

Methodist City Centre Network Update

Dear Colleague

This letter is being circulated to all the contacts that we now have for MCCN and the new database.

DATABASE

The database is made up of those Methodist City Centre Churches and projects that are on the Official Connexion List, Churches and projects in association and ecumenical contacts that we received from those who attended a conference on City centre work in Cardiff a couple of years ago. There are also a number of individuals who work in matters concerning the Church in the City Centre.

MCCN MEETING 14th NOVEMBER

I am writing to invite you to the next meeting of the MCCN which is taking place on Wednesday 14th November 2007 10.30am-3.30pm at St John's Methodist Church Gloucester.

At the meeting we shall have a presentation on the work at Gloucester, there will be an opportunity to network and we shall hear about a new piece of research currently being carried out on the history of the Methodist Forward movement and Central Hall's which formed the basis of much of our City Centre work at the beginning of the 20th Century. Finally we shall have some discussion on the Review that is taking place currently in Methodism on the review of stationing and the impact that could have on our work in the cities.

All are welcome to attend and we would value your input and contribution.

We shall begin with Coffee at 10.30am.

DIRECTIONS

St John's Northgate Methodist Church, Northgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2AN (map attached). The railway station is approx 5-10 mins walk. Various car parks are not too far away but parking at St John's itself v.v. limited - so best reserved for anyone with mobility problems. Park & Ride also an option - coming from south west use Waterwells (Quedgeley P&R), other directions use St Oswald's P&R. (See Gloucester City Council web pages for more info re: car parks -

<http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/Content.aspx?citem=7057> and County Council webpages re: P&R - <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1888>).

BOOKING

A sandwich lunch will be provided at a cost of £3 each. Please could you email Rebecca at Victoria Hall, Bolton (victoria.hall1@virgin.net) by Friday 2nd November if you will be attending. Please specify any special dietary requirements.

FUTURE EVENTS

MCCN Meeting on Tuesday 4th March 2008 (10.30am-3.30pm) at the Crossing Church & Centre, Worksop.

MCCN Network Conference 26th-28th November 2008 at Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, "Spirituality of the centre". (More details to follow after our November meeting).

I hope you are able to join us for these events.

Phil Mason
MCCN Co-ordinator.