

Dates and Times

The conference begins at 3.45pm on Monday 28th April 2008 (registration from 2.00pm) and ends at 2.00pm on Friday 2nd May 2008.

Cost

The full conference fee is £425 per person. This includes full board accommodation and attendance at all sessions. There is a reduced fee of £375 for those paying in full on or before 31st October 2007. Both the full and reduced fee include a **non-returnable deposit of £50**.

Many delegates receive help with the fee from their church or sponsoring organisation. There is also a limited Bursary Fund available, primarily for people who have not benefited from the fund previously. Further details are available from the conference office.

Accommodation

The Hayes Conference Centre is set in beautiful Derbyshire countryside with easy road, rail and air links. The grounds provide a restful setting with scope for short walks and there is free time built into our programme in which you can explore further afield.

Accommodation will be in single occupancy rooms with twin or double bed and en-suite bathroom.

All rooms are attractive and well furnished with telephone, tea and coffee making facilities and hairdryer; towels and soap are provided. In addition, there are rooms at the Hayes designed for disabled people, including adapted doors and space for wheelchair users, the provision of alarm pull-cords, specially designed showers and bathroom suites.

Booking

You may secure a place by sending a **non-returnable deposit of £50** with your booking form. To benefit from the reduced fee, **the balance of £325** must be paid by **31 October 2007**. Thereafter, you will incur the full fee, requiring a **balancing payment of £375**. Of course you may pay the conference cost in full when you send in your booking form (£375 before 31 October or £425 thereafter).

Please use one application form per delegate. You may photocopy this leaflet or obtain copies from the conference office.

Cancellation

Cancellations received at the conference office by 30 January 2008 will receive a refund of all fees paid **less the £50 non-returnable deposit**. Cancellations after 30 January 2008 will incur **the full cost of any fee paid/due**.

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Touch and Go...

...connecting in a fragmented world

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The Hayes Conference Centre Swanwick

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Continuing the Journey

The **Continuing the Journey** Conference was born, in the 1980s, in an era when counselling, psychotherapy, social and community work were viewed as secular disciplines, and practitioners with a Christian faith found few places where they could articulate the connections which they wanted to make between their profession and their faith. At the same time, there were those within the ministry of the church who wanted to discover how their pastoral practice could be enriched by the insights coming out of these relatively new professions.

Over the years, **Continuing the Journey** has aimed to provide a safe meeting place for those who find themselves wanting to explore the border territories and the common ground between counselling, pastoral care, therapeutic or psychological work, and also spirituality, theology and faith issues. The conference provides a place where people may genuinely 'touch' but from which we 'go' at the end of the week back into the usual contexts of our lives. This 'true but temporary' connection provides the starting point for this year's conference, reflective as it is of much of our experience in contemporary life.

Touch and go: connecting in a fragmented world will explore what happens between and within people, when they encounter each other and God in our broken world. In a range of ways, the conference will address what it means to be 'enfleshed' as human beings, how our physical experience shapes us, and how we touch one another – touch which has such potential to be creative, healing and playful and yet can be so painful and damaging. And we will consider what the mystery of the incarnation may have to say to us as we get in touch with the gift of an embodied God who wasn't afraid, to 'touch' and 'go' in his encounters, his healing ministry and his suffering.

Speakers will tackle the theme from theological/biblical, spiritual, psychological/therapeutic and social/pastoral perspectives.

Touch and go will include plenary sessions, workshops and small group work. In addition, each day will contain worship and opportunities for reflection, relaxation and sharing. Full details of speakers, workshop options and travel details will be issued early in 2008.

As a taster though, we are delighted that the following **speakers** have agreed to join us for this conference

Marlyn Donovan, was a teacher before spending 13 years living in community. She has been a member of staff, supervisor, and senior trainer with the Psychosynthesis and Education Trust for many years. She will address the psychological/therapeutic aspects of our theme.

Sophie Hacker, graduated from the Slade School of Art in 1989. She was Artist-In-Residence at St. Mary the Virgin, the civic church in Nottingham, for three years. Now living in Winchester, her work explores the interface between art and faith. She is a Trustee of Art and Christianity Enquiry (ACE). Sophie has recently exhibited in solo and group shows in Salisbury and beyond in London, Southampton and Devon. She will look at how the theme relates to our spirituality.

Andrew Walker is currently the director of the London Centre for Spirituality, having spent some 13 years in parish ministry. As well as being an ordained priest, he is a trained and practising counsellor and supervisor. His books *Journey into Joy* and *Spirituality in the City* are published by SPCK. He will take a theological look at the theme.

Dave Wiles, had an eventful youth of his own, and is now team leader and Chief Executive Officer of Frontier Youth Trust. His time is equally divided between trying to get people in the world to join the church and trying to get people in the church to join the world. He will address the social/pastoral implications of our theme.

The week would not be the complete without some form of **entertainment** and we are delighted that John Hayns, who describes himself as a 'physical-comedy-circus type performer' will be with us for part of the week.

Continuing the Journey is supported by The Acorn Christian Foundation, The Institute for Pastoral Counselling, Manna Counselling Service and The Oxford Christian Institute for Counselling.

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