

H. Ngama elected to be the new pastor for the North England, UK Region

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H. delivers her first sermon as pastor

H. Ngama, a second-generation member, was elected to be the new pastor for the North England Region after an election was held in December.

The 'pastor handover ceremony' was held the following month on January 13th 2019, where H. was officially welcomed into the role of pastor. The ceremony included a brief speech by outgoing pastor, Dale Rose, in addition to William Haines offering an anointing prayer for H.. A gift of thanks was given to Dale and Galina Rose for all their hard work and dedication within the community, followed by a presentation of flowers to Dale Rose as the outgoing pastor, and to H. Ngama as the incoming pastor.

H. Ngama on becoming a pastor, life within the movement and her relationship with God and True Parents.

"I was quite calm during the whole [election] process.

I just wanted people to vote for someone they wanted, who they are comfortable with and someone they are confident can do a good job. I told my siblings that they shouldn't vote for me because I'm their sister, but because they genuinely believe that I can do a good job and that God can work through me.

For me, a pastor is someone who can help and support member to improve the quality of their lives.

I would say that my parents helped to build a foundation for me to become a pastor today. I was born in Goma (Congo, Africa), and while I was very young when we left Congo, I know my parents were pastors there for over 10 years. In Goma, my dad worked quite a lot, while my mum was the one running the church. I saw them work hard to support people and helped to change people's lives. For example, in Congo, at the time, a lot of schools were privatised, meaning parents had to pay for their children's tuition. This meant that parents who lived in destitute conditions could not send their children to school. My parents built a school and provided financial aid, not just to church members with financial difficulties, but also people in their community. And so, I've always been inspired by this.



Outgoing pastor, Dale Rose alongside new pastor, H. Ngama

Before becoming a pastor, I had every excuse -- which were all valid of course -- as to why I could not serve in my community. Being a working full-time student, life can get busy. But, when the opportunity to become pastor arose, I started to reflect on my life, and why I went to university in the first place. I went to university because I wanted to gain skills and knowledge that I can use to help build the kingdom of God. But somewhere along the line, I got caught-up with all my other responsibilities and forgot about this point. I have come to realise that we are only promised today, so if I want to serve God, the time is now. Just like I make time for my assignments and exams, I also need to make time for God. And so, I did not allow the fear of responsibility to stop me. Instead, regardless of how busy I am, I decided that I will make time for God. I truly believe that if I make God a priority, God will also make me a priority. Now, despite having a busy schedule, I am at peace, and I feel that this is what I am meant to be doing at this stage of my life.

I do adore and have the utmost appreciation for True Parents. The Bible says, 'know the truth, and the truth will set you free.' And I do believe that by bringing us the Divine Principle, True Parents have set us free in so many ways. I have nothing but respect and adoration for True Parents, but I try to focus on my relationship with God, rather than rely too much on True Parents. Because, at the end of the day, God is the master of our being, our creator. And so, I think that it is important to put God at the centre of my life."

H. deeply appreciates all those who supported her through the election/transition process and for those who continue to show their support in her new role as pastor.

We wish H. all the best in her new role as Manchester Pastor.