



Pastors David, Octavia and Simeon praying together



Picture with me for a moment the future UK Church. What will it *look* like?

I recently met Pastor Simeon Akindele, of The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Living Faith House, in Brockley, London. Simeon told me this story:

*“Last Christmas, our church family gave gifts to a group of local white British pensioners to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. They were shocked and overwhelmed by this act of kindness, and from an African and Caribbean church no less!*

*“Why should they be surprised by this? It saddened me to see the divide between our cultures. Skin colour is of little importance when it comes to the body of Christ – we are all children of God.”*



Like Simeon, I am asking: what will the UK Church look like in 10, 50, 100 years’ time? What will your church look like? Will it be a distinct, separate, monochrome gathering of people?

Or a vibrant, diverse group of passionate people from different ethnic backgrounds coming together as one people – just as the three wise men came to worship the Christ-child – all those years ago?

There’s something about this picture that excites me. It’s not just a nativity scene. It reflects the creativity of the God we serve. It’s part of God’s plan for His Church – a place where all divides are bridged.

**That’s why we at the Evangelical Alliance are committed to making this picture a reality – but we need your help.**

Your past generosity enabled us to form the One People Commission – a group of key national church leaders from across ethnic backgrounds, already including representatives from African and Caribbean churches, the Chinese Church, the Korean Church, South African churches, the South Asian Forum and of course white British Christians.

As this Commission celebrates diversity while promoting unity, we are seeing divides bridged, stereotypes crushed and a united vision for the Church in this country articulated.

We are the first to admit that in the past the Alliance has not been fully representative of the diversity of the UK Church. For this we are truly sorry. The voice of united Christians needs to be heard in the media, in parliament and in our own communities. And we need to ensure that our voice is truly representative of all God’s people. We believe we’re better together – and that means all of us.

It means you too.

**Will you help shape the future of the UK Church?**

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**Yes, I want to help shape the future of the UK Church**

Enclosed is my gift of:

☒ £15 ☒ £30 ☒ £50 ☒ £100 ☒ £250

£  other

I understand that this gift is over and above an annual membership donation.

☒ I wish to give by cheque/charity voucher payable to Evangelical Alliance.

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid this donation, please fill out the form over-leaf. Donations will be used for the One People Commission and other Alliance initiatives

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Or visit: [www.eauk.org/onepeoplecommission](http://www.eauk.org/onepeoplecommission)  
to make your gift

**Thank you!**

This is a need that is close to my heart. The One People Commission is at the very core of the Alliance’s vision and all that we are working for. It is shaping our future. Which is why I know you will be passionate about this too.

**Please join with us in prayer and giving to build a stronger, more authentic and more united voice for evangelical Christians in this nation.**

Together we need to act now to build a long and lasting legacy of unity in diversity.

**Your generosity will enable us to:**

- bring together and equip young emerging leaders from across ethnic backgrounds for our One People Commission 20s – 30s forum; to pray, plan and work together to shape the future of the UK Church
- speak to the secular media, encouraging greater understanding of the Church in all its diversity
- ensure the Alliance better reflects and celebrates the ethnic diversity of the UK Church by promoting and profiling the message of unity in diversity through all channels of communication.

The UK evangelical Church is blessed with a vibrant tapestry of people from all walks of life, backgrounds and ethnicities. But ultimately we are one people, with one voice and one hope. We long to see the Church, in all its magnificent diversity, united as one.

**So please, will you give a gift to help shape the future of the UK Church?**

Because we believe that we, the wonderfully vibrant Church, are better together.

Here are some examples of what your gift can make possible:

- £15** Will inspire, challenge and equip Christians by enabling us to tell stories across our media platforms that represent the diversity of the Church
- £30** Will encourage and resource an ethnic minority church by enabling us to send a visitor to build relationships with the church leader
- £50** Will enable us to bring key national leaders around one table to enjoy fellowship, build relationships and strategise together
- £100** Will get the diverse, united voice better heard in the corridors of power by enabling us to engage the national press on matters of faith and diversity
- £250** Will enable us to facilitate a gathering of younger leaders from across ethnic backgrounds for our One People Commission 20s-30s Forum, to pray and work to shape the future of the Church together.



At the Alliance, we rely on the gifts of people like you who believe that the Church is better together. You can help build a Church that is truly united across ethnic divides.

So please give today to support the One People Commission and other Evangelical Alliance initiatives. Use the enclosed response form, donate securely online at [www.eauk.org/onepeoplecommission](http://www.eauk.org/onepeoplecommission) or give by texting **EAUK01** to **70070**.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this Kingdom work.

Yours with respect and appreciation,

*Steve*

Steve Clifford  
General Director

*PS: The first Christmas saw the three wise men come together from their nations to worship Jesus. This Christmas, please give generously to see a united and diverse UK Church worship Jesus as one people.*



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