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Dear Colleague

I want to wish you all the very best for this busy period over Advent, Christmas and the New Year. I hope and pray that you will feel richly blessed in your ministry over this time.

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

The last Network meeting took place on Thursday 15th October 2009 Wesley Chapel, 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.

Our afternoon session was taken by 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.), addressed issues regarding charity status, setting up social enterprise companies, Community Interest Companies and how to manage them appropriately. All the details about this day and the key points made regarding the above are available on the MCCN Website.

Please note in your Diaries the following Network Event will take place on Tuesday 23rd March 2010 at The Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, London. 10.30am-3.00pm

This day will include a tour of the building and two speakers. The Revd Dr Stuart Jordon will speak on "Ministry at the heart of the City" and Canon Nicholas Sagovsky, Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey speaking on "Asylum in the City".

Please inform Rebecca at Victoria.hall1@virgin.net to book for catering purposes.

MCCN Conference Mission Matters 17th -19th November 2010

The Conference will take place at the Hayes Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire and we are now taking bookings. There is a form attached, an early booking brings a small discount.

Speakers for the Conference include;

The Revd Pete Phillips who is the Secretary of the Methodist Church's Faith and Order Committee and Director of Research for Centre for Biblical Literacy at St John's College, Durham.

The Revd Pete Hancock is chair of the Northampton District. He led a Fresh Expression called 'The Bridge' for a number of years. Was part of RUN (Reaching the Unchurched Network) and has experience of Town Centre Missions and Chaplaincy.

Deacon Eunice Attwood who should need no introduction to MCCN members and will be the Vice President of Conference. Eunice has a great deal of experience as a Deacon working in a City centre context.

The booking form is also available on the 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.

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.

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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I hope to see you in London on 23rd March 2010.

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