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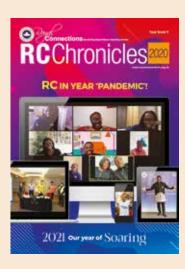
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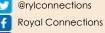


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The year 2020 provided us with "firsts" of many things: We witnessed the emergence of new virus called Coronavirus. We witnessed major changes in the way we live: the introduction of new vocabularies such as 'new normal'; the use of face masks, hand sanitisers, frequent washing of hands, maintaining social distancing and the like.

Most of the world population came to the reality of working from home, we grappled with lockdown issues, the mass loss of jobs, loss of lives in unprecedented scales and grief. With all these, depression, anxiety and hopelessness are looming, but the Lord is saying get ready to SOAR in the year 2021.

The usual question would have been, how shall this be considering all the seemingly negative evidences around us?

However, we take solace in scriptures like Ecclesiastes 7:10 KJV, "Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this."

We are encouraged to look forward to better days and year ahead of us.

Our scripture focus for the year is Isaiah 40:30-31 KJV "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

The searching of God's understanding is futile; God loves to empower the faint, the strength of men will not suffice, 'waiting' is the all-important issue.

This year, the word WAITING takes on a new meaning: to perform the duties of a servant, to supply the wants of a person, to call upon a superior, to hold up.

This implies that every action must be based on instructions from the Lord, pleasing God will be paramount to our lives, being meek and humble are crucial, fervent continual prayers and undiluted praises we will offer Him.

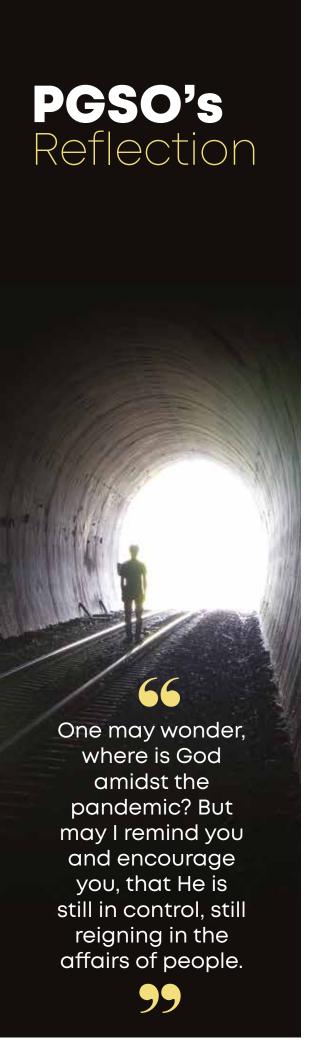
And like no other time renewal is coming from the Lord. All round renewal to enable us soar - renewal of strength, of vision and of purpose.

Your season of SOARING is here- a season of reset, renewal, rebuilding, restoration, revival, soul winning, prayers, immense generosity and kingdom exploits like never before!!

Happy New Year of SOARING!

Pastor David Sola Oludoyi (PDSO)

Special Assistant to the General Overseer (SATGO) Regional Pastor, RCCG Europe Mainland Region 3 Senior Pastor, Royal Connections



2020...



...has been a very tough and unprecedented year: COVID-19, confusion and constant change. No one expected what we've all experienced this year. We've found ourselves living in a new normal, affecting the way we think, act and relate with others. Plans were halted, health was impaired and fear, anxiety and isolation became the order of day. One may wonder, where is God amidst the pandemic? But may I remind you and encourage you, that He is still in control, still reigning in the affairs of people.

Royal Connections had its fair share of burden this year. Our year started on a high note at the dawn of a new decade, following a powerful watchnight service. Our Valentine's Day celebration and annual Winds of Change Conference were highlights of the first quarter. As the unexpected national lockdown disrupted our usual in-person services, RC promptly swung into online services, bringing church to the home.

Church as usual, church unusual! Our workers must be applauded, as they worked tirelessly behind the scenes, reinventing their usual mode of service delivery. From the Children's Church, Divine Iconz and Royal Tribe Church, to natural group meetings and events, all of our communities remained strong, albeit virtually, to the glory of God. Daily corporate prayers of more than 150 days, daily hangouts with PDSO, Brethren Watch (weekly check-up of church members) and efforts of the COVID-19 response care team all contributed to our wellbeing throughout this season.

On the downside, some brethren had COVID-19, some lost loved ones, jobs and businesses were lost and people's livelihood were adversely affected. Royal Connections had the financial challenge of paying back a huge loan borrowed to buy our church building. By God's grace, with fervent prayers, the sacrificial giving of members and various efforts being made to pay off the overdue loan, we will triumph!

Nevertheless, celebrations, we did not lack! Even in this season, we have had several childbirths, weddings, landmark birthdays, house purchases, launch of new businesses, outstanding academic achievements and lots more.

All in all, God has been faithful to us in this pandemic year!

What is one lesson I have learnt in the pandemic? Many are the plans in a man's heart, but the will of the Lord prevails. He is in charge of my today, He knows my tomorrow and has my schedule.

PGSO
Pastar Grace Sala-Oludayi

Executive Pastor, Royal Connections Regional Mother, RCCG Europe Mainland Region 3

THE DAWN OF A NEW DECADE

Community Festive Feast (2019)





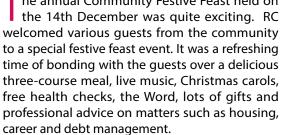
















Children's Christmas Party (2019)

RC children had an exciting and unique Christmas party. The day featured various games, treats, dances, fun and prophetic prayers by PDSO and PGSO. Many thanks to the teachers who worked tirelessly to make the day a huge success.







The Perfect Gift 1 & 2 (2019)

Christmas Carol Service

C hosted an outstanding carol service on 20th December tagged *The Perfect Gift*. The evening featured an amazing theatrical presentation of the birth of Jesus Christ. It was quite an emotional and magnificent night. The stage was lit, and the combined musical rendition from the Royal Voices and the Royal Tribe was marvellous. The Royal Angelic Children's Choir and D2IC performances were superb.









Christmas Day Celebration

The Perfect Gift season would not be complete without the celebration of Christmas day. It was a momentous day of felicitations, sharing and partaking in glad tidings. It was a morning of singing praises to God, carols, the Word and a

time of fellowship which ended with a taster of turkey and trimmings for all.

Jesus is indeed The Perfect Gift for the season!













Prayers of Closure (2019)

C being 'a Praying Church' hosted 3 days of *Prayers of Closure*. Prayers focused on families, the church and the United Kingdom. This prayer tradition is a norm in RC, and this we believe enables us to end the year on a high note, and look forward to the new year with hope and divine inspiration.







Watchnight Service (2019)

ew Year's Eve celebration was tagged *On Eagle's Wings*. It was a night of jubilation; many arrived to partake in the evening. The church was packed as people converged in the different halls and overflow tent. The night featured music, drama, prayers, communion, prophetic declarations, the Word and renewing of our 20 fold Covenant. At midnight we ushered in 2020, **Our Year of GREAT TURNAROUND!**



RC Leaders Retreat & Workers' Training

Amplify 2020

n casting the vision for RC in 2020, the leaders had a retreat themed, *Amplify 2020* on 17th and 18th January. It was a time of learning, brainstorming, bonding, and building a formidable team for the year and beyond.







Workers' training held a week later with our senior pastor, Pastor David Sola Oludoyi (PDSO) casting the vision of 2020. He stressed the need for ministry to have one voice. The service we render to God in 2020 should be out of the overflow. This set the tone for our year.







Valentine's Day Couples' Special

ouples looked elegant in their smart casuals with a touch of red on a Valentine's Day special event on 14th February. Love was the language of the evening. It was a terrific time for couples to let their hair down and be their lovable selves. Couples were treated to photography sessions, lots of laughter (Akpos was fabulous), music by a DJ, games and a sumptuous 3-course meal. The theme of the evening was *Live*, *Laugh and Love*. The night enjoined couples to live every moment, laugh every day, and love beyond words.





















'No Filter' Singles' Event

PDSO and PGSO hosted a Singles' event on 12th March, tagged No Filter. It was an evening of great exciting and interactive discussions, networking, games, a Q&A session and refreshments were served. It was an amazing meeting.





WINDS OF CHANGE CONFERENCE



OC this year took a different turn as the slogan for the event was #P2P4WOC (Pause to Pray for Winds of Change) coined by PDSO. We were all encouraged to take out time to pray for the upcoming conference marathon prayers themed, 'Fire on the Mountain' (a 9 hours pre-conference intercession) ushered in this year's event.

Winds of Change, our flagship conference, which holds in annually in February, sets the tone for the year, and 2020 was no different. The theme was *Jesus is Lord* (culled from Philippians 2: 11b). It was an awesome conference.





















The conference hosted by PDSO and PGSO, with guest ministers Rev. George Adegboye, Pastor Andrew Adeleke and Rev. Yemi Adedeji catered for all ages through their ministrations.

WOC also featured a praise concert with minstrels such as Prince Ekpemandu, Charles Dada, Nkechi Nwokocha, Royal Voices, The Royal Tribe, D2IC, Divine Steppers, and RACC.

The conference ended with an impartation service on Sunday evening. The conference was indeed a time of worship, Word, warfare prayers and celebrating God's faithfulness to us as a church.

PANDEMIC ONSET

Women's Week

In celebrating womanhood this year, Royal Women Ministry (RWM) organised a women's week in March. It was packed with week-long activities which included brain teasers on the RWM WhatsApp group, intercessory prayers, a Digging Deep service takeover, online Travail Hour prayer meeting and a Parenting and Women's Health workshop. It was indeed a fun-filled, informative and uplifting week for the women.



Mother's Day

other's Day celebrations could not hold in church physically due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions put in place by the government. It was replaced with church in your home initiative- a new way of taking the church to everyone's home via online platforms.



Church In Your home

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, a national lockdown measure was put in place by the government in order to curb its rapid spread. All gatherings including church services were banned from holding till further notice. Hence RC services were held fully online from 22nd March via our diverse platforms – YouTube, Facebook, Periscope, Zoom and phone.













RC LOCKDOWN EXPLOITS

'Enough Is Enough' Prayer Meetings

uring the lockdown, PDSO spearheaded a daily one hour prayer meeting tagged 'Enough is Enough' Prayers. It held 7pm daily on Instagram, Periscope, phone lines and sometimes on YouTube. Intercession was made for the church, the nation, government, NHS, the economy, health and healing, prayer for the bereaved, families, etc. People joined in from around the globe to participate in prayers. Testimonies are continually abounding.













Brethren Watch

Pollowing the new normal rules and guidelines of social distancing, RC Brethren Watch initiative was birthed in the lockdown. Its objective is for each minister to follow up on a weekly basis an assigned segment of church members throughout this challenging year, checking up on them. RC also catered for the senior citizens who were in dire need of groceries, and essential amenities through the congregational care unit.

Hangout With PDSO

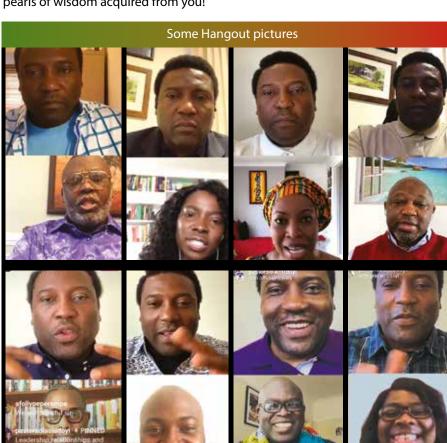
angout with PDSO is simply as the name suggests; a daily lunch timeout hangout with our senior pastor, Pastor David Sola Oludoyi. What began as a relaxed gathering where individuals could connect with PDSO during their lunch hour soon metamorphosed into a much looked forward to lunchtime Instagram live sessions and interviews, attracting an audience of 70-160 individuals daily.

An online community was formed cutting across gender and age, eagerly gathering to glean powerful wisdom and insights from PDSO and those within his circle of influence. The

topics covered were relevant and vast, touching on every facet of life.

PDSO hosted our mother in the Lord, Pastor Grace Sola-Oludoyi (PGSO), Rev. George Adegboye, Pastor Agu Irukwu, Rev. Yemi Adedeji, Reverend Niyi Eboda, Pastor PK Olawale, Evangelist Banji Adesanmi, Pastor Tola Odutola, Pastor Bisi Akande, Pastor Dotun Ojelabi alongside other entrepreneurs, and professionals in their respective fields.

#HangOutWithPDSO was genuinely innovative. Thank you PDSO for the pearls of wisdom acquired from you!



Easter Celebration

aster celebration was incredibly unique as church was in everyone's home via the various online platforms.

The day featured an outstanding rendition of *In Christ Alone* by the Royal Voices, various Bible readings, prayers, testimonies and a sermon by PDSO titled, *Early Morning Marvels (EMM)* culled from Mark 16:1-8. Thanks to the Service Production Team for an excellent delivery of the online service.















Workers' Meeting

R C hosted workers' a meeting on Zoom on the 17th April. It was the first since the lockdown period. The evening was informational and encouraging as PDSO encouraged the workers during the evening. The various Heads of Departments were enjoined to resume their duties via online platforms (Sunday School, Believers' Class, Divine Iconz, Children's church, etc.).

In preparation for post lockdown, a workers' meeting took place on 21st July to unfold all the plans embarked on to fulfil due diligence. The premises have been deep cleaned and prepared following the government guidelines, health and safety Coronavirus signages and sanitisers were placed at strategic points.



Late July, RC commenced a new-look hybrid Sunday service, with both on site and online audience. Attendance to onsite church was by registration before the day. Vulnerable parishioners were advised to watch service online.

Children's church, Youth church, and other weekly services continued online.

PDSO held another meeting with the workers on 5th November due to another national lockdown. Online only services were back in November. What an 'interesting' year it has been!









Night Vigil

The first lockdown night vigil was held on 24th April. It was indeed a night of divine encounter and communion with God. The theme was *Not So!* (culled from Luke1:60). Prayers focused on families, leaders, nations and pandemic recovery.

Marriage Talk

ur parents in the Lord, PDSO and PGSO hosted a marriage seminar; 'Marriage Talk' on bank holiday Monday in May, entitled 5 Things Every Wife Needs and 5 Things Every Husband Needs. It was an excellent impactful meeting with both married and single attendees attesting to its relevance to their lives. By popular demand, several other Marriage Talks took place.

The June series was on another level as PDSO and PGSO delved into the topic: *Behind Closed Doors*. This session highlighted the difference between men and women- in communication, use of words, dealing with stress and more. The Q & A segment was explosive though it was too short to entertain all the questions that were flooding in.







Royal Men Fellowship Talk

Royal Men Fellowship hosted a workshop entitled 'Post Covid Opportunities – Living in the New Normal' on 23rd May. It was a time of learning, discussions, prayers, and fellowship. For our men, it's never too late to plan a post-Covid future.

There were about 70 men in attendance; topics discussed included *Looking after You, How to stay safe during and post-Covid-19* to mention a few. They were encouraged to look after themselves, eat well, rest adequately, exercise regularly. Also, financial support was made available to self-employed individuals and businesses.



Attendees found the meeting invaluable, informative and motivating. They will appreciate more of such events in the future.



Since You Asked was the theme of the July edition. It was simply an eye-opener. Many pertinent questions rolled in beforehand; they were sensitively and thoughtfully answered.

The last of this series took place on 31st August. Discussions held were on *Conflict Resolution in Marriage*. Lots of invaluable gems were shared. To find out and to learn more, please watch it on *https://youtu.be/VR9vHhf-ZW4*.









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Shout Out From PDSO & PGSO

The month of June was ushered in with a special shout out from PDSO and PGSO to all workers through the Zoom platform. PDSO and PGSO in collaboration with the heads of departments, spoke to members of the workforce within sections. They were appreciative of all the hard work and perseverance during the lockdown period and had a lot of encouraging and uplifting words for them.

RWM Financial Talk

over 140 women dialled in on Zoom to take part in the RWM Financial Talk on 13th June. It was indeed a time well spent as the keynote speaker of the day, Mrs. Yemisi Owete, enlightened the women on the critical things we overlook in our finances, how to avoid the financial woes in our daily living, nuggets for living a debt free life and some business opportunities during the pandemic. The event was a huge success.

Father's Day Celebration

The celebrations started from Wednesday when the RMF treated RC members to an RMF Digging Deep Special. The evening featured prayers for fathers and the United Kingdom. The sermon of the evening was quite insightful as Pastor Wole Olakanpo spoke extensively on The Unlimited Man. The prayer meeting on Friday was wonderful as the men took over the Zoom platform with such a passion for intercession.

The Father's Day service was awesome. The praise and worship by the men's choir was terrific, and every segment of the service was on another level. The highlight of the service was the special message from PDSO titled, *A Man After God's Heart*. The service ended with a father's blessing, which is customary every year.



Shout Out To PDSO & PGSO



t is with gratitude to God that we congratulate PDSO and PGSO on their 26th wedding anniversary celebrated on 16th June. Love was definitely in the air as PGSO joined her hubby PDSO in the hangout session during the day and daily prayers in the evening.

We bless God for your lives and pray that your marriage will continually be blessed in Jesus' name. Amen.













Divine Encounter Weekend

The theme was *Transformation*. Pastor Johnson Funsho Odesola (Assistant General Overseer, RCCG Administration and Personnel) blessed and challenged us with his messages on 29th and 30th May. He ministered exceptionally on *Transformation* and *Instruments of Transformation*. The core of his words focused on the fact that transformation comes from God. Pastor Gabriel Eziashi and Royal Tribe ministered powerfully. PDSO led us in the five-fold prayer of Jabez found in 1Chronicles 4:10. The grand finale of this insightful programme was on Pentecost Sunday, and PDSO's apt message was titled, *Pleasure of Performance*. The weekend was life-changing!





















Worship & Prayer Night

R C hosted a powerful vigil tagged Worship and Prayer Night on 26th June. It was such an amazing night featuring various gospel minstrels such as Kelechi Ify, Bukola Bekes and Femi Okunuga. The prayers led throughout the evening focused on the family, the United Kingdom, and the church. It was such a refreshing time in the presence of the LORD.

The July edition was tagged *Arise*. It featured pastor Charles Kpandei and psalmist Dunsin Oyekan. The evening was powerful, and impactful. We could not ask for a better way to end the month of July. The August edition was extraordinary as RC was host to Pastor Abraham Adeniji and psalmist Dare David. The service was superb and powerful. Prayers and the worship charged the atmosphere. The evening ended with holy communion. September edition themed, *No More Barrenness* was another powerful one, featuring Lightchild and the Royal Voices. Pastor Leke Sanusi, the SATGO of RCCG Europe Region 2, delivered a down to earth sermon on the theme with a heartfelt prayer session.

Mid-Year Fasting & Prayers

The month started with a 15 days mid-year fast from 1st July themed, *Arise, O Jehovah Sabaoth!* Corporate daily prayers were held, with church members of different age groups leading prayers. The prayer focus throughout this period centred on the church, families, healing for the sick, Woman on a Mission Conference, the leaders and economic recovery for individuals and the nations of the world.







NATURAL GROUP CONFERENCES

Woman on a Mission (WOM) Conference

The first virtual Woman on a Mission Conference held on July 17th – 19th. It was a wonderful three days packed programme with impactful ministrations. It was explosive, thought-provoking, engaging; the list goes on. The theme for the conference was *Thrive* hosted by Royal Women Ministry.

Pastor Yemi Adeleke ministered on the conference grand opening and also a poem rendition by Toyin Ajala (the wordsmith). The Saturday women-only event featured a workshop with talks from PGSO, Morenike Ajayi (Founder, Career Nuggets), Mary-Grace Oludoyi (content creator), Dr Janet Blair (health consultant) and Dr Tracy Olu-Awoniyi (psychiatrist). Deaconess Ibby Oke coordinated a special WOM Youth Thrive for young ladies aged 13-19 years.

The impartation service on Sunday was explosive and powerful with an exhortation from Deaconess Adeola Adeosun, the sermon from PGSO and of course the father's blessing from PDSO.

The WOM choir ministered powerfully throughout the conference. The theme song for WOM this year was on point. The WOM revamped statement was tastefully displayed.

The talks and sermon topics during the conference were *Thriving Beyond Survival, Thriving in the New Normal, Thriving in Your Career, Navigating Social Media, Living a Healthy Lifestyle, Mental Health and Wellbeing and I will not be stopped!*

















Royal Men Fellowship (RMF) Conference

MF had its first of a kind men's virtual conference on 14th November. The forum was tagged an Empowerment Conference with the theme, *The Total Man In These Uncertain Times*. It was a time of learning, equipping and listening to an array of speakers such as Pastor Anthony Olakanpo, Mr Michael Lewis, Pastor John Opute, and PDSO. Conference topics included *Felt Needs in the Housing Industry, Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace, Financial Intelligence* and

Wealth Creation, Continuous Professional Development and Understanding the Total Man in these Uncertain Times. It was indeed a loaded conference. The host of speakers demonstrated their expertise as they spoke extensively in the area of their speciality. The Q & A session was expository and eye-opening. We have PDSO and the RMF executives to thank for this impactful conference.



















RC POST-LOCKDOWN

Start of our Hybrid Services

oyal Connections opened her doors for the first time (since the lockdown directives in March) to the public on Sunday 26th July strictly following all government rules for reopening of churches. It was with joy and excitement that congregants walked into the church premises on that glorious Sunday. A few guidelines were in place as people came in.

- Sanitisers was installed at the entrance of the church building and different points. Upon entry, people are advised to sanitise their hands.
- Body temperature was taken and checked by health personnel.
- People were checked in at the registration desk. (Masks and gloves made available at the desk if not worn already).
- Follow the 2-metre physical distancing rule throughout the premises. Floors and walls signposted and visible throughout the premises.
- The entrance is in one way and exit in the opposite direction etc.

The service was awesome as all present enjoyed the presence of God in a new dimension. However, some aspects of the service (praise and worship, testimonies special thanksgiving) are still virtual, hence, the hybrid name was adopted for this service structure. PDSO's sermon of the day was titled *See Right* and *Do Right*.

Hybrid Thanksgiving Service

ore people pre-registered for the August physical thanksgiving service and others participated virtually. It was the first time that a thanksgiving service was conducted in this manner. However, the day did not fall short of an excellent ambience.

The opening prayer set the right tone for the service, the pre-recorded praise and worship by the Royal Voices were terrific; the testimonies were great, the sermon *Victory at Rephidim* from PDSO was outstanding, the thanksgiving session was wow!











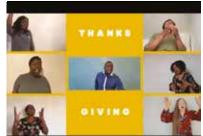


















Prayer Walk

C embarked on a prayer walk on 28th August declaring that the Lord's will be done in the land, in the lives of people and open heavens over Freemasons road and the entire neighbourhood including A13 towards Canning Town, Custom House and Prince Regent Lane.









Multicultural Day

ulticultural day hybrid service held on 30th August, with many apparelled in diverse cultural outfits representing different nations. The theme for the day was *Hope of Nations:* Celebrating the Continents. The day featured worship in different languages of the continents, special prayers for the continents, an exceptional Hope of Nations song rendition, featuring Royal Voices and various singers from different nations, and of course an on-point sermon from PDSO.















3 Days of Prayer & Fasting

The month of September was ushered in with a special 3-day fasting and prayer programme. The focus was Divine Help (culled from Psalms 121:1-2), this was a virtual event streamed on YouTube, Periscope, Instagram and Facebook. Prayers led were awesome, amazing and powerful. We give God the glory and thank PDSO for allowing himself to be used of God in such an incredible way.









Graduates Thanksgiving

The annual thanksgiving for graduates took place at September thanksgiving service. 20 students from GCSEs to Master's degree cadre were recognised, applauded and prayed for. We pray higher heights for each of them in Jesus' name. Amen.









Grand Parents Day

The celebration of our amiable senior citizens was on 20th September. It was a senior citizens' takeover service, with the sermon delivered by the Wisdom group coordinator, Pastor Kingsley Edevbaro. The sermon titled, *The Victorious Sheep* was a reflective and thought-provoking one. It was a day of joy and honour for our senior citizens.











Uganda Pray

The UK – Uganda prayer squad held its first-ever annual virtual conference on 10th October; streamed live on Zoom, YouTube and Facebook, themed, *Know the Times* (culled from Luke 21:36).

It was a time to pray for Ugandan leaders and families. Guest artistes and choirs from different countries and churches ministered. Pastors from around the world led prayers, led by the host, our own Minister Justine Kawuma.

A special thanks to the Zoom host, Mr Jasper Ntege, who did a tremendously outstanding job. Another prayer initiative Virtual Midnight Tuesday Prayer holding weekly till the Ugandan elections in 2021 was birthed from this conference.









Be Corona Wise!

The Royal Women Ministry held a 2-Talks-in-1 Forum tagged Be Corona Wise on 17th October, and topics of the talks included Navigating Your Health in Covid-19 Season and Children & School During & Beyond Covid-19.

It was an insightful, enlightening and informative forum, questions were asked, and God granted answers through our mother in the Lord, PGSO who also was the host, and the speakers, Pastor Bola Ogunleye and Mrs Oluremi Atoyebi.



Worship His Majesty

As is the norm in RC, Halloween was replaced with 'Hallelujah Night aka Worship His Majesty', the theme this year is *Jehovah Jireh*. Friday 30th October was a night of reverent worship to the King of kings! Guest psalmists, Evans Ogboi and Prince Ekpemandu featured on the night. Royal Voices were in their elements, ministering with such passion and anointing.

A common consensus amongst virtual attendees was that God has been so good to us. PDSO's brief sermon was taken from the anchor scripture for October, Genesis 22:14, titled, *Destiny Decision*. The Word was apt for the season.























Mothers Pray

The annual prayer day for the Royal Women Ministry held on 5th December was outstanding. The Zoom meeting was tagged Deliver Us From Evil taken from Mathew 6:13. Various women including PGSO led attendees in prayers of deliverance, healing and breakthrough for the land, families, youth and children. The day also witnessed a unique blessing from our father in the Lord (PDSO).

eCHILDREN SERVICES

ur Children's church functioned virtually most of the year, catering for different age groups from age 5, with weekly Zoom prayer meetings on Thursdays and bible studies on Saturdays.

Children's Graduation

here was an annual graduation ceremony for 12 teenage children from Children's church to the Youth church at October thanksgiving service. They were each presented to the church by their Head of Department, Sister Tracy Olu-Awoniyi, applauded and prayed for and officially handed over to the youth church for the next stage in their Christian walk.

Many thanks to their teachers. May the Lord remember all your sacrifices for good always. Amen.































eYOUTH CHURCH

Faith Over Fear

uring the lockdown period, the Divine lconz (Youth church) held weekly Zoom meetings, titled Faith Over Fear series, which have been thoughtful and incisive, touching on issues that affect today's youth; topics dealt with included In every Tribulation, There's An Opportunity, Lessons From Paul In Philippians, Optimism Through Hard Times and Practical Ways to Pray More to mention a few.

We thank the leadership of Divine Iconz for this very practical and much-needed series in these uncertain times.





























Youth Weekend

ivine Iconz organised a Zoom youth weekend themed, Be Ready, Stay Ready culled from Mathew 25:1-13 on 7th - 9th August. The weekend featured debates, discussions on mental health, learning life skills, cooking class, games day, Bible study tips, Q & A sessions and ended it with an amazing youth takeover Sunday service.



Actual Youth Services

he Divine Iconz resumed actual services on 4th October; it was quite exciting to welcome the youths back into the church after a long period of break. The day featured several activities and words of encouragement.

Their services reverted back to virtual following the second lockdown.



ROYAL TRIBE CHURCH (RTC)

Connect Group Bible Study

The Millennial Church was renamed *Royal Tribe Church* (RTC) on 31st May. Their Connect Group Bible study still holds every Thursday at 8pm on Zoom. The study affords the members to bond over discussions on Biblical topics and topical issues.



RTC Father's Day Special

The Royal Tribe Church celebrated Father's Day tagged A Good Father in a grand style. There was great excitement in the atmosphere. The worship was excellent, the prayers for men was so heartfelt, the sermon was brought in a relaxed interview way as Steven Olajide graced the hot seat to answer questions on fatherhood. It was an eye-opening session.









Actual Service

RTC recommenced physical services in September. It was a lovely day of bonding and embracing the new normal. The worship was superb, and the Word by their leader, Uche Ojukwu was incredible. Following the second lockdown, the services are held online via their YouTube channel on Sundays at 1pm.











RC MINISTRY TO THE COMMUNITY

'Stronger Together Community Outreach' Free Food Distribution

on 20th and 27th June, the Community Outreach Team sponsored the 2020 'Stronger Together Community Outreach', which focused on giving out free food parcels to those in need, and hard to reach people in the community. The event was open to residents/families within Freemasons Road and its immediate environs. About 110 food parcels were given out to families and individuals during the two days event. PDSO joined the team to interact with members of the community.

Well done to the Community Outreach department!



Community & Family Fun Day

A s part of our Community Engagement Weekend, RC gave food parcels to those in need in our neighbourhood. People were glad to see this social action expressed.













Fun Day at the Park

Several RC families turned up for funday at the Canning Town Recreational Ground on 29th August. It was a fun filled day with various games activities and an expository Word from PDSO despite the chilly weather. Some people from the community also attended.







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Smile of a Woman Christmas Project

oyal Women Ministry (RWM) annual *Smile of a Woman* Christmas project was carried out despite the Coronavirus pandemic. This year, instead of donating toiletries as customary to us, a monetary gift of £1200 was raised from Royal Women and donated to our charity of choice this year: Richard House Children's Hospice, Newham which provides care to children with terminal, life-threatening conditions. Gift was well received and acknowleged. Mission accomplished!



RCCG Royal Connections c/o Dr Grace Sola-Oludoyi - COO & Women's Group President

RE: RCCG Royal Connections - £1,200

18 December 2020

Dear Grace and everyone at the RCCG Royal Connection Women's Group,

On behalf of all the families, staff and volunteers at Richard House, I want to say a big thank you for your donation of £1,200. Without the continued support of our community the Hospice would simply cease to exist.

I'd like to personally reassure you that our care services remain running despite much of society closing its doors. We are still open and still caring - continuing to offer vital and essential care, during these challenging and unprecedented times.

The health and safety of our children, young people, families, staff and volunteers is paramount. Since the start of the pandemic, we have followed Government guidance closely and have taken all measures necessary to keep everyone safe and we will continue to do that.

The coming months will be a fundamental watershed for the future of the hospice and recent support has been a lifeline to us so for. Although I continue to work from home and communicating with you from a-for, I am always happy to help with any fundraising activities, offer any updates on the work we are doing or even be an ear for phone call video chaf for the club. For more information on the latest updates simply visit www.richardhouse.org.uk.

We need to raise a further £300,000 this financial just to cover the shortfall. It sounds a lot, but my experience shows that it can be achieved if the whole community pulls together. Please know that I am here to offer you and the church any support as we move forwards though the next few months. I know it will be hard, but please know we're here to help if we can!

You have been there for Richard House in our hour of need, and I would like to thank you again.

Wishing everyone involved with Royal Connections a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year. We look forward to things returning to a little more normality in the near future where hopefully I can welcome you to the hospice in person.

Yours Sincerely

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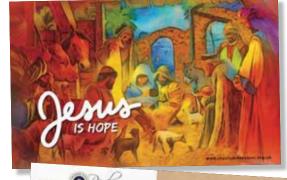
This year RC has continued to sponsor about 150 children's education in Uganda, more than 80 children through Compassion UK and to financially support the work of Africa Missions of EMR3 chapter in Senegal, Gambia, and Egypt.



Beautiful Feet Initiative

The Lord gave our father in the Lord, PDSO a vision to spread the great news of the gospel of Jesus Christ this December, named *The Beautiful Feet Initiative* (culled from Romans 10:15). This initiative aims at spreading the hope in Christ this Christmas to all and sundry. There were many ways to get involved; some volunteered to share hope cards to houses and people, some took part in evangelism. Various projects within the initiative such as food for those in need, billboard or hope cards were sponsored.

One of the lessons humanity has learnt from the happenings in 2020, is that we are meant to care for one another and extend the love of God (who saved us) to everyone we come across. What a fantastic way to put this into action!





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Deep that the year has been place remember that Just Chest lives you, let his the best thoughts towards you, and like will appe you a future and INDE. May through the second for you for good, and may you easyly like peace, joy and hope in first course and legism.

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TESTIMONIES

Despite the lockdown at this time, my business is still doing well. My uncle, who has fallen ill is now fine. Thank God for all-round victories.

- G Ogunleye

Healing and preservation of life.

- E Alamutu

Thank God for the opportunity to travel with RCCG EMR3 to Israel this year, when I clocked 80. The trip was fantastic.

- L Odunsi

Provision of a new job during the lockdown, Praise God for the 1st year marriage and healing my husband.

- A Ayelowo

50th birthday celebration!

- B Dada

God shifted many things in my life and 18th birthday.

- MG Oludoyi

My daughter gave birth safely.

- C Bankole

Praise God on behalf of my mum and me for another birthday.

- P Itiolu

I enjoyed God's protection, mercy and goodness as a keyworker during this period of lockdown.

- S Sewo

Ourney mercies to and from Nigeria just before lockdown. Thank God for healing my son.

- M Akiwumi

uring this season, God healed me, protected of my household, and I completed my MBA.

- AS Adesida

God blessed me during the lockdown, even though I had no income. My business flourished via the new online selling opportunities.

- MS Cecile

All-round breakthrough. God healed my father.

- M Omoeche

Oth birthday and God's all-round protection of me and my family during this pandemic.

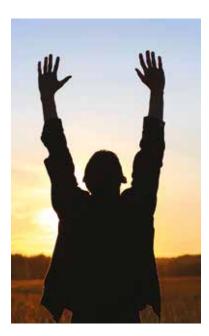
- C Salami

Divine healing.

- S Audu

Protection of life.

- K Egemba



10 th wedding anniversary and my son's 10th birthday.

- Y Olundegun

Divine protection over my family.

- A Oqundairo

10th wedding anniversary.

- B & B Adebayo

60th birthday, healing from cancer and all-round provision and breakthrough.

- B Kolajo

Healing from the virus.

- D Ashiru

10 th wedding anniversary and overall increase.

- D & F Ayangbayi
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Successful completion of my CIPD professional exams and healing from skin breakouts.

- S Oludoyi

od answered my son's prayers by providing help for him on a project in Nigeria.

- M Coker

A nswers to our prayers regarding son's school placement. God kept us throughout the pandemic.

- Adio-Moses Family

God intervened in my health issues.

- P Anazodo

Favour at my place of work.

- T Bello

od made us a homeowner during the pandemic, having lived in a two-bedroom apartment for a while. Routine medical check-up came back normal.

- F Adebayo

The Lord kept my family safe during the unrest in Nigeria.

- F Olubiyi

out of the seven requests, I wrote at the beginning of the year; God has granted four already. Promotion at work.

- S Iyiola

y husband lost and found his wallet containing valuables on the same day through a good Samaritan. Got a new job by favour.

- L Lomani

All-round breakthrough. God protected my daughter from a mugging attack.

- F Adebayo

Preservation of life and property.

- O Salami

25th birthday celebration and provision of a new job.

- T Aguda

RC CELEBRATIONS

Octogenarian Birthdays (2020)



Mrs. Comfort Salami, 80th (June)



Mrs. Eunice Adegboyega, 80th (September)



Mrs. Lydia Odunsi, 80th (August)



Mrs Clarissa During, 85th (October)

Wedding Bells*



Oyindamola & Joel Aderemi (October)



Precious & Maxwell Kolade Raji (December)

Childbirths

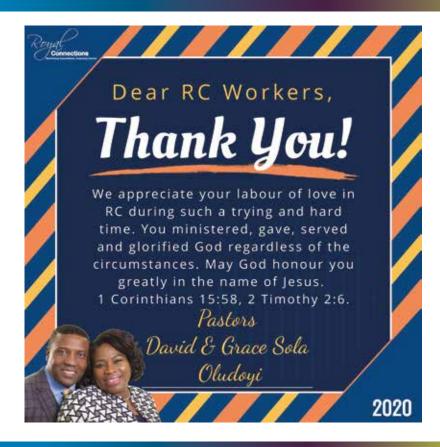
7 boys, 3 girls, a set of twins included. We thank God!

^{*}Unfortunately due to the pandemic several other planned weddings were postponed to 2021.

RC WORKFORCE 2020

Workers' Appreciation

This year RC workers served well in restrictive, unusual circumstances hence they all deserve to be recognised, applauded and appreciated. Thank you for your labour of love, prayers, seeds, sacrifices and continual support. We look forward to a better 2021 of greater exploits!



Service Production Team (SPT)

The lockdown and inability to gather physically for church meant we had to explore alternative ways to bring church to the home. The use of online platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Periscope and Zoom to transmit services, became the alternative option of worshipping online. The need to manage and maximise the use of these various platforms and optimise global engagement was why a new cross-department team called *Service Production Team* was formed.

The team, which started as a team of six, led by Pastor Wale Latinwo, manage and support all online services and social media communication. Every week since inception, they work tirelessly, behind the scenes, spending tons of hours recording, editing, and sound checking to ensure they deliver a seamless, hitch-free service each time.

Thanks to their passionate labour, our online services are thriving!







RCCG EUROPE MAINLAND REGION 3 (EMR3)

Amplify 2020

The Ministers and Leadership conference tagged *Amplify 2020* was held in Oslo, Norway in January 2020. PDSO and PGSO with the Provincial Pastors ministered at the conference. It was a refreshing time of learning, empowering and equipping leaders for the work of the kingdom of God ahead.





















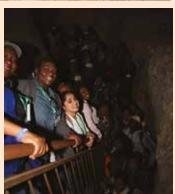


Pilgrimage To Israel 2020

The region organised a week-long pilgrimage trip to Israel in February 2020 with over 50 delegates from the region and beyond. PDSO and PGSO joined RCCG EMR3 and some RC members on a memorable trip to Israel. Touring round different Bible cities and visiting places where Jesus walked left a lasting impression on all who attended. Many Bible stories came to life to us. It was a period of reflection, rediscovery and rededication of lives. Some delegates got baptised and 2 couples renewed their wedding vows in Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding reception. Certificates of pilgrimage were issued to all at the end of the trip. Indeed, it was a worthwhile trip! The delegates can now be addressed as JPs!







78 hours of Marathon Messiah's Praise (Sweden & Ukraine)

Sweden and Ukraine respectively hosted 'Marathon Messiah's Praise' on 2nd and 3rd March in honour of Daddy GO's 78th birthday. Various singers in the region participated in the programme. The atmosphere in both arenas were charged and uplifting. The regional choir ministered exceptionally, with a powerful charge by PDSO.







Let's Pray for Nigeria

of innocent peaceful #endsars protesters on 20th October, PDSO spearheaded a regionwide special intercession tagged *Let's Pray for Nigeria* for 3 consecutive weeks. Many people joined this call for prayer for Nigeria for mercy, peace, and good governance.



Good Women Conference

midst the pandemic, the region was able to hold the first ever virtual Good Women Conference themed, A Woman of Worth (WOW). It took place from 17th to 19th September. Our Regional Mother, Pastor Grace Sola-Oludoyi ministered alongside some anointed women of God from different parts of the world: Pastor Bukunola Olowu (Netherlands), Pastor Manita Fadel (USA), Pastor Modupe Afolabi (UK), and Pastor Toyin Dada (Canada). Pastors Victoria Okuneye, Abiola Olushola and Boma Nwanegbo were panellists in a discussion on lessons learnt in the pandemic. PDSO crowned the conference with prophetic declarations. It was indeed a WOW conference, all to the glory of God!

















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Leadership Summit

world, it becomes pertinent that leaders needed to be strategic and tactical in all decisions they take as they lead us. RCCG Europe Mainland Region 3 hosted a virtual leadership summit in November. The theme of the meeting was Leading in Uncertain Times. The forum featured Pastor O J Kuye, Pastor Daniel Ajayi-Adeniran (USA) and the Pastors Seed Family (EMR3) with the host, PDSO. It was such an extraordinary summit.







Europe Prayer Summit

Prayer Summit in November. It was the first virtual Prayer Summit themed *Hope Of Nations* (culled from Mathew 12:21). It was an evening of prayers and praise as ministrations were from seasoned guest ministers such as Pastor Fredrik Arwehed (Sweden), Pastor Wunmi Oladunjoye (UK), Pastor Ivan Borischevsky (Russia), Pastor Daniel Akhazemea (UK) with PDSO and PGSO.



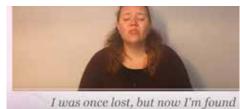


















DINING WITH CHRIST (DWC)























A s each year comes to an end, RC ladies and others look forward to Dining With Christ on the first Saturday of the new year. This event has never failed to impress attendees, and this year, we witnessed the 360-degree camera in action at the venue. Over 400 ladies attended, beautifully adorned in all shades of royal regalia (gold, silver and white). Opeyemi and the Expression Band and DJ Mode One treated the ladies to various sing-along dance provoking songs. They were also treated to a sumptuous and well-laid out banquet, lots of giveaway prizes and a special gift for each guest.

'The icing on the cake' is the powerful prophetic declarations by PDSO and his team of Connections Family Pastors.

Indeed DWC: The Banquet was an evening best experienced than explained.

Many thanks to the DWC partners, sponsors, and RC men helpers. Kudos to the DWC Dream Team!

*Unfortunately due to the pandemic, DWC Lagos, DWC Belgium and DWC Scandinavia did not hold this year as earlier planned.





RC | SPECIAL GUESTS



Pastor Andrew Adeleke



Pastor Yemi Adeleke



Pastor J. F. Odesola



Reverend George Adegboye



Pastor Leke Sanusi



Reverend Yemi Adedeji



Pastor Charles Kpandei



Pastor Abraham Adeniji



Pastor Seyi Oladosu



Pastor (Dr.) Funke Olutoye



Pastor Zion Okuneye



Mrs. Morenike Ajayi



Pastor Toyin Ajala



Dr. Janet Blair



Mrs. Remi Atoyebi



Pastor Eniwaju Etomi



Pastor Gabriel Eziashi



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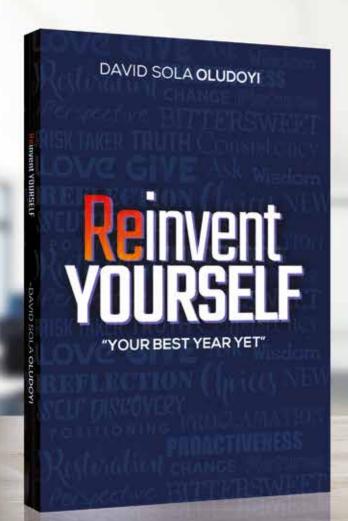
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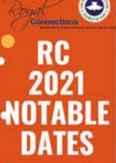




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Please note that our regular weekly activities still hold-Digging Deep, Prayer Meeting, Sunday School and Cell Church.

DINING WITH CHRIST SATURDAY 9/1 RC LEADERS RETREAT FRIDAY 22/1 RC WORKERS' TRAINING SATURDAY 23/1 **VALENTINE'S DAY SUNDAY 14/2** WINDS OF CHANGE CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY 17/2-SUNDAY 21/2 **MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY 14/3** SPECIAL MEN'S EVENT SATURDAY 27/3

GOOD FRIDAY 2/4

EASTER SUNDAY 4/4

RELATIONSHIP TALK BH MONDAY 3/5, SATURDAY 29/5, SATURDAY 2/10

FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY 20/6 MID-YEAR FASTING 1/7-14/7

WOMAN ON A MISSION CONFERENCE FRIDAY 16/7- SUNDAY 18/7

CHILDREN'S TAKEOVER SERVICE SUNDAY 25/7

YOUTH RETREAT FRIDAY 30/7- SUNDAY 1/8

YOUTH WEEK MONDAY 2/8- SUNDAY 8/8

COMMUNITY EVANGELISM DAY SATURDAY 28/8

MULTICULTURAL DAY SUNDAY 29/8

SENIOR CITIZENS/GRANDPARENTS DAY SUNDAY 19/9

WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY FRIDAY 29/10

MEN EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE SATURDAY 6/11

DINING WITH CHRIST LAGOS @10 SUNDAY 21/11

MOTHERS PRAY SATURDAY 4/12

CAROL SERVICE FRIDAY 17/12

COMMUNITY FESTIVE FEAST SATURDAY 18/12

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE FRIDAY 31/12

CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY 25/12 PRAYERS OF CLOSURE TUESDAY 28/12-THURSDAY 30/12



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