

## **GLOBAL FOCUS WORKING GROUP PHOTOGRAPHY FUND RAISER 2023**

**Following on from the success of the 2022 and 2023 competitions, the Global Focus Working Group are excited to announce the launch of this year's competition.**

### **Photo Comp Categories:**

**My Church** – *“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!” Ps 122:1*

There may be something in your Church that really touches you or stands out for you. It may be a stain glass window or a banner or a particular carving on a pillar; it may be a particular person or group of people. What is it in your Church that is particularly special to you?

**Seasons** – *“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22*

Each season has its own special characteristics – whether it's the new buds starting to appear in spring or a ripe wheat field in summer. Maybe you prefer the reds and golds of autumn. Get the camera out and capture an image that embodies that season for you.

**This brings me joy** – *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13*

It may be a photo of your pet, or a wave crashing against rocks. It may be seeing a ladybird or looking at a fiery sunset. There are so many things that bring us joy. Why not take a photo and share it with us?

**On my travels** – *“From one man he made all the people of the world. Now they live all over the earth.” Acts 17:26*

The richness and diversity of God's people and his world is amazing. Whether your travels have been in the UK or further afield, what have you seen that has lifted your spirits, intrigued you, filled you with wonder or just left you speechless. Why not share it with us?

**That made me laugh** – *He will fill your mouth with laughter. Shouts of joy will come from your lips. Job 8:21*

It might have been the expression on someone's face or a sign you saw. It might have been the antics of a pet or a wild animal. What made you laugh?

### **Information**

**Please clearly indicate which category or categories you are entering. It would be wonderful if your photograph was accompanied by a relevant passage of Scripture. Alternatively, if the focus of the photograph has helped you in your walk with God, we would love to hear about it.**

Entry fee is £5 per photograph (or donation) and all monies raised (last year the equivalent of £3 per calendar) will be used to help the work of a project run by one of the Global Focus Working Group's partner organisations.

There are two age groups – 21 and under and 22 and over. The winner, in each age group, will receive a £30 gift card and their photograph will be on the front cover of an issue of Stedfast. It is intended that the 12 winning images will be made into an exclusive Global Focus Calendar for 2024.

### **How to enter**

1. Choose the category or categories you wish to enter.
2. Photographs must be in JPEG format, be well lit, high quality image and 4-5 Mb and above in size.
3. As the calendar will be a larger format all photographs must be in Landscape format.
4. Photographs are welcome from groups but they must have been taken by someone in that group. Congregations can submit bulk applications as long as each entry is clearly marked.
5. Please ask permission of any people in the photographs, especially if they are under 18 or are vulnerable adults.
6. Submit up to three photographs.
7. Each photograph should be clearly marked with your name, email address and phone number. Please also include the competition category and age category.
8. Please remember to submit your entry fee of £5 per photograph (or donation) by bank transfer. Details of how to pay will be sent upon receipt of photographs.
9. Please send your images to:  
[photocomp@ufcos.org.uk](mailto:photocomp@ufcos.org.uk)
10. Entries must be received by **12 noon on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August.**