

# ***The National Church Leaders Forum – A Black Christian Voice***

## **Black Church Political Mobilisation *A Manifesto for Action***

**The National Church Leaders Forum (NCLF)**<sup>1</sup> had its first meeting at Kingsway International Christian Centre (KICC) in May 2011 and was attended by key leaders of the African and Caribbean churches in the UK. Its main purpose was to look at how African and Caribbean churches effectively serve their communities and the wider society, especially how it engages with political issues and policy makers.

### **Purpose of the Questionnaire:**

The purpose of the questionnaire is to elicit the views and opinions of African and Caribbean pastors and leaders on a range of social and political issues to inform the *Black Church Political Mobilisation: A Manifesto for Action*. Following a series of consultations last autumn with activists (OBV, London), academics (Queen's College, Birmingham), church leaders (NTCG Leadership Training Centre, Northampton) and young people (CTE, London) the questionnaire is designed to further canvass the views of the wider church leadership, especially those who were unable to attend the autumn consultations. Responses will be used to inform the draft document and its final recommendations.

This is the first time we are trying to mobilise the African and Caribbean Church constituency in this way to engage with the wider political issues. Therefore, we would like to urge and encourage leaders to complete the Questionnaire so that we, like the men and women of Issachar, can better 'understand the times' (1 Chron. 12:32) and what we must do to be 'salt and light' (Matt. 5:13-16) in our communities.

All responses will be treated in confidence and in accordance with the standard UK Privacy Regulations and Research Ethics. Anonymity will be guaranteed and permission will be sought from respondents in advance of the circulation of the draft publication.

**Please return the completed questionnaire by Friday 22 February 2013**

**Completed questionnaires and other material should be sent to:**

*Carole Golden, Churches Together in England, 27 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HH.*

Responses and additional material can also be scanned and emailed to: [info.nclf@gmail.com](mailto:info.nclf@gmail.com)

**We look forward to receiving your completed questionnaire and would like to thank you in advance.**

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### SECTION 1: PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME OF LOCAL CHURCH:

DENOMINATION:

YEAR LOCAL CHURCH ESTABLISHED:

POSITION/TITLE:

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### SECTION 2: Views on politics and politicians

1. What does 'politics' mean to you and how important do you think it is for the local church?

2. What 3 scriptures would you use to illustrate your understanding of politics or our need to engage with society?

3. How important is voting to you? (Please tick one)

Extremely important

Very important

Important

Not important

4. Did you vote in the 2010 General Election?

YES  NO

5. Which political party did you vote for? (Optional)

6. Your views on politicians. (Tick 2)

Most Politicians are doing a good job

Most Politicians are not doing a good job

Most Politicians are morally upright people

Most Politicians are morally questionable

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**7. How many of the following do you have in your church?**

Local Counsellors:

MPs:

School Governors:

JPs:

**8. List the 3 local issues that you are most concerned about:**

**9. How do you think your local church can help address one of the local issues you have listed?**

**10. List the 3 national issues that you are most concerned about:**

**11. List the 3 international issues that you are most concerned about:**

**SECTION 3: Your church in the Community**

**12. Please tick the services and programmes your church is engaged in locally**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bible study            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prison visits/outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Supplementary school   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Breakfast/lunch club   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Saturday/Sunday school | <input type="checkbox"/> | After school club      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Alpha course           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Street Pastors         | <input type="checkbox"/> |



