

**TO: ALL DISTRICT AND LOCAL YOUTH & CE DIRECTORS**

Dear Fellow Youth Worker

Warm Christian greetings. I pray you are well.

I am pleased to inform you that the plans for the 2008 National Youth and Christian Education Convention are coming together. This year's theme **KINGDOM GRADUATE** adjoins the focus of last year's convention with the next major happenings in the life of Jesus, namely His Baptism, temptations in the wilderness and the commencement of His ministry. One of the key passages of scripture will be Luke 4:1-13 and how Jesus passed the tests (graduated).

As you are aware, the event will take place from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at the Bethel Convention Centre, in the West Midlands. Dates and information regarding all the Department's national events will shortly be posted on our web page, [www.ntcg.org.uk/youth.html](http://www.ntcg.org.uk/youth.html) and will be updated as information becomes available.

**Features of the 2007 convention will include:**

- Guest speaker – **Revd Doug Williams** (Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Christian Centre, London)
- Keynote address – Graduates, Gangs and Guns
- A visit to the *Black Country Living Museum* for 4 – 9 year olds on Saturday
- A visit to the *Jewellery Museum and Pen Room* for 10 – 12 year olds on Saturday
- **Praisefest** – Saturday evening, that will feature the National Mass Choir, Jewels, Dancing in Authority, Newcomers Spot and More!
- **Communion** on Sunday evening

The **Convention Nomination Form** details opportunities for young people to participate in delivering ministry during the event. This needs to be completed and returned by the **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008** if your nominations are to be considered.

There will be a briefing and update meeting on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at NTCG Brookfield, for district and local directors, as well as convention workers. The convention packs will be distributed at this meeting and the National Practices for the Mass Choir and Children's Choir will also take place from 2 – 6 pm in these premises and around the corner at The Rock.

To get your young people involved with the dance ministry see the enclosed information from the *Dancing in Authority* co-ordinator Lydia Lewinson.

As required by law, I would like to remind you that **ALL** nominated Youth Workers must be CRB checked.

**Please check that the following items are enclosed with this letter and note the required responses:**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</b>	<b>RETURN TO NATIONAL OFFICE BY:</b>
Activity schedule	Read	N/A
Convention Circular	Forward for announcement and display in local churches	ASAP
2007 Convention programme outline and nomination form	Convention nominations	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 08
Duty list and Stewards and Detached Workers forms	DYD to complete	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 08
Mass & Children's Choir info and registration forms	DYD to complete	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 08
Mass & Children's Choir CDs	Distribute to local churches	N/A
Convention registration form	Each delegate to complete	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March 08</b>
Children's Ministry parental consent forms	Parent/Guardian to complete	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March 08</b>
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Accommodation information	Make available to delegates	N/A

May I kindly ask you to ensure that all the churches on your district are furnished with the enclosed information ASAP.

**DUE TO CHANGES AT THE BETHEL CENTRE WE WILL BE SERVING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS (patties, coco bread, chicken drumsticks, salad, hot and cold drinks, etc) FROM THE GROUND FLOOR TUCK SHOP THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.**

Finally, as for the past three years I would like to request your continued prayer for all aspects of the event and suggest that Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008 be a day for the young people to fast, for God to use the Convention for His glory and to minister to the needs of their generation.

If you have any queries don't leave them until the last minute, contact Marie Bryan or myself at the National Office. I look forward to working together with you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Ruben King  
National Director of Youth and Christian Education

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- 1. The Mass Choir songs are on re-writable CDs and may not play in all machines. Contact Andrew Simpson (07792 070485) if you need a replacement copy;**
- 2. Delegate registration information will only be accepted on official individual forms (no scraps of paper please). If mislaid, the forms will be available from our website;**
- 3. No excuses will be accepted for registrations that miss the Early Bird Date. We are Kingdom Graduates!**