DAY 1: Monday 11th

Introduction to theme: Clifford Hill – Founder (chaired by Tim Vince)
The shaking of the nations as prophesied in Haggai 2:6-7 is now happening with earthquakes, tsunamis, flooding, forest fires and birds falling from the sky as reported in various nations around the world (see Powerpoint slides available).

Cliff and other leaders attended a prophetic conference in Israel during 1986. Three weeks later the Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurred. This triggered the break up of the Soviet Union and the fall of the Berlin wall.

In the Western nations, all the social institutions are being shaken; family, education, the economy, law and government, religion. In the Arab world, nations are now beginning to be shaken, initially politically.

Why is this happening? The nations are in rebellion against God. Romans 1:18 – men suppress the truth. In Japan the dangers were known, but still they built on a fault-line. These things are a warning sign to us, as was the tower of Siloam in Luke 13:8-18. Isaiah 24:5-6 – tells us the earth is defiled by its people. These are warning signs of danger from a loving heavenly Father.

What is the prophetic outlook? Zechariah 14:2 – all the nations will come against Jerusalem. Zechariah 3 & 4 speak of the two witnesses – the believing Jews and the believing Gentiles. Zechariah 4:10 – the plumb-line is already in the hand of Jesus.

Session One: Some thoughts on Wilberforce and Social Transformation - John Wolffe – Professor of History, Open University (chaired by Clifford Hill)

We need to understand how and why God was working in the past to understand where we are going in the future. We must not look to simple models or formulas to apply. We can look to Wilberforce for inspiration. When we look at structures, what is essential and what can be discarded? Some things worked well and may provide a strategy. Where did things go wrong and where was momentum lost?

Wilberforce was converted in 1785/6 and then went to see John Newton.

Wilberforce had two major purposes; the reformation of manners at home and the abolition of the slave trade abroad. They were experiencing their own shaking and were living in a period of instability with a sense of crisis; the US war of independence and the French revolution. Britain felt a dislocation as a major colony broke away after a humiliating war. In 1789 there were major events across the channel - which could spread to Britain.

Wilberforce’s book “A Practical View of Christianity” was calling for a return to true Christian standards. It was sold out and re-printed at the right time for maximum impact. A major difference between the 18th Century and today was the much smaller population, where networks operated well and influence of politicians was easier.

Wilberforce was not alone. There was the Clapham Group and a wider network to mobilise support. The Methodist expansion of the 1790’s was an exponential increase. The anti-slave trade movement was wider. Wilberforce was a professional politician before he was converted and remained committed to politics. He had conspicuous integrity, together
with strong family networks and a strong devotional life.

**Achievements and legacy:** What are the chances of success? In 1807 the political circumstances changed. There is a need for realism and recognition of the long-term time scales. Wilberforce’s book is still in print!!

**Key implications:** Human agency can make a difference if it sees a need and sticks to it. Christian morale is crucial. Prophecies can become self-fulfilling. A declining church believes that the world is against them. A positive belief is needed in what can be achieved. Wilberforce was recognized as hyperactive and not necessarily good at time management.

**Open Discussion**

Tim Vince’s summary: 8 P’s! Professional, perseverance, prophetic, pre-millennial, providence, practical, personal, proactive.

Nigel – the world currency is ready to implode, the banking system is not in control. A collapse is coming. Food shortages – witnessed to by Jeremy and Sarah earlier in the day!

Derek – today’s moral issue is political correctness and Christians are on the back foot.

Nigel – there is slavery in today’s work places when work does not align with individual gifts.

Tim – what is the chief area we should address today? There is a danger of losing focus.

David – facing the challenge of slavery, what would people say today? No way! There is as much apathy within the church as outside. Is it a just cause? There should be an expectation of success and not be discouraged at set-backs.

Martin – research is needed to combat propaganda. Some had vested interests. A cultural change was required. A political campaign is at the spearhead.

Chris – we need communication networks, not just meetings. Social networking technology can reach large numbers of people.

Cliff – societies were formed across the country which connected with individuals.

Derek – the need for revival (as Wesley), for the Spirit to change the people.

Chris – the profit margins, the long hours, the lean organizations – it starts with us.

Tim – authenticity – can see a mile off.

Sarah – the message can bring hope. Anti-depressant prescriptions are on the increase.

Michael – globalization is the commercial Babylon. It is not a fight we can pick.

**Session Two: Wilberforce – Yesterday and Today** - Martin Charlesworth – Historian and Leader, Barnabas Church Shrewsbury

A strong emphasis is needed on the vitality of local churches: a prayer strategy, connection with the community, social action (eg debt).

**The spiritual legacy of the Clapham Group:**

- Genuine evangelical faith
- Practical discipleship
- Personal stewardship and generosity – stand against materialism
- Lack of interest in personal success
- Broad social vision
- Evangelical idealism – prophets and apostles lost to the church
- Pragmatism
- Faithfulness
- Humility.

**Lessons to Learn:**

- Outstanding leadership – eloquence, in public domain
- Effective central team – informal, friendship based
- Power of research
- Use of publicity/media
- Function as a pressure group – press pamphlets, home groups
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• Persistence
• Good practical tactics
• Sufficient political strength
• Multi-generational approach.

The discontinuity – Today’s Issues:
• Relative weakness of the church – on margins of political debate
• Secular cultural context
• Role of state has changed – lack of intervention will leave holes
• Key issues have changed.

The Challenge:
• Rebuild strong church
• Identify key social issues
• Create suitable networks
• Develop leadership.

Wilberforce was not a clergyman. Martin’s visit to the museum in Hull. If Wilberforce was alive today, what would his passion be?

A Proposal – four central issues:
2. Family Renewal – social breakdown, fundamental cultural change, rise of consumer debt (£1.4T, started in 1980’s)

Open Discussion
Paul – the Christian Community is not willing to sacrifice.
David – the church does not have a voice.
Nigel – the church has 40,000 labels, should be a 5-fold ministry. We have a King Saul – one minister leader. Apostles & prophets give vision and strategy.
Martin – ecclesiology was not the main issue, they got on with the job and came together in common cause.
Michael – the EU is where our laws come from.
Derek – the acceptance of Darwinism.
Nigel – we need to repent and turn back to God. Taken away our protection.
Chris – need to go through pain. Where does the truth lie? Need Biblical clarity. There is often more honesty in the business community than in the church. Are we prepared to move on sacred cows? Not try to get the first step right, just take a step!
Bryn – are we in the entertainment business?
Frances – Elijah was a prophet without compromise, need to find the hidden prophets.

Session Three: Some thoughts on Moggerhanger Park …a 21st Century Clapham Connection? - Danny Stupple – Chair of Harvest Vision (HV)

Moggerhanger - the story so far. £7 million in grants (from Egypt), but no golden calf.
Why now? – the 200th anniversary, 1812 finished.
Sir Humphry Repton – landscapes.
Henry Thornton and Wilberforce – 2012 heritage reminder, a nation deep in trouble.

Under this house is a continual well - an artesian well spills out! Prophetic water flowing out! Genesis 26 – Isaac re-dug the wells that had been sealed up. v18 he re-named them, v22 wide open spaces. We are reclaiming the land – Park Farm.

Pillars strategy (see available powerpoint slides) – do not need 50% to influence a nation just a well-deployed 1-2%!
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21st Century Application:
- Cultural impact by Holy Spirit initiation
- Black and white partnership
- Mosaic generation
- IT revolution
- Revelation tanks
- Transforming culture
- Salvation

Proposal:
- Respecting our heritage - crossroads
- Wesleyan/Methodist revival – charismatic renewal
- Clapham Sect - politics
- Societies – big society invitation?
- Shaftesbury – local implementation
- Reform of manners – national change.

Alignment:
Hubs – creation of prophetic insight, cultural impact, many ministries.
Moggerhanger as a platform, a communications hub, grass roots intelligence.

DAY 2: Tuesday 12th

Session Four: The issues that Wilberforce would tackle today - facilitated by Chris Lever - Teleios

Four break-out groups were formed, each dealing with one of the following:
- Rights and Freedoms
- Justice
- Family
- Environment

Summary of Bullet Point Findings and Action Points

1. Rights and Freedoms

Findings –
- The church is in hiding
- Privatised faith, not public square.
- Rights are emphasised far above any duties.
- Is the church free? Fragmentation of the church position has led to an erosion of previously “given” freedoms of conscience.
- Why? Is there a fear of rejection?
- Recent case law has been highlighted by the actions of Christian ministries in the legal profession.

Thoughts as to Actions –
- Moggerhanger, through Cliff and C and M Ministries, has recently reignited the Family and Child Protection Group which is now chaired by Jim Dobbin (Labour) and Fiona Bruce (Conservative). This could be used as a conduit to seek to establish rights and freedoms with regard to Gay marriage in church. A small working party, both at this consultation and within the Family and Child Protection Group, will report back in due course as to a political review on this subject via the Attorney General and David Burrows MP.
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• It was thought important to begin to build a consultation relationship with Christian MPs, particularly the 45 new members, and generally the newly formed Christians in Parliament (CIP) Group. It was thought that the newly formed new churches/Pentecostal/Independence Group could also work together with Moggerhanger to build such consultation “bridges”. In particular, it was thought that Martin Charlesworth and Clifford Hill could work together in this regard.
• There was general consensus that it would be an excellent idea for a small working group from the consultation to seek to convene a meeting of the Christian Institute, Christian Concern, Christian Legal Centre, CARE, Lawyer’s Christian Fellowship and EA representation to seek to ask if there could be a “united” approach to presentation to Government on the issue of rights and freedoms. Paul Diamond, Frances and Andrew Bolton, Robert Rowe and John Scriven would advise the consultation as to the best way to seek such a meeting.

2. Justice/Injustice

Findings –
• The facts were not the battle, they were the victory!
• It was agreed by all in the plenary session that the key issue is that of abortion. Did the church in the UK have a stomach for the fight? The parallel with Wilberforce and slavery was considered incontrovertible. His use of facts to drive home the gruesome reality of transatlantic slavery had parallels with needing the present the facts in all their clarity, consistently over the long term, into the public arena.
• It would be so important for such campaigning to be seen as compassionate, both for the unborn children - but also for the mothers.
• It would be important to present abortion as a crisis of massive proportions and to emphasise the unjust nature of the cause politically.
• The call to see “a generation spared” could have effect, if indeed the church did have a “stomach for the fight”.
• The Church had been silent since the early years of the 21st century and needed to recommence the battle!
• The other area of enslavement in the area of justice/injustice was personal and national debt. It had been our credit, but it would be our children’s crunch. We had robbed their future and set them on the path to debt enslavement.
• It was considered that this should be presented to culture under the Justice/Injustice banner, so that the present generation could do all in its power to help subsequent generations.

Proposed Actions –
• To seek to call an all-party briefing opportunity as to the facts of the Justice/Injustice of (a) abortion, (b) debt.
• A small working party from the consultation would be tasked with this consultation emphasising in particular the Justice/Injustice relating to both causes.
• It was considered that justice was closely linked to the “fairness” agenda of the Coalition. Work could therefore be done to emphasise the nature of fair representation for the unborn and the next generation of debtors using a Biblical framework. Discussion as to the nature of Jubilee and its outworking with possible interface with the Act Network (Nat Wei and Pastor Tan) may be very beneficial. Once more, a small working party from the consultation would be tasked with this work.

3. Family

Findings –
• The family was in catastrophic breakdown.
• The cost of family breakdown was reported as £42,000,000,000 per annum.
• It was considered that all the facts were on the side of the Lord! There were strong and multiple streams of evidence to suggest that a marriage relationship was the most beneficial for the raising of children – without exception.
• It was agreed that there was a great need to present such strong evidence regularly, consistently and over the long term.
• Wilberforce gained signatures for his campaigns and we must do likewise. We must become “intelligence pioneers”!
• We will need to form networks of projects such as those undertaken by FMI, Let’s Stick Together and GroBrain to name but a few and to bring the findings together in a powerful presentation of evidence to Government.
• There was also great evidence to suggest that ‘early years’ intervention was far more effective the earlier it could be delivered. This was considered to be a great opportunity for the church in the UK - if properly resourced.
• Research into youth gangs indicated that the family bond was counterfeit but real in such groups. The use of good evidence to build family might be helpful in formulating policy to help reduce youth crime.
• The use of networks was considered weak compared to the building of extended family. The role of grandparents, uncles and aunts and community were far more important than networks.
• In particular, it was considered that fatherhood needed to be re-found in culture. The hearts of the fathers needed to be turned to the sons and the sons hearts needed to be turned to the fathers.
• This was considered particularly important in the area of family business and succession, which had been lost in recent years.

Actions –
• Cliff confirmed that the Family and Child Protection Group had already reignited. Work had already begun under some of the heads and this would continue with working groups that could be strengthened by members of the consultation. The working groups in the Family and Child Protection Group were tasked with recruiting as appropriate.
• A working party from the consultation would be formed under Clifford Hill's direction to look at the whole area of the father's heart, fatherhood and the kindness of God. It was considered that this theological input would be vital to equip the church to express the father heart of God in the days ahead. It was considered that Clifford's recent book "Unbreakable Love" might form the basis of church training materials in this regard.
• It was considered that FMI, based at Moggerhanger Park, could be used as a vehicle for any of the ministries represented at the consultation to help bring evidence to the Houses of Parliament such as the "More than Sundays" and "Grandparents Matter" reports had done in recent years.
• In particular, FMI would approach B&Q, as it was understood that they were about to embark upon a very large CSR programme which would be open to possible areas for father and child “construction of flat packs” areas etc. Danny Stipple and Matt Buttery were tasked by the consultation to work through this with Chris Lever.

4. Environment

Findings –
• The consultation concurred that this breakout group bought the most wide ranging insights and revelation to the consultation.
• It was considered that the prophetic input earlier in the consultation regarding partial collapse of the economy was to be taken seriously. The need to potentially become aware at the local level of the need for food provision helped galvanise those present.
• It was agreed that we should use the strategy of Wilberforce of "co-belligerency" to work with any and all who shared our particular concern for "creation care".
• It was considered that there was a lack of prominent church leadership speaking on this cause from a Biblical position.
• It was considered that there was a large crossover of issues 1 – 3 above in relation to the environment, particularly Justice/Family. In particular, the issues of climate change and poverty were considered important for further research.
• It was considered that “the land” in scripture needed to be theologically developed. Eretz Israel, and in particular the Genesis 26 passage with regard to Isaac's wells, was considered worthy of further research in that Moggerhanger might become a "microcosm model" for such theology, i.e. geothermal provision might be considered in the grounds.

Actions –
• Chris Lever was asked to assist the consultation in making connection with B&Q, who it was understood were considering a major CSR initiative in regard to sustainability and the environment, to see if there was any opportunity to work together.
• Chris Lever was also asked if he would help the consultation make contact with the Eden Project in Cornwall, to again see if there was some possibility of tie-in with Moggerhanger as "microcosm".
• Nigel Sykes was asked to consider whether business could interact with the education at Moggerhanger Park generally, to form a university-based "technology house" utilising green-based new technologies in the house, grounds and, in particular, Park Farm.
• CCM based at Moggerhanger Park would begin consultation with Barnfield College in relation to a possible university campus collaborative working regime. The possible production of food under a sustainable ecological model would be researched as part of the ongoing curriculum of any such venture.
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- It was suggested that this wider environmental brief should be used for the imminent Gardener appointment for the grounds of Moggerhanger Park.
- Martin Charlesworth agreed to head up a small working party from the consultation to look at how the theological and stewardship aspects of creation care could be presented more thoroughly to places of influencing culture, particularly within the Coalition Government. (Danny Stupple confirmed that the MP for his constituency was in fact the Climate Change Secretary, Mr. Chris Huhne, if this was of any assistance and Danny's relationship with him on a professional footing was good).

### Summarising Action:

- In conclusion, it was agreed that the subsequent actions would be carried out between any further consultations, developing relationships freely from the consultation into areas of shared concern/ministry/expertise.
- However, it was agreed that there needed to be an extensive area of research into communication for such actions to be truly effective. The connection of ministries and relationships over time through good communication such as TV and Internet broadcasting, social networking/media and Web 3.0 etc., would become more and more vital. It was confirmed at the end of the plenary session that the session immediately following would be a presentation of these possibilities by Tim Vince of Moggerhanger Park.
- Harvest Vision will use the above action points as the agenda for their Trustees' Meetings to act as the conduit and encourager following this initial consultation and any subsequent further consultations. In this way, it is hoped that it will help initiate creative change of the Kingdom of God in the UK in these days.

### Session Five: Propositions for Implementation and Future Communication - Tim Vince – Revelation TV, Director CCM, Chief Exec. MPL and HV Coordinator

- A conversation is needed between the leaders. Media is the key, as is access to government. We have a short window of opportunity. Example: Heal our land. Children are a key, wide appeal. We need to tap into networks, training in new media, church without walls. The challenge – is this the goal for the next generation?
- It was agreed that Tim Vince would be tasked with working to co-ordinate a unitary communication strategy from Moggerhanger Park.

### Conclusion: Action Points led by Clifford Hill

- The message from the consultation is a call to watch and pray.
- Therefore, it was suggested that after a period of reflection, further consultations will be called to look at 7 areas of societal transformation, i.e. 1 Church, 2 Family, 3 Education, 4 Government, (incl Health and Military) 5 Media, 6 Arts (incl Sports & Entertainment) and 7 Business - one at a time, to seek to implement the bullet point findings from Session 4 and communicate as per Session 5: with some invited experts with influence each area.

There then followed prayer, thanksgiving and the close of the consultation was announced.