

Centre for the Study of
Christianity and Sexuality

Theological Educators' Project Conference

Embodied Ministry: gender, sexuality and formation

"An opportunity for theological educators and trainers to reflect on questions of gender and sexuality in policy, training, formation, and the pastoral encounter."



9 – 10 July 2014

**Cuddesdon Hall, Ripon College,
Cuddesdon, Oxford, OX44 9EX**

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CSCS Theological Educators' Project Conference

Bookings for the conference can be made by completing the form below and sending it with a cheque made payable to CSCS to: Sharon Ferguson, CSCS Theological Educators Conference, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, London, E2 6HG

Cheques must be received by 31st May 2014.

Booking Form

Name

Address.....

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Post Code Telephone

e-mail

Denomination Lay / Ordained / in Formation

Wednesday 9th July only
(non residential, inc. dinner) £40.00 £

Thursday 10th July only
(non residential, inc. lunch) £40.00 £

Wednesday and Thursday 9 -10 July
(non residential, inc. Wednesday dinner and Thursday lunch) £75.00 £

Wednesday and Thursday 9 -10 July
(Residential, inc. all meals and accommodation) £125.00 £

Donation for Bursary Scheme £

Total £

Bursaries:

If you would like to apply for assistance with the conference fee please complete the booking form and send to Rev Sharon Ferguson, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green, E2 6HG along with the following information.

- i) Your background e.g. student and what studied
- ii) What is your interest in the conference topic
- iii) How do you plan to use what you learn from the conference
- iv) What % of funding you are requesting & why needed
- v) Details of other applications for funding and outcomes if known

Applications must be received by **1st April 2014** and confirmation of outcome will be sent by end of May 2014.

Provisional Programme Information

Target Audience

Theological educators, those with denominational responsibilities in education, training, and on-going ministerial formation, students, denominational policy-makers.

Objective

The conference will attempt to respond to what appears to be a fault-line, in and across a range of denominations, regarding training and formation in the areas of gender and sexuality.

Aims

Through a combination of plenary presentations, panel discussion, experiential and reflective workshops:

- To enable open learning, and reflection on the importance of growth in human and sexual maturity, so as to promote effective, inclusive, and non-judgmental pastoral practice.
- To identify relevant and appropriate academic and human development resources as tools in this journey.
- To equip those in formational communities to respond to issues of gender and sexuality.

Areas of Focus

- Gender, sexuality & the pastoral encounter.
- Sexual maturity and gender identity and awareness in ministry.
- Integration of gender, sexuality, faith & spirituality.

Speakers / Facilitators (will include)

- Christina Beardsley – Changing Attitude, England / Sibyls
- Brendan Callaghan – Campion Hall, Oxford
- Susannah Cornwall – University of Exeter
- Sharon Ferguson – Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement / MCC North London
- Jane Fraser – Centre for the Study of Christianity and Sexuality / Bodysense
- Carla Grosch-Miller – URC minister and theological educator
- Rachel Mann – St Nicholas Burnage, Manchester
- Martin Pendergast – Centre for the Study of Christianity and Sexuality / Soho Masses
- Nicola Slee – Queen's Foundation, Birmingham
- Adrian Thatcher – University of Exeter

Topics (will include)

- Integrating sexuality, gender and spirituality
- Spirituality in the gendered and sexual "broken middle"
- Themes from *Redeeming Gender*
- Negotiating gender transition in formational communities
- Fifty Shades of Grace: practicing sexual and spiritual integration
- Intersex, formation and pastoral care
- Honouring gender fluidity in liturgy and worship
- Ministry with the families of LGBT people

Daily Schedule

Wednesday 9th July

- 11.00 Residential Registration, Tea and Coffee
- 13.00 Lunch (for residential candidates only) and Day 1 Registration
- 14.00 Plenary 1
- 15.15 Tea and Coffee
- 15.30 Workshop 1
- 17.00 Network/Individual time
- 18.30 Dinner
- 19.30 Workshop 2
- 21.00 Communion Service

Thursday 10th July

- 7.30 Prayers
- 8.00 Breakfast (for residential candidates only) and Day 2 Registration
- 9.00 Workshop 3
- 10.30 Tea and Coffee
- 10.45 Plenary 2
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Workshop 4
- 14.30 Tea and Coffee
- 14.45 Plenary 3
- 15.45 Closing Worship
- 16.30 Conference Ends

Chaplains will be available throughout the conference for individual prayer and support.