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HELDERBERG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TOGETHER ON A MISSION



Introduction by **GARY WELSH**

This booklet has been put together to help all of us to understand the mission we have been called to do better. HCC has been part of Newfrontiers for almost twenty years and during that time we have benefitted from working alongside gifted men and women that we are glad to call friends. We have also had the joy of joining hands with other local churches around the world in proclaiming the good news of Jesus.

The values that we are highlighting here are not rules and regulations but simply biblical truth rewritten to help us understand them better and, therefore, more able to give ourselves to them. We've included part of a short introduction from Terry Virgo (written about two years ago) that helps us to see them in a wider context.

Towards the end of the booklet we've put extracts from some of the prophetic words that have shaped the way we do things; on occasions that has meant making big changes in emphasis and practice while never leaving behind our commitment to biblical truth.

We hope you will be encouraged by them but, more importantly, that they will help you to serve the purposes of God more effectively. Please take time to read them carefully; if you have any questions then please email Gary (gary@hcchurch.org.za) or grab one of the elders and chat to them. Above all please use them to help you pray more effectively for HCC and the wider Newfrontiers' family of churches.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Welsh'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'G' and 'W'.

by TERRY VIRGO



Newfrontiers has now been around for about 30 years, so, in Biblical terms, we have come of age and, praise God, we are still growing! It seems a good time to try and nail what really makes us tick. Others may have their views, but it's good to hear from the horse's mouth. When we first started to work together in response to God's prophetic word to us, we drew up a number of key values which, to some degree, defined us as Newfrontiers. We have always been evangelically orthodox and true to the doctrines of the Reformers, but in addition seventeen distinctive priorities have helped to identify and shape us.

At the Together on a Mission conference in Brighton in 2009 I spoke in three sessions, first identifying our roots as being committed to Word and Spirit, reformed and charismatic. I went on to highlight our commitment to the local church as a place for discipleship, transformation into Christ's image, corporate obedience to Christ and being a manifest temple of God's presence by His Holy Spirit.

Finally we looked to the future. Having stated our understanding that Newfrontiers has functioned as an apostolic sphere, I stated that our commitment in the future will be more to the growth of multiplied apostolic spheres than to the mere survival of a title such as 'Newfrontiers'. We have no desire to become an institution, as P-J Smyth graphically communicated at Together on a Mission! Having started as a rampaging herd of elephants, we don't want to end up in a zoo! Our hope certainly is that Newfrontiers will together accomplish so much more than we already have. We have much unfinished business together, with nations to reach, leaders to train, churches to plant, cultures to challenge and individuals to transform.

However, transformation will take place only through healthy church life, obedient to Scripture and flooded with the Holy Spirit's presence. The values we have highlighted draw attention to critical ingredients for sound church life, remembering that in the New Testament the word 'sound' means healthy, strong and robust, not coldly correct and tending to cautious quaintness. We do mean business. We are on a mission together and let me invite you in the words of Moses, 'Come with us and we will do you good!'

vision



- 1** A gospel-preaching church that is loving, righteous in its lifestyle, involved in world mission and reaching the unsaved in its community by both public and personal evangelistic activity.
- 2** A church where regular teaching and preaching of the Bible holds a primary role and where Scripture's authority is final.
- 3** A church whose people are assured of the grace of God in their lives and are clear about the full New Covenant benefits of being in Christ.
- 4** A church whose people are baptised in water and in the Holy Spirit, and brought in a genuine life in the Spirit.
- 5** A church where God's presence is prized and where God is enthusiastically worshipped with genuine freedom for men and women to worship publicly in the Holy Spirit, to use spiritual gifts and to participate in 'body ministry'.
- 6** A church which is a loving community, meeting both publicly and from house to house, sharing and caring for each other's needs, both spiritual and material.
- 7** A church where Biblical family life is highly valued, where husband and wife embrace male servant leadership and joyful female submission, where godly parenting is taught and practiced, and where the special value of singleness and its unique opportunities are affirmed.
- 8** A church led by male elders (one of whom is clearly understood to be gifted to be lead elder) who are ordained by the Holy Spirit, recognised and confirmed through apostolic ministry. These men are to be helped in fulfilling their calling through ongoing fellowship with trans-local ministries.
- 9** A church where elders are honoured as servant-leaders, caring for the flock and providing appropriate spiritual disciplines where necessary.
- 10** A church freed from complacency and endeavouring to grow in gospel impact, faith, prayer, generosity, action and influence.

VALUES

- 11** A church whose individual members are equipped for their role of service within the church and community, including the release and training of those called to trans-local ministry.
- 12** A church which is fully involved in our shared apostolic mission to extend the kingdom of God globally through the recovery of New Testament church life, making disciples, training leaders and planting churches by all means, including wholehearted financial commitment, welcoming trans-local ministries, regularly attending corporate gatherings, promoting our publications and communicating our news.
- 13** A church which is serving and empowering the poor within its own ranks and beyond.
- 14** A church which wholeheartedly embraces the New Testament teaching of the one new man, demonstrating love and respect between the races, cultures and sexes.
- 15** A church which is proving to be both salt and light in its location, impacting the culture of the community.
- 16** A church that is committed to excellent relationships with other Christians and churches in its community.
- 17** A church desiring and welcoming encouragement and correction from trans-local ministries in the fulfillment of these objectives.

IMIBONO NEZIMO

- 1** Ibandla elishumayela ivangeli, eliphila ngothando nangobulungisa, elithabatha inxaxheba kwimisebenzi yehlabathi, nokufikelela kubemi abangasindiswanga, nangokuvangela esidlangalaleni kumntu ngamnye.
- 2** Ibandla apho imfundiso nentshumayelo ngeBhayibhile idlala indima ebaluleke kakhulu apho izibhalo ezingcwele zinamandla zigqibelele.
- 3** Ibandla elibantu baqinisekisiweyo ngobabalo lukaThixo ezimpilweni zabo, naba cacelweyo ngokugqibelela ngomvuzo Womnqophiso Omtsha wokuba kuKrestu.
- 4** Ibandla elibantu babhaptizwe ngamanzi nangoMoya oyiNgcwele nabaziswe kubomi benene ngokoMoya oyiNgcwele.
- 5** Ibandla apho ubukho bukaThixo buxatyisiweyo, apho amadoda nabafazi badumisa uThixo esidlangalaleni, bekuMoya oyingcwele, besebenzisa izipho zoMoya oyingcwele bethabatha inxaxheba kwibandla.
- 6** Ibandla elingabemi abanothando, behlangana esidlangalaleni nakwimizi ngemizi, besabelana kwaye bekhathalelana ngokwezidingo zoMoya, neziphathekayo.
- 7** Ibandla elibomi bosapho lwezibhalo ezingcwele bunexabiso eliphezulu, apho abayeni namakhosikazi besamkela ukuba, amadoda azizicaka ezikhokelayo, abafazi, belulamile ngovuyo, apho kufundiswa ubuzali ngokwase buThixweni, apho ixabiso lobunye liqinisiwayo.
- 8** Ibandla elikhokelwa ngabadala abangamadoda, (kukho lowo kuphela ucacileleyo ukuba unezipho zokukhokela), abo bonyulwe kuphela nguMoya oyiNgcwele baqatshelwa benziwa amalungu abathunywa benkosi. La madoda ayancedwa ukuzalisekisa ubizo lawo ngokuqhubeka ngobudlelwane kwibandla jikelele, namanye amabandla.
- 9** Ibandla apho abadala bahlonitshwayo njengezicaka-ezikhokeleyo, bekhathalele umhlambi, benika uqeqesho olululo lukaMoya, apho lufuneka khona.

ZEXABISO

- 10** Ibandla elikhululekileyo ekuzicingeleni, elinjongo ikukukhula kwivangeli, kukholo, ekuthandazeni, ekunikeleni, kwizenzo zokuphembhelela.
- 11** Ibandla elimalungu alo axhotyisiweyo ngendima yawo kwinqubo yenkonzo nasekuhlaleni. Kuquka nokunikezela uqeqesho kwabo babizelwe ekufundiseni, namanye amabandla.
- 12** Ibandla elizinikele ngokupheleleyo ekwabelaneni ngomsebenzi wabapostile. Ukwandisa ubukumkani bukaThixo jikelele ngokobomi benkolo beTestamente entsha, ngokwenza abafundi, uqeqesho lwenkokheli, ukutyala iinkonzo ngenxa zonke, kunye nokunikela ngentliziyo ezikhululekileyo neziphelileyo ngezimali, ukwamkela nokulungiselela iindibano ezikhuthaza iindaba zosindiso kuluntu ngokubanzi.
- 13** Ibandla elinikezela ngeenkonzo nelixhobisa abahluphekayo kwizinga layo nangaphezulu.
- 14** Ibandla elamkela ngentliziyo nye, imfundiso yeTestamente entsha yendoda enye ebonisa uthando, intlonipho phakathi kwentlanga, amasiko kunye nezini.
- 15** Ibandla elizibonakalisa liyityuwa nokhanyo, kwindawo elikuyo, nelinempembhelelo kwizithethe zoluntu.
- 16** Ibandla elizinikeleyo kubudlelwane obububo kunye namanye amaKrestu nezinye iinkonzo ekuhlaleni.
- 17** Ibandla elinqwenela nelamkela inkuthazo nolungiso kwinkonzo ezilingqongileyo ekuzalisekiseni ezi njongo.

- 1 'n Kerk waar die evangelie verkondig word, wat liefdevol is en 'n skoon lewe lei. Hulle is betrokke by wêreldsending en uitreiking na die wat ongered is in die gemeenskap, op persoonlike en openbare vlak.
- 2 'n Kerk waar die gereelde verkondiging en lering van die Bybel belangrik is en die gesag van die Skrif finaal is.
- 3 'n Kerk waar die liggaam of lede verseker is van God se genade in hul lewe, en die sekerheid het van die seëninge van die Nuwe Verbond in Christus.
- 4 'n Kerk waar die lede gedoop is in water en in die Heilige Gees, en gebring word na 'n opregte geesvervulde lewe.
- 5 'n Kerk waar God se teenwoordigheid kosbaar is en God met entoesiasme aanbid word, waar almal vry voel om in die Heilige Gees te prys en aanbid, en waar geestelike gawes gebruik word om mekaar te bedien.
- 6 'n Kerk wat gesamentlik en van huis tot huis saamkom as 'n liefdevolle gemeenskap, wat in mekaar se geestelike en materiele behoeftes deel en voorsien.
- 7 'n Kerk waar gesinne Bybelse waardes utoeleef, waar getroudes glo in dienende leierskap van die man en blymoedige onderdanigheid van die vrou, waar kinders opgevoed word volgens goddelike waardes en waar enkellopendes ondersteun word in die waardevolle plek en unieke geleentheid wat hulle het.
- 8 'n Kerk wat deur opgeleide, bekwame mans gelei word (van wie één duidelik 'n gawe het om die leier te wees), gesien deur die Heilige Gees, bevestig en bekragtig deur Apostoliese bediening. Hierdie mans het die hulp en ondersteuning van al die bedieninge in die Kerk nodig om hulle roeping te vervul.
- 9 'n Kerk waar leiers (ouderlinge of "elders") gerespekteer en erken word as dienende leiers, wat die mense versorg deur gepaste geestelike middele te voorsien waar nodig.
- 10 'n Kerk wat nie selfvoldaan of selftevrede is nie, en hulle beywer om te groei in geloof, gebed, vrygewigheid, aksie en invloed van die evangelie.

WAARDES

- 11** 'n Kerk waar die lede toegerus is vir hul rol van diens in die Kerk en gemeenskap, insluitend die opleiding van diegene wat geroep is tot plaaslike bediening.
- 12** 'n Kerk wat deel in die gesamentlike Apostoliese roeping om die Koningryk van God wêreldwyd uit te brei, deur die; herstel van Nuwe Testament kerk lewe, maak van dissipels, opleiding van leiers en plant van Kerke, deur heelhartige finansiële ondersteuning, verwelkoming van gemeenskap bedieninge, gereelde bywoning van byeenkomste en die sirkulasie van nuus.
- 13** 'n Kerk wat omgee vir die armes in ons area en hulle bemagtig binne en buite hul gemeenskap.
- 14** 'n Kerk wat die Nuwe Testament lering van die nuwe mens heelhartig aanneem, wat liefde en respek tussen rasse, kulture en geslagte uitleef.
- 15** 'n Kerk wat bewys dat hulle lig en sout is in hul omgewing, en 'n verskil maak in die kultuur van die gemeenskap.
- 16** 'n Kerk wat verbind is tot uitstekende verhoudings met ander Christene en Kerke in die gemeenskap.
- 17** 'n Kerk wat aanmoediging en korreksie van plaaslike bediening verwelkom in die vervulling van hierdie doelstellings.

PROPHETIC WORDS

Over the years God has spoken many prophecies to us as a family of churches. Here are some the more significant:

God has spoken



“...you will be a people of a new anointing like Joseph, Gideon and David...” This is to be a new day of the Spirit and we would be caught up in it. Baptism in the Spirit and gifts of the Spirit are not optional extras but a central life-giving emphasis.



"There are no well worn paths ahead of you together you can accomplish more than you could ever accomplish alone...a herd of elephants running...the way ahead looked impenetrable but the elephants keep running and make a way where there was no way. Their combined strength broke through and a path was made that others could follow..." This was the word that brought Newfrontiers into existence; previously independent churches came together for mission. Some of the things God has lead us into are unfamiliar and uncharted territory; the current move from one apostolic leader to many apostolic leaders is the most recent and a course of action few, if any, have implemented.



“... a bow, with an arrow, laid along the south coast of the UK, the arrow is pulled back and as it does so it gathers power and is then released...” this took us into a time of planting churches further into the UK to gather strength that will enable a thrust of church planting into Europe and beyond. We were probably one hundred churches then, now we are 240 in the UK and about 850 around the world.

THAT HAVE SHAPED US



"...you will change the expression of Christianity around the world..." This was brought to us many years ago when we were few churches in few nations but it lives with us. It doesn't mean we think too highly of ourselves but we are to be faithful, expectant and patient. This prophecy takes us into the nations to plant churches and to work with established churches to bring influence and to help them fulfill their potential in God.



"...millions of pounds and millions of people..." This was brought at Stoneleigh Bible week, we have since seen millions of pounds and are looking to see millions of people...encouraged by this word we keep moving forward planting more churches and seeing more people saved.



"...we must remember the poor..." Simon Pettit's preach in 1998 fundamentally changed the way we understood our call to the nations. The majority of the world is poor so if the nations are to come in then the poor must be reached and served



"I have called you together for a half-time team talk...I am going to set a more attacking field we're going to attack more in this half..." This led us to more clearly understand the call to mission both in our own backyard and to the nations.

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