

The Navigators Select New International President

August 26, 2004, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO: The Navigators, a worldwide partnership focused on evangelizing and discipling the nations, has appointed a new international president, Englishman Michael W. Treneer, former Africa director.

The selection came after a four-month process that concluded with a vote of the international council, which consists of 30 Navigator staff of 13 nationalities. The council, chaired by Dr. Jerry White, the current international president of 18 years, voted unanimously for Treneer's appointment.

"I am extremely pleased with God's selection of Mike," says White, who will retain his position as chairman of The Navigators U.S. Board of Directors. "God has uniquely prepared him for this role, and he is the man to lead the next phase of the Navigator ministry."

Alan Andrews, U.S. Navigator president, says, "I am delighted with Mike Treneer's selection as international president. We look forward to his godly leadership."

Treneer, 56, will assume his new position on January 1, 2005. He will be the fourth international president in The Navigators' 72-year history. Born and raised in England, and with more than 20 years' service in Africa, Treneer is The Navigators' first non-American president. His appointment reflects the ministry's increasing diversity and worldwide focus, according to International Vice President Donald McGilchrist.

"I have needed to rely heavily on God's grace during this process," says Treneer. "God's promise in Isaiah 41:10 will provide a foundation from which to move forward." Isaiah 41:10 refers to God's presence with us and the strength He gives us. Treneer adds that he is ready and motivated to support the ministry's international leaders in the same way he has been helped in his position as a regional leader by Jerry White and his team.

"I am excited to bring that to the next generation of leaders."

Treneer came to faith in Christ through the Navigator student ministry in England. After graduating from Loughborough University as a chemical engineer, he worked for Shell Chemicals in Manchester while continuing his involvement with the Navigator student ministry. He and his wife, Chris, joined staff full time in 1971. In the mid '70s, the Treneers pioneered the Navigator ministry in Nigeria. He served as The Navigators' director for Africa from 1981 to 1998. In 1998, Treneer became an international vice president of The Navigators, overseeing ministries in Australia and New Zealand, Russia, Ukraine, and the Baltic States. For the past three years, he has led the European Navigator work. During their 33 years of marriage, Mike and Chris both have had extensive personal ministries in the United Kingdom, Africa, and the United States. They are the parents of three adult children, Ruth, David (married to Laura), and Anna.

About The Navigators

More than 4,000 Navigator staff of 63 nationalities minister among college students, military personnel, business and professional people, communities, and churches in 110 countries. Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, The Navigators is a worldwide partnership with a calling to *advance the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers living and discipling among the lost.*