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PRESS RELEASE: Crosslinks changes to meet the needs of worldwide mission

New opportunities for gospel ministry worldwide and an increase in people offering themselves for such service have led Crosslinks, the Anglican evangelical mission agency, to redevelop its structures. Its General Secretary is to take on a more strategic role in the service of world mission and in developing relationships with partners throughout the Anglican Communion.

Canon Andy Lines, the present General Secretary, will remain at the helm of the mission agency, under the new title of Mission Director. He will be released from managerial roles within Crosslinks' London Office and will give greater priority to the strategy of Crosslinks' operations and its relationships with gospel partners worldwide, particularly across the Anglican Communion.

A new position of Operations Director will be created, with oversight of the Crosslinks staff and all aspects of day-to-day operations.

Rev. Matthew Payne, Chairman of the Crosslinks' Trustees who approved the changes, said, "These are exciting times for those who want to see the world reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. At Crosslinks we are receiving more enquiries about short- and long-term service, and are hearing many encouraging reports from our established Mission Partners.

"We want to be effective in serving the church and our partners in their engagement with God's Mission. Andy's skills in developing and maintaining partnerships in the gospel worldwide are invaluable in this, and we hope our new structures will help him to continue to serve in these ways, whilst enabling our London Office better to resource and inform all engaged in God's mission. We pray that these changes would, under God, result in His Word going to more of His World"

NOTES:

1. Crosslinks is an international mission agency with its roots in the Bible and its principal sphere of operations in the worldwide Anglican Communion. Founded in 1922 as the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society (BCMS), our slogan is 'God's Word to God's World.
2. Crosslinks operates offices in London, Belfast and Dublin, with 24 staff members and more than 80 Mission Partners and Associates serving in 4 continents.
3. Canon Andy Lines has been General Secretary of Crosslinks, since 2000. He has extensive experience and enthusiasm for mission worldwide, having served in South America for 9 years during the 1990s.
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