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# FUTURE CONFERENCES

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# HIGHS AND LOWS OF GROWING A MULTI-ETHNIC CHURCH -CMMW CONFERENCE MARCH 2015

On 21 March 2015 CMMW held its second conference, at the Evangelical Alliance in Kings Cross, exploring two topics:

- 1. Theological differences between western churches and churches from the majority world (Africa, Asia, Caribbean and South America)
- 2. The challenges of growing multi-ethnic and multicultural churches

Speaking about the ways in which our culture shapes our theology, meaning we give different emphasis to various aspects of doctrine and practice, **Mark Sturge** spoke on the topic of theological differences between western and majority world churches. Mark is the Head of Churches (London Region) at Christian Aid and former General Secretary of the African and



Caribbean Evangelical Alliance,

#### Follow this link to watch the video of Mark's talk.

In the afternoon Rev David Wise spoke about his experience of leading a church which has transformed from a white majority church to a truly multicultural church reflecting a diverse range of cultures in its leadership, worship, teaching, fellowship and art work.

Come back soon to view David's talk.



Mark Sturge speaks on the topic of theological differences between western and majority world churches. Click the image to watch Mark's talk.





Mark is an experienced leader who energises and leads

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#### Highs and Lows of Growing a Multi-ethnic Church

Day Conference Exploring relevant challenges and theological differences.

#### 21st March 2015, 9.50am to 4pm

With speakers Mark Sturge, Head of London Region Christian Aid and Revd David Wise, Senior Pastor of Greenford Baptist Church, London, this conference run by the Centre for Missionaries from the Majority World (CMMW), will explore two topics pertinent to the general theme:

Theological Differences between Western Churches and Churches from the Majority World (Africa, Asia, Caribbean and South America)

The Challenges of Growing Multicultural and Multi-ethnic Churches

Venue: Evangelical Alliance Office, 176 Copenhagen Street, London N1 0ST

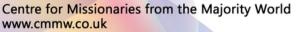
Cost: £10 to cover general costs and administration (the Ethiopian Church, Kings Cross is kindly be providing lunch)

#### To book, visit the Global Connections website: www.globalconnections.org.uk

The day will be organised by the CMMW with admin support from Global Connections, 23 Caswell Road, Learnington Spa CV31 1QD Registered in England & Wales as the Evangelical Mission Association, charity no. 1081966, company no. 3886596 organisations through transformational growth and development. Mark is the author of 'Look What the Lord Has Done! An exploration of Black Christian Faith in Britain', published by Scripture Union (SU) in May 2005.

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David Wise has been the pastor of Greenford Baptist Church since 1987 and has seen the church transformed from being a traditional almost entirely white British church to one where people from over 40 nationalities are regularly involved.



Centre for Missionaries from the Majority World is a network/ training hub that aims to prepare, equip and encourage pastors and missionaries from the Majority World in Britain as well as help indigenous British Christians and churches understand Christians from the South.

#### Team

Dr. Harvey Kwiyani Peter Oyugi Tayo Arikawe Dr Samuel Cueva Rev Israel Oluwole Olofinjana

#### Partners

One People Commission (Evangelical Alliance) Ethiopian Christian Fellowship Church

### PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION CONFERENCE 2014

We held our first CMMW conference, **Partnership in Mission**, on 6th September 2014 at Spurgeon's College in London. The conference brought together Christians from across the UK and various cultural backgrounds to explore how missionaries and pastors from the majority world can work in partnership with indigenous British Christians in the UK.

With increasing numbers of Christians from the global south moving to the UK as missionaries, the Centre for Missionaries from the Majority World organised this conference to provide a space for honest discussion about how Christians of all backgrounds can work together more effectively and in equal partnership. See below for the conference





flyer.

#### Read more about the conference on our news page.

CMMW conference talks - now available online:

Watch Rev Celia Apeagyei-Collins's talk on partnering in mission, which she opened by saying: "The very fact we are talking about partnership in mission indicates that something is wrong..."

Watch Rev Yemi Adedeji's talk on strategic partnerships, where he emphasises that partnership is not possible without relationships.

Watch Rev Dr Roger Standing's talk on unity, where he speaks passionately about the vision of a New Jerusalem with worshippers of all ethnicities before the throne, rich in diversity but uniting as one functioning community.



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# C O N F E R E N C E

This mission conference will explore how missionaries and pastors from the majority world can work in partnership with indigenous British Christians. The conference is intended to be a conversation for pastors and missionaries from the majority world but not excluding indigenous British mission practitioners and church leaders.

# Questions the conference will be addressing include:

What are the challenges that need to be overcome for effective partnership between Christians from the majority world and indigeneous British Christians?

How can we develop dialogue as equal partners with British church leaders?

# SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2014 @ SPURGEON'S COLLEGE 190 South Norwood Nill London, SE25 6DL

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TIME: 10am - 4pm

**Conference in partnership with:** 









The Conference is organised by Centre for Missionaries from the Majority World - www.cmmw.org



# Partnership in Mission Speakers:

# Revd Dr Roger Standing, principal of Spurgeon's College



Roger is currently the principal of Spurgeon's College. He trained for the Methodist ministry at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester while studying for a theology degree at the University. Then, alongside his first ministerial appointment in Horsforth, Leeds, Roger continued his studies and was awarded an MPhil by the University of Manchester for his research into Hugh Price Hughes and the Forward Movement, a study in historical Missiology. In 1990 Roger transferred from the Methodist to the Baptist ministry on doctrinal grounds and received a call to become the Senior Minister at West Croydon Baptist Church. In the eleven years of his ministry in South London this multi-cultural church began its work among asylum seekers as well as exploring a diverse range of culturally appropriate strategies to reach the unchurched. It was during his time in London that he began his association with Spurgeon's College and also studied for, and was awarded, a Doctor of Ministry degree from Denver Seminary in the United States.

## Revd Yemi Adedeji, Director of One People Commission of the Evangelical Alliance

Yemi is currently consulting as a Director of "One People Commission" at Evangelical Alliance UK, Associate Director for Hope Together UK, Global Ambassador for Compassion UK, Ambassador for Cinnamon Network and Strategic Adviser for leaders in Ministry, across the United Kingdom. Yemi is the CEO of RyA Consultancy Firm, where he delivers strategic advice to leaders in change management, support in transformational development, and connects leaders to key relationships. His passion is to discover, build relationship with, and connect leaders with thinkers in local and global relational networks (crossing the various spheres of human activity) that advance their work. Yemi is ordained as an Anglican Priest and a Pentecostal Pastor. Married to Simi a lawyer and a magistrate with 4 daughters.



#### Revd Celia Apeagyei Collins, founder of Rehoboth Foundations and Vice President of Tearfund

Rev. Celia Apeagyei-Collins is the Founder and President of the Rehoboth Foundation, a cutting edge Equipping Organisation offering Leadership/Vision Development Consultancy, Motivational and Mentoring programmes, Executive Coaching and Business Strategy services. RF also offers practical training for effective leadership and the success of both individual destiny and Corporate Objectives. The team at Rehoboth are committed to excellence and to

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spectrums of life and a Development Forum for Young and Emerging Leaders. In addition she comes alongside pastoral leaders to help strengthen ministries and equip them for community transformations. An award-winning leader, Celia has been listed as one of the top ten most influential black Christian women in the UK. An excellent international speaker, her work is in ever increasing global demand extending to 30 countries.

# Conference registration fee: £20 to register follow link @ http://www.globalconnections.org.uk/events/partnership-in-mission/140906 for any further enquiries email Israelolofinjana@yahoo.co.uk

# AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY AND ITS MISSION

The Missio Africanus think-tank day was held on 27th June 2014 at Birmingham Christian College.

The inaugural Missio Africanus think-tank day, organised by the Ajayi Crowther Centre for African Mission, focused on the big questions surrounding African missionary engagement in the 21st century.

Speakers included Dr Harvey Kwiyani, CMMW; Paul Thaxter, CMS; Rev Israel Olofinjana, CMMW; Dr Babatunde Adedibu, RCCG Research Officer and Dr Opoku Onyina, Church of Pentecost, UK.

Subjects included Africa and the African Diaspora, Intercultural Mutuality, Making Reverse Mission Work, and a special session celebrating Samuel Ajayi Crowther.

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