



E-bulletin to NWC networks: May 2010

This is my first E-bulletin to you all since I was appointed to lead the work of New Wine Cymru. I feel privileged with this opportunity to be involved in seeing the development of what we hope will become a significant new movement for the extension of the kingdom of God in Wales and beyond.

Recent activities

- We have received very positive feedback from the *Heaven2Earth Wales* conference we held together with the Cardiff City Churches last February with Bill Johnson as our main speaker. More than 700 people attended this conference from all over Wales as well as some from across the border
- Bruce Collins and I recently held a consultation with church leaders in North Wales and were hugely encouraged by their desire to see NWC's work established and spread across this key region of Wales. Plans for similar consultations in different counties of Wales are now being put in place too
- A three-day "Kingdom Intensive" led by Bruce Collins for church leaders was held at The Gate Centre in Cardiff for 15 leaders and was very well received. May I encourage you to experience a Kingdom Intensive if you haven't already? These courses provide an excellent biblical framework for understanding Jesus' Kingdom gospel, and provides the opportunity to grow in ministering healing and other powerful expressions of the Kingdom

Key priorities

1. Church Leaders. Because we share Bill Hybel's conviction that the local church is the hope of the world, we are convinced that one of our first and highest priorities must be to resource and develop the capacity of church leaders throughout Wales. We are meeting with leaders all over Wales to share our vision and values, and to encourage the formation of partnerships that will see healthy missional churches developed to advance God's Kingdom in the power of the Holy Spirit. (I am including our updated vision and values statement below in this bulletin.)

So there are going to be:

- **Regional days for leaders** held roughly every six weeks to provide leaders with appropriate input, develop relationships and networking
- **Development of regional leadership teams** which, in partnership with our overall leadership team, will oversee NWC activities in their region

- **Development of a relationally based leadership development program** which focuses on the subjects of *leadership*, *building missional churches* and *integrated mission* (i.e. integrating word-based proclamation, signs and wonders, and servant hearted works in our communities)

2. Emerging Leaders. If the churches in Wales are going to see a major new move of God many new leaders are going to be needed. These leaders will also need to be capable of leading a variety of fresh expressions of church life.

3. Worship leaders. Because worship is such a primary ministry of the Church, we want to give early priority to the development of varied expressions of worship by gathering Welsh and English speaking worship leaders from across Wales.

Summer gathering

We have continued to search Wales for a suitable venue for a larger summer gathering and have looked at various options. All of these have proved either too expensive or have been unsuitable for other reasons. At a recent 36 hour time away for the new NWC Leadership Team we came to the prayerful conclusion that we should make the development of leadership networks our first and highest priority – and that we should wait until a sufficient number of leaders with their churches commit themselves to supporting a large event as a strategic part of the BIG picture rather than just as a stand-alone event.

So we are not planning to hold a major summer event until 2012 at the earliest.

But for those who are disappointed that we have no summer event planned, could we recommend that you go instead to the English New Wine gathering at Shepton Mallet (1st-7th August). You can book for this directly at <http://new-wine.org/summer/Summer%20Conferences%202010.htm>

Future events

We would like to invite you to join us for the Willow Creek Global Leadership summit:

- A two-day gathering of church leaders and teams to watch some of the world's most effective Leaders on the BIG screen. There is process time for teams to capture key thoughts and discover the implications for your church together. Come and join us at Cornerstone Church, Swansea on Friday 8th & Saturday 9th October 2010. Early booking essential as only 80 places left. Book online for early bird rate: www.willowcreek.org.uk
- We are exploring a conference in Feb/March 2011 keep a look out for updates

New NWC Website and Database

If you haven't seen it already, please visit our new NW Cymru website and database. You can familiarise yourself with the new leadership team of NWC, and for the first time you will be able to book directly through the website for different NWC events.

There will also be the facility for you to update your personal information on its integrated database.

We are gradually adding information to the website with pages for different ministries such as church leaders, youth, worship, children etc.

So please visit the site at www.newwinecymru.co.uk

Final comments

Please be patient with us! We hope that by the end of this year we will have had gatherings of church leaders in across Wales, and together with them be planning more and more regional events.

If you have any views on how you would like to see NWC develop in these next years please don't hesitate to contact us. We would also love to hear any encouraging testimonies you might have to pass on to us, and with your permission would may want to post them on the NWC website in order to encourage and bless others with your stories of what the Lord is doing with in Wales.

May God bless and encourage you as you serve with all your heart.

Julian Richards
New Wine Cymru

NEW WINE CYMRU VISION AND CORE VALUES

Vision

Our vision is to see Jesus' Kingdom impact and change Wales in all spheres of life.

Strapline

Local Churches Changing Nations

Core values

The Priority of Relationship – with Jesus and one another as the foundation for all ministry.

Local Church life that is missional, welcoming, relational, accessible for all generations, and builds family and community life.

Servant Church, incarnate in the community, modelling Kingdom life to transform society.

Inspiring Worship that is passionate, intimate, culturally appropriate and facilitates encounter with God.

Anointed Leadership that is visionary, courageous, humble, consistent, full of faith, and that builds missional churches.

Strategic Mission, as modelled by Jesus to his first disciples, that is kingdom centred, holistic, inspired and empowered by the Spirit, concerned with justice and care for the poor, and encourages new church planting initiatives.

Orthodox Theology with doctrine and ethics founded on the person, teaching and work of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible.

Bible-based Teaching and training that is thoughtful, relevant, facilitates encounter with Jesus, and equips for everyday life and ministry.

Personal Discipleship that models Christian love, prayerfulness, holiness, integrity, accountability, humility and generosity; that brings healing and enables us to serve like Jesus.

Every member ministry that discerns and empowers each person to express God's presence and love through the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the "naturally supernatural" ways modelled to us by Jesus.