Pastor Lorance Johnson.

Some highlights of the week were . . .

When Njabulo Ndlovu, the 0-4 years co-ordinator, began reading the Nehemiah story from a small Bible story book – too small for the children to see the pictures. Complaints were shouted from all directions as children and parents expressed their disappointment. Then suddenly, almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come . . .’

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The adults were not alone in having a theme song. The children sang theirs too – ‘Kids of my life’ during the closing concert in the packed young adult venue.

Almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me . . . for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these’ (Luke 18:16, NIV). He continues to make the same appeal today!

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The NEC ‘ashes’

Thursday afternoon was sports day, with the emphasis being on the cricket match held at Prestatyn Cricket Club. This traditional event pits the members against the pastors and is played in a good spirit of rivalry – as one member put it: ‘I want to see the pastors creamed!’ But not even the rain came to the members’ rescue this time. The pastors won, and deservedly so. The actual result? To spare the embarrassment of the members: the pastors won by a substantial number of runs. A very substantial number of runs.

Pastor Royston Smith was top scorer of the day with thirty-six runs, but Captain Jackson – thirty-five runs and a good catch – was voted man of the match.

The event, sponsored by Newbold College, annually draws together college, members and pastors in a way that is appreciated by all involved – including the vocal supporters!

PASTOR P. JEYNES

The Taskforce Four

The North England Conference has four hardy, committed and vibrant Taskforce volunteers who operate under the overall supervision of Pastor Michael Simpson. They have been put to work in areas that have been traditionally hard to evangelise, and for this they need our continual prayer support. Let’s meet them...

Jessica Formanquevski, from Curitiba in sunny Brazil, is working in Southport. Her English is not perfect but she is coping well – especially among the many Portuguese speakers in the town. At the heart of her work is making friends. She helps people in the street and talks to them, providing encouragement where she can.

Florence Manji is a graduate from PEACE, the Conference’s evangelism training institute. She is one of those sunny characters people just love to meet. Once determined to work with animals as a veterinary nurse in her adopted Wellingborough, she now works with Jessica in Southport.

Samantha Laurence, their companion, is originally from Welleshampton, but was baptised in Leeds as the result of the missionary work of her brother. She has a catering background and has been running her own businesses. She is also a PEACE graduate and the baby of the team, having been baptised only eighteen months ago.

Wyndel Bacurnay is the man in the team, and he works in South Cumbria with Pastor Roman Smejkal. Wyndel could be described as a veteran volunteer with ten years of service on two continents. The Lake District is rather unlike Moislem Dijakarta or his home country, the Philippines. He trained as an accountant, but wished for a more spiritual vocation. He first became a literature evangelist, then joined the one thousand missionary movement in the Philippines. Wyndel is hard at work following up recent contacts in the Barrow-in-Furness area and creating his own new interests using friendship evangelism – he is already an active member of his local badminton club.

These taskforce members receive only a small stipend from the NEC and are really grateful for any additional support that our members or churches can give. Some members are supporting this work on a regular basis with the knowledge that their donations are opening up new areas to our message. (Please contact Pastor Simpson directly if you would like to help, by emailing: msimpson@necadventist.org.uk.)

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A great day out for all the family!
Community focus motivation for Weston Church extension

Weston-super-Mare is a church of only forty members with a tasteful sanctuary and a large youth hall. So why the need for an extension? Simply one word: community.

According to Pastor Wayne Erasmus: 'Our existing facility is used so much by the community. There is a preschool, a computer club and Guides — and that is in addition to the church’s own vegetarian cooking club. So, as the church’s own needs grew, we decided to expand the building to encompass both the community and the church’s growing outreach programmes.'

The extension also makes it easier to find the church, as its entrance is now visible from the road.

Over the weekend of 22-23 June, both church and community members celebrated the official opening of ‘their’ church extension with South England Conference president, Pastor Sam Davis, and the deputy mayor of Weston-Super-Mare, Councillor Mrs Roz Willis.

In his sermon to the church Pastor Davis commended the church for its community connections and challenged the members to continue serving them in this way. A Christian herself, Councillor Willis gave a brief testimony of her personal faith, and, in her address, affirmed the value and importance of churches and faith groups to their communities.

Having seen the project from planning to completion, she expressed pleasure at being part of the committee which had approved the plans, and that she could be at the opening of the completed project. As she concluded her remarks, she raised her hands and encouraged the assembly to praise the Lord for the great things He had done.

On Sunday the church opened its doors for a family celebration day. Tea and cake were served, followed later by a barbeque. The building was buzzing with activities such as games, balloon modelling and face painting. The Newbold teens mime group, ‘Connected’, also added to the festivities with their inspirational performance.

The day attracted local residents, friends of members and people who attend the popular cooking club. The importance of the building was demonstrated by the support local residents gave, many going out of their way to make the day a success. Even the builder’s bill came with a donation in the form of reduced costs. What a wonderful way to witness! BASED ON A REPORT BY KIRSTEN ØSTER-LUNDQVIST AND WAYNE ERASMUS

A church of ‘signs’ and wonders

While health fairs are regularly held by many churches in the South England Conference, the one on Sunday 23 June 2013 at Hounslow Cornerstone Church was a first. It was conducted in British Sign Language (BSL) as an outreach specifically for those with hearing difficulties.

Anna Prozitorska, one of the organisers, was the ‘speaker’ for the health talks. Her enthusiastic signing was interpreted for hearing members who had come along to support and to help out with the blood pressure readings.

Anna wanted to do something for the deaf community who, she feels, need more information about healthy living. She says that often the information is not as readily available, so many deaf people struggle when they interact with the health services.

In between the demonstrations there were opportunities to taste healthy smoothies and other dishes, and to look at the array of printed material. The success of the day was evident from the animated signed discussions among the attendees.

Hounslow is one of the few Adventist churches in the SEC that includes BSL in its worship services. ‘It has been a challenge for us to learn to communicate in a different way and slow down in our speaking,’ explains Pastor Maureen Rock, ‘but we are so grateful for their presence.’ The church had some members who took it upon themselves to learn BSL so they could interact with, and interpret for, a group of deaf Latvian Adventists who started attending.

When the deaf group approached Pastor Rock with the desire to hold a health outreach she responded, ‘we were so excited that they wanted to reach out to other deaf people that the church cleared its calendar to accommodate their wish.’

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Plan to enjoy this very special day with us; we look forward to seeing you all!
CHIP’s new recipe

Exciting times are ahead for the CHIP programme in the UK.

The global rights for the CHIP programme have been acquired by the South Pacific Union and will be administered by Sanitarium Health Food Company, Australia’s premier health food company, and producers of the So Good brand in the UK. Personnel from Sanitarium have had ongoing discussions with the Adventist CHIP Association UK & Ireland (ACA), and directors from the Trans-European Division and the British Union Conference, regarding the future of the UK programme.

During a meeting at the BUC offices on Friday 12 April, representatives from the BUC and TED were given an overview of the totally revised programme, now called Complete Health Improvement Programme (CHIP), along with its new online video sessions and literature. Electronic and social media can now be used to promote the programme, and the registration and purchasing of participants’ materials can now be done via the internet.

The next stage is the training of facilitators, scheduled for September 2013. Pilot programmes will then be run through to spring 2014, prior to rolling out the programme across the UK.

You don’t have to wait until then to catch a glimpse of the new CHIP: check out the website, packed full of testimonials from people whose lives have been turned around, and behind-the-scenes film clips of the ‘making of CHIP!’. Go to www.chiphealth.com to view and download the videos or send the link to share with your friends.

Victorian Balan, a final-year student at the Royal College of Music, regards it a pleasure to sing at the church.

Making a welcome return to the venue was soprano Elizabeth Holmes, a postgraduate student at the Royal College of Music, who also received from their appreciative audience, making comments such as: ‘Lovely church; ‘People so nice’; and ‘So friendly’.

The ‘flutet’ consists of four friends studying the flute at the Guildhall School of Music who like to play together as an ensemble at concerts. As one of them, Jessica Kabirat, teaches the flute students who are inspired to learn, she explains: ‘I had to give up smoking and I have to study hard to make an income and continue with my studies, so I am grateful to the church for helping me.

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The Colchester church conducted a two-day revival event on the weekend of 7 and 8 June. Pastor Micah Cambell was the speaker and his theme was ‘Revitalise and Energise’. On the Sabbath morning the Colchester church was packed with people who came to enhance our spiritual knowledge through the written word, but it was also a great opportunity for fellowship.

A Sabbath surprise

Having entered the Pathfinder Bible Challenge (2013), the Plumswood Pathfinder team were a little disappointed when they didn’t win. However, all their hard work was not in vain. Two members of the Plumswood Community church noticed how dedicated they were while studying and the hard work that they had put into the competition. On the Sabbath morning that the Pathfinders were presented with their certificates, they had a surprise. Brother and Sister Buckley presented all sixteen children with a KJV Bible each, and encouraged them to attend the Bible classes and to prepare for next year’s challenge.

ABC visits Northampton

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On 6 and 7 April the Stanborough Park Pathfinder club raised club funds in a unique way – they held a twenty-four-hour-long ‘shuttle-thon’ – badminton around the clock, literally!

The star of the event was Daniel Davis, a Pathfinder who spent the entire twenty-four hours on court. The most outstanding Adventurer was 8-year-old Carlos Moreno, who first learnt to play, then outplayed many of the older participants.

The event was held in the Stanborough School gymnasium, thanks to the efforts of Kish Poddar. Those responsible for catering did a great job of keeping the participants ‘energised’ and the end result was a massive £1,585.31 boost to the club’s funds!

Camp speaker visits Camp Hill

On 15 June Camp Hill Church got a ‘sneak’ preview of Dr E. Peeler, NEC camp meeting speaker, in action. The congregation was blessed by his ministry, both during the worship hour and again during the Adventist youth meeting in the afternoon. Pictured above are Pastor and Mrs Peeler and Camp Hill senior pastour, Dr Patrick Herbert.

The Montserratians held their thirteenth annual Montserratians and Friends day of fellowship on 25 May in the High Town Methodist church, Luton. Those attending came from all over the UK to enjoy a programme packed full of special music, testimonies and inspired preaching by Pastor Kirk Thomas, SEC Personal Ministries director.

The day’s theme was ‘Led by God’s hand’, and during the afternoon’s special music programme the audience learnt the historical perspectives behind several of the great Christian hymns, and listened to the singing of the London Adventist Male Voice Choir and Charlotte and Alana Brantow.


Albert was born in London to parents who owned a shop in Kilburn. He had a sister, Joan, who was fourteen years older. While visiting family in Watford during the War, their shop was demolished by a direct hit from a bomb. They then moved to Northwester Avenue, Garston, where they owned and ran a bungalow store by the dome roundabout. It was also a café, and many people from Stanborough Park would have shopped or eaten there.

Joan started her nursing training at the Sanatorium and she and paid for Albert to attend Stanborough School, which, at the time, was at Sheepecoxe Villa, with Dr White as the headmaster.

Albert was baptised at the age of 17 along with other classmates. The family then moved up to Osey to run a grocery shop there, which meant that Albert had to cycle to school every day.

His father died suddenly of a stroke when Albert was only 19, and he was left to look after the shop and his suicidal mother. Eventually he sold the shop and bought a house in Garston Crescent, where he looked after his mother and Joan’s two children. At that time it was hard to get a job with Sabbath off, but Albert was a very talented person with many ‘strings to his bow’.

He eventually worked at Granose Foods, where he started in the cannery, became a foreman, then went into food research and development and quality control. He spent six months at our Sanitarium Foods in Australia learning quality control, and was good at fixing machinery and many other things.

In 1986 Pamela Montague-Nutton came to work for Granose and became a civil servant, working for the Prison Service until his retirement.

He loved his gardening and his Yorkshire Terriers – and his four stepchildren, of whom he thought the world.

Sadly the last few years of his life were not good – he had an operation for cancer on his face and neck, followed by radiotherapy. He was beginning to get back on his feet again when he developed pneumonia and was rushed into hospital. Apparently the cancer had returned and he went downhill very quickly. We all miss him, and, as with others, wait for the Resurrection Day when we will meet our loved ones, never to part again.

Obituary


Albert’s obituary

Albert Montague-Nutton was born on 25 May 1935 in London. He was the third of five children, with two brothers and two sisters. He was brought up in Kilburn, where his parents owned a small shop.

Albert was educated at Stanborough School, where he was a pupil and later a teacher. He then went on to study medicine at University College, London, and became a doctor.

Albert was a very active member of the community, serving on several boards and committees. He was a founding member of the Kilburn Health Centre and was involved in many other local projects.

Albert was a very kind and generous man, who always had time for others. He was a great supporter of the local church and was involved in many different activities and events.

Albert passed away on 25 May 2013, leaving behind his wife, daughter, son and many other family members and friends.

In memoriam

Pamela Montague-Sutton

Pamela Montague-Sutton passed away on 25 May 2013. She was a well-loved member of the community and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Pamela was a devoted mother and grandmother, always putting others before herself. She was a hardworking nurse, who dedicated her life to caring for others.

Pamela was a member of the local church and was very active in the community, serving in many different roles. She was a very kind and generous woman, who always had time for others.

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Albert was a very active member of the community, serving on many different boards and committees. He was a very important figure in the community and will be greatly missed.

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NEC outlines its strategy

One of the largest gatherings of elders in the history of the North England Conference took place on the first weekend of June 2013 at the Eastwood Hall Hotel, just outside Nottingham. The reason for the gathering: to familiarise the elders with the Conference’s new strategy. There were more than ninety of them present and they were eager to hear why each church had been asked to send two delegates. Pastor Lorance Johnson, the NEC president, soon answered this question as he unpacked the scriptural basis for the strategy. Drawn from the story of Nehemiah, the strategy calls on the NEC members and ministers to ‘rebuild the walls’ of today’s Church – to be faithful to God’s will in every respect.

At its heart, the strategy calls for the elders to work with their pastors, who were described as ‘100% on board’, in helping local church members come closer to God through ‘an earnest, sincere and continuous prayer life ... life-transforming Bible study and the reading of Ellen White’s writings’: the aim being to effectively proclaim ‘the everlasting Gospel in the context of the three angel’s messages’.

Although the process sounds very formal and very traditional, the attending elders were very happy to hear where the Conference, elders and local churches should be going. They were happy to hear, from the president’s own mouth, that this Conference is going somewhere’, and were happy to get on board.