

WELCOME

Gospel Issues Facing us Today

WHY IS THE UK CHURCH DECLINING?

with Dr Clifford and Monica Hill

WHY IS THE UK CHURCH DECLINING?

Does the Future have a Church?

Does the Church have a Future?

- Our own conceptions
- Statistics

Both have to be read properly or can be biased

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

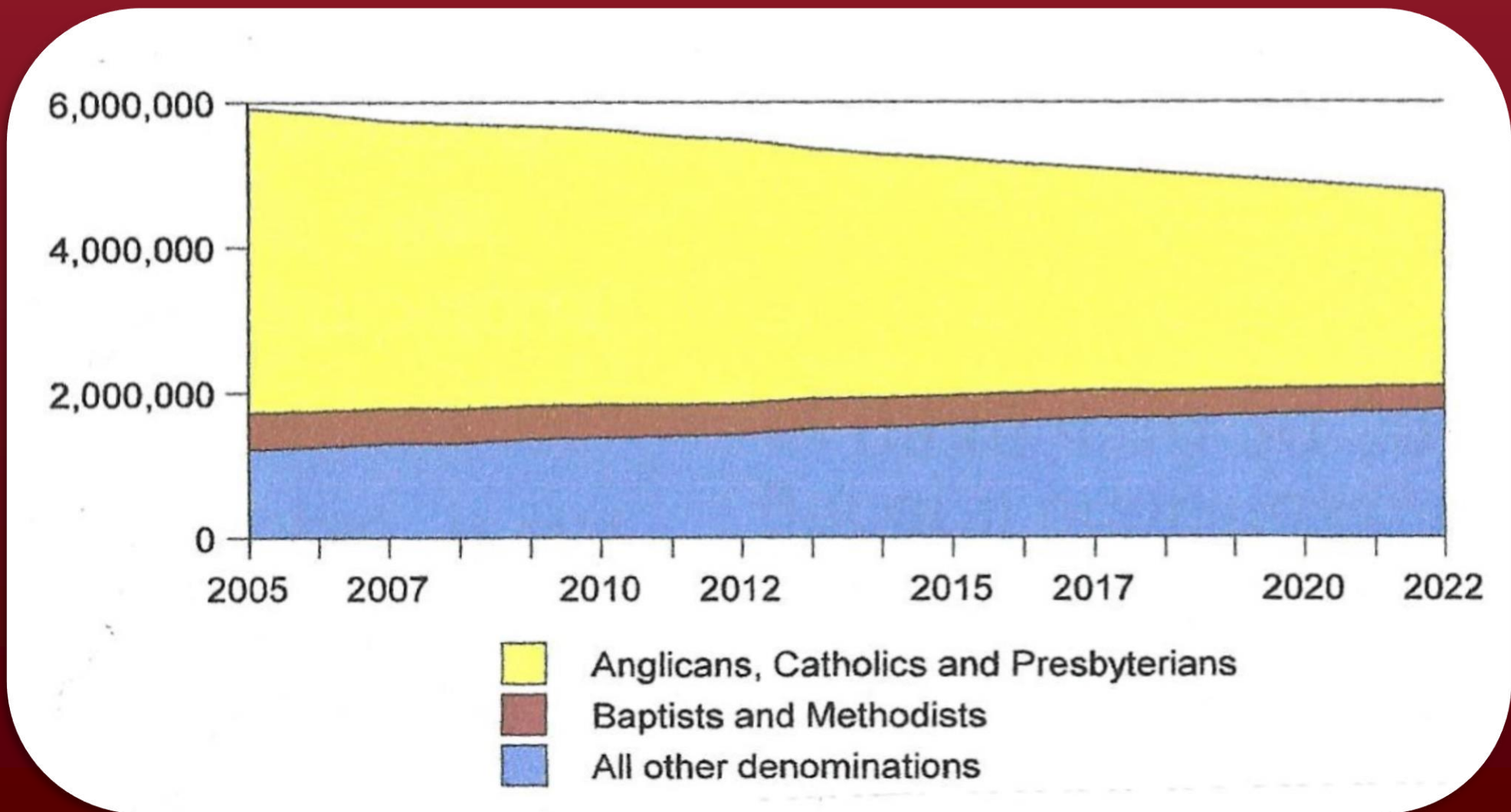
What is the state of world Christianity?

Number of Christians in millions, by continent, 1970-2050E

Year	Latin America	Africa	Asia	TOTAL	Europe	North America	Oceania	TOTAL	World Total
1970	270	135	111	516	513	185	15	713	1,229
2000	487	389	296	1,172	564	229	22	815	1,987
2010	564	519	356	1,439	575	240	26	841	2,280
2020	606 ¹	677	464	1,747	561	241	27	829	2,576
2030	649	879	510	2,038	544	249	29	822	2,860
2040	679	1,089	553	2,321	527	258	31	816	3,137
2050	693	1,330	607	2,630	511	263	34	808	3,438

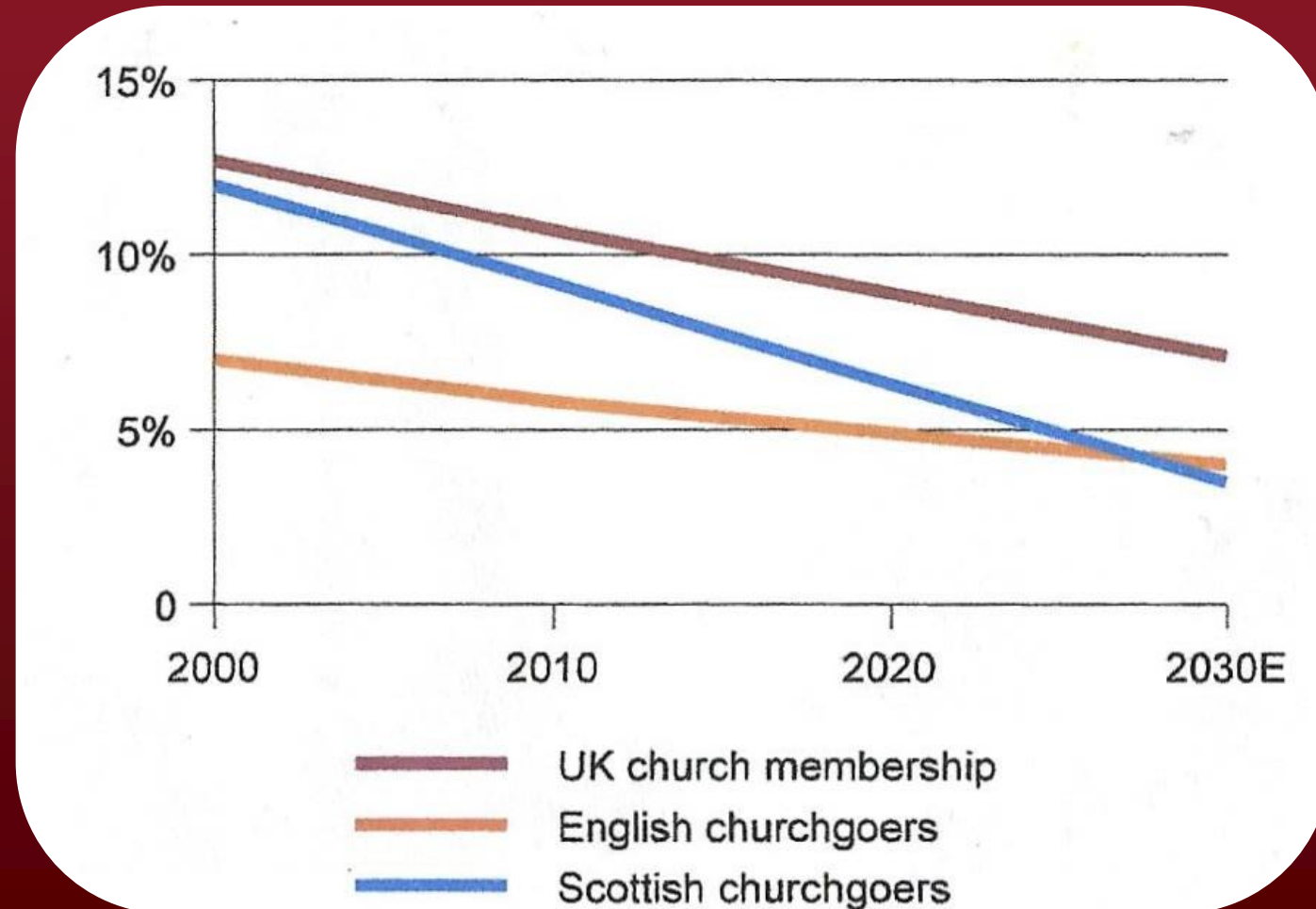
Which UK church denominations are in decline?

UK church membership 2005 - 2022



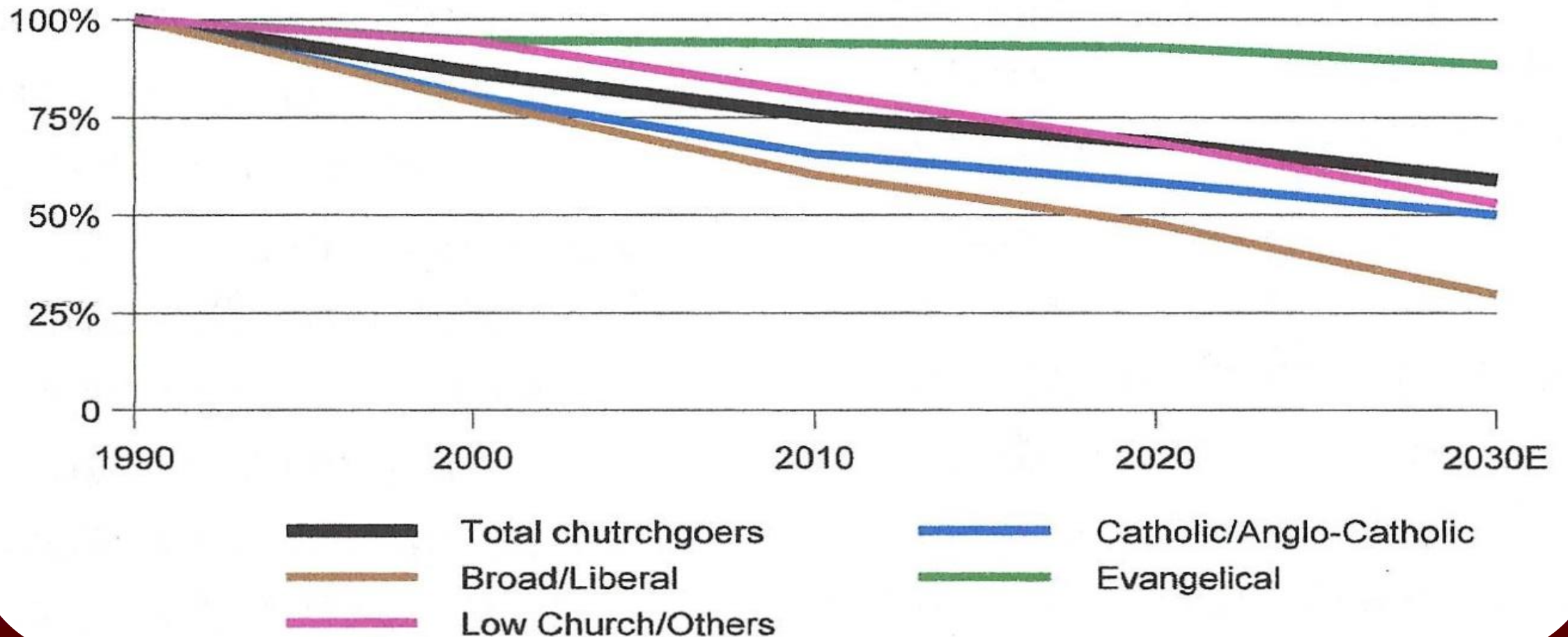
Which parts of the UK are in church decline?

UK percentage of the population of both adult membership and attendance 2000 - 2030



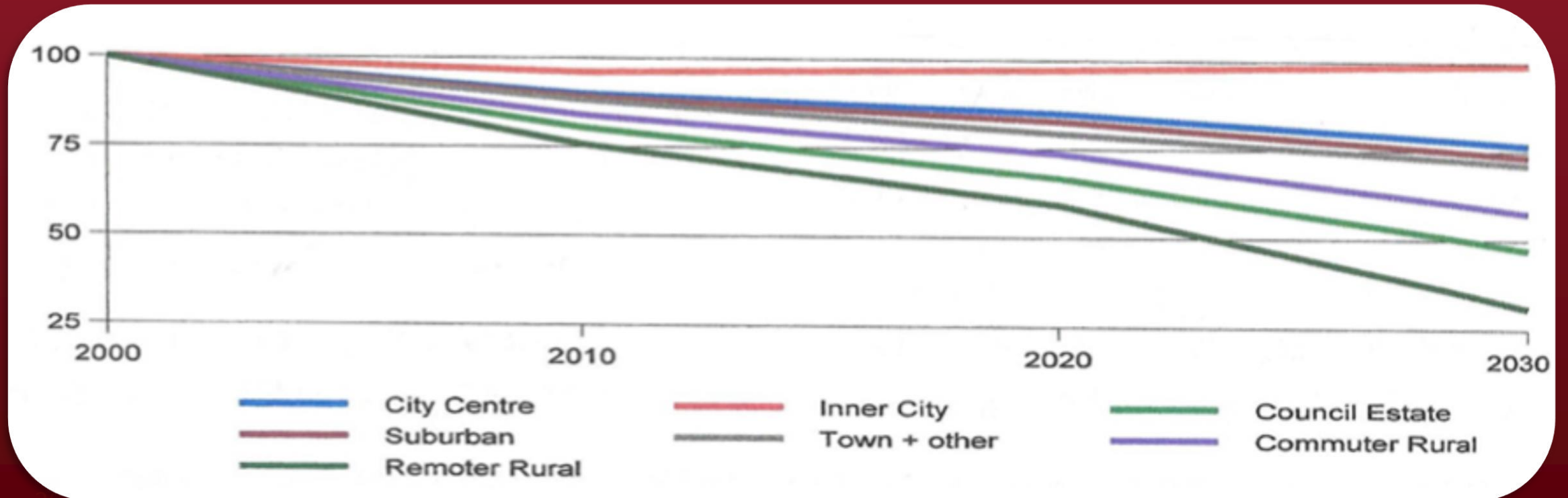
Which brands of the UK church are declining?

English Churchmanship changes 1990 – 2030E



Where in the UK is the church in decline?

Percentage of churchgoers and churches by Environment 2010



The church in the '50s and '60s

- **Reviewing the statistics**
 - State AND Denominations
- **Overall picture**
 - Church
 - State

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Why has the church declined so rapidly since the 1950s?

Some of the reasons for decline

- Blindness of church leaders to society
- Unbelief - both clergy and laity
- Inadequate training
- Weakness of the family
- Lack of the prophetic edge
- A self-centred faith

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Our own experience in the '50s and '60s

Our race relations years

- **Societal change**
 - First wave of immigration – the Windrush Generation
- **Our response**
 - Crossing cultures – all one in Christ
 - Starting where they are
 - Recognising and accepting differences

Our own experience in the '70s

Our inner city years

- **Societal changes**
 - protest years - Industrial unrest
- **Our response**
 - Community based Evangelism
 - Standing together
 - Concentrating on the things that unite
 - Everybody matters

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Our own experience in the '80s

Entering our national years

- **National Mission**
 - Evangelism and Church Growth
 - working with leaders
- **Decade of Evangelism**
 - Crusade Evangelism
- **Prophetic - PWM**
- **Mission - BCGA**

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Our ministry from the 1980s onwards

Responding to needs

- In the nation
- In the church

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

Outreach to the nation

The prophetic dimension

What was God saying?

- Reclaiming the Word of God
- PWM and Prophecy Today
- The Charismatic Movement
- The Kansas City Prophets
- The Toronto Blessing

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

Outreach to the church

Understanding mission

- The Great Commission and Church planting
- Discipling and Whole Body Ministry
- Remove hindrances - add right strategies
- Changing mindsets
- Creating healthy churches

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

Outreach in the nation

Making the Christian voice heard in society

- Transforming society
- Social justice
- Politics

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

The impact of cultural change

- Social change
- Church change

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

What is happening today?

- Global pandemic
- Reshaping mission

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

The wake up call
Over to **you** – what will you do?

There is an urgency!

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

