



SOMA's Calling

An Exploration

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Original SOMA Vision

SOMA seeks to bring God's healing and empowering to His people through renewal by the Holy Spirit, so that His prophetic purpose may be fulfilled for the Church and for the World.

**“...care for the nervous system of
the Body of Christ”**



Key Questions for 2004

The “Calling”

- n What needs are to be addressed, i.e., what is God asking SOMA to do in the future?**
- n What are the solutions and why are we the ones to do it?**



A Frequent Condition of Today's Church

And its ability to support the community

n Primary Problem:

- n Church is impotent ...often powerless and sterile**

n Holy Spirit

- n Lack of Holy Spirit transforming power being released into churches, communities and nations.**
- n People languishing in churches often with no hope, freedom, peace, wisdom, faith, prayer, etc.**

n Equipping and teaching

- n Lack of vision and resources for equipping**
- n Inadequately trained church leaders (clergy and lay)**
- n Lack of adequate skills base**
- n Lack of adequate discipleship training**
- n Lack of ability to sustain renewal/revival**



Critical Needs

- n Revitalise the Anglican Communion and the worldwide Church**
- n Equip the Church to be a dynamic agent for the transformation of communities as a sign of the coming Kingdom of God**



Solutions and Capabilities

- n A worldwide move of the Holy Spirit is indispensable for addressing both needs:
 - n Revitalise the Anglican Communion and the worldwide Church
 - n Equip the Church to be a dynamic agent for the transformation of communities as a sign of the coming Kingdom of God
- n SOMA has the call, experience, relationships and motivation to support this task



SOMA's Calling Statement

- n SOMA is a mission agency called by God to serve the Anglican Communion and the worldwide Church:**
 - n by building up and equipping the Body of Jesus Christ;**
 - n through the renewing power of the Holy Spirit;**
 - n principally through short-term, cross-cultural missions;**
 - n for the transformation of individuals, churches and communities**



SOMA's Strategic Goals

For the next 3 to 5 years

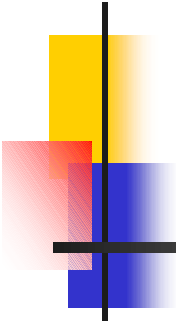
- n Increase the number of intercessory prayer members and teams**
- n Grow ministry to the 'home' Church through inviting and sending mission teams**
- n Continue to build strategic relationships within the Anglican Communion**
- n Greatly increase participation by younger generations**
- n Conduct more collaborative team missions**
- n Conduct more frequent, world-wide renewal conferences**
- n Look for, and conduct, missions aimed at community transformation**



SOMA's Core

Undergirding our ministry

1. **Jesus Christ is the Lord, Redeemer and Saviour of the world.**
2. **The Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.**
3. **Intercessory prayer is essential for releasing God's power.**
4. **Baptism in the Holy Spirit renews, heals and transforms lives and churches.**
5. **The Holy Spirit enables repentance and growth in holiness.**
6. **Renewal leads to reconciliation, care and unity in the body.**
7. **Renewal empowers the Church for evangelism and mission.**
8. **Renewal seeks the transformation of communities as a sign of the coming Kingdom of God.**
9. **Giving and receiving across cultures is part of God's precious resource in renewal and mission.**
10. **Effective ministry flows from a servant heart and through loving relationships.**



The SOMA Family

Tying it all together for the Silver Jubilee

