

Please pray for wisdom for how to take the church here forward and for growth in Christian maturity and numbers,
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 Tettey, Joelle and Janelle — see also day 3

Angleena Keizer, returned from Israel/

Palestine, now back in Circuit in England.

Please continue to hold all our mission partners, both lay and ordained, in your prayers as they continue to face uncertainty about their future.

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

The conference will also include our AGM

31st May to 2nd June at 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 Ullas Tankler, working with the United Methodist mission agency General Board of Global Ministries;
Rev'd Richard Teal, President of Conference 2020/21.

Keynote Presentations: (shared by Meeli and Ullas):

God's changing mission in the midst of changing Europe

Partnership in mission: Lessons in theology and practice based on European experience

Places are still available—BOOK NOW

for more information and to book go to mwm.org.uk

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Prayer requests for Summer 2024 should reach Irene or Maggie by June 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.

MWM Conference and AGM 2024

**31st May to 2nd June Venue: Cliff College
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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.

A prayer by Rev'd Malcolm Oliver.

Wow.. God you are so, so GOOD!

We can do none other than be amazed at your steadfast love and goodness.

... In the way you continuously weave human foibles, folly and desires to enable us to glimpse Your KINGDOM.

We hold each other before you as we endeavour to engage in God's Mission:

... Wherever You, or those with influence and power, choose to place us.

We pray for those whose work is to implement policy decisions.

We pray for those who need to embrace the pain and consequences of the decisions made.

We give thanks that we know 'that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose'.

We acknowledge our propensity to fail and falter; we continue to open our hearts, source of all love, to your direction.

... Seeking your guidance whilst celebrating signs of God's KINGDOM in and around us.

... May you bless the work of Methodists for World Mission in celebrating diversity and promoting mutual partnership between Christian people of diverse nationalities.

With thanksgiving in our hearts.

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

God our Father, who watches over us all,
We give thanks for the countries and churches with whom we have had particular association;

where we have had the joy and privilege to serve, and know friends and colleagues, where living and being, working and worshipping has enriched our lives; for the love received, and the insights gained and shared with the church in Britain.

May those churches of Sierra Leone, Kenya, Haiti, Jamaica and the Gambia, and all your people, know the grace and

wisdom of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
We uphold them and pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

Rachel and Sylvester Deigh – Sierra Leone – PH Day 2

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

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

Annekatherin and Matthias Buchold - South Africa - PH Day 6

To know people that are praying for us, helps us every day. May God bless you.

Jonathan & Isabel Hill – Zimbabwe – PH Day 7

Keith & Ida Waddell - Zambia - PH Day 7

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

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

Please pray for:

- our protection and safety
- us during the ongoing uncertainty about the reality of being overseas after 2024
- Please pray for our children

Claire Smithson - Kenya - PH Day 8

Barbara Dickenson, in England, with a serious medical problem, asks for prayer as the doctors make the exact diagnosis and decide treatment.

Melissa Newell - Ecuador—PH Day 10

Giving thanks for:

- My parents' safe and enjoyable visit in January.
- The renewal of my visa.
- The visit of the medical and optometry team from South Carolina and the work they did.
- The knowledge and experience built up from the past two years in Ecuador, allowing me to serve the church in Ecuador.
- Community relationships and friendships in Misahualli, and other parts of Ecuador.

Please pray for:

- The weekend of training for Praise leaders from Methodist Churches across Ecuador 12-14th April
- All ongoing activities I am involved with (English classes, outreach children's activities, community lunch, discipleship, music) in the final 12 weeks before I leave
- For energy, good health and strength serving in warm, humid conditions or at high altitude
- Both myself and the church in Ecuador over the uncertainty of the future of my work as I look for a way to continue serving in Ecuador

Chris and Linda Haines – Honduras – PH Day 11

David Hardman - Israel/Palestine - PH Day 15

Sarah Lowe – Sri Lanka – PH Day 16

Please pray for:

- Immanent prayers for all Easter services the security alert has gone up again.
- The stability of the country in this election year.
- The impact of climate change as the temperatures soar and the poorest people living in make shift housing made of corrugated iron suffer the most.
- Food security.
- The work of the Church in bringing support, strength and practical aid to as many as possible as they are impacted by rising prices

Eden Fletcher - Hong Kong - PH Day 20

Barry and Gillian Sloan – Germany – PH Day 26

Ray and Karen Borg - France – Day 27