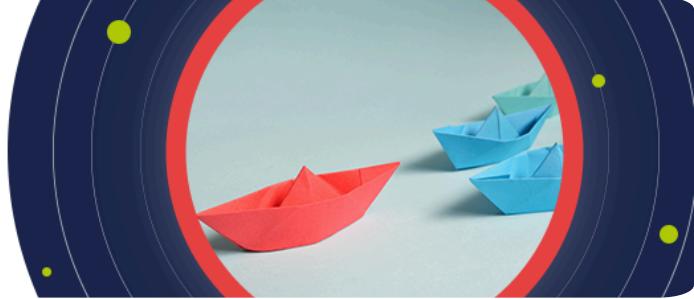


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## SPEAKERS

We are delighted to welcome **Janie Oliver (CEO of Stewardship)**, **Silas Balraj (CEO of Tearfund)** and **Stephen Carling (National Director of Pioneers UK & Ireland)** as our speakers for the 2026 CEO's Residential conference.



### Janie Oliver CEO of Stewardship

Janie Oliver has been Chief Executive of Stewardship since January 2024, having first joined the organisation as Chief Financial Officer in February 2021. She is leading Stewardship through a season of growth and innovation, helping inspire and equip Christians to steward their resources wisely and generously for God's kingdom.

Originally trained as a chartered accountant in South Africa, Janie spent her early career in senior finance roles at Barclays Bank before moving into the charitable sector over a decade ago. She has led organisations at the intersection of faith and finance, including The Just Money Movement, where she regularly spoke on connecting faith, money, and living generously.

Janie also spent four years working at the forefront of social investment as Director of Finance and Operations for Access - The Foundation for Social Investment, where she led the investment of their £60m endowment and pioneered a total-impact investment approach. She also served as Access's acting CEO.

Passionate about social justice, Janie has held a number of trusteeships, including with Orchards, a London-based charity supporting women exiting sexual exploitation. She now lives in Wiltshire with her husband and two young daughters, where they are part of a church plant, and where she serves as a trustee.

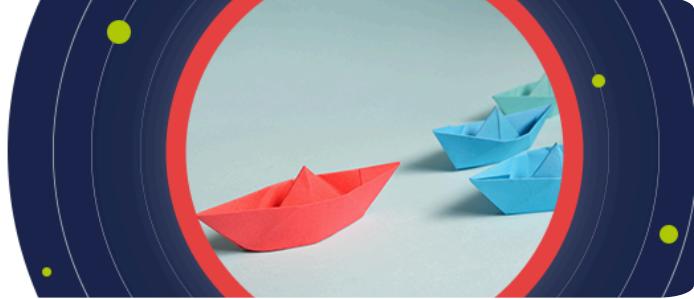
**Janie will be speaking on Stewardship's new 2026 Generosity Report.**

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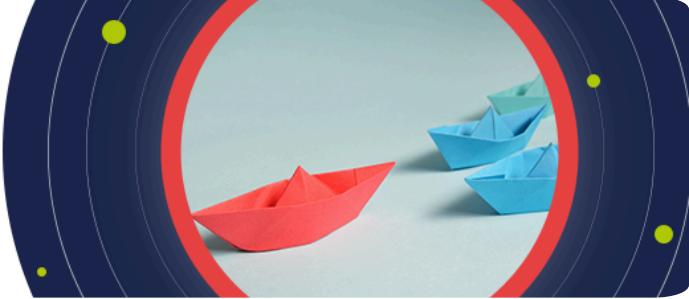


### **Silas Balraj CEO of Tearfund**

Silas Balraj brings a wealth of experience to Tearfund, having held a number of senior positions at the Christian charity Compassion International over the past two decades. Roles have included Country Director for India, Vice President for Asia and, most recently, Senior Principal in Compassion's global programme function, based in the US.

In this role he oversaw a programme to bring together philanthropy, marketing and programme teams to work more effectively and achieve greater impact. Before joining Compassion International, Silas spent eight years in India's information technology sector, where he led organisations from startup to profitability while establishing HR and Operations functions. He's passionate about leveraging digitisation to enhance organisational effectiveness. Silas holds a Master's degree in social work and a Bachelor's degree in English literature, both from Madras Christian College, Chennai, India. He also has a diploma in human resources development from AIMA New Delhi, India. Silas is based in the UK with his wife Gracia and has three adult daughters and two sons-in-law.

**Silas will be speaking on changes in international development.**



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### **Stephen Carling National Director for Pioneers UK & Ireland**

Stephen Carling is currently serving as National Director for Pioneers UK & Ireland, which is a new organisation formed in 2024 with the merge of two historic mission agencies: World Ministry of Pioneers (formerly North Africa Mission) and Pioneers UK (formerly Sudan United Mission and Action Partners) and Arab.

Stephen was born into Sudan United Mission in 1964, the eldest son of David and Gwenyth Carling, who served in pioneer medical mission to Nigeria, including the Lake Chad region, from 1958 - 1976. Stephen, with his wife Lesley, returned to Africa in the 1990s, serving with Action Partners in Theological Education by Extension in Nigeria for 7 years and Ghana for a further year.

In 1998, Stephen and Lesley, along with their three children, returned to England, where Stephen served as pastor of Emmanuel Church, Fleetwood. After nineteen years at Emmanuel, Stephen and Lesley stepped down from leadership, rented out their house, and climbed into their Land Rover, Mr. Baggins, for a year-long 'There and Back Again' journey from England to Cape Town. Somewhere between Namibia and Kenya, the Lord called Stephen back to his 'home' Mission, to become Director of Pioneers UK. He has led the Mission with fear and trembling since 2018.

**Stephen will be sharing their experience of merging AWM and Pioneers over the last few years.**