

NOTES OF APPRECIATION FOR BRIDGE BUILDERS ON ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

I did the conflict transformation course in 1999 – the best bit of training I've ever undertaken. It's been hugely significant and I'm using the skills learnt on almost a daily basis at home, in church or in other churches that need help. Thank you so much.

Revd David Gooderidge
Pastor, Lymington Baptist Church

Addressing conflict in Christian organisations has long been ignored! Bridge Builders provides courses that are practical, professional and deeply rooted in the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

To all at Bridge Builders and L.M.C. who support this work – THANK YOU for your commitment, care and love.

May you continue to discern God's will and so experience the blessings of joy and peace.

Ruth East
Methodist Lay Worker

Congratulations on your 10th year! May God continue to guide and bless your work in making the world a more peaceful place.

Your training has helped me to be more confident that situations of conflict can be resolved and new life emerge.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

Revd Mavis Wilson
Anglican Rector, Camberley, Surrey

I congratulate you with 10 years of Bridge Building. I enjoyed and enjoy being in contact with you. Your model of being "peace missionaries" is inspiring and helpful for developing such a ministry on the continent. We know it's very hard work and not an easy task to become an economically viable operation. We wish you endurance, wisdom, and a strong faith.

Maarten van der Werf
former European Mennonite Peace Committee secretary
Zwolle, The Netherlands

Bridge Builders is a valuable resource for the churches concerning matters with which it's often hard to engage. And your friendship is a great encouragement too! My prayer for you is an expanding the fruitful ministry.

Revd Paul Hills
Senior Regional Minister, Eastern Area, Baptist Union

I wish you well for another 10/20/30/100 years of reconciliation ministry!

Revd Cilla Hawkes
Anglican Curate, Essex

Greetings and congratulations on 10 successful years. May the Lord bless the Bridge Builders ministry with further growth and another 10 years of promoting healing and reconciliation.

Dawn Taylor
Baptist lay leader, Weston-Supermare, Somerset

Congratulations on 10 years of ministry – and all good wishes for the future in bringing light and peace into our world.

Lilamani Wickramaratne
Consultant in Cross Cultural Communication
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire

Keep up the good work of helping individuals and churches deal with conflict wisely, reasonably and respectfully.

Revd David Tomlinson
Anglican Vicar and Area Dean, Grays, Essex

Warm congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the Celebration of Bridge Builders' 10th Anniversary. I pray God's continued blessing on your inspirational work.

Revd Pat Quint
Anglican Vicar, Hitchin, Hertfordshire

This is vital work for the Church and Kingdom. I am delighted to be associated with the work as it develops and wish you well as a team. There is such a positive sense about conflict resolution being possible at last – in no small measure due to the prayerful and Godly work of Bridge Builders. May you continue in Christ to prosper.

Rt Revd Frank White
Bishop of Brixworth, Diocese of Peterborough

Congratulations! I describe the one week course on transformative mediation as a week that changed my life – and the best educational experience I have ever had! I am hoping that this understanding of conflict and mediation will spread more widely in my area.

Revd Jonathan Evans
Anglican Vicar, Beverley, East Yorkshire

I hope that the celebration will be a great event and a springboard for another ten years!

Revd Angus Mathieson
Church of Scotland Ministries Council, Edinburgh

Thank you for all that you do! This comes with our love and prayers for all that you will continue to do in this hugely important ministry.

Kathy Lawrence
Local Ministry team, Diocese of Gloucester

The above are a selection of the comments received. Cards were also sent by the following: Fr Bill Braviner; Sue Clements-Jewery; Alison Elliott; Revd Douglas Holt; Chris Hughes; Rick L. Law; Col. Oliver Lindsay; Ann Morisy; Ali Phelps; and at least a couple of others that we cannot place!