

**Modern Church Conference 2012**

**Booking form for full residence**

Where there is an asterisk (\*), please circle your requirement

Name & title .....

Name preferred for name badge .....

Address.....

..... including postcode

Telephone: .....

Email.....(only if you wish us to use this)

Are you vegetarian? **Yes / No \*** If you have other special dietary requirements please note here: .....

I wish to book a **standard / ensuite \*** room

I wish to book a **single / twin / double \*** room

If sharing, I wish to share a room with .....

Are you currently a member of Modern Church **Yes / No \***

I am happy for my name and other details to be included on a list

circulated to other attendees to encourage car-sharing **Yes / No\***

Is this your first Modern Church/MCU conference? **Yes / No \***

How did you hear about the conference? .....

Is there any other information we should consider when allocating your

room? .....

**I enclose a cheque, payable to 'Modern Church'**

for the (non-returnable) deposit of £40 per person £.....

**OR** the full fee of £.....

(please deduct £15 from the full fee if a member of Modern Church and the booking is made before 31 March 2012).

**OR** I wish to pay by tel/internet bank transfer: please send me details of the account ..... (please tick here)

Signature ..... Date .....



**2012 Annual Conference**  
**By Whose Authority?**

**Monday 16 July – Thursday 19 July 2012**  
**at High Leigh Conference Centre**

**An interfaith look at women and religious authority**

**Conference Chair: Revd Dr Harriet Harris**

University Chaplain, University of Edinburgh

We all step in and out of leadership, whatever our roles in life. We all need leadership to go well; we need to have the people who fit that role. This conference will explore through talks, workshops, art and worship:

- the difference that 'difference' makes
- humility and ambition
- women as leaders in the early church
- old and new taboos
- change, loss and failure
- 'leadership' and 'discipleship' amongst the Anglican divines
- exemplars, and the art of conversation across faiths and cultures



There will opportunities to gain skills in personal presence, conflict resolution and authentic conversations; there will be the sharing of insights with people of diverse faiths. The conference will be uniquely placed to respond to the moment that the Church of England approves legislation, or otherwise, for making women bishops.

**Conference Secretary: Revd Clare Nicholson**

Modern Church is a registered charity (no. 281573), formerly the MCU; it offers a forum for Christian debate and discussion in a spirit of mutual respect, mainly through its conferences, the journal *Modern Believing*, its newsletter, *Signs of the Times* and other publications. See [www.modernchurch.org.uk](http://www.modernchurch.org.uk)

## Conference Contributors

**Revd Dr Harriet Harris (Conference Chair)** is now chaplain at the University of Edinburgh; she has been a chaplain and tutor in Oxford and before that a theology lecturer at Exeter University. Harriet is an Episcopalian priest, frequently participating in ecumenical and interfaith talks and initiatives. She writes on fundamentalism, religious knowing and qualities of character, and she serves on theological committees, formerly for the Church of England, and now for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

**Revd Canon Loveday Alexander**, Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Sheffield, who is exploring the links between the New Testament and the Graeco-Roman world; **Prof. Valentine Cunningham**, University of Oxford;

**Dr Victoria Harrison**, University of Glasgow and **Dr Rhett Gayle**, University of Colorado who are working on 'Exemplar Reasoning': the art of conversation across faiths and cultures; **Pip Haydock**, Director of the 2getherPartnership, which trains people in leadership and influencing skills, presence and impact;

**Revd Canon Vanessa Herrick**, Director of Ministry and Vocation in Ely Diocese, author of *Jesus Wept: Reflections on vulnerability in leadership*;

**Imam Halima Krausen**, one of Germany's few female imams who, along with her duties in the community, holds lectures in the Middle East and the United States and co-founded an interreligious dialogue working group at Hamburg University; **Revd Canon Dr Charlotte Methuen**, Lecturer in Church History, Theology and Religious Studies, University of Glasgow; **Rt. Revd. Peter Price**, Bishop of Bath and Wells and former general secretary of USPG;

**Prof Melissa Raphael-Levine**, Professor of Jewish Theology; **Deborah Ravetz** who is concerned with what is sometimes called heart politics: that which connects the personal with the political; Oxford Brookes University;

**Dr Ethna Regan**, who teaches at the Mater Dei Institute of Education in Dublin where theology is rooted in the Catholic Christian tradition, engaged in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, with a commitment to global and social justice; **Dr Nicola Slee**, the Queens Foundation, Birmingham who will be leading a poetry workshop; **Dr Sepideh Taheri**, consultant paediatrician & member of the Bahai Faith.

*The programme of speakers may have to change without notice*

## Booking Details

The Conference Centre:

**High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord Street, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8SG ([www.cct.org.uk](http://www.cct.org.uk))** is comfortable, well-equipped, and easily accessible by car and public transport.

The Centre offers a choice of:

- Standard room which has a washbasin; there is a tea bar in the corridor; these rooms have single or twin, but not double beds
- Ensuite room with a shower or bath and tea/coffee making facilities in the room; they have single, twin or double beds

Conference fees:

- Full residence in an ensuite room per person £265
- Full residence in a standard room per person £200
- Modern Church member's discount if booking before 31 March: £15

A non-refundable deposit of £40 will secure a place; full payment is requested by 31 May. However, payment in full with your booking would save time for you and for us. Please note that if you have to cancel your booking within 4 weeks of the conference, we may need to retain the full booking fee depending on whether we can re-allocate your room.

### Part time attendance:

It may be possible to offer places on a part-time and/or non-resident basis, depending on the demand for full time places. Please see the Modern Church website: [www.modernchurch.org.uk](http://www.modernchurch.org.uk) or contact the conference bookings secretary (see below) for further details.

### Reduced fees:

A reduction in fees may be available for students and those on very low incomes. Please contact the conference secretary before 31 March 2012 for further information.

***Bookings can be made through the Modern Church website:***

***[www.modernchurch.org.uk](http://www.modernchurch.org.uk) or by completing the form overleaf and sending it to the Conference Bookings Secretary, Rev Jan van der Lely, 54 Alexander Drive, Cirencester, GL7 1HU, [conference@modernchurch.org.uk](mailto:conference@modernchurch.org.uk)***