## **British Clergy Leadership Activities - January to June 2021**

June Darby and Rev. Isaac Ayani June 30, 2021







"Religious Leaders have the responsibility to embrace and guide all people with one united heart. When you fulfil that responsibility it will create a new history." Hak Ja Han Moon

## **Statement of Purpose**

- 1. To harmonise, embrace and unite different churches; to work for World Peace through the sharing of Universal Values taught by Rev. and Mrs. Moon.
- 2. To acknowledge and invite the Holy Spirit to work to inspire and direct Christians particularly to bring God back into the nation under the guidance of Jesus.
- 3. To empower Pastors to rebuild the family: saving marriages, strengthening families and restoring communities.
- 4. To promote God-centred moral values

## **Activities**

From the beginning of January 2021, we began a weekly cycle of teaching Divine Principle by zoom that was given by Rev. Dr. David Hanna, with 14 Divine Principle lectures and 4 presentations on the lives

and impact of Rev. and Mrs. Moon. We are very fortunate to have a lecturer of Dr. Hanna's calibre to present the lectures. He was also ably assisted by Rev. Isaac Ayani who shared the presentation of the last 4 lectures. We averaged 88 participants each time with many coming from around Europe. We averaged 20 Pastors each time, with 72 Pastors in all participating in the series, and there are a number of Pastors now who are positive about the Divine Principle.

We have an excellent support team who organised the links and programmes each time. Rev. Tom Pritty was an excellent M.C., Robert Torok and his wife skilfully took the responsibility for the zoom and our Facebook, and Rev. Daniel Fenuga supported the question and answer session very well, with Rev. Isaac Ayani and Rev. June Darby giving comments. Then different Pastors supported us wonderfully with prayer and singing each time, which was organised by Rev. Ayani.

We received many favourable comments about the content and value of the lectures. I also want to appreciate our BCLC Committee for their faithful support and outreach activities: John and Rita O'Neil, Anne Kobayashi, Naomi Gyoten, Sobayo Sobambi, Mulumba Kabong, Russell Gough and Robert and Oksana Torok.

At present we are following up with the Pastors who joined our programme and have sent an Evaluation Form out to glean more specifically their responses. Naomi Gyoten prepared a spreadsheet of Pastors who had attended the Divine Principle lecture series, recording exactly what lectures they have attended. And we have also been visiting Pastors and making new contacts, as well as clarifying our plans for the rest of the Year.

On 31st March we had a joint webinar with the American Clergy Leadership Conference on the Topic of The Responsibility of Christianity in Building a Unified Global Community. It was very dynamic and inspiring.

On 12th April we supported the Nordic Rally of Hope that made a contribution towards a world of Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity with speeches by major Christian leaders. A number of our Pastors also were inspired by the Highlighted versions of the different Rallies of Hope that were sponsored by Mother Moon in Korea this year, as well as the powerful Blessing Festival that she hosted in Las Vegas on 5th June.

Unfortunately because of Lockdown, we were not able to carry out any Community Service projects. But BCLC members also joined the different events Pastors organised, supporting their different programmes, from Sunday Services to Prayer and Bible Study Meetings and Seminars. Some of us also gave sermons in different churches and prayed for them, and contacted Pastors by phone on 1:1, explaining different points of Divine Principle and counselling. Rev. Isaac is very dynamic in helping Pastors to understand Divine Principle, meeting some Pastors in our office in Lancaster Gate.

John O'Neill sends out a Morality Forum Update Newsletter 4 times a year to 2,220 contacts supporting traditional moral, family and spiritual values, and challenging negative, secular attitudes like abortion-on-demand, the content of school sex education, quickie divorce laws etc. Some positive responses appreciating the Newsletter were from Sammy Wilson MP, and Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne from Trinity Bowes Church, Palmers Green. Information fact sheets and the results of academic studies concerning key moral and family issues are continually sent to relevant people such as journalists and MP's.

I feel optimistic about our future in light of all the powerful developments that Mother Moon has accomplished in the past year. And I am confident that we will see new growth as we experience the loving Holy Spirit moving ever more strongly.