



# NTCG Leadership Training Centre, Northampton

## February 2012

### Education Month

#### What is Education Month all about and how do local churches participate?

This is an opportunity for us to focus our attention in the sphere of education by encouraging:

- Each Pastor to engage his/her congregation in a review of their biblical/theological knowledge and understanding;
- Every leader to enrol on a learning programme at the Leadership Training Centre to enhance his/her ministerial development;
- Every minister to ensure that s/he is adequately prepared for ministry;
- Pastors, key leaders and members to become more actively involved as learners and providers in bringing the Christian witness to the world of education;
- Local churches to support the national education programme in the effort to raise the standard of leadership of our church;
- Each leader and member to make a financial contribution to the national education programme.

#### What is the Leadership Training Centre?

In a nutshell: "...The Leadership Training Centre facilitates the national education programme via distance learning courses for personal enrichment and continuing ministerial development. The Centre accommodates the Roswith Gerloff Archive: a unique collection of research material on the Black Majority Churches in the UK and hosts the Oliver Lyseight Annual Lecture to advance conversations about our Pentecostal heritage."

For more detailed information, please visit: [www.ntcg.org.uk/education](http://www.ntcg.org.uk/education)

#### Why do we have to go all the way to Northampton for courses?

We are often asked this question! The simple answer is one that is generic to most educational institutions – it is more practical and cost effective!

We are aiming to develop a unique centre of excellence as outlined above. At this stage in the process, all our very limited resources (human and material) are strategically geared to this purpose. Please feel very welcome to contact me if you would like a more detailed response.

#### Some forthcoming courses and events:

##### January

##### 27-29 **Leading with Integrity – Equipping Leaders to Reach our World**

A key programme for Pastors and key leaders such as members of the C&PC

##### February

##### 4 **Gideon Partners' day and Annual Oliver Lyseight Lecture 2012: "Engaging with the Youth Culture"**

For further information visit: <http://www.ntcg.org.uk/education/AnnualLecture.stm>

##### 18 **National Ministers' Summit** - for further information and to register visit: [www.ntcg.org.uk](http://www.ntcg.org.uk)

##### 24 – 26 **Ministering through Music including An Audience with Lara Martin**

A must for all worship leaders and musicians! For more information watch '[An Audience with Lara Martin](#)' on Youtube.com or contact Michael Bolt at the Leadership Training Centre.

##### March

##### 16 – 18 **Planting & Growing Healthy Churches.**

In partnership with [tearfund](#) explores and promotes strategies for growing multi-ethnic churches and with input from the '[Freedom in Christ](#)' team we identify some further opportunities for enhancing growth in discipleship. We encourage each church to send at least 2 representatives on this course.

##### April

##### 27-29 Courses for counsellors, chaplains and others interested to explore the biblical principles and ethics that inform Christian outreach ministries.

## Some further highlights

Biblical courses visit: <http://www.ntcg.org.uk/education/biblecourses.stm#CIMS2010/2/MIP/KL>



Media Matters visit : <http://www.ntcg.org.uk/education/Nonaccreditedcourses.stm> and click on:



## How credible is the Leadership Training Centre as a provider of ministerial training and development in the UK?

The Leadership Training Centre maintains a high standard through our academic partnerships with various higher education institutions. For details visit:

[www.ntcg.org.uk/education/academiclinks.stm](http://www.ntcg.org.uk/education/academiclinks.stm) & [www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/Postgraduatecourses/MScPsychologyofReligion/](http://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/Postgraduatecourses/MScPsychologyofReligion/)

## Our Heritage Centre

This is an initiative to enable us to engage with our history and learn from our past. We would be glad to hear from anyone who is an established or emerging historian/librarian/archivist/writer and is interested in assisting us in this initiative. We are also beginning to gather NTCG archive material such as newsletters, orders of service, photographs (with supporting information about date, event and people - please do not write on the photographs themselves), pamphlets, publications including copies of relevant theses, posters of significant events of the early years and film, video, other audio visual productions and tape or cassette recordings.

For further information, please contact Phyllis Thompson or visit: <http://www.ntcg.org.uk/education/ltclibrary.stm>

## Request for volunteer Christian Education Trustees/Directors

We are interested in schools people with primary expertise e.g. a senior teacher in a Primary school - or recently retired. We develop best practice in teaching multi-faith Religious Education. We also publish International Bible Reading Association notes which sell about 15,000 each year in the UK with another 85,000 replicated by partner organisations in Africa, India and the Pacific. We are also interested to hear from business people with experience in marketing, IT or finance. The charity turns over about £1m p.a. and employs 14 staff. Five Trustee meetings a year are held in Birmingham. Please contact Phyllis Thompson in the first instance. To find out more about Christian Education, visit: About [About Christian Education](#) or [RE Today Services](#) or [NATRE Home Page](#) or [Montgomery Trust](#)

## Call for more Gideon Partners

The Gideon Partnership is the main income stream for the education programme. Gideon Partners are major investors in the development of future NTCG leaders. **We ask each minister to make a commitment to this vital programme by becoming a Gideon Partner and enthusiastically encourage the membership to do the same during the Month of February 2012.**

To sign up, please contact us at the Leadership Training Centre or visit: [www.ntcg.org.uk/education/gideon.stm](http://www.ntcg.org.uk/education/gideon.stm)

## Who do we contact for further details?

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