



EDITORIAL

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This edition of MET Connexion feels like an appropriate one to end my role as editor. My husband and I are living in a season of 'limbo' - the kind that comes when you are called on from something but don't know exactly where you will end up! I share more about this in my final words as editor on page 26 - but just to say that God's timing is fascinating, as always...

I wanted this edition to cover as many aspects of vocation as possible - as always, I could have done with a few more sides... Darren Middleton suggests that we need to 'vacate' self, before we can truly follow Jesus. Andy Frost encourages us to see our lives as a subplot in God's great narrative. Joanna Williamson explores how part of the process of discovering our calling is finding ourselves. Ashley Cooper promotes the need to make vocational education available to all. Carolyn Lawrence shares her experiences as a woman and a Minister's Wife. Mark Williamson challenges us to look beyond vocation to have a vision for the impact that it will make on the world. Colin Smith takes us back to basics in his article and considers our fundamental need to be creative and work in partnership with God.

Kevin Jones has written the second in his series of three Bible Studies on Colossians, as well as providing another well researched Praying Always for the theme.

Last but not least, our new Development Worker, Derek Balsdon, has written to introduce himself to the readers. I wish him all the best in his exciting new role. May I also take this opportunity to welcome Greg Obong-Oshotse, our newly appointed editor who will take up the reigns for the Spring edition. I'll let him introduce himself then...

I hope that this edition reaches you where you feel that you are in terms of your vocation. Whether you are in Christian ministry or have a 'secular' job; whether you are feeling fulfilled in your work or are feeling 'in limbo' and wondering what the future holds for you; whether you are paid a good wage for your labour, or faithfully carry out your ministry for your reward in heaven!; whether you are a 'working Mum,' a 'stay at home Mum' or a full-time carer; whether you are young and looking to education to take you where you want to be, or are at the other end of your life and wondering how you can live your final chapter for the Lord, I pray that you may feel encouraged and inspired to live creatively, making the most of every opportunity; as you live out your story in partnership with God, looking to him and him only for your worth. So that we may all, one day, face him in glory and hear the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

The Editor welcomes articles and Good News stories for future issues. The theme for the Spring edition will be The Challenge of Culture for Mission and Ministry. The deadline for submission is 1 March, but please do let the editor know well in advance if you would like to submit an article for a specific issue, to ensure space is reserved, as the Editor commissions articles at the beginning of the process. To submit or to ask permission to reproduce anything, please email: editor@methodistevangelicals.org.uk

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