



# The London District Worship Task Group

Report to District Council  
2007

# What we have done in 2007

- In response to the District challenge to recruit Local Preachers and Worship Leaders the Worship Task Group was formed in July 2007
- It was set up to improve the standard of worship in the London District
  - By assisting in the recruitment and training of lay preachers and worship leaders
  - By supporting Local Preachers meetings and other local worship initiatives
  - By encouraging an increase in the involvement of Church members in worship and widening their understanding of its purpose and form
  - By supporting minister led local worship training initiatives
  - By supporting the work of the District appointees in this area
- The Group consists of
  - Brian - School Student and Assistant District Worship Leaders' Secretary
  - Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu - Assistant District Local Preachers' Secretary
  - Geoff Goodman - District Local Preachers' Secretary
  - Graham Cocking - Superintendent Minister Sydenham & Forest Hill Circuit
  - Jai Mary Rose Njie - Student and Assistant District Worship Leaders' Secretary
  - Paul Kybird - District Training and Development Officer
  - Richard Hamilton-Foyn - District Worship Leaders' Secretary
- We helped to organise and run the 'Worship in the Global City' day in October - About 100 people attended. Their feedback indicated that this was an enjoyable and helpful event.
- We have carried out important research into the Circuit numbers of Local Preachers and Worship Leaders - This will provide valuable insight into strengths, weaknesses and patterns of training
- We have started to construct a District Worship Directory - This is a natural outcome from the information gathering that we have been doing. It has not yet been decided what the audience for the directory will be. It represents a lot of work but will require even more to bring it to completion and then a major effort to keep it up to date.
- We have supported the establishment of the experimental District Access Course to provide an alternative route for the training of Local Preachers. The new course still involves all aspects of Faith and Worship but through residential weekends and intensive coaching the aim is to assist trainee preachers for whom the current training method is not ideal.
- Worship Leader Training - A sub group are working with the Connexional Local Preachers' Secretary to review and redevelop the current course for the training of Worship Leaders. It is hoped to pilot the new course in the first quarter of 2008 so that it can go forward to Conference for approval

# What is planned for 2008

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We have finished outline planning for 2008. It is hoped that we will be able to complete a good number of tasks targeted on our prime objectives. We will then be in the position to review our work and make recommendations before winding up our activities in June 2009.

## 2008 Tasks Include:

- Further work on 2007 activities including - information gathering, the Worship Directory, the Worship Leaders Training Course and the Access Course
- A programme of visits to Circuit Local Preachers Meetings
- Liaising with the Vocational Development Commission to explore the possibility of a jointly run Worship and Vocation day
- Planning and running a Bible in the Global City day
- Planning and running a day course providing public speaking training for Worship Leaders and Local Preachers
- Offering training on the use of IT in Worship to circuits and churches

We will provide a further update to the District Council in June