

MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 2026

Mission in South Asia

Friday 29th May – Sunday 31st May 2026

at Cliff College, Calver, Hope Valley, Sheffield S32 3XG

Keynote speakers: Rev. Dr Inderjit Bhogal

& Rev. Dr Raj Patta

with staff from Orissa Christian Theological College (North India).

How does the church engage in Mission in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh?

Come and learn more about Christianity in these vibrant countries.

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Pilgrimage to India

Methodists in World Mission are holding a **14 day pilgrimage** to northern India from **24th September to the 7th October**, visiting the Christian Community there and having time at both the Taj Mahal and the Golden temple, ending with a short retreat in the foothills of the Himalayas.

To express an interest please contact Inderjit Bhogal on: inderjitbhogal53@gmail.com

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Prayer requests for Spring 2026 should reach Maggie by April 20th 2026 via email to prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk



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An update to the Prayer Handbook supporting our mission partners, district twinning and global connections

Please use with the Prayer Handbook (PH) – the days are highlighted - and copy/ forward to others 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 (MCB) website Mission Partners - The Methodist Church
Contact the Global Relationships team or MWM if you need support to access further information. 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/for-churches/global-relationships/

Pray for the Global Relationships Team:

Andy Dye: Director of Global Relationships

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Vicky Royle: 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

And with a focus in Britain, **Nigel Cowgill:** Global Communities Officer

Stella Townson: Hong Kong Communities Support Officer

Trudi Awuku: World Mission Fund Officer

Simon Bennett & Natalie Hastings: Administrators

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: People in Mission: Mission Partners, Nationals in Mission, Volunteers and the GR team - The Methodist Church

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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Prayer requests from Mission Partners, Ministers overseas and District twinnings We pray for all whether or not they have sent in specific prayer request. Please use the Prayer Handbook for details.

Creator God, we pray for this troubled world. There is no peace for many of your children, bless and protect those who travel across the world in your service. May they be peace makers, bringing wholeness to your planet earth. Amen.

**West Midlands District – PH Day 3
Please pray for:**

- The newly merged District, as they come together to provide support for mission and ministry across the District.
- Their longstanding partnership (20 years) with the Free Methodist Church of Rwanda - which they will be celebrating later in the year when Bishop Samuel comes to the Methodist Conference.
- Their links with the Methodist Church Zimbabwe.

Annekatherin and Matthias Buchold - South Africa - PH Day 6

Keith and Ida Waddell - Zambia - PH Day 7

Please pray for Keith and Ida, on sabbatical until early Feb. Their Scripture for this furlough is Psalm 126:3 *'The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy'*.

- Give thanks for God's unfailing provision for the work at Mwandu.
- Praise him for the deep commitment of our supporters here in Scotland and elsewhere in the world for their prayers and material support
- Thank God for our volunteers from Chile and Australia. Tomas, Lily and Anton and pray that others maybe called in areas of need especially pathology and mental health.

- Lift up to our Lord, the members of the mission staff, volunteers and their loved ones.
- Pray for God's peace to rule in the lives of each one of us.

Melissa Newall - Ecuador - PH day 10

We continue to hold Melissa in prayer, serving with SAMS through the Irish Methodist Church.

**Sarah Lowe – Guyana – PH Day 11
Please pray for:**

- Stability of the region.
- Rising up of new young Local Preachers and Ministers (Diaconal & Presbyteral)
- For guidance as the Methodist Church address issues of growing, Spanish speaking communities, regular attendance, and mission.

Haiti - PH Day 11

Starting 12 January 2026, on the 16th anniversary of the 2010 Haiti earthquake, The Methodist Church are releasing a series of six short films featuring Haitians sharing their personal experiences of today's crisis. These films are an invitation to listen, learn and pray for Haiti. You can sign up to receive six weekly emails beginning 12 January, filled with these powerful stories and prayer prompts [here](#)

South West Peninsula District link with the Diocese of Cuttack, Odisha, Church of North India - PH Day 12
<https://swpmethodist.org.uk/cuttack/>
Please pray for the plans for members of the Orisa Christian Theological College OCTC. Diocese of North India, coming to the UK later this year. Amongst other activities, they will attend MWM's annual Global Conference at Cliff College at the end of May.

David Hardman - Israel/Palestine - PH Day 15

Isle of Man District twinned with Sierra Leone - PH day 15

Giving thanks that Presiding Bishop Tom visited the Isle of Man post Methodist Conference.

It was a short but full visit increasing our mutual understanding. Prayers for him as he's had some health challenges recently.

Pray that we can strengthen our twinning especially through prayer and regular communication.

Eden Fletcher - Hong Kong - PH Day 20

North West England District - PH Day 24

Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area link with PHAKAMISA:

- We give thanks for Zethu's visit to the UK in September and all the people she met.
- We pray for the project, and its shortfall in funding, and hope the new year brings new opportunities for this work to continue and many more lives and communities to be transformed and uplifted. More information can be found via: www.phakamisa.org

Cumbria Mission Area Link with Argentina: please pray for:

- the further development of the small group in the Cumbria Mission Area Link as they explore new ways to work with staff in Global Relations;
- the indigenous and rural communities in Argentina who are impacted most by current policies of the Miles government;
- continuing strength for the people of Argentina in the face of economic, political, social and environmental challenges;
- for all those in the Methodist Church of Argentina (IEMA) who hold a leadership role.

Barry and Gillian Sloan - Germany - PH Day 26

Southampton District link with Zambia -PH Day 26

Please pray for

- CADRO (Choma Alcohol and Drugs Rehabilitation Organisation) who work with the drug enforcement commission (DEC) in educating school children in Southern province about the problems of addiction.
- the clinical officer who comes to the Play4all project on Fridays to talk about life skills and listen to their problems.

Fiona Kendall - Italy - PH Day 29

Fiona continues in her role as European and Legal Affairs Advisor, with Mediterranean Hope, funded through other partners. Please continue to hold her and her work in your prayers.

Matthew Laferty—Italy—PH Day 29

Recently returned Mission Partners - PH Day 31
Rachel and Sylvester Deigh