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***FULL GOSPEL BUSINESSMEN  
UK and Ireland***

***DEVELOPMENT PLAN:***

***- development strategy towards seeing the  
Greater Glory of God***

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## 1. Introduction, purpose and strategy

The Development Plan towards seeing the Greater Glory of God sets out the vision and strategy for the FGB in the UK and Ireland to experience greater anointing and extension of the Kingdom of God. The Directors believe (from **several prophetic words**, particularly those given at a recent National Council Meetings about walking in the Spirit and leaving tradition behind, that we are being prepared for a new wave of supernatural ministry.

*“I’m calling you to be different; I’m calling you away from preconceived ideas of how I should work and how I should do it and to move out into the difference the Holy Spirit makes. I’m calling you to be different, different from all the other men’s groups that meet up and down this land of yours: the prayer groups, the men’s meetings. And though each serves their purpose I’m calling you to be different and distinctive from them; and it shall be seen through the way in which you use the gifts I give you. Everything you need in order to be functional and powerful in this nation has been given to you. I call you into distinguished service for the Master so you might know him in true holiness walking under an open heaven in the glory of your God. You see I’m putting together the pieces, I’m making up the jigsaw and you’re beginning to see how the building blocks of the past are beginning to be put together so that they will shape the future. When you walk under an open heaven it’s like being continually walking in Pentecost, walking in the Spirit, knowing him, living in him, following after his dictates so that when he says “Go” you go, when he says “Come” you come and when he says “Minister” you minister, and when he says “Lay hands on the sick” you do so; and the results are in my hands.”*

These words are consistent with the three earlier independent Words spoken over the Fellowship (from Haggai 1& 2 and Habakkuk 2v2) that God will anoint and use FGB in bringing ‘**new life**’ and ‘**greater glory**’ to God in these latter days, if we ‘**consider our ways**’, ‘**write down the vision**...so that men can run with it’ and are truly **led by the Spirit of God in all that we do**.

**Our vision is still that given to Demos Shakarian in 1952**, as recorded in the **Happiest People on Earth**, but this has been supported by recent encouraging prophetic words given to the Fellowship.

A prophecy was also given at a previous National Council meeting, that **God is sending rain to water the seed and produce a great harvest** from the seeds we have sown and are sowing in His Kingdom. *“I want to tell you my servants of a cloud. It tells of an abundance of rain which will water the desert places, places where you have sown but not reaped. I want to come among you and water that seed. Put aside your watering can, rely on the Sovereign Lord. Realise and see with the eye of faith as did my servant of old. He saw a cloud the size of a man’s hand and knew the drought was coming to an end. The days of hard work are coming to an end, for I have seen your hard labour and toil. The harvest is coming but the watering must come first. **You need to get the structures in place so that none of the seed, none of the blessing, will be allowed to escape, so that the harvest will be maximised.** The nets you cast must be appropriate to the fish you are catching or they will escape. Old nets will break therefore purchase from me new nets which are appropriate to the fish you are catching. This is the time for the blessing I am about to bring upon you.”*

However, whilst good organisation at national, regional and Chapter level is essential, Demos stressed in ‘**A New Wave of Revival - The Vision Intensified**’:

- ...no amount of organisation, money, or personal efforts....**ONLY God, and the power of His Holy Spirit, can make the fellowship ALIVE and VITAL.....The Spirit seemed to say: “I DO NOT WANT A BIG CENTRALIZED ORGANISATION....**
- **I want you SMALL, LOCAL, and SENSITIVE TO ME! I do not want uniformity... Give Me outlets for MY INFINITE VARIETY”.... Every chapter and every meeting is different. Let the Holy Spirit control the meeting. BE OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT!...**
- **God showed me LONELY PEOPLE IN CHAINS.....men and women who feel ALONE, AND WHO ARE STILL BOUND BY INVISIBLE SPIRITUAL CHAINS....**
- **Our Vision is not in the past – it is in the future!...The Lord God Jehovah is READY... and He wants you PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE in His Plan.... He only needs vessels who are PREPARED and willing to OBEY to set these spiritual CAPTIVES free!**
- **He is not looking for our clever ability, our world-wide organization, or our method of approach to taking the world. He only needs our willingness to HEAR and OBEY His will. The Holy Spirit will supply ALL the rest.....**

- *The Vision is God BREAKING THE CHAINS OF THE DEVIL and setting captives free! Men and women who were ICE COLD became ALIVE and miraculously LINKED in PRAISE and ADORATION TO God through the POWER of Jesus Christ!*

Our strategy, therefore, for seeing the vision fulfilled in the UK & Ireland is, in summary:

- **individual and small group prayer** followed by Spirit led outreach
- **use of our God given authority** and breaking the power of the negative forces
- **seeking God's guidance on areas for growth** in the Kingdom of God and the Fellowship.
- **launching new boats:** being prepared to change our approach as led by the Spirit
- **getting appropriate organisational structures in place:** effective administration, management/oversight and communications, including links with local Churches.

## 2. Recommendations.

### Prayer and fasting:

1. *encourage the personal prayer life of every member to maintain an intimate relationship directly with the Holy Spirit - the source of power !!*
2. *continue to encourage monthly days of prayer and fasting for all members*
3. *every Chapter should be encouraged to meet weekly for prayer*
4. *Regional Field Reps should be encouraged to meet for prayer with the Director in their Region every month*
5. *Directors should meet together every quarter for prayer and national planning: seeking the Lord's guidance on all national strategic issues.*

### Chapters & Oversight:

6. *Every Chapter should meet with local Church leaders to ensure a clear understanding of our vision and ministry, with FGB operating as an outreach 'arm of the Church', seeking the active support of the Church and feedback to the churches for nurture and discipleship of new Christians.*
7. *Members (and particularly Field Reps) should be encouraged to pray and seek the Lord's guidance on areas in their region for establishing new or re-formed Chapters, in consultation with the local Churches to attempt to establish effective two-way working relationships*
8. *the allocation of Chapters and development areas to Field Reps for their oversight should be agreed at Regional Officer (Director/Field Reps) meetings, which should be held monthly as far as is practicable*
9. *Field reps should chair a Chapter Annual General Meeting (or Chapter formation meeting) to elect Chapter Officers in accordance with the Chapter Guidelines document (available from the Office or via the website)*
10. *Field Reps (or Directors or nominees) should meet with the members of the local Chapters under their oversight at least once a year to review the operation of the Chapter using the Checklist (from the member' resources section of the website) to review and encourage the members in the effective functioning of the Chapter*
11. *the operation of all the Chapters within each Region should be reviewed at the Regional Field Reps' (monthly or as often as practicable) meetings with the Regional Director*
12. *Directors should hold Regional Annual General Meetings – to elect and appoint Regional Field Reps (1 year office) and the Regional Director (3 year Office) in accordance with the Leadership Manual guidance(available from the Office or via the website)*
13. *Regional Directors' quarterly reports to the National Council should include all new developments and confirm details of Regional and Chapter AGM elections and appointments of Field Reps and Chapter officers (in the recommended format).*

### **Membership:**

- 14. Chapter leaders to ensure that all members are actively involved in ministry** by encouraging individual roles/responsibilities and effective every-member ministry in witness, inviting not-yet-Christians to events, giving personal testimony and prayer/ministry at outreach meetings
- 15. encourage all members to promptly confirm their ongoing active membership (on receipt of the reminder from the National Office) each year and to give financially, as the Lord leads, towards the national, regional and chapter administrative and outreach ministry costs**
- 16. every member to be looking to invite Christian men (as well as not-yet-Christians) to FGB outreach events, to see if the Lord may be calling them into the FGB ministry (hopefully with the support of their local Church, to which they should remain fully committed) and encourage them to become members if they sense the Lords call on their lives**
- 17. all members to encourage their wives and other Christian women in business to be fully involved in supporting the ministry of FGB (particularly wives alongside their husbands at open outreach meetings) and if called of God to become formal members of Women of the Fellowship (WoF), registering with the National FGB Office their active support of the open (men and women) outreach meetings and co-ordinated prayer support for the FGB in the UK and Ireland (as detailed in the WoF leaflet on the national FGB website)**
- 18. all Regional Directors should seek the Lord's guidance on recommending a member of WoF from their Region to be the regional representative to be appointed by the WoF National Coordinator**
- 19. continue to provide effective member services from the National (Field) Office in Knutsford for both the full members and the members of the Women of the Fellowship**

### **Advances & Conventions:**

- 20. proposed dates for Regional Advances or Conventions to be notified to the office, avoiding clashes with national events by at least one month if possible**
- 21. National Men's Advances to be held at least every few years – the Convention Focus Group to organise**
- 22. National Conventions (for men and women) to be held every year – the Convention Focus Group to organise**
- 23. members, officers and directors should be encouraged to attend the European Conventions and Global Leadership Prayer Summits (if nominated by the National Chairman) organised by the Steering committee of the Full Gospel Global Forum.**

### **Outreach:**

- 24. Regular Chapter outreach meetings should be held at least every quarter (if not monthly) – with a meal in a good quality hotel, restaurant or function room and with at least one anointed Spirit-filled speaker giving his testimony**
- 25. All Chapters should advertise their meetings – not just locally, particularly by personal invitation, but also on the National Website as 'Events'**
- 26. All Chapters should review the effectiveness of each Chapter Outreach Meeting, using the Meeting Feedback Form (available on the Website/resources) and particularly to recommend anointed speakers**
- 27. the list of recommended speakers will be updated regularly by the National Office and made available on request from the National Office (with contact details) or on the website (under members' resources: accessible only by members)**
- 28. all Chapters to be encouraged to implement new initiatives for outreach as led by the Spirit (i.e. to launch new boats to reach different sectors of society) such as large evangelistic events, personal one-to-one street ministries, care homes and hostels, prisons, industrial estates, business centres, leisure centres, pubs and coffee shops and younger people**

29. *all Chapters to be encouraged to plan some meetings that are particularly attractive to younger people, and to consider working with any local Youth for Christ or similar para-church organisation to invite younger people to these specific youth-targeted events.*
30. *members to be encouraged to make themselves available for outreach initiatives beyond their local Chapter – members to contact their Regional Director or the National Office with leadings for outreach initiatives or to volunteer their support*

### **Communications & Publicity:**

31. *the national website to be continually updated and developed –both in terms of structure (presentation and capability) and content*
32. *electronic communications to be deployed more and more – with issue of ‘FGB Inspiration for today’ issued daily and email or Newsletter communications from the website to all members (on email !) increased with hard copy Vision and members communications reduced accordingly*
33. *marketing items, including FGB memory sticks and FGB pens, to be continually made available as resources for members – for marketing of the Fellowship*
34. *all literature, publicity material and members resources to be reviewed and regularly updated - by the Communications & Media Focus Group*

### **Voice:**

35. *raise the vision for use of Voice in personal evangelism, with electronic communication plus Vision used to highlight the effectiveness of Voice ministry*
36. *continue to make past-issues available free (and postage-free if collected) to support specific outreach work (application for support/grants for outreach work should be made to the national office)*
37. *aim to produce 10 to 20 thousand copies of the new pocket-sized Voice quarterly and give some to each member (to give away) and a starter pack of 100 to any new chapter.*

### **Training & Teaching:**

38. *mentoring to equip every member for active FGB ministry to be encouraged – at Chapter and Regional levels*
39. *the primary training and teaching role of the Fellowship to be undertaken through agreed Training Days, Regional meetings and Conventions*
40. *the clear call for salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit at outreach meetings should include or be followed-up by personal counselling (using the FGB Finding God booklet, Decision Cards, etc) on the scriptural understanding of what it is to become a Christian, being born again, making Jesus Lord, and being baptised in the Holy Spirit*
41. *post-conversion training or nurture of young Christians should be done by Churches and FGB should encourage them to get involved in a recommended local Christian Church (the local Church does have the primary role of nurture and development of Christians, FGB is not a Church and this should be made clear to local Churches, to ensure our relationship as an ‘arm of the Church’ is not damaged!).*

### **Administration & Finance:**

42. *annually confirm the appointments of National Executive Officer, National Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and the National Coordinator of Women of the Fellowship – by election at the Council Meeting*
43. *the National Office staffing to at least be maintained at the current level – with the efficiency being improved through greater use of the web-based database and electronic communications, etc.*
44. *the National Council of Directors should approve the annual budgets prepared by the Finance and Administration Focus Group – to be approved annually at the December or March Council Meeting*

- 45. Members should be encouraged (as an important part of their active membership) to make financial contributions to the effective running of their Chapter and also to the Region and National Office – these donations, provided they are for outreach or support of the administration (i.e. not just paying for their own meals) can all be gift-aided if the donations (or an equivalent cheque) are sent through the National Office to reclaim the tax (gift-aid forms or envelopes are available from the Office).**
- 46. Chapters should be encouraged to tithe their offerings or make regular donations to the Regional Treasurer – towards the administrative and outreach costs of running the Region, Regional Advances, etc.**
- 47. Regions should be encouraged to tithe their offerings or make regular donations to the National Office – towards the administrative and outreach costs of running the National Fellowship**
- 48. applications for grants towards special Chapter or Regional outreach events should be made in writing/email to the National Office, with an outline budget and description of the proposed outreach (these will be considered by the Finance and Admin Focus Group).**