# **MWM Annual Global Mission Conference**

2nd - 4th June 2023

**VENUE:** The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick.

Challenging our perspectives: learning from Indigenous people Keynote Speakers:

**Sister Santusa Mamani De Kuna;** President of Methodist Women in Bolivia. **Lovisa Mienna Sjöberg** from the Sámi Community in Norway.

Bookings via the MWM website. PLEASE BOOK ASAP!

MWM AGM: online Sat 16th Sept 10:30-11:30am
Details to follow.

MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 2024
Venue - Swanwick. The focus will be on Europe
Save the date: 14th -16th June

## **MWM South West regional conference**

29<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

at Ammerdown Conference Centre near Bath when the theme will be Islam and Christianity Competition and Cooperation.

The Lead Speaker is Dr David Thomas (Emeritus Professor of Christianity and Islam, Birmingham University). Contact Mike Dennis

at mikedennis uk@yahoo.co.uk for more details and a booking form.

# **Methodists for World Mission (MWM)**

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President: Inderjit Bhogal Secretary: Angela McQuiban Treasurer: John Howard Registrar: Gillian Pengelly Magazine Editor: vacancy

**MWM Prayer and Care coordinators:** 

Irene McKay and Maggie Patchett

Prayer requests for Summer 2023 should reach Irene by 15th May 2023 via email to

prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk





Spring 2023

Methodists for World Mission

An update to the Prayer Handbook supporting our mission partners working across the world and in Britain

Please use with the Prayer Handbook (PH) – the days are highlighted - and copy for wider circulation and in church newsletters.

Both paper and electronic copies are available as well as further information in prayer letters and on the Global Relationships pages on the Methodist Church in Britain website <a href="https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships/people-in-mission/mission-partners/">https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships/people-in-mission/mission-partners/</a>

Contact the Global Relationships team or MWM if you need support to access further information.

**Pray for the Global Relationships Team:** 

Conrad Hicks: Director; Andy Dye: Programme Team Leader

**Barry Sloan**: Partnership Coordinator for Europe **Andrew Ashdown**: Partnership Coordinator for Africa.

Sandra Lopez: Partnership Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean

Sheila Norris: Partnership Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific

Trudi Awuku: World Mission Fund Officer

**Simon Bennett**: Administrator; **Natalie Hastings**: Administrator **Eli Atif and Luca Barwick Plant** Global Church Youth Reps.

**Pray for World Church Partners working in the U.K.** - all who leave their homes to share in the mission and ministry of the church here in Britain. For news on incoming partners see: <a href="https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work/worldwide/global-relationships/people-in-mission/people-2-people-programmes/">https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work/worldwide/global-relationships/people-in-mission/people-2-people-programmes/</a>

We continue to pray for all our partner churches across the world, and for all who have experienced distress, sadness and loss from the impact of COVID and disastrous events around our world which have added further challenges and distress to severely disadvantaged communities. This affirms our precious gift of prayer that we offer to each other both near and far.

MWM Conference 2023 at Swanwick 2 - 4 June
Challenging our perspectives: learning from Indigenous people
See the back page for details

# **Mission Partners Prayer Concerns and Requests**

We pray for all our Mission Partners, whether or not they have sent in specific prayer request. Please use the Prayer Handbook for details.

Lord Jesus you sent your disciples into all the world to baptise and proclaim your Kingdom. Bless all who leave their home to share your love in distant places and guide them day by day in their service of you. Amen

Rachel and Sylvester Deigh – Sierra Leone – PH Day 2

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Michael and Joanna Tettey and family – Benin/Togo – PH Day 3

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Hans & Mary Van Den Corput, Marcel & Maurice – Nigeria – PH Day 5

Annekatherin and Matthias Buchold - South Africa - PH Day 6

Jonathan & Isabel Hill – Zimbabwe – PH Day 7

**Keith & Ida Waddell - Zambia - PH Day 7** Your faithful prayers and care for us are greatly appreciated.

#### We give thanks for:

- the prayers and support of all who help in our life and work;
- the safe arrival of the oxygen manifold and the 20 cylinders; received from the Ministry of Health
- the establishment of the brickyard as part of the sheltered workshop and the team gathered there that will help also with Mission builds.

#### Please pray with us for:

- The donation of an oxygen plant to make oxygen supply more sustainable and secure;
- The development of the layer and egg production project.;
- The health, welfare and blessing of all the sheltered workshop staff in block-making, building, gardening

and hospitality. With many thanks and wishing you every blessing

Gina, Malcolm, Luyando and Chipo Siatwinda-Oliver Zambia - PH Day 7

Daniel & Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman, Kwame, John, Anna and Catherine – Uganda – PH Day 8

Please pray for us as we move to Uganda to serve there

### Wendy Kilworth-Mason – Rwanda – Day 8

At the beginning of April Rwanda has its annual commemoration of the 1994 Genocide.

Please pray for all those who are affected by memories of the Genocide, including those for whom the commemoration triggers PTSD. And pray for the ongoing work towards Reconciliation, Unity and Peace (in which the FMCR, Free Methodist Church of Rwanda plays its part).

Government legislation requires that by August 2023 all 'Ministers of Religion' must hold a University-level qualification in Theology:

Claire Smithson - Kenya - PH Day 8

Melissa Newell - Ecuador—PH Day 10

# Chris and Linda Haines – Belize/ Honduras – PH Day 11

# Angleena Keizer - Israel/Palestine - PH Day 15

Please pray for the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem, and Angleena, as she prepares to leave. In troubled times may God's peace surround them.

Sarah Lowe – Sri Lanka – PH Day 16

**Eden Fletcher - Hong Kong - PH Day 20** 

Barry and Gillian Sloan – Germany – PH Day 26

Ray Borg - France - Day 27

Mathew Lafferty - Italy - PH Day 29

#### Fiona Kendall - Italy - PH Day 29

This is indeed a challenging time in Italy. I would be grateful if readers could be asked to think of the following and to pray for change. **We pray for:** 

- the plight of those who believe that a better life awaits them in Europe, unaware of the hardships and privations they may face as they journey and on arrival, and who embody the hopes of entire communities;
- the plight of those who are not welcomed, cannot make a living and are unable to integrate, and who would face shame and rejection by their communities were they to return;
- the need for policy-makers to create safe and sufficient pathways for people to move from one country to another;

the need for all of us to recognise that we are a connected global community and that the action we take will have consequences far beyond our own doorstep.

Mission Partners in Transit - PH Day 31 Sharon and John Harbottle

For the current Global Relationships e-news and updates on the use of the World Mission Fund by our partners see: <a href="www.methodist.org.uk/global-relationships/">www.methodist.org.uk/global-relationships/</a>

## A message from our President:

Dear Friends,

I greet you all in the Name of Christ and wish upon you the peace and blessings of God. I trust you are in reasonably good strength.

We give thanks for and will continue to work in partnership with people all around the world. Mission Partners in other countries, and those from other countries working in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales are a good expression of this. We want to work ecumenically. Our future lies in our global networks and relationships. Our annual conference is good opportunity to meet and share in prayer and reflection together. Your company will enrich us all.

Prayer and Care is an assurance of our love and prayer and care for you. Blessings and Peace. Inderjit.