

# In Touch



## Autumn Time

Autumn is the time of year when Mother Nature says, "Look how easy, how healthy, and how beautiful letting go can be." Toni Sorenson

It can be hard to let go. We hang on to the things that hurt us, the things that pull us back, the things that have no place in the future that God has planned for us. But remember:

'Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.' Proverbs 3:5,6



## Keeping it Fresh

Ministerial development events are continuing to take place. All active ministers are welcome to attend any of the events. For more information: <https://www.congregational.org.uk/cmd-events/events>

## Likewise events

These events are taking place in November:

\* Why did Jesus use parables so much?

Harden Congregational Church, West Yorkshire, Saturday 9th November

\* New Religious Movements

Congregational Centre, Nottingham, Saturday 30th November

For more details on these events and how to book your place please visit <https://www.congregational.org.uk/further-learning-opportunities/likewise>

## Home 360

Working alongside local churches, the Bible Society are reaching out to people who might never have engaged with the Bible through a powerful, immersive film called *Home360*.

The film – 15 minutes long – will be shown in a nine-metre dome seating around 30 people at a time, or around 100 per hour. The Bible Society are aiming to partner with local churches who'll work with them to identify suitable locations for the dome and

provide volunteers for host teams.

For more information go to <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/home360/>

## CWM Opportunities

*CWM Legacies of Slavery project:*

*Liberating Whiteness*

*London Dec 10-13th 2019*

*One person needed*

The CWM Legacies of Slavery project clearly identified the need for work on the way white cultures, power and churches have directly and indirectly created racist systems and structures. Part of the way forward is for white led churches in CWM to consider this and propose strategies for overcoming the history and practice of white dominant culture. We know our churches are opposed to racism and committed to ways of living which affirm diversity and bring peace and freedom. CWM is eager to build on this and target issues that the legacies project has brought into focus.

*Forgive us our Debt?*

*2 people needed*

CWM in partnership with the URC are organizing a conference from the 16<sup>th</sup> till the 19<sup>th</sup> of December at The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. The conference will be exploring the role of debt within economies and the theological and ethical challenges of living with debt and its impact on human beings and communities across

## Dates For Your Diary

### October

5th	Finance committee, Nottingham
16th	Graduation Day, Nottingham
17th	Ministerial Development Day at Chinley
23rd	Free Churches Mental Health Training day
25th	New CWM Offices open in London
29th	Christian AID AGM
30th	Ministers Day at Airdrie

### November

2nd	Premier Digital Awards
10th	Remembrance Sunday
15th – 17th	Council, Nottingham

the world.

We are hoping to look more critically at how the gospel responds to the present world order of global finance.

To express an interest or for more information, contact

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## Life-Light

Join us for our journey through Advent.

A series of daily reflections and thoughts. A journey of discovery. A journey filled with hope, peace, joy and love. Our Life-Light Series this year will begin on Sunday 1st December 2019. If you previously received these by email you don't need to do anything ... but to sign up for these please visit

[www.congregational.org.uk/lifelight](http://www.congregational.org.uk/lifelight)

## A Way of Being Church Booklet

Our next booklet in the series is now ready. 'Some Congregational principles and how to practice them' is available to all churches to share widely with people who ask for more information about Congregationalism. Copies will be coming out in the post, and additional copies can be requested from [support@congregational.org.uk](mailto:support@congregational.org.uk)

## CWM Offices

CWM have decided to have three offices around the world based in London, Singapore and South Africa. This is to attract staff from different places and accommodate staff and be a more global organisation