



On behalf of the trustees of CTM I pray that Christmas 2020 will be a time of blessing wherever you are, and whatever the circumstances.

Since CTM was born in 2001 there have been fifteen previous newsletters, and together with the Consultation Reports from around the world, they chart a little of the journey on which those engaged in CT have been travelling.

Next year is our twentieth birthday, and so in some ways you might expect CT and CTM to have grown up. In fact, that prospect still seems remote, perhaps even incongruous. This is something that the book *Toddlng to the Kingdom*, edited by John Collier in 2009, puts so beautifully. Even so, we plan to celebrate this anniversary with a range of publications and events, so stay tuned to what's going on through the newly designed website or social media.

*Consultation Reports*, *Booklets*, and *Toddlng to the Kingdom* are still available in hard copy and/or electronic versions, so contact the CTM office if you would like to read them.

There are two guiding principles of CT as we understand it. First that it is a journey of faith for followers of Jesus, inspired and led by Him, and represented uniquely in His call of a little child to be with Him among His first disciples as a sign of God's Kingdom and how to enter it. Second that it is a journey that followers of Jesus around the world undertake together.

In 2021 we hope that some of those who have been part of the journey so far will join together as an International Working Group, to facilitate the continuing process of seeing Jesus more clearly, loving Him more dearly, and following Him more nearly day by day. Do let me know if you would like to know more about this group.

One of the many memorable moments in the story of the journey so far for me was in Nepal.

Members of a consultation there were holding letters that they had written to the churches, children, denominations, faith-based organisations, parents and care-givers in their country, that had been published by CTM in printed form. Rarely, they told me, had anyone elsewhere in the world listened to what people in Nepal were saying. CTM is a means of just such communication.

May the Light of God revealed so comprehensively, yet vulnerably, in the Child laid in the manger continue to shine upon you, among you and through you.

Keith White