

Faith in Conflict, Coventry, 26-28 February 2013

Outline Programme

Purposes:

- **To understand the challenges** which arise from the culture of how conflict is handled in churches
- **To gain a renewed vision** of how churches might view conflict differently
- **To grow our capacity** to respond to conflict in its many forms
- **To develop supportive networks** linking organisations, people and training resources

Day 1: Approaching conflict

Tuesday 26 February 2013

- 12.00 Registration at hotels (for those who have booked accommodation) and Cathedral (for those that have Conference Only places).
NB Delegates cannot gain access to their hotel rooms until 6pm but can leave bags in a storage room in their hotel¹ until then.
- 1.00 Lunch in nave of Coventry Cathedral
- 2.00 Plenary Session I: Understanding our challenges**
Introducing the conference purposes and themes: Canon David Porter, Director of Reconciliation Ministry, Coventry Cathedral (Chair)
Keynote speaker: the Revd Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields and Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King's College, London
- 3.30 Change location to Working Group rooms with refreshments served in those rooms
- 3.45 Working Group Session I: Experiences and challenges of conflict**
Exploring our experiences of church conflict and the challenges faced by those trying to resolve it
- 5.00 Change location to Cathedral for Choral Evensong
- 5.15 Choral Evensong in the Cathedral
- 6.00 Delegates who have hotel rooms return to hotel to move into them.
"Conference Only" delegates free

¹ at their own risk

- 7.00 Bar and evening meal in the Cathedral nave
- 8.30 Mediator Bill Marsh interviews the Revd Tory Baucum and Bishop Shannon Johnston**
- 9.30 End of Day 1

Day 2: Responding to Conflict

Wednesday 27 February 2013

- 6.00-7.45 Breakfast in hotels (please check your welcome pack to determine when your breakfast is scheduled and note that it is different on the two days)
- 8.00 Cathedral doors open
- 8.30 Conference Morning Prayer in the Cathedral**
- 9.00 Plenary Session 2: Gaining a renewed vision**
Visions of how the Christian churches might view conflict differently.
Keynote speaker: the Revd Dr Jo Bailey Wells, consultant to Continuing Indaba at the Anglican Communion Office in London
- 10.30 Change location to Working Group rooms and refreshments served in those rooms
- 10.45 Working Group Session 2: Experiences of diversity and difference**
Exploring diversity and difference and the particular challenges these present for the church
- 12.30 Lunch in Cathedral nave
- 1.30 Working Group Session 3: Options for intervention**
Examining the options for interventions in situations of escalating tensions and conflict
- 3.00 Change location to break-out sessions rooms and refreshments in those rooms

3.15 Break-Out Sessions (to be selected at registration)

- Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop of Coventry: Liturgy and Prayer in Reconciliation: Working Group 7's room, School Room, Holy Trinity Centre (Old Bluecoat School)
- David Richbell: Mediation in Action Workshop in Working Group 1's room, Learning Space 3, The Herbert
- Justine Huxley, St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace: Story, identity and conflict: using personal storytelling to explore identity and build empathy. Working Groups 9's room, the Brandt Suite, St Michael's House
- Networking: an opportunity to meet in a semi-structured way with other conference members. In Working Group 3's room, the Studio, The Herbert

5.00 Change Location to Cathedral for Choral Evensong

5.15 Choral Evensong in the Cathedral

6.15 Bar and Evening Meal in Cathedral nave.

After dinner speaker: Lord Alderdice, Convenor of the Liberal Democrat Peers and Co-Chair of the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party Committee on Northern Ireland

8.30 Optional Session: panel discussion in nave

David Porter: Northern Ireland

Fergus Armstrong (ONE Resolve): Reconciliation in abuse cases in Ireland

Hugh Donald (Church of Scotland): the impact of introducing mediation training in the Church of Scotland

Jo Williams: Experience of reconciliation in interfaith work at Burnley Cathedral

Chaired by Ruth Scott

9.30 End of Day 2

Day 3: Mobilising resources

Thursday 28 February 2013

6.00-7.45 Breakfast in hotels (please check your welcome pack to determine when your breakfast is scheduled **as it will be different from the previous day**)

7.30-8.00 **NB Those in hotels to vacate their rooms by 8am and place their bags in the storage rooms there**

- 8.00 Cathedral doors open
- 8.30 **Conference Morning Prayer in the Cathedral**
- 9.00 **Plenary Session 3: Growing our capacity**
Focusing on inspiration, hopes and resources for the future with the Revd Dr Jo Bailey Wells
- 10.15 Change location to Working Group rooms with refreshments served in those rooms
- 10.30 **Working Group Session 4: From ideas to action**
Developing personal and organisational resources
- 11.30 Change Location to Ruins (or Cathedral Nave if raining)
- 11.45 **Plenary Session 4 and Eucharist**
Reconciliation Eucharist with the Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth (Presiding) and the Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, (Preaching). Lunch will be eaten as part of the service.
- 1.45 Farewells and departure
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