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The size and scope of the November outreach to Inverclyde involving members of Times Square church in New York and its Senior Pastor Carter Conlon is gathering pace according to the Inverclyde Christian Initiative, Teen Challenge and the Haven drug rehabilitation centre who have formed a local steering group to plan and co-ordinate the outreach with their American counterparts.

In November 2008 Carter Conlon, Senior Pastor at Times Square church spoke in the Greenock Town Hall as part of an international Christian revival conference and felt the desire to come back and lead a series of outreach meetings which will take place in the Greenock Town Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings the 10th to the 12th of November and then on Friday 13th November in the Port Glasgow Town Hall.

The outreach plans in Inverclyde are gathering momentum. Originally, it was thought that a group of up to 50 members of Times Square church would come over to Inverclyde to help with various aspects of the outreach, but this has grown in recent weeks to over 200. And while the outreach will centre on the evening occasions there will be a large number of other activities taking place during the day. These will include outreaches and visits to prisons, to young people, in schools and colleges, to business people and in old folks' homes, as well as street work and the Teen Challenge bus outreaches in over a dozen locations. The group coming from Times Square will feature a large choir and there are plans to undertake a number of singing events across Inverclyde. The Greenock Healing Rooms in the Oak Mall will also be open each day throughout the week.

A special meeting with representatives from Times Square church, where a light lunch will be provided and all the various activities will be discussed and plans cemented, has been arranged for 12 noon on Friday 29th August at the Greenock Elim church in Kelly Street to which all local ministers and other Christian leaders are warmly invited; as part of this occasion there will also be a special presentation on the Street Pastor initiative which will shortly be introduced in Inverclyde. All wishing to attend are asked to contact the Inverclyde Christian Initiative on 783000 or through its website [www.inverclydeawake.com](http://www.inverclydeawake.com) to confirm their attendance.

The steering group believes that this outreach will have a huge and lasting impact on the people of Inverclyde. 'God wants to change so many lives for good here', said a spokesperson, 'and to take many out of the woes and sins they find themselves dominated by. Lives will be changed forever, families will be changed and communities can be changed. The power of God is here to do this, and to set people free and to heal them from all kinds of illness and hurts. We would urge the people of Inverclyde to be a part of this outreach and to come to the Town Hall meetings and other outreaches. Further details will be available soon.'

Times Square church, in the heart of Manhattan was founded by David Wilkerson who wrote the best selling book 'The Cross and the Switchblade' and who was responsible under God over 50 years ago to bring Teen Challenge into being. Now operating in 93 countries across the world including several centres in the UK, Teen Challenge is one of the foremost Christian organisations offering positive help to young people trapped by addictions and other life controlling situations.

Times Square church Sunday services can be watched live on the internet each Sunday at 3pm UK time from their website <http://www.tscnyc.org> and Carter Conlon is a regular preacher at these services.

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