





Keyboard Networker Report

August. 2022

Seed -Time & Harvest

Engaging with Church /Faith Leaders -Bristol

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In the time since my last report, it has been filled with engaging and networking across the UK, at Swanick, at the CTE Forum conference a few months ago, and making connections that led to open conversations, not just in the auditorium, but when we were relaxed and open with each other.

Several months ago, I attended the Gather conference in Manchester, which provided more discussion about how it has been a hard year in many ways for us all, and how important it is to work on old connections and build new ones.

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."".Genesis 8:22 Hebrews 12:27

However, I realized there is a process to success and seeing results in the work that one is involved in. The Bible states that there will certainly be a harvest, where good seeds are sown and equally where bad seeds will be sown. So as long as the seeds are not sown on stony ground, you are guaranteed over time, a fruitful harvest which for most of us is hard to wait for, but we are excited to receive when it comes.

Over the past few months, I've had to encourage myself more, which has been difficult at times. I want to encourage you if what you've been doing seems to have not brought forth any fruit, even when you've been watering it, praying over it and still haven't seen anything sprout....

However, God wants us to be good stewards over the patch of ground He has assigned us to manage. Perhaps it's time to turn it all over to the Lord, for He is the only one who can bring an increase. He is the only one who can make the works of our hands and the sacrifices we've made turn around for our good and His glory.

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Keyboard Aims & Objectives Update :

After some consultation and taking on board other people's suggestions. We have made some changes to the wording in our aims and objectives. that can be found on the KT website. We will be using the following terms Pentecostal Churches, Denominational and Non-Denominational Churches, to replace the Black-led church and the white-led churches.

Where appropriate, we will identify the groups and individuals better that we are engaging with. <u>Read the updates by clicking here</u>

1. CTE Forum - 2022



I attended the Forum on Swannick, which was attended by 300 church leaders and workers across the UK's diverse spectrum of church life. The event was informative and engaging for me. As a result, I was able to network with several individuals whom I have connected with and partnered with within the keyboard trust's work.

2. Alex Raikes - Sherrif of Bristol

There is an opportunity for me to meet with the new Bristol Sheriff. Besides her role at Stand Against Racism & Inequality, (SARI) she serves as its Strategic Director. As far as our work is concerned, she is very supportive. She will support the following events where her schedule permits:

- Making a positive impact on the community.
- People with disabilities, whether physical or mental.
- Young people and children.

So we will be working towards informing her about such events in her capacity as sheriff.

The official legal service is taking place on 5th October 2022.





Other key meetings

3. **Consultation Meeting - Bristol Drugs Prevention (BDP) and SARI** - A meeting was held to discuss reflective practice/Impact and Needs Relating to LGBTQ+ people. I attended SARI and collaborated with BDP and other youth specialists and safeguarding specialist workers who are all working to tackle the impact of drugs, alcohol and other harms that young people can face. They were keen to find out how best to serve the faith community, so it was an informative exchange, which they found useful.

4. **Inclusivity Meeti**ng - I have attended this meeting for a while now. This group is chaired by Cllr Asher Craig and David Barclay - the discussion is on how to make Bristol a more inclusive city.

5. Bristol Cathedral - Conversation & Consultation with Afrikan Heritage Christians.

Bristol Cathedral consultation on monuments and memorials connected to the Transatlantic Traffic in Enslaved Africans. Has been instrumental in hosting its ongoing consultation meetings that took place since 2021, both online and face-to-face. These have been facilitated on behalf of the Cathedral by Cleo Lake Community Engagement specialist / Creative / Intuitive artist.

One session involved several individuals who took part in a tour around the cathedral, were we informed about several of the monuments that depict a connection to transatlantic trafficking. The report from this will be released to the public shortly.

Bristol Cathedral

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL CONVERSATION & CONSULTATION WITH AFRIKAN HERITAGE CHRISTIANS



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6. Bristol Cathedral - All God's Children

In a more recent project, the cathedral has engaged with members of the faith and the black community, where the cathedral is hosting a Photo exhibition in August. I, Pastor Eric Adioo and Bishop Raymond Viera also took part. Find more details below.

You are invited to join us at the "All God's Children" Portrait Exhibition launch, which is a brand new exhibition in Bristol Cathedral and on College Green, exploring the impact of the slave economy on Cathedral life, past and present.

On: Thursday 25th August 2022 Start Time: 6pm At: Bristol Cathedral, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TJ <u>Click here for more information</u>

You are welcome to bring guests with you. I'd be grateful if you could RSVP by Mon. 22nd August 2022 to Francis Bircher, Visitor Experience Director

vistorexperience@bristol-cathedral.co.uk Tel: 0117 9468172, with the number of people you're bringing so they can get a sense of how many people are coming.

The portraits in the exhibition were all taken by well-known photographer Garfield McKenzie of Gee Photography. Several people from different faith organizations and from across the city have taken part and have been captured in these beautiful portraits. It's certain you'll recognize some of them... I won't give you any spoilers.

In addition, several large boards will be erected on the green as well as the display inside the cathedral. It not only shares portraits of individuals, but the exhibition wants to create a space for people to be seen, be heard, and share quotes about slavery and its effects.

No worries if you can't attend the launch: The external exhibition will be placed at College Green from Mon. 22nd August – Thur. 29th September 2022. A digital version will be on display in the Cathedral from Mon.22nd August – end of October.



5 Racism & The Church

7. Racism & The Church - Is there still time to change-

The update work with Colse Leung, of For Diversity, and we have held numerous meetings with other key individuals who have a passion for strategic change.

Over the past few months, we have been devising a Church Charter document, which outlines 8 aspirations that we want local churches to implement throughout the body of the life of their church.

ACHIEVEMENT TO DATE -

Exciting news, our new website is up and running at racismandthechurch.co.uk.

We've also launched a new exciting project called **THE CHARTER OF CHANGE** - four guiding principles that churches, congregations and communities can use to guide the direction of their work around diversity and racism.

Alongside that sits '**THE GOOD FOUNDATIONS CHECKLIST**' ten practical steps that can be worked on over time, but lay out some clear deliverables.

And if you've not already signed up for the newsletter, it's a great way to stay in touch with news and upcoming stuff!

Thanks, RATC Team

To connect with Racism and the Church - Get in touch via <u>Linktr.ee/racismandthechurch</u> or join our Facebook page.

Check out (R.A.T.C) Racism & The Church featured article on Churches Together July newsletter.







DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE CHARTER

OF CHANGE

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6 KT Conference 2022- Coming Soon

8. Keyboard Network - Conference 2022:

Renew, Relax

In order to achieve lasting change, we need a new way of thinking, which will give us new keys to success. To produce new results, we must first change internally, and then externally.

As a result, we strive to build unity between our church communities and promote greater inclusion. Transforming society requires us to challenge the status quo, bit by bit. We work together honestly, challenge each other, become accountable, and change the status quo.

What unites us in the first instance is that we are human. That is to say, if anyone hurts, we all hurt, if anyone cries, we all cry, and if anyone rejoices, we all rejoice. We all fight for justice with a wave of righteous anger whenever it is necessary.

CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR A CONFIRMED DATE IN 2022



2022 - CTGB.T4B Organisational Graph



CARMEN CARROL Keyboard Networker

PATSY HOLDSWORTH Moravian Church - Minister for Brockweir, Kingswood and Tytherton

CHRIS BOND Congregational, Hope Chapel

Gloucestershire Methodist Minister



2022 - Events, Projects & Partnerships

Some of our events and groups/organizations that we partnered, supported



Bristol Church Leaders' Prayer Breakfast



"Rivers do not drink their own water, trees do not eat their own fruit. He sun does not shine on itself, and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it isLife is good when you are halpy, but much better when others are halpy because of you." Pope Francis

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8)

The Dean and Chapter of Bristol Cathedral invite you to the launch of

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Thursday 25th August 6.00pm Bristol Cathedral, College Green, BS1 5TJ

What is All God's Children? All God's Children is an exhibition exploring the Cathedral's connections to the transatlantic slave economy. It is part of an ongoing period of listening to help the Cathedral address the legacy of slavery, not only in the fabric of its building, but in the wider church and community.

Please RSVP by Monday 22nd August by emailing visitorexperience@bristol-cathedral.co.uk

Everyone is welcome to attend Evening Prayer in the Cathedral at 5.15pm.

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Bristol Transatlatic Slavey Legacy Group

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