

EDITORIAL

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The theme for this autumn edition of MET Connexion is 'Discipleship'. Discipleship is a lifetime journey for all of us as Christian people - as we seek to follow Jesus and become more like him in our daily lives by the equipping and enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

We have a wealth of material in this edition - so much so - that we have given extra space to some of our articles and have expanded this edition to 40 pages!

Our Chair, David Hull shares the vision for 'A Fresh Focus' that MET will be taking this autumn as we look for a fresh move of God to bring revival to ourselves, our churches and our nation. He outlines the mini tour which will focus on Preparing, Praying and Pursuing Revival.

Brothers Andy and Chris Frost share two chapters from their new visual resource for Leaders: 'Leadiagrams' (Leadership Diagrams). They provide a refreshing and creative insight to help leaders thrive in their faith and equip them for effective leadership.

Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman, Methodist Mission Partner in Uganda challenges us as individuals and as a church in her article: 'Is There Balm in Gilead?' to engage actively with spiritual disciplines as part of our pattern of discipleship if we are to see our churches transformed.

Apologist and Philosopher Joseph Boot, founder of the Ezra Institute for Contemporary Christianity presents his article 'Cultural Discipleship and the Total Claims of Christ' and explains the inescapable nature of discipleship, and what it means for the formation of culture.

Phil Meadows presents a double article on 'Discipleship and Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit' and explores insights from our Wesleyan heritage for contemporary Christian Mission. This was written as an academic paper, commissioned by MET to mark the 200th anniversary of the turnaround plan of the 1820 Liverpool Conference.

Our Bible Study by Derek Balsdon is Part 2 in the 3 part series on 'Images of the Holy Spirit'. This second study explores the image of Wind.

Praying Always is compiled by Roz Addington, our Prayer Coordinator who provides us with a weekly focus for prayer over four weeks featuring The Church, Great Britain, World Issues and Climate Change.

The next edition will be the winter edition available in January 2024.

Every blessing

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