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A Christian voice in the media

Just 15 years ago, it seemed impossible that Christian radio or tv could be licenced in the UK. Christians were banned and barred from holding an independent broadcast licence to broadcast Christian programmes and music.

Fast forward to 2009, and due to the enormous effort of individuals and organisations – and the power of prayer – Christian media is a reality, and a huge industry today worth well over £30 million.

In the last five years, technological advances have opened wide and accelerated the opportunities available to media groups. Platforms such as digital, satellite, DAB, DRM and the internet have widened the access to media outlets with the media pioneers leading the way: TWR, Premier,

By Olave Snelling

UCB, God TV, Cross Rhythms, GNBA, SAT7, Revelation TV and 10 UK Christian ethos Community Radio Stations – as well as numerous internet Christian radio stations.

We know that literally hundreds of thousands of people are benefiting from Christian programming to build up their faith, and for those outside the church, introducing them to the Christian faith. We know. Statistics show it, millions of telephone and on-line conversations confirm it.

Christians must and do grasp every opportunity to make God's voice heard - and goodness knows we need it in these times of financial insecurity and social upheaval.

Media focus has been dictating agendas –

both social and political – as we have seen in a most pronounced way recently. We live in exciting, but challenging days. We need strategy, and God has a plan.

CBC (Christian Broadcasting Council), a membership organisation, was established in 1983 out of a meeting in the House of Lords presided over by Lord Caldecote. CBC has fought the fight behind the scenes and lobbied Parliament for freedoms which seem now inalienable post-2001 Broadcasting Bill.

Yet here we are in 2009 watching and praying as Christians prayerfully fight for basic freedoms such as 'freedom of speech' in debates in Parliament, sometimes in odd contexts such as the Coroners' and Justice Bill.

Many Christians are concerned about this, yet feel individually they do not have the



Olave Snelling, CEO of CBC

ability to do anything about it – but by working together in support of Christian media and Christians working in the media, we do! So please consider attending our conference, or becoming a member of CBC.

Financial meltdown brings tremendous opportunity

In the midst of global meltdown in the financial sector and uproar and upset in the nation's political and social life, CBC believes that God has a plan for the Christian voice to be heard in the UK – through Christians in strategic places, relayed through the media in general when given the opportunity, and through Christian Media points.

"There has to be a clear sound," said Olave Snelling. "If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, to what point can the people rally?"

"This is a time of unprecedented opportunity for Christians and for the Christian voice in our land. As St Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, to whom else can we turn, for you have the words of eternal life!' In the fragility of our present national situation we at CBC determine to do all we can to encourage a united prophetic church that is neither subservient to the state nor its master, but is its active conscience; a church that works with transparency, integrity and accountability to its own tenets and the God we proclaim; a church that is committed to discipling and releasing the body of believers to their full service of both God and society, including in the media."

Olave is clear about the role of CBC in the UK: "We want to declare that we will be persistent about our Christian role in this

society, we will persevere in the face of opposition and we refuse to back down about our vision for a prosperous, safe, healthy and godly nation. To this, under our Lord Jesus Christ and with the help of His Spirit, we commit ourselves.

"We likewise call on our Lord to bring forth His Word: "Fear not... for the battle is not yours but God's...take your position, stand still, and see the victory of the Lord on your behalf." (2 Chronicles 20: 15, 17)

CBC holds monthly 'Media Prayer' meetings, where as many as are able meet to pray for one another, and for individual Christians in the Media. They receive prayer requests from far and wide. "We find ourselves focussing more and more on prayer and are seeing amazing results," said Olave, "We see the need for an urgent turning to God in prayer, so we have renewed our efforts, personally and collectively. We say, along with Jehoshaphat 'Without You we can do nothing....Our eyes, Lord, are on you'."

Christians working in mainstream media, and Christian media, are on the rise on every media platform, not least the proliferation of new media and global means of communication. CBC believes that there is a clear role for Christians in support of this. "We believe God is encouraging us to be bold and very courageous and to expand our reach and enlarge our tent." Said Olave, "We need to both help the world and contribute heroically and spiritually to our calling, encouraging one another in tough times."

Olave gave a rallying call to everyone who is concerned to see Christian values fully represented in all aspects of life in the UK, through media: "Can we neglect so great a salvation, no we can't! Be part of this move to pray for and see our nation changed as we join together to seek first the Kingdom of God".

To find out more about the work of CBC and this year's conference, please see the information in this feature, or go to www.cbc.org.uk



Set in 30 acres of beautiful grounds in Chiltern's countryside overlooking the Chess Valley, Latimer Place is an inspiring venue. With easy transport access (tube, rail and just near the M25), this rural idyll provides a magnificent backdrop to this year's CBC Conference. A gym, indoor pool and sauna provides the perfect opportunity to unwind, and the food is excellent. For directions to Latimer Place please see www.devere.co.uk

CBC PRAYER FOR MEDIA – a powerful monthly intercessory meeting in Central London to pray for the media and those working in the media. Please e-mail info@cbc.org.uk for dates and venue. Please join us.

For more information about the work of the Christian Broadcasting Council or to become a member visit www.cbc.org.uk

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Confronting giants, applauding excellence and encouraging each other in tough times

This is the theme of our CBC09 Conference on November 27 and 28, 2009, at the beautiful Latimer Place Conference Centre in Chesham, Bucks.

If you are concerned about how the UK is being impacted through the Media, if you are concerned about the next generation and about the medium and the message, **THEN THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU!** Join the CBC family at this stunning Conference venue for encouragement, revelation and inspiration.

The conference will be focusing on some pertinent issues, with some very distinguished speakers, who will be addressing the impact of the further marginalisation of the Christian faith in many areas of the nation's life, and the challenges Christians face through increasingly aggressive legislation.

For the same price as last year's CBC conference, the all-inclusive fee of £160 for 24 hours includes: full day conference (including lunch), 3-course dinner (with our after-dinner speaker and entertainment), overnight accommodation, breakfast, and a morning session, as well as use of all facilities. This is great value for money in these difficult times. Day only rates are also available.

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CBC Conference speakers



Charlynn Boddie - Charlynn teaches around the UK and world on vision, purpose and how to hear God's voice as a lifestyle. God has taken her broken life and enabled her to fulfil her dreams of being a magazine editor; President of Women in Film; a federal spokesperson; a White House lead media officer; having the opportunity to minister to Oprah Winfrey; having her own TV show in Hollywood; becoming an author/motivational speaker and becoming a minister that travels the world for Jesus. She is always encouraging others to consider what dreams lie within them that have yet to be fulfilled.



Revd George Hargreaves - Leader of the Christian Party, and a leading campaigner against the Incitement to Racial and Religious Hatred Bill, and the Assisted Suicide Bill and was one of the organisers of the anti-religious hatred bill prayer and praise rallies outside Parliament and in Hyde Park, and the Anti-Euthanasia rally outside Parliament, which was attended by hundreds of Christians including the Archbishop of Canterbury.



Professor William Wagner - He has over twenty years of high level legal, executive, and academic experience. William currently holds a tenured law school professorship teaching ethics and constitutional law. A frequent speaker at world conferences, Professor Wagner has a special interest in the protection of free expression and the free exercise of religious conscience.



Dennis Wrigley - A writer, broadcaster and preacher, Dennis Wrigley travelled extensively and held senior management positions in industry before founding the Maranatha Community 28 years ago. Dennis Wrigley had many years experience leading a Christian youth movement, heading projects for urban regeneration and was actively involved in politics, being a Parliamentary Candidate on several occasions.



Andrea Minichiello Williams - is a barrister and has been working as a Christian lobbyist in the Legal and Public Policy arena in the United Kingdom for over 10 years. She is Director of Christian Concern for our Nation (CCFON), which has over 30,000 supporters and of the Christian Legal Centre (CLC), its sister organisation, which is involved in taking a number of high profile Christian freedom and life cases.



Pastor Celia Apeagyei-Collins - Founder and CEO of The Rehoboth Foundation, an Apostolic organisation offering Leadership/Vision Development Consultancy, Motivational and Mentoring programmes together with Training for effective Leadership, dynamic Teamwork and the fulfillment of both Individual Destiny and Corporate Vision. She also heads and runs a Mentoring Network for Women Leaders called 'The Company of Women'. Celia in addition comes alongside pastoral leaders to help strengthen their churches and equip them for territory taking and city transformations.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF CBC09 CONFERENCE

Friday 27th November

- 0900 – Refreshments & Registration - Networking Event
- 1100 – **SESSION 1 – WE SEEK STRATEGY** hosted by Chris Cole
Charlynn Boddie – Being a receptive satellite dish for the still, small Voice
Dennis Wrigley – Hearing God, understanding the times
- 1345 – **SESSION 2 – GOD HAS A PLAN** – A Voice to the Nations, hosted by Canon Ian Gooding with heads of Independent Christian Media
- 1530 – **SESSION 3 – CONFRONTING THE GIANTS** hosted by Gareth Littler
Andrea Minichiello Williams – Obey the law, abandon principle?
Rev George Hargreaves – Media dictating political agenda – what's our reaction?
- 1700 – **Networking Events**
- 1900 – **Dinner – APPLAUDING EXCELLENCE**
Professor William Wagner with performances from **Debbie Holmes** – international opera singer
Gold Exploits Awards – honouring media pioneers

Saturday 28th November

- 0930 – **ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER IN TOUGH TIMES**
Worship & Prayer with Pastor Celia Apeagyei-Collins

For more detailed information, timetable and biographies, please see www.cbc.org.uk

Conference Booking Form 2009

Full Name (name to appear on badge) _____

Job Title _____ Organisation _____

Address _____

Telephone / Mobile _____

Email _____

CONFERENCE FEE STRUCTURE

	No.
Full conference delegate 27/28 Nov includes: day conference fee, lunch, refreshments, 3-course dinner (with speaker & entertainment), bed & breakfast, Saturday morning prayer event	£160 []
Partner attending with delegate 27/28 Nov includes: lunch, 3 course dinner (with speaker & entertainment) and bed & breakfast	£60 []
Day Conference Delegate 27 Nov includes: day conference fee, lunch, refreshments (0900 – 1700)	£70 []
Evening dinner only 27 Nov includes: 3 course dinner (with speaker and entertainment)	£35 []

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque payments total enclosed £ _____ (Please make cheques payable to CBC)
To register and pay with a credit / debit card via Paypal, please see our website www.cbc.org.uk (link on the CBC website or direct payments sent to info@cbc.org.uk)

PAYMENT IN INSTALMENTS (FROM SEPTEMBER ONLY) [] Please tick if applicable.

We understand if you are not able to pay the full amount at once, we are happy to accept instalment payments. Either send us 3 cheques, or advise your bank to set up a standing order as follows (if booking in September): £53 in September, £53 in October, £53 November (before 27th). Our Bank details: CAF Bank Ltd, account no: 00012224, sort code: 40-52-40 please use your name as reference. If you are booking in October/November please contact us.

TERMS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Concessionary rates may be available – please email / speak to us (contact details below)
By signing this form you are agreeing to the following:
• Booking and payment for the Conference Dinner must be received by 11 November 2009. Exceptions discretionary.
• Cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received 30 days before the conference – no penalty. Cancellations 14-30 days before the conference – 50% of total costs, or a substitution may be made without charge. Cancellation within 0-14 days (including no shows) – 100% of the cost due to venue charges.

Signed _____ Date _____

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