

I write to express a concern that Methodism seems to be no longer the 'broad Church' which I have known and loved and that is an open, inclusive, welcoming and accepting movement in which members can share in a depth of loving fellowship, listening to one another, empathetically, with an understanding and non-judgemental approach. There appears to be a growing tendency to fissiparate rather than to value the underlying unity which we all have in our one Lord, Jesus Christ, respecting the opinions of others different from our own, the Catholic Spirit of our illustrious founders being disregarded.

But now for the good news! There is a Methodist-based movement called SPECTRUM which cherishes the broad Church tradition and regards theology as a process of exploration based on the interaction of the four elements of the Methodist Quadrilateral; Scripture, Reason, Tradition and Experience. SPECTRUM welcomes new members who identify with this approach, believing that in the atmosphere of loving fellowship different opinions may be respected and shared. To join the movement please contact our membership secretary: Rev. Tony Barnes, email: [barnes891@btinternet.com](mailto:barnes891@btinternet.com)

SPECTRUM also arranges an annual conference which is open to all. This year the theme is 'Being the Salt of the Earth' which will focus on issues of peace and justice, to be held at Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire, May 16-18<sup>th</sup>, the speakers being Professor Anthony Reddie and Rev. Simon Sutcliffe. These conferences are renowned for the quality of their content and depth of their fellowship. For further details contact Pat Anning on: [patricia.anning@hotmail.com](mailto:patricia.anning@hotmail.com)

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