



CHURCH OF GOD
SEVENTH DAY
BRITISH CONFERENCE

23 August 2024

Dear Pastors, Brethren in Jesus Christ

The Family and counselling ministry would like to take this opportunity to Greet you all in the worthy name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It has been some time since our last correspondence and our last sessions on bereavement. We have continued to progress with the Windrush presentations and current surgeries happen at Croydon Branch alternate Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm where support is being offered to complete their applications.

Currently as it is the summer holidays, things are on hold and will resume again in September dates have yet to be confirmed.

The last Windrush event happened on the 23/06/2024, which was a successful event, where testimonies were shared of those who have completed the application and have been successful. There will be further events in 2025, further notice will be sent on this nearer the time. However, should anyone wish for further information please do not hesitate to contact Joan Mclean and I will be able to redirect you to the support and help needed.

Up and coming event:

I would like to take this opportunity to advise that the FCM would like to put on a session around Domestic abuse date 18/09/2024 from 18:00pm to 20:30pm.

We would love for you to attend this session, which will be facilitated by Lynette Lee-Messenger who is a qualified social worker from a faith background, she has completed research on the subject matter and this would benefit the church immensely. This is a topic that as a church we do not talk about and sometimes it is the unspoken, academics call it the "Holy Hush". October month is Domestic violence awareness month, so to set us in motion and bring about awareness what better time to facilitate this presentation and to help break the silence is now.

The FCM would like that once an event such as this topic has taken place, we would like churches to begin to consider the topic and put on activities to support the cause. As October is domestic abuse awareness month. Can churches, women's groups, men groups and youth plan events, and activities to support or share

information to assist in this much covert area of our lives. We are ordinary people living in a broken world where real everyday, ordinary, not so nice things happen. We know that Jesus is the hope for the world and we need to demonstrate love, support and bring comfort to those in pain.

Look forward to as many people to attend as possible. Please invite a friend.

The link will be sent out nearer the time.

Yours in the Masters Service

Missionary Joan Mclean