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## Meet the Moore's

Pastor Kwesi Moore and his wife Michelle are Guyanese by birth and naturalized British citizen. Over the past thirteen years the Moore's family has served in the Lewisham district, where they commenced their pastoral ministry under the supervision of the late Pastor James Phillip. They then served in the district of High Wycombe, (Four Congregations), North Wembley district (three Congregations) and the Holloway district, to which Stoke Newington congregation is now added.

Pastor Moore currently serves the LMC as its chairperson and the LAAC as its Vice-Chairperson. Prior to serving the LMC and LAAC he served as the coordinator of London Area 6D.

Sister Moore is a teacher by profession with over 25 years' experience, she currently serves as the coordinator of the SEC Ministerial spouse association.

The Moore's have been blessed with



three sons, Samuel the eldest, Emmanuel and Kemuel the youngest.

Pastor Moore believes in leading with integrity. As a family we demonstrate trust by looking out for the interest of others as if their interest were our

own. We demonstrate care, compassion, and concern for others in how we serve. We live by our convictions not our circumstances even when the burden we carry is great. We endeavor to be fair, objective, and impartial when serving. We endeavor to practice resiliency in the face of adversity and humility in times of prosperity. We try to practice self-control, restraint, and self-discipline always. We try to be grateful for all opportunities to be part of God's purpose, which is always greater than ourselves.

*We are happy to join the stoke Newington church family in ministry and service in this part of God's vineyard.*

The Moore Family

# Pastoral Plan....

## OUR VISION

We exist to magnify God in Worship, illustrate God in our Fellowship, and exemplify God by being His Witness.

By this vision we seek to facilitate others coming to a saving faith in Jesus Christ, by being, a loving, caring and compassionate people, who nurtures a family spirit among all our members, brothers and sisters, all peoples.

We hope to begin focusing our ministries on the development of the entire person. We recognize that our member's wellbeing encompasses 8 mutually interdependent dimensions: physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual, vocational, financial, and environmental.

Consequently, we will as a church family give a balance level of attention to all the dimensions, as neglect of any one over time will adversely affect the others, and ultimately the health, wellness, and quality of life of our members.

## STRATEGY

The change we envisage will become more achievable through our choice of strategies that enhance our chance for success. Our strategies may include monitoring; mentoring, scheduling, investing in systems of accountability; planning safeguards; detecting rationalizations and false assumptions; the use of rewards, and encouragements; pairing ministries; and beginning with habits that directly strengthen our self-control.

We believe that the most successful habit change requires the coordination of multiple strategies to establish any new behaviour and or new habits. We understand that on average, it takes 66 days to form a new habit, so the more strategies we can use, the better our chances for achieving change.

## NURTURE

- We plan to start our Bible school at 3: 30 pm each Sabbath afternoon. In addition, we will

have our bible reading group during the week.

- We will train and encourage members and elders to conduct bible studies.
- We will start a few small groups, and Sabbath school action units and a spiritual guardian ministry
- We intend to strengthen our outreach Community ministries.
- We will start our elderly members club.
- We will establish vibrant elderly care support ministry.
- We will establish an active Stoke Newington connect ministry team.
- We will establish a bereavement and support ministry team.
- We will establish a funeral planning and support team

**By Pastor Kwesi Moore**

*Be sure to look out for the final part of the Pastoral Plan in next quarters newsletter!*

# Beetroot Smoothie

So many moons ago I purchased a Nutribullet (aka a fancy blender) with the mind to blend up all kinds of smoothies for breakfast, especially during the summer months.

One of my all time favourites has to be the Beetroot Smoothie!! The taste and texture is just amazing! And to top it off this particular smoothie is packed with just the right nutrients to kick start your day.

So why not give it a try? Here's what you will need:

- 1 medium sized beet, peeled and chopped
- Handful of Spinach washed
- Handful of mixed nuts
- 3 tablespoons of gluten free oats.
- 1 Banana
- 3 pitted dates
- 1 cup of Almond milk (or apple juice)

- 1/2 cup of water
- Handful of frozen berries (blueberries work well)
- Sprig of mint to decorate (optional)

1. Place all the ingredients into your Nutribullet or blender.
2. Blitz for about 20

3. seconds or until smooth.
3. Pour into a glass and drink straightaway.
4. Enjoy!



## A Vision for the Church...by Elder Nicole Gooden

The aim of the Stoke Newington Church is to be the first-choice church in the Stoke Newington area. To provide a practical, personal and spiritual service in Stoke Newington, enabling people to see Jesus in what we do, and helping to prepare people to meet Jesus when He comes again. With this in mind, the priority is to focus on engaging with the community, especially on the direct neighbours that surround the church.

On returning to the grounds of the church, it is recognisable that this engagement is a necessity. Because, we have to meet them at the point of their need. Our first contact should not be to invite them to a Sabbath service, but to offer support, and be able to facilitate services and opportunity where we are able to minister to them. We will endeavour to use well-known celebrations that are recognised in the community (i.e., The Queen's Jubilee) and connect with them.

Additionally, with the state of affairs in society – raise in cost of living and financial uncertainty – we as a church will thrive to be a centre of excellence, offering support with the reenergise drop-in centre and the continuously successful 'Give of Giving Project'.

The Ministry of Health and Healing (pg 73) says 'Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with people as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He invited them, "Follow Me."' Therefore, alongside the spiritual activities that are readily available on a weekly basis at Stoke Newington Church, the church is purposeful in following Christ's method, so that individuals are reached at the point of their need and come to know and love a Saviour through our service.

# Naaman's Servant Girl—God's Power

How do you know if someone is powerful? Do they look big and scary? Do they make a lot of noise? Would they dress in nice clothes and do flashy things? If we only think of power in these ways, we can have a hard time seeing all the ways God is working.

Naaman was a powerful man. He understood strength and authority, and he knew how powerful people worked. But God gave him a lesson in a more quiet kind of power. It started with the concern of a servant girl for Naaman's skin condition.

Naaman's army had captured her from Israel. We do not know this young girl's name, but even enslaved far away from her home and family, she felt bad about the pain Naaman suffered, and she mentioned to his wife that there was a prophet in Israel who could heal him.

When Naaman heard this, he went to his powerful king who contacted Israel's powerful king. But Naaman's arrival in Israel only caused confusion and frustration. When Naaman finally went to Elisha's house, Elisha didn't

even come out but sent another servant to tell Naaman to go take a bath in the Jordan. This was not the kind of power Naaman expected; he wanted Elisha to do something. His servants eventually convinced Naaman to give it a try, and it worked! Elated, he offered rich gifts to Elisha. Powerful people like gifts, right? But Elisha refused. God's power follows different rules.

With God's power, we don't have to do loud or flashy things to help people. It takes a lot of courage to do the right thing in a hard situation and to let go of our ideas of "the way things should be." Naaman's servant girl was brave enough to show God's love to an enemy, and that allowed God to change a heart and a nation. What could he do through you?

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, you have so much power, but you lived a quiet life of helping people. Use that simple power through me. Help me to do the right thing even when it is hard. Amen.



## Bible Crossword — see if you can find the 12 words from the bible in the grid below.

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