

God's Call To SOMA

**As discerned by a group of intercessors and listeners
at the Silver Jubilee 2004.**

What the Spirit is saying to SOMA in Canterbury, 8th July 2004.

*We have gathered at a time when the world is unsettled and restless:
socially, morally, politically and in matters of faith.*

*We have listened to our God and we respond prayerfully and with sensitivity.
We believe the Holy Spirit is saying to us and the background scripture is Luke 2:
25-38 about Simeon and Anna: "My eyes have seen your Salvation; a light for
revelation to the Gentiles."*

"SOMA you are called to renew the vision of 1998: 'Today you have heard my Word. My Word is Truth. If you cannot obey my Word you cannot be my people. If you cannot obey my Word, you cannot be my Church.'

"SOMA you have the call and gifting for unity; a mission to the whole Church and not just Anglicanism. It will be done in obedience and suffering patient endurance; through united prayer and intercession, drawing in the youth and young adults, passing on the baton. You will live in the hope, that God, in his timing and his way will do a new thing.

"Therefore break down barriers; cross bridges; reach out to the poor, oppressed and war weary.

"God says: 'I intend to flood the whole world with my love and SOMA is to be part of this outpouring.

"You will lead and encourage people to move: from sin to repentance; from intellectual pride to spiritual truth; from false and cultural tradition to freedom in the power of my Holy Spirit.

"By 2029 raise up a generation of holy God-fearing leaders who in faith speak into and serve within government, business, education and Church. You are called to be a people who in your renewed vision will make a difference; a difference that will result in an overflowing of joy, such as the world has never seen.

"Trust in the Lord, not in institutions for the grace of my Spirit is released within a suffering Church and amongst a suffering people. Continue to tell the story of my redeeming love."

From Joshua 1: 9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Father we thank you that you have spoken to us with clarity insight and vision. And in faith, Father we receive it in the name of Jesus, Amen.