

## Global Relationships News

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## News from the Global Relationships Team of the Methodist Church in Britain

### Welcome to the autumn edition of Global Relationships news

We have a round up of stories from Cuba, South Africa, Mission Partners, Global Mission Fellows, the Climate Justice for All campaign and the Global Church youth reps.

Thank you for praying for all this work and do get a copy of the [2021 prayer handbook available now here!](#)

Keep up to date on [our news webpages here](#)

or on twitter at [@world\\_parish](#) where we often share quick updates for prayer.



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### Faith in Action: Partnership in Mission on the road to COP26 - Monday September 13th 7.30pm

Last year a group of young people from around the world were employed to work together on a campaign for COP26 Climate talks. Then the pandemic hit!



What has it been like to work in a global team? Across cultures? Never having met each other physically? And what on earth is COP26? How does a climate campaign fit in to ideas of mission and partnership?

Join in the upcoming 'Faith in Action' Zoom event from Global Relationships, with Camila from Uruguay and James from Britain who are part of the [Climate Justice for All Campaign](#). Find out more and ask your own questions at this event.

You must register in advance - you will receive an email with the meeting details and link after registration.

[Click here to register](#)

## The latest from your Mission Partners

The latest from [Jonathan and Isobel Hill in Zimbabwe](#),

"From October last year to March this year we have had one of the best rainy seasons that most people can remember. Those who planted this season have had a bumper harvest. This is really good news for Zimbabwe" - [Read more](#)



The latest from [Fiona Kendall in Italy](#)

"In the space of one sentence Ibrahim succeeds in shining a spotlight on the conundrum of migration, which, almost inevitably, necessitates sacrifice and risk, dreams of something better but relies on the goodwill of others in order to be truly successful." - [Read more](#)

The latest from [Sheila Norris in Japan](#)

"“Pray for Myanmar” probably isn’t something you were expecting to see in a letter from Japan, but we have a local connection through a church member from Myanmar." - [Read more](#)

The latest from [Barry and Gillian Sloan in Germany](#)

Watch their [video about culture and greetings here](#) and [subscribe to their channel](#)

The latest from [Michael and Joanna Tettey](#) in Togo

"EMT launched its long-awaited Radio station – ‘Radio Gloire A Dieu’ – Glory to God Radio – the voice of the Methodist Church in TOGO" - [Read more](#)

[Watch the video](#) of their 'Coffee with' the Global Relationships team and their experiences of life, faith, family and COVID over the last year.

The latest from [Keith and Ida Waddell in Zambia](#) - including a [letter on UK development spending cuts and Global Vaccine Inequality](#)

"The Covid situation as predicted deteriorated rapidly recently with the onset of the third wave. We have gone from two hundred cases a day at the end May to over 3000 in late June." - [Read more](#)

We are also pleased to share that [Wendy Kilworth-Mason](#) and [Rachel and Sylvester Deigh](#) have been commissioned to serve as Mission Partners and please pray for [Gina Saitwinda-Oliver](#) in training for Mission Partner work in Zambia; you can [download her prayer card here](#).

**Please continue to pray for all our Mission Partners in service and for those about to start their training - we will share the exciting news on who they are next time!**



## News from Partner Churches

The GR team continually update the [news pages on the Global Relationships website](#), [keep checking back for the latest](#).

**Stop press:** A huge earthquake occurred in Haiti on August 14th. Global Relationships remains in close contact with the Haiti District of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and America's (MCCA) about the ongoing situation. [Read more](#).

The Methodist Church in Britain and All We Can have opened a joint Emergency appeal

for aid work in Haiti. [Click here to give](#).

**Here are just a few other news items from the past quarter:**

[Protests in Cuba](#) - Many protestors have been arrested and the police and military forces have used violence to suppress protestors. The Methodist Church in Cuba took the unprecedented step of speaking out following Government violence toward protestors. [Read more](#).

[Peace consultations in Cameroon](#) - the Presbyterian Church Cameroon have drawn on financial support from the [World Mission Fund](#) for further peace work to stem the

continuing unrest. This builds on previous peace work in ecumenical partnership across Cameroon. [Read more.](#)

[Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia](#) - over the last few months the security and COVID situation in Myanmar has deteriorated. We have issued regular requests for prayer through the @world\_parish twitter feed as we have learnt of the desperate situation of communities fleeing in to the jungle and the lack of oxygen. The [World Mission Fund](#) is also being used to support migrant workers from Myanmar who are based in Malaysia but need assistance because of COVID-19 and the lack of support networks. [Read more](#)

[Floods in Germany, Belgium and Austria](#) - after the floods in Europe, Partnership Coordinator for Europe, Barry Sloan, was in touch with the heads of churches and letters of prayer and condolence were sent from the Vice-President of the British Methodist Conference. [Read more](#)

## 'Everyone's Invited' - new global Church focussed worship resources.

For their presidential year 2021/2022, the President the Revd Sonia Hicks and Vice-President Barbara Easton have chosen the theme of God's Table: an Invitation for All.

To help you bring the Presidential theme with a global Church focus into your context, the Global Relationships team is pleased to provide flexible worship materials for use at any time in the 2021/2022 connexional year.

[Download the flyer and resources here](#)





## Why should the Global Church matter to young people?

In this blog Megan Haslam, Global Church Youth Rep, argues that relationships across the global Church matter more now than ever and that young people have a chance to shape the church for the future.

"Put simply, the Global Church matters to me because it matters that every person on the planet has a chance to hear and respond to the message of Jesus"

[Read more](#)



The screenshot shows the website for The Methodist Church. The header includes the logo and navigation links: 'About us', 'Our faith', 'Our work', 'For churches', and 'Safeguarding'. The main content area is titled 'Twinning Training' and contains text about short films and questions prepared by Global Relationships. A video player for 'Mission Today' is visible, featuring a portrait of a man.

## New Twinning Resources

Is your church, circuit or district involved in a twinning relationship with another part of the world or are you thinking about it?

Global Relationships with Daniel and Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman

have put together a [series of twinning short films](#) and questions that you can use to review or prepare for your twinning relationship. These short films range in subject on topics such as 'Mission Today' - giving an overview of what global mission looks like today, to examining issues of 'Race, Racism and Unconscious bias'.

Daniel, Grace and others share primarily through their own personal experiences in an accessible way that will suit individuals or groups in thinking about the issues.

[You can watch videos here.](#)





## From Brazil to Barley Mow

Fabio and Aline Vilela are from Brazil, and through the Methodist Church in Britain's partnership with the Council of Evangelical Latin American and Caribbean Methodist churches (CIEMAL), they are now working with the Chester-le-Street Circuit in Newcastle upon Tyne District.

This is a brief, honest and moving testimony of their ongoing work,

"Since we got here in Barley Mow we've been struggling about how to engage with the community, to build relationship and finally present Jesus. We were in lockdown for mostly of the time and it's been a little while since we were allowed to meet people outdoors and indoors...."

Yet they persevered and some simple acts of kindness and connection have seen them make new relationships.

[Read more](#)

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## Events and links

You can read the latest updates and download the June newsletter from the 'Friends of Matthew Rusike Children's Home [here](#).

**September 13** - 7.30pm - Online Zoom event 'Faith in Action' - Partnership in Mission on the Road to COP26 - [register here](#).

**September 14-18** - World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel –[Find out more here](#).

**September 18** - Andy Dye from the Global Relationships team will be speaking at the London District Synod sharing stories of lament and laughter from around the world during the past 18 months.

**September 21** - UN International Day of Peace - [Find out more here](#)

**September 17-19** - Methodists for World Mission South Western Conference

**October 29-31** - Methodist for World Mission Northern Conference

For more details and how to register for these conferences [visit the MWM website here](#)

**November 2021** - Look out for the Climate Justice for All - activities and events during COP26 Focussed around the weekend of 6-7th November. Keep your diary free! More info will appear on the [Climate Justice for All website](#)

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