

SOMA UK CONFERENCE

9 – 11 November 2010

High Leigh, Herts, UK

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Conference Fee

All delegates £140 per person

Conference Accommodation

Please book me (tick one box)

- A single room
- A double room, twin beds, double occupancy

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Speakers

Bishop Graham Cray & Sue Hope

with **Julie Dunn & Stephen Dinsmore**

You are invited, along with SOMA Intercessors, Parish Mission Partners, Team members & leaders, supporters, staff and officers to join us as we encounter the Spirit, are enlivened for mission, envisioned for intercession, empowered in faith and renewed for ministry and mission.

There will be time for fellowship, to pray, worship, share, learn, reflect, be refreshed by the Spirit and meet with others involved with the vision, mission and ministry of SOMA.

To inspire and encourage us we welcome guest speakers Bishop Graham Cray & Revd Sue Hope and worship leader Julie Dunn. There will also be shared experience and insight from SOMA team members and intercessors, news, updates and ministry.



Bishop Graham Cray has a heart for Mission and Renewal, is Patron of SOMA UK and the Archbishops of Canterbury and Yorks'

Missioner – leading the National Team spearheading the positive response to the current Spirit-led wave of Fresh Expressions cross-cultural mission. Graham has been a leader in Renewal for over 35 years, with international experience. His special concerns are the engagement of the Gospel with contemporary culture, youth ministry and the theology of Renewal.



Sue Hope has been involved with Renewal for over 35 years and is convinced that prayer is at the heart of mission. She is a Six Preacher of Canterbury Cathedral,

Bradford Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism and a parish priest. Previously Sue was Diocesan Missioner in Sheffield and has served on General Synod and on the liturgical commission. Sue's book Mission-Shaped Spirituality reveals her deep heart for prayer, spirituality and 'the adventure of the Spirit'. Sue is a member of SOMA's advisory Forum and a sometime SOMA Team member.



Julie Dunn is a jazz singer, pianist, songwriter and passionate worship leader. Julie loves to lead people into the presence of God and help

them find release and joy in His presence. Julie will lead us in our sung worship and also entertain us at our evening reception. Classically trained, Julie then immersed herself in the liberating world of jazz and blues. Since then she has been forging a career as a jazz singer and pianist.



Stephen Dinsmore is National Director of SOMA UK, a missiologist and pastor-teacher with a vision to see the Anglican Communion

empowered and propelled by the Spirit into strategic Spirit-led mission and Spirit-empowered ministry worldwide. Stephen will also host our conference and very much looks forward to welcoming you.

The Details

Location High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8SG, UK. High Leigh is well connected by road to the M25 and rail from London and the North.

Times The conference starts with lunch together at 1300 on the 9th November; closes at 1400, just after lunch, on the 11th November.

Accommodation The conference includes accommodation in ensuite rooms with full board and all conference facilities.

Cost The Conference Fee for all delegates is £140 per person.

Conditions Your booking is confirmed on our receipt of your fee and signed booking form; regrettably cancellation by you forfeits 50% of fee up to 15 October, full fee thereafter. Cancellation insurance is advised.

God was Speaking



At the invitation of Bishop Sadock Makaya, SOMA UK Team Leader David McDougall with John Musaasizi and Jethro Ssebulime from Uganda, and Esther McCafferty, Mary MacDonell, Stephen Holmes and Claire Clarke (UK) travelled to Tabora, Tanzania. As these extracts from the Team's diary show, they soon found that God was speaking, powerfully and not just with words...

One Team member, Jethro Ssebulime, a gifted evangelist, had his case stolen on route, most upsetting for him. Yet over the mission it became part of his witness to how God provided for him. The Sunday congregation where he spoke made a collection for him. The Bishop was generous. The Team and Intercessors in the UK were also able to give - his losses were more than covered.

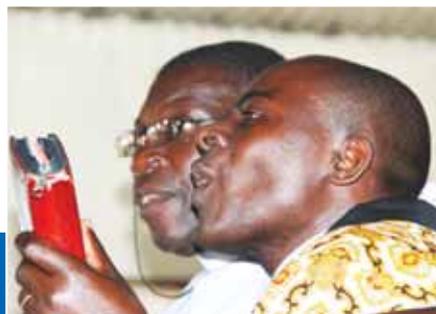
The evening the conference was opened Bishop Sadock spoke on Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes". He was passionate about his clergy receiving the power of the Holy Spirit for themselves and the people of their parishes. Bishop Sadock explained that one of the things that moved him was SOMA Team Members saying "Tanzanian Christians have much to teach us in the West." He had just returned from one Western Province where he was not even allowed to speak in some places. He said "We all need each other".

Prophetic words were coming. Snake and Eagle picture given to one delegate - wonderfully confirmed by his wife who had given him the very same prophetic pictures just before the conference! God was speaking.

8.30am Sunday, a full church, communion.

Glass bottle of communion wine knocked over - glass and wine everywhere over the sanctuary stone floor. God spoke: the lady cleaning up cleared the glass but in doing so had communion wine all over her feet, and left red footprints from the altar out through the church - a powerful prophetic picture of the message of the Blood of Jesus to be taken into the world and not kept in the church. I don't think anyone will forget this picture. I had to preach on that and the importance of mission. At least 40 people came to know Jesus through that message and many people received the power of the Holy Spirit to be empowered witnesses in the world. Holy moments - the spilt wine, the salvation of many, the receptivity to the Holy Spirit of the majority.

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IS GOD CALLING YOU TO STAY AT HOME?

If not, He's calling you to 'go into all the world'. So, don't just sit there, take the initiative, don't wait to be invited, contact SOMA to explore the Team possibilities and God willing, we'll see what we can do...



If He is calling you to stay at home, is it for intercession?

If so and you are an Intercessor or you think you may be, again, get in touch with us! Intercession is the hidden jewel of SOMA's call and ministry - the ministry upon which SOMA is founded.

If He is calling you to stay at home is it for mission?

If so, come on a SOMA Team! And here's why: In the last century mission and renewal leaders such as Watson, Pytches and Wimber discerned God's extraordinary anointing and blessing upon Teams that travelled to minister - a blessing for both the receiving and the received. Now missiologists recognise that cross-cultural ministry & mission experience is crucial to the formation of effective Missional Leaders. Called to stay at home for mission - then come on a SOMA Team and be envisioned, equipped and exhilarated for Spirit empowered mission & ministry at home.

Read in this edition of SHARING experiences with SOMA of the blessing of God and determine to actively respond to His call.

Stephen Dinsmore
National Director of SOMA UK

Future SOMA Teams

Uganda	Madi & West Nile
Sudan	Ibba
Nigeria	Jos
Sudan	Nuba
DR Congo	Boga
India	North
Sudan	Youth Leaders
DR Congo	Nord Kivu
Ghana	
New Zealand	

Contact the SOMA Office if you would like to be considered to be involved with one of these or other emerging teams.

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YES I'd like to support SOMA

Come on a Team

We are constantly looking for new team members to bring fresh impetus to our teams. Team members finance their own travel and costs, trips last between 10 and 20 days. Teams are always exciting, challenging, faith building and life changing!

Give Financially

We are always in need of financial support for SOMA's missions and ministry abroad. Your financial gifts further this strategic work of the Holy Spirit and make a real and lasting difference to people and communities abroad.

Pray

Prayer and Intercession are the solid foundation of SOMA's ministry. Partner with SOMA in prayer and intercession in this unique and invaluable ministry.

Invite

SOMA carefully and prayerfully considers all invitations for teams to minister and responds positively whenever we can.

Please detach and return to Stephen Dinsmore, SOMA UK, PO Box 69, Merriott. TA18 9AP, UK. Thank you.

My response

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Please...

- tell me about becoming part of a SOMA Team
- tell me about becoming a SOMA Intercessor
- tell me how to financially support SOMA's ministry
- send me details of giving to SOMA by bank standing order
- send me SOMA's free regular SHARING newsletter and Prayer Diary
- contact me as I would like to invite a SOMA team to my Diocese
- tell me more about my church becoming a SOMA Parish Mission Partner

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Celebration meal Friday evening.

Many testimonies – wonderful to hear what God had been doing and saying: anger healed and tools given to control it; vision enhanced; Holy Spirit had filled and empowered and healed; deanery meetings – more than 250 people came to know Jesus and more or less all of the congregations were receptive to the Holy Spirit's empowering and releasing.

All the Team agreed that we had been challenged, we'd relinquished personal control and run with God's leading – really

exhilarating, challenging for those more used to having a tight and organised programme.

Final words from Team Member Claire Clarke...

The Lord moved mightily – I was blown away by what He did. It was a fantastic experience and a privilege for me to go on this Team. I loved being there. God was so gracious and generous in all that He did and to Him goes all the glory!

SOMA – Renewal for Mission in the UK

“My whole ministry underwent a shift, a gear change”

SOMA Team Members regularly return envisioned, empowered and renewed for Holy Spirit ministry and mission, which positively impacts their home church and community. SHARING interviewed one recent Team Member...

Which aspects of the mission did you enjoy most? The unity of the team, the presence of the Holy Spirit and the overwhelming response of the whole congregation.

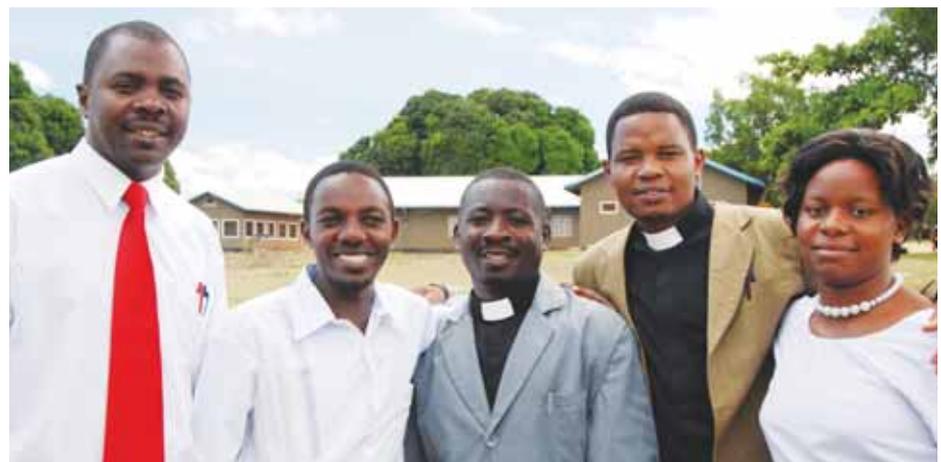
What were the particular challenges that stretched you? Letting go of my own agenda to run with the Spirit and sharing my personal experience of inner healing as a 4 year old. The Team met each challenge with prayer, encouragement and expectation.

You've mentioned an 'overwhelming response'. What happened? I've been involved in Renewal since the 1970's, attended many conferences and been involved in prayer ministry. However, I have never before been so humbled and blessed by such an outpouring

of the Spirit upon people, especially clergy; and that blessing then flowed out to parishes and deaneries. During a Sunday service 40 gave their lives to Christ and the whole congregation stood with hands outstretched to receive the Spirit.

Now you've had time to reflect, what did the Lord teach you through this visit? That He is even more gracious and more willing to bless through me than I ever imagined. I was deeply challenged to 'let go and let God'. I feel that my whole ministry underwent a shift, a gear change.

How will this effect your ministry at home? It already has. This Pentecost Sunday was very different. I spoke about Baptism in the Spirit, that Pentecost was the fulfilment of an ancient promise. Then I gently prepared the congregation to receive the Spirit. What unfolded was a Holy Moment, I was so moved that I prayed over the congregation in tongues, many said they were profoundly moved and blessed – this a congregation of whom many will never have experienced tongues before. Many interesting and important conversations have developed since. I am feeling much more confident and encouraged than I have for years.



'We had a very wonderful experience'

SOMA UK is committed to including overseas Team Members in our Teams. Not only does this provide a challenging and ministry-renewing encounter with the Spirit, but also it models the mutuality, equality and reciprocity at the heart of SOMA's values. Here, two overseas Team Members and a UK Team Leader share their experience...

Canon John Musaasizi travelled from Mityana, Uganda to Tabora, Tanzania for a SOMA Team...

'The experience went beyond my expectation. The Lord's presence with us transformed all things, sustained us in every way and protected us from all harm. Praise His glorious name. The SOMA Mission was very successful. God's people prayed for it without ceasing. One of the intercessors never slept all the time we were in Tanzania. So our success was an answer to prayers. Every one was touched by the Spirit of God. Praise and praise the Lord!'



Revd Capt James Tumwesigye CA from South Rwenzori joined a SOMA Team to the Diocese of North Kivu in adjacent DR Congo...

'Greetings in Jesus name. I am writing to thank SOMA for enabling me to take time to go into Congo. We had a very wonderful experience working with our brothers and sisters. There was much for us to learn from many. It was quite a blessing to share in this wide experience. I wish you God's blessing and will continue being in touch.'



SOMA Team Leader Matthew Grayshon, from London, writes...

'For me the most rewarding aspect of any SOMA mission has been the presence of overseas members in the Team.

I learn so much from their spirituality and they furnish such profound insights into local culture. They have also saved me on a number of occasions.

This question left me breathless: 'Matthew we need a seminar on how to love your Bishop.' Exploration revealed that this also involved how to engage with diocesan officers and synods. Fortunately I had two senior Ugandan priests on the Team, one of whom had been Diocesan Secretary for a decade. They led two superb sessions, and enabled a response of confession, reconciliation and rededication.

Then imagine hearing the following during a fascinating and engrossing seminar on Christian Marriage. 'The most important thing for intimacy in marriage is a ceiling.'



There was a pause and then the most enormous gale of laughter - for many African clergy have partitioned homes but no ceilings. Team Members Jethro and Loi then gave a moving exchange of insights with 120 clergy and their wives.

Now imagine listening to Benon, a Ugandan speaking in southern Sudan at the first gathering of the diocese for over 20 years. The cathedral has shrapnel holes in the roof: "When the soldiers of Idi Amin came I lost everything, even my cook-pot (deep sigh in congregation of 300 for this is the key possession for survival) I spent two weeks hiding in the country. But God is good and has blessed Uganda." This proved to be one of the keys to opening the deeply wounded to hope and healing.

It is hugely rewarding giving able clergy the experience of visiting new peoples and countries and engaging with the wider Anglican Communion. Their ministries are informed, renewed and deepened and, for some, their parishes renewed.

Tribal loyalties, ties and histories can be a severe hindrance to the flowering and stability of the Kingdom. So, when a Kikuyu Team Member visits Turkana for a SOMA mission or a Ugandan visits Tanzania the significance of our oneness through Baptism is heightened and the painful growth in loyalty first to the Kingdom continues.

A downside? Being told by a priest in Kenya "I so like the English accent of these Ugandans, they speak much better than you English."

SOMA Parish Mission Partners

"Being on a SOMA Team reaps more blessings for the team and their home churches than we even see on the visit!"

The SOMA Parish Mission Partners scheme builds a live, active and mutually beneficial relationship between your parish and SOMA, envisioning and renewing your church for Holy Spirit ministry and mission at home and abroad.

SOMA Parish Mission Partners receive

- SHARING for each member of the congregation
- a SOMA speaker for a Sunday about once a year
- invitations, information and encouragement for leaders and members of the congregation to participate in SOMA mission teams abroad and for Intercessors to join the SOMA Intercessors Network
- regular communication with the designated SOMA parish contact, as well as the Incumbent & staff team

In return SOMA Parish Mission Partners

- encourage prayer for SOMA in services, groups and by individuals
- regularly communicate news about SOMA to their congregations
- encourage individuals to get involved by joining Teams, becoming SOMA Intercessors, hosting visitors, attending SOMA activities
- seek to support SOMA financially

For further information or to discuss the scheme contact Stephen Dinsmore at info@somauk.org or 01460 279737.

intercession@somauk.org

Called to intercession?

If you are, think you are or are exploring if you are then do contact us! Intercession is the 'hidden' half of SOMA's ministry. We are always keen to hear from people who feel called to pray regularly. SOMA Intercessors take on a vital commitment, are an absolutely indispensable part of SOMA's ministry, and play an invaluable, deeply appreciated role at home whenever SOMA Teams are abroad. SOMA Intercessors are supported both by regular Prayer Briefings and support Teams with live, two-way information by email when SOMA Teams are abroad. Please contact Intercession Coordinator Hilary Steynor at intercession@somauk.org or 01483 301 013 for more details.