

## LOOKING BACK ON 2019

### A FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL UNITY IN MISSION

This framework explores various ways in which churches can collaborate in mission locally. Called 'the new framework' for a year or so, it is now embedded as *A Flexible Framework*, and commended as best practice advice – [cte.org.uk/aflexibleframework](http://cte.org.uk/aflexibleframework)

### NEW STAFF JOIN THE TEAM

Reflecting CTE's ongoing commitment to evangelism, mission and communications, two new staff joined the team, following Jim Currin's retirement in June 2019. Ben Aldous now oversees CTE's work in the areas of evangelism and mission, and Lucy Olofinjana manages our communications and media engagement.

### ALL ECUMENICAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

For the first time we brought together over a hundred National, County and Denominational Ecumenical Officers for training and consultation at the same event. This model will be followed again in autumn 2020.

### LAUNCH OF PENTECOSTAL ANTHOLOGY

A product of two theological conferences, *Pentecostals and Charismatics in Britain – An Anthology*, was published in April 2019. Edited by Joe Aldred and forwarded by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the book explores the historical and theological development of these movements in Britain and beyond. The book can be purchased from SCM Publishers, online and in bookshops.

### REFRESHED CTE LOGO

CTE's logo underwent a refresh in 2019, retaining the familiar symbols of a ship, cross and waves.

### NEW MEMBER CHURCH/BODIES IN ASSOCIATION (BIA)

- Apostolic Church UK
- Presbyterian Church of Ghana in England
- Feed the Hungry (BIA)

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## STAFF

### REVD DR PAUL GOODLIFF

*General Secretary of CTE*

A Baptist minister, Paul leads the work of CTE and our engagement with other ecumenical networks in the UK.

### BISHOP DR JOE ALDRED

*Pentecostal, Charismatic and Multicultural Relations*

A bishop in the Church of God of Prophecy, Joe works with Pentecostal and Charismatic churches to support relationships, missional activity and theological reflection.

### JENNY BOND

*Intermediate Ecumenism, Governance Support and Resources*

Jenny brings Ignatian spirituality to CTE and oversees our resourcing of local ecumenism, including answering queries and training Ecumenical Officers. She also oversees our Enabling Group and tri-annual Forum.

### REVD DR BEN ALDOUS

*Mission & Evangelism*

Ben, an Anglican minister, helps bring together church leaders who reflect on mission and evangelism in urban and rural contexts across England. He particularly enjoys seeing and encouraging missional ecumenism at local and county level, and is overseeing our Mission 2020 conference.

### LUCY OLOFINJANA

*Communications & Media*

Lucy attends a Baptist church and loves sharing stories from across the rich diversity of the Church. She manages CTE's communications, including our website, social media, and media engagement.

### LORRAINE SHANNON

*Operations Manager*

Lorraine, from the Catholic tradition, manages the CTE office and holds a wide variety of responsibilities including event organisation and finance administration.



CTE staff team: Jenny, Joe, Lorraine, Paul, Lucy, Ben

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# 2020

*One in Christ Jesus, engaged in God's mission, empowered by the Spirit.*

CHURCHES  
TOGETHER  
IN ENGLAND

## WHAT IS CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND?

Churches Together in England (CTE) is the national ecumenical instrument supporting and encouraging churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity. Churches work together at national, intermediate (county) and local levels, and CTE enables churches to be more active in ecumenism at all three levels.

Nationally CTE works alongside 51 Member Churches, who come together twice a year as our Enabling Group, and there are six Presidents. In counties and cities across England, intermediate ecumenical bodies exist. They support, resource and encourage over 2,000 local Churches Together groups and 900 Local Ecumenical Partnerships, as well as the innumerable ways in which local congregations work together informally. CTE provides training, resources and support for County Ecumenical Officers across our nation.

CTE's vision is to create a space in which fruitful collaboration and mutual understanding can grow, so that we as churches work more closely together to share in God's mission – making the gospel of Christ better known in our nation, worshipping together and working together for the common good.

We also work in close collaboration with the other national ecumenical instruments: CTBI, Cytûn (Wales), ACTS (Scotland) and Churches in Ireland.

## CTE TRUSTEES

CTE's Trustees are appointed by our Enabling Group, and chaired by Rowena Loverance (Religious Society of Friends) – [www.cte.org.uk/trustees](http://www.cte.org.uk/trustees)

## KEEP UP TO DATE

Website: Including stories, news & resources – [cte.org.uk](http://cte.org.uk)

Twitter: @churchesengland

CTe-News: Receive inspiring unity stories, resources & updates direct to your inbox every month. Sign up now at [cte.org.uk/news](http://cte.org.uk/news)

## MEMBER CHURCHES

- Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles + Ireland
- Apostolic Church UK
- Apostolic Pastoral Congress
- Archdiocese of Orthodox Parishes of the Russian Tradition (Ecumenical Patriarchate)
- Armenian Orthodox Church
- Assemblies of God
- Baptist Union of Great Britain
- Calvary Church of God in Christ
- Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
- Church of England
- Church of God of Prophecy
- Church of Scotland (Presbytery of England)
- Churches in Communities International
- Congregational Federation
- Coptic Orthodox Church
- Council of African and Caribbean Churches UK
- Council of Lutheran Churches
- Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches
- Elim Pentecostal Church
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of England
- Evangelische Synode Deutscher Sprache in Großbritannien
- Free Church of England
- Free Churches Group
- Ground Level
- Ichthus Christian Fellowship
- Independent Methodist Churches
- International Ministerial Council of Great Britain
- Ichthus Church Council
- Joint Council of Churches for All Nations
- Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (Indian Orthodox Church)
- Mar Thoma Church in Europe
- Methodist Church
- Moravian Church
- New Testament Assembly
- New Testament Church of God
- Oecumenical Patriarchate
- Order of St Leonard
- Pioneer
- Presbyterian Church of Ghana in England
- Redeemed Christian Church of God
- Religious Society of Friends (Quakers in Britain)
- Ruach Network of Churches
- Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate)
- Salvation Army
- Serbian Orthodox Church
- Transatlantic Pacific Alliance of Churches
- Unification Council of Cherubim + Seraphim Churches (Europe Chapter)
- United Kingdom World Evangelism Trust
- United Reformed Church
- Wesleyan Holiness Church
- Wesleyan Reform Union

Visit [www.cte.org.uk/memberchurches](http://www.cte.org.uk/memberchurches) for contact details.

## PLANNED FOR 2020

### CTE CELEBRATES ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Founded in 1990, CTE will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2020, with events to be confirmed.

### REFRESHED WEBSITE

A new CTE website will be live from the latter part of the year, with more good news unity stories to tell.

### MISSION CONFERENCE

In March we hold a major consultation on evangelism, mission and discipleship, *Discipling the Whole Church, Reaching the Whole Nation*. Bringing together Member Churches, charities, theological colleges and youth agencies, we will explore how we might collaborate in reaching England with the good news of Jesus Christ.

### ECUMENISM, THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

CTE will enable continuing conversations about the impact upon our ecumenical pilgrimage of theological and ethical diversity.

### ORTHODOX-PENTECOSTAL DIALOGUE

A one-day seminar will be held in April 2020, exploring the experiences of the persecuted church and how mission is being done in challenging circumstances around the world. CTE Presidents Pastor Agu Irukwu and Archbishop Angaelos will co-chair the day.

### ONGOING WORK INCLUDES:

- Providing opportunities for **relationship-building**, particularly among Member Churches, Ecumenical Officers and Bodies in Association (organisations working ecumenically)
- Supporting churches working together at a **county and local level**
- **Resourcing and training** Ecumenical Officers
- Inspiring Member Churches to collaborate in **mission**
- Hosting **Co-ordinating Groups** on key issues, including mission in rural or new housing areas, and evangelisation
- Facilitating the **Pentecostal and Charismatic Leaders Forum**, with leaders from more than 20 denominations and agencies uniting to build relationships and collaborate
- Writing, speaking and presenting papers
- Hosting **seminars, workshops and conferences** on topical issues
- Telling **good news stories** of churches working in unity, shared through Twitter and our monthly mailing CTe-News
- Hosting **Education Sunday** resources: [cte.org.uk/educationsunday](http://cte.org.uk/educationsunday)