

refugees will be of blessing to all. That our witness to God's love in Christ will touch hearts, bring comfort and challenge injustice in all its forms.

- For wisdom for us in all our dealings with people - both inside the church and outside the church. And for God's protection on our hearts and minds as we serve in often challenging circumstances.
- Thank you for being our partners in mission.

Ray and Karen Borg - France – Day 27

Mathew Lafferty - Italy - PH Day 29

Fiona Kendall - Italy - PH Day 29

Mission Partners in Transit - PH Day 31

Wendy Kilworth-Mason recently returned from Rwanda.

Joanna Tetley, Joelle and Janelle — see day 3

Angleena Keizer, returned from Israel/Palestine, now back in Circuit in England.

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

MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 2024

with a focus on Eastern Europe

31st May to 2nd June

CLIFF COLLEGE, Calver, Hope Valley, Sheffield, S32 3XG

Note the change of venue!

Speakers: Dr Meeli Tankler of the European Methodist Council;
Rev'd Dr Üllas Tankler, working with the United Methodist mission agency General Board of Global Ministries;
Rev'd Richard Teal, President of Conference 2020/21.

Keynote lectures (shared by Meeli and Üllas):
God's changing mission in the midst of changing Europe
Partnership in mission: Lessons in theology and practice based on European experience

For more information see mwm.org.uk

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Prayer requests for Spring 2024 should reach Irene or Maggie by March 1st via email to prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk



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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 <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships/people-in-mission/mission-partners/>
Contact the Global Relationships team or MWM if you need support to access further information.

Pray for the Global Relationships Team:

Conrad Hicks: Global Relationships Change Leader

Andy Dye: Interim Director of Global Relationships

Bradley Goddon-Smith: Programmes Delivery Officer

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: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships/people-in-mission/people-2-people-programmes/>

We continue to pray for all our partner churches across the world, and for all who have experienced distress, sadness and loss from Climate change, natural disasters, war and violence, or other events around our world. This affirms our precious gift of prayer that we offer to each other both near and far.

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31st May to 2nd June

notice the new venue — Cliff College

See the back page for theme and more 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.

God of grace and truth, whose love for us was revealed in the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, look with compassion we pray, on all mission partners and staff, especially those who are in distress and anxiety facing the risk of redundancy process as Lay Mission Partners. Affirm them, and all their supporters over the years, that their work and commitment has not been in vain, that their dedication and sacrifice is known by you, and that you are ever present with them, in the coming months of further discernment, seeking work, moving and returning to their commissioning Methodist Church. Comfort them in their pain, their leave taking of churches, schools, hospitals and colleagues with whom they have shared, grown and served. Deal gently with the bewilderment of the local churches globally as they continue, those for whom decisions made remotely will have far reaching effects, and give us all the faith to trust that Your will, be done. We ask this in the name of our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For more information about conference decisions on the future of lay mission partners, see notice of motion 104 on page 2 of <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/29813/conf-2023-daily-record-2023-7-28-june.pdf>

Sharon and John Harbottle - The Gambia - PH day 2

Please pray for:

- For the work of the church the Gambia within schools, clinics and agriculture.
- The new opportunities to develop skills and serve in the communities.
- We ask a blessing to strengthen the work of the church in its witness, its discipling of young people, its encouragement to women and men in deeper faith, that they may have joy and hope in the Lord.
- We are grateful for improving health, and the prayers and support of the church family.

Rachel and Sylvester Deigh – Sierra Leone – PH Day 2

Please pray for:

- Peace, stability and unity across Sierra Leone following the failed coup attempt on Sunday 26th November.
- For the work we are doing in developing the training capacity of MCSL's ministries (Lay Pastors; Lay Preachers; Candidates for ordained ministry;

Probationers).

- For the successful completion & launch of the digital training centre.

Michael Tettey – Benin/Togo – PH Day 3 (see also day 31)

Prayers for the family: Joanna, with Joelle and Janelle in London, Michael in Togo.

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

- Give thanks that RBS/Natwest finally transferred in September, our savings from our account which they had blocked in January because we were considered 'non-doms' working overseas.
- Praise God for the wonderful time of teaching a fellowship at the Western Presbytery Butoya Retreat, held in

October, which celebrated its centenary, this year.

- Give thanks for all our faithful intercessors who pray regularly for our life and work here at Mwandi.
- Please pray for the health and safety of the workers and staff at the sheltered workshop and for our continued growth and development professionally and spiritually with a greater knowledge of God's love and presence in our lives.
- Finally, we thank you again for your continued prayer on behalf of us all, for your prayers that rejuvenate and refresh each one of us.

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

- Mbereshi Hospital: thanksgiving for fundraising and grants enabling building work, including in the operating theatres and the laundry.
- Lubwa Mission: that the vision of rebuilding much of the existing structure may be developed into a viable long term plan. That the existing structure which seems to have had its foundations undermined by termites, may continue to serve its purpose until funding for a new structure can be secured.
- Jagiamo Clinic: we pray that a generous donor may assist in providing a borehole which can be run on solar power.
- Masuku Mission School. We give thanks for the former headteacher Mrs Rita Tembo. In her many years of service, she built infrastructure, improved academic attainment and most importantly built a loving community of students based in her deep faith in Jesus as Lord.

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

We thank God for Methodist Church in Uganda and ask for prayers:

- For the many unemployed young people
- For blessing on local preachers training
- For blessing on implementation of class

system in every circuit

- For God's protection

Claire Smithson - Kenya - PH Day 8

- Please join us in thanking God for the abundant rains, breaking the 5-year drought. Although they are causing some flooding and landslides, we are grateful to God for daily rain.
- Please pray for Claire as she faces an uncertain future – as do other lay mission partners. The hospital does not want her to leave.
- Please pray that in the downturn of the Kenyan economy the hospital in Maua would find a way to stay afloat financially.

Melissa Newell - Ecuador—PH Day 10

- For upcoming Christmas and New Year activities in all the churches and children's activities
- For the young people in each church, and all the challenges they face in their faith
- For heavenly help, strength and wisdom for myself, the pastor, and leaders in the challenges of ministry in small and rural locations
- For God's guidance regarding the future

Chris and Linda Haines – Honduras – PH Day 11

David Hardman - Israel/Palestine - PH Day 15

Sarah Lowe – Sri Lanka – PH Day 16 Eden Fletcher - Hong Kong - PH Day 20

Barry and Gillian Sloan – Germany – PH Day 26

Please pray:

- For us as we come to terms with MCB's ending of the lay mission partner programme in August 2024. Pray for Gillian as she explores what options she has going forward.
- For INSPIRE, our fresh expression of church, in Chemnitz City, eastern Germany. Pray that the new contacts we have made with neighbours, migrants and