

Milestones and Anniversaries **Draft Outline Website introduction Paper** **(currently without proposed links to specific pages and books)**

Time is a major dimension in life itself and our history is measured by dates and also very much based on anniversaries such as Christmas and Easter being observed and remembered. Our families look forward to celebrating birthdays and many of us remember specific dates when events took place such as knowing exactly where we were on 9/11 or when peace was declared. We also make plans to celebrate each of these occasions in an appropriate way. This is one of the reasons why this ministry may become important to others in the future as we respond to issues linked with the heritage of C&M Ministries.

We are now receiving an increasing number of requests for insights or records of events that have taken place on specific dates which we may have instigated many years earlier. In responding to these, many of the records that we are unearthing may not yet be digitalized into a format that can be used and located easily. We will be attempting to rectify this by creating an archival record that can be dipped into by future generations.

When we receive any request, providing this information and linking in with those carrying the work forward becomes a priority - and we include notes of these on our pages and alert our prayer partners. These often include an invitation to attend, which increasingly we ourselves can no longer do, but we can usually send a message of encouragement and will share this with you.

More details will be in the news items in each mailing as other new web pages are developed and linked events take place.

As we are reminded of our involvement in events now taking place, we do our best to recall relevant memories and papers. As this heritage ministry has spanned over 70 years, many changes have been made in the various ministries and groups formed carrying the vision forward, but interestingly there are usually attempts to go back to the roots to regain the original vision of what it was hoped would be achieved at the time of its formation.

We sometimes also find that we can be proactive in anticipating what may be needed. Much of the ministry in the past has made a useful contribution by highlighting and attempting to solve the then growing issues such as the racial prejudice that was becoming evident with the advent of the Windrush generation from the West Indies in the 50s which is still there under the surface of society today or the anticipated decline of the church in the 60s and 70s and the need for a new dimension of church growth.

There are so many links we will develop in this way in the future. Keep your eyes open and help us to learn from the past and to be forward-looking enough to plan for the future.

Suggested second extra page for the heritage website will give links to the specific events and memories - which may need to be constantly updated.