The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship



# Lawyers together.
# Looking to Jesus.
# Living for Him now.



2025-26 Annual Review



# Journey with us through 2025-26

## In a time of change, after 175 years the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship remains committed to truth and transformation in the legal world.

September 2025

### Law students encouraged at Forum

We had the opportunity to speak to around 30 law students at UCCF Forum 2025, providing them with a range of LCF resources and introducing them to the wider fellowship.

### Workplace groups

Many law firms have a Christian network group. Each month their representatives meet online for 30 minutes to share ideas, support one another, and to pray.

### Uganda mission trip

In 2025 our team spent 2 weeks in Uganda where we contributed to an AI podcast, taught at a student conference, observed an international criminal prosecution, and enjoyed fellowship with UCLF members for a time of sharing, encouragement and prayer.

October 2025

## Student hubs grow

We continued to grow our network of student hubs, with new hubs in Manchester and Belfast. These provide opportunities for Christian law students to meet regularly, build friendships, and encourage one another to follow Jesus.

## Prayer

We have regular in person prayers meetings in London, and online for Scotland, and in East Kent. Our Tuesday lunchtime prayer call is a delightful 30 minutes each week. With a devotional message from international speakers, our monthly international prayer call draws praying lawyers from around the world. You can also find us on PrayerMate.

## Interest from freshers

We attended the Freshers' Fairs at the University of Law's Moorgate and Bloomsbury campuses. There was a great deal of interest, and we distributed over 100 welcome bags containing LCF resources.



## Specialist groups

Following Jesus as a lawyer brings distinct opportunities and pressures, but Christian lawyers don't have to face these alone. Our specialist groups – legal academics, commercial, corporate members, criminal, employment, family and others – provide an opportunity for members to meet, share, learn and pray with others doing the same kind of work.

November 2025

## Whose time is it anyway?

Our 2025 Conference theme, held in Bath was attended by over 100 lawyers and law students.

## Christian lawyers across Europe meet

Members of the staff team participated in Christ und Jurist's annual conference in Wiesbaden, reflecting our commitment to encouraging Christian lawyers across our continent.

December 2025-January 2026

## Over 200 come to Lawyers Carol Services

In Liverpool around 200 attended our annual carol service from the local legal community, with speaker HH David Turner. Our London carol service was also well attended. Our speaker in London was the Rt Revd Andrew Watson Bishop of Guildford who very sadly died in March 2026. We are deeply grateful for his warmth of care, clarity of preaching, and willingness to serve.

March 2026

## Sixty shape new initiatives

Around 60 people attended our annual Initiatives Conference where we worked on key projects together: Fair Hearing John's Testimony and Drama; supporting Welcome Churches; development of our international work; find a Lawyer and new website; a network for Christian law firm groups; planning for our 175th anniversary, and our strategic review.

February 2026

## Speaking in Spain

There are a growing number of Christian legal associations across Europe. In February Mark (the LCF's Director) spoke on "The Lord's Prayer for Lawyers" at the Spanish group's conference in Cordoba. We also launched ticket sales for Austria – ultimately 176 people joined together in Campus Horn to worship, grow and be equipped in their walk and witness with Jesus.

## Lent encouragement

During Lent a number of our international partners and friends challenged and encouraged us through their thoughtful contributions to *Word for the Week*.



April 2026

## 100,000 have read Living for Jesus at Work

Our joint publications with the Evangelical Alliance – Speak Up, and Living for Jesus at Work – have now been received by over 100,000 people. In March Mark spoke on workplace witness at Kensington Temple, London.

## Mentoring

Our Mentoring Scheme supported 16 mentoring relationships during the year, connecting Christian lawyers and students.

*"I have been truly blessed to be connected to two mentors, with God at the centre of our relationships. I would encourage anyone considering the scheme.." – Mentee*

May 2026

## Bible by the Beach, Fair Hearing website, Europe

LCF hosted a seminar on "Living for Jesus at Work" at Bible by the Beach. We launched phase 2 of the Fair Hearing website. It was a joy to grow and share at the ELF conference, Poland, with over 700 other Christian leaders from across Europe.



June 2026

## Aboard Logos Hope

We held the last London prayer breakfast of the 2025-26 legal year aboard OM's Logos Hope, with Richard Langmead (OM UK's CEO).

July-August 2026

## LCF seminars overflow at the Keswick Convention

Our seminars on "Witness: Living for Jesus at Work" at the Keswick Convention were oversubscribed – it's an enduring topic for our time. In August planning for Austria continued at pace, with prayer at the heart of the planning.

Photos, left to right: 'Whose time is it anyway?' conference, Bath; LCF Director, Mark Bainbridge at the Oaks of Righteousness conference, Austria; Conference, Bath; Initiatives conference

# Journey with us into 2026-27




**September 2026**

## Rooted in Christ, planted across Europe

176 lawyers and law students were challenged to be ever more deeply rooted, and to see our workplaces and our communities as our mission field, where we are planted by God to reflect His glory. We were then sent out to be like oaks of righteousness across Europe. A commitment to start and support 6 new groups resulted from the conference.

Please pray for the following nations as they take a step forward in growing a national or local Christian law fellowship: Finland, Moldova, Slovakia, Hungary, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland.



**October 2026**

## Ugandan Supreme Court judge addresses LCF

On the 8 October the LCF held a service in Lincoln's Inn Chapel to mark the Start of the 2026-27 Legal Year, followed by supper in the MCR. Our speaker was Justice Mike Chibita, a Ugandan Supreme Court judge.



**November 2026**

## Christian legal witnesses who have gone before

In our 175th anniversary year we are conscious of our witness to the UK and international legal communities. Leading up to the anniversary service on the 12th February 2027 we have published chapters about the great crowd of Christian legal witnesses who have gone before us. As we look forward to a new chapter in the LCF's history, journey with us as we look to Jesus, and seek to live for him now.

Photo, left: Austria conference

February 2027

## 175th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

Friday 12th February 2027
All Souls Langham Place, London, with Lord Justice Males & Christopher Ash – join us for encouragement, teaching and fellowship.

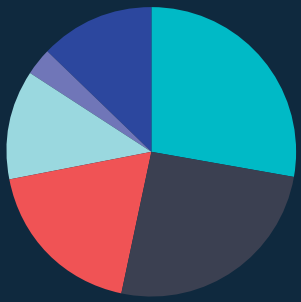
## Join the journey

Together, we seek to speak for Jesus because we want the whole world to hear the good news about Him, that they may find forgiveness and life in His name. And together, we seek to encourage and equip Christian lawyers to live for Jesus; how better to work out the difference that knowing Jesus makes in the legal world than with other like-minded Christian lawyers? Through prayer, a library of LCF resources, specialist and regional groups, conferences and outreach events we grow and are equipped, meet and are built up.

## 2025-26 Financial review

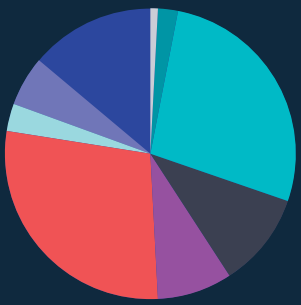
### Income (£282,788)

- Regular Donations
- Subscriptions
- Appeals
- Ad hoc receipts
- Conferences and events
- Gift Aid



### Expenditure (£280,624)

- Governance
- Regional Ministry
- National Ministry
- Student and Young Lawyer
- International Ministry
- Charity Management
- Travel expenses
- Fundraising
- Overheads (Communications, book-keeping, office costs)



# Get involved

## Every Christian lawyer united and equipped to live and speak for Jesus.

- invite a Christian lawyer to join
- join or start a local LCF group




## Until the world hears the case for Jesus Christ

- buy a copy of Fair Hearing for a friend or colleague
- pre-order copies of Fair Hearing for your church
- host a Fair Hearing Drama in your area

## Support our appeal

... to fund phase 2 of the new LCF website, including member area, online learning, and find a lawyer

... to pay for 2,000 copies of Fair Hearing at University freshers fairs.

... to deliver a monthly programme of Fair Hearing content (personal stories, legal lens evangelistic articles, and video interviews) for **afairhearing.org**.

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