

Update

January 2009

Dear Colleague

I am writing as the MCCN Co-ordinator to highlight a number of dates for 2009 / 2010 with regard to events that are being hosted and supported by the MCCN.

Network meeting Tuesday 17th March 2009 12noon-3pm
Bondgate Methodist church, Darlington

Our next Network meeting is to take place at Bondgate Methodist Church in Darlington. The day will include a presentation on the work at Darlington, and an update on the work of MCCN.

We shall spend a significant amount of our time in looking at issues regarding our work in the town / city centre in order to feed into the Jesus in the City event taking place in Belfast in 2010 which will then be fed into a conference on Mission in Edinburgh later that year. (Please see the [leaflet](#) 1.5MB approximately)

A buffet will be provided at a cost of £5.50 per person. Directions are listed below.

PLEASE contact Rebecca at Bolton Methodist Mission if you are able to attend and any dietary requirements. (01204 522569 / email: victoria.hall1@virgin.net)

Directions - Sat Nav: DL3-7NS **A more accurate postcode seems to be DL3 7JR**

Approaching by car from north - A1 - Junction 59 - take A167 into town centre, at ring road roundabout turn right, at next roundabout turn right, at traffic lights turn left, at cross roads left onto Duke Street, 400m left and then (with the side of the church facing you) right and into the Bondgate MC car park.

Approaching from south - A1 junction 57 - A66(M) into Darlington - at first roundabout first exit, at second roundabout first exit (Carmel Road), at third roundabout straight on, through pedestrian lights and turn right into Abbey Road, follow this straight on over several minor junctions, becomes Duke Street, do not deviate until you can go no further - then left and (with the side of the church facing you) right and into Bondgate MC car park.

or collection from Darlington train station (NE main line)

The access is not that easy by car – and our hosts are very happy to meet people at the rail station. Please let Rebecca know if you require this service.

Please note in your Diaries the next Network Event will take place on Thursday 15th October in Harrogate.

MCCN Conference 2008 / 2010

The Conference of 2008 at the Hayes Centre, Swanwick was a great success and we have been encouraged by the positive feedback from the occasion. Thanks to all who attended and made a great contribution to the whole event.

There is a full account of the Conference on our website.

www.methodistcitycentre.org.uk

Please note the date of the next Conference: 17th -19th November 2010.

Developing the work of MCCN

We are constantly looking at ways to offer support to Town and City Centre Churches and wish to encourage you to consider ways in which you feel that MCCN could develop in offering training and being a growing advocate for this ministry. Are there issues you would like to focus upon? Needs for further training that we could consider?

A number of groups from town / city centre Churches find it useful to visit other places with members of their own congregations and staff in order to share ideas etc. Please contact us if you feel this would be helpful in your ministry.

We are working with the wider Methodist Church to consider appropriate ways in which we could encourage those engaged in ministry to have a "taste" of town/city centre work in order for them to reflect upon the possibility of feeling called to this work in future appointments. It is also important that we look at models of training that include a time for people to seriously consider the work of the town/city centre.

I do hope you are able to join us on 17th March.

Phil Mason
MCCN Co-ordinator