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Dear Colleague

All the very best for the New Methodist Year, I hope and pray that you will feel richly blessed in your ministry over the coming year.

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 Thursday 15th October 2009 10.30am-3pm
Wesley Chapel, Oxford Street, Harrogate HG1 1PP (Directions attached)

Our next Network meeting is to take place at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in Harrogate. The day will include a presentation on the work in Harrogate, including some recent developments in working with the homeless, and an update on the work of MCCN.

I am delighted that for our afternoon session we shall have Mr David Walton, former Vice-President of the Methodist Conference who with a colleague from DWF (a leading, full service law Firm, that provides a full range of legal services to businesses and private clients across the UK.), is going address issues regarding charity status, setting up social enterprise companies, Community Interest Companies and how to manage them appropriately. Please come with you questions around these big issues that we all face in developing new work in the city centre.

A buffet will be provided at a cost of £4.00 per person.

PLEASE contact Rebecca at Bolton Methodist Mission if you are able to attend and any dietary requirements by 7th October.

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Please note in your Diaries the following Network Event will take place on Tuesday 23rd March 2010 at Methodist Central Hall in London.

MCCN Conference 2010 Mission Matters

The Conference of 2008 that took place at the Hayes Centre, Swanwick was a great success and we have been encouraged by the positive feedback from the occasion.

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

www.methodistcitycentre.org.uk

Please note the date of the next Conference taking place 17th -19th November 2010. Booking forms are now available from the website.

MCCN Database

Like most databases the MCCN database can quickly go out of date. Apologies if you have received this mailing by mistake. If you know of any changes that need to be made regarding your own information please send details to Rebecca as soon as possible.

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Jesus in the City



Belfast
12th-14th March 2010

The next UK Urban Mission Congress (Jesus in the City) is going to be held in Belfast from 12th-14th March 2010 and we would like to invite you to be part of it.

The Congress is a place where those active in mission of all sorts in inner city, outer estates or town/city centres can come together to share their stories and experiences from across the UK. Delegates are coming from a wide denominational base. It is not primarily an academic event or one for leaders – many who attend will be members of local congregations or volunteers in local projects. They are often people whose voices are not heard. The Congress is a place where that is challenged, and where hopefully the balance is redressed.

2010 is the 100th Anniversary of the first world mission conference in Edinburgh and we will be linking with the Edinburgh2010 World Mission Conference that will be happening in June celebrating this anniversary. The UK Urban Mission Congress (*Jesus in the City – JITC*) is coordinating a process to link in to Commission VII of Edinburgh2010, which addresses the questions most pertinent to the UK urban

context. JITC is listening to the voices of grassroots activists from this and other events around the UK in 09, in order to feed in the UK urban experience and the voices from the streets, and thus brief the delegates from across the globe to the Edinburgh2010 event.

Marque of Excellence

New Central Methodist Church, Blackpool, has been awarded the Marque of Excellence by the North West Multi Faith Tourism Association for being "an outstanding example of a sacred site that exists to serve not only its own congregation but to reach out and welcome the whole community.

Victoria Hall in Bolton and Bolton Parish Church are also being awarded this marquee.

Further details about the award can be found on the NWMFTA's website at <http://www.multi-faith.org/>

I hope to see you in Harrogate on the 15th October.

Phil Mason
MCCN Co-ordinator