

Conference 2014

19-21 November 2014

High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire

Good Leadership – Good News for the Gospel?

Wednesday 19 November

14.00 Arrival and registration

15.45 Tea

16.15 Opening of the Conference : Introduction, housekeeping and prayers

16.30 Helen Dixon Cameron – Creative Leadership

17.45 Free

18.35 Evening Meal

19.45 Helen Dixon Cameron – Creating Communities of Leadership

21.00 Prayers

Thursday 20 November

08.00 Prayers

08.30 Breakfast

09.30 Glenn Jordan – Three Tasks for Urban Ministers

10.45 Coffee

11.15 Modelling excellence : Success stories from MCCN

12.45 Lunch

14.00 Jill Marsh – Cosmopolitan Methodists: leadership and ministry in a diverse world

15.45 Tea

16.15 MCCN Biennial General Meeting

18.45 Evening meal

19.45 Free or Modelling excellence : Success stories from MCCN

20.30 Prayers

Friday 21 November

08.30 Breakfast

09.30 Glenn Jordan - Pitching a Tent in East Belfast

10.45 Coffee

11.15 Holy Communion

12.45 Lunch/Departure

Meals and refreshments are included:

Afternoon tea and evening meal on Wednesday and Thursday
Breakfast, morning coffee, and lunch on Thursday and Friday



Helen Cameron

Helen is a Methodist presbyter and committed ecumenist involved in the formation of preordination students, probationer ministers and continued professional development of clergy of several denominations particularly Superintendents and Training Incumbents. She currently serves as Director of Methodist Formation at the Queen's Foundation.

She has an interest in Methodist ecclesiology and in the supervision and oversight of those in the early years of ministry. She has lived and worked in Birmingham since 1986 when she came as a pre-ordination student to Queen's College [as it was then]. Her relationship with the Queen's Foundation is long lived but her interest in this community's engagement with ecumenical relationships, all kinds of diversity, radical and contextual theology continues to be stimulated and to grow. She teaches an MA in Leadership with a particular interest in leadership which enables the collaborative ministry of all.

She has served as a circuit minister in two Birmingham Circuits.

She reads a lot of novels and poetry and finds as she does so she is doing theology. [Adapted from Helen's personal statement on the Queen's Foundation [web site](#)]



Glenn Jordan

Glenn is director of the Skainos Unit which delivered the award winning shared space facility at Skainos Square in East Belfast which emerged from the work of East Belfast Mission. Skainos Square is a mixed-use community facility which opened in October 2012. Since 2004 he has served as a member of the Inner East Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. He is also a member of the Board of the Churches Community Work Alliance which promotes and supports community engagement among the faith-based bodies in NI. He is a writer and published author who frequently broadcasts on BBC Radio Ulster, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 4. Glenn enjoys sport, especially football, rugby and cycling. [Adapted from the Skainos [web site](#)]



Jill Marsh

Jill is a Methodist minister, until recently stationed in Leicester city centre, who has thrived on work in urban settings (in East London, Sheffield, Rotherham, as well as Leicester). At present she is working half time as Chaplain to International Students at the University of Leicester and undertaking doctoral research into the life of ethnically-diverse church communities at University of Chester .

Modelling Excellence

These sessions provide an opportunity for churches and projects working in the centres of towns and cities to tell the conference about their successes (and possibly their failures).

One of the aspects of previous conferences has been the value placed by participants on the opportunity to discuss informally with others the issues they are facing in their situations.

In the Modelling Excellence sessions presenters will be able to tell their stories using the available technology in a more formal setting allowing all participants to learn about their work, ask questions and make comments.

If you would like to offer a short talk or presentation for one of these sessions please email:

contact@methodistcitycentrenetwork.org.uk

with a brief outline of the story you would like to tell. There is no requirement to keep to the conference theme.

Getting to High Leigh

Address and contact information:

Lord Street, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 8SG

Telephone: 01992 463016 Email: highleigh@cct.org.uk

By Road

- 1 High Leigh Conference Centre is seven miles from the M25.
- 2 From Junction 25, take the northbound A10 dual carriageway towards Hertford.
- 3 Leave the A10 at the junction for Hoddesdon and follow the road towards the town.
- 4 At the roundabout take the third exit signed 'Town Centre' (alongside Morrisons).
- 5 Turn right at the church into Pauls Lane and bear left into Taverners Way.
- 6 Take the first right into Lord Street and continue up the hill for just under a mile.
- 7 High Leigh is on the left.

By Rail

Our local Railway station is Broxbourne.

There is a regular service from London Liverpool Street, which also connects with the Underground Victoria Line at Seven Sisters or Tottenham Hale. The station is two miles from the Centre, but there are plenty of taxis at reasonable rates (typically £6).