

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND

5th Learning to be Missionary Disciples Conference: Re-orientation, Renewal and Reality of Discipleship

High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord St, Hoddesdon, EN11 8SG

24th-25th March 2026

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Day 1 – Tuesday 24th March

You may arrive 11.30am onwards

Conference Chaplains are **Revd Chris Duffett** (Baptist Union) and **Revd Victoria Lawrence** (Bible Society)

12.00pm	Registration and coffee	
1.00pm	LUNCH	In the dining room
2.00pm	Introduction and Welcome (Barclay Hall)	Rachael Heffer (EA) & Ben Aldous (CTE)
2.10pm	Act of Worship	Bishop David White (Wesleyan Holiness)
2.20pm	Opening icebreaker and get to know you activity	Shemara Hoyte (CTE) and Abi Jarvis (Methodist)
2.30pm	Keynote	Justin Brierley “The signs of renewal in Christian Faith in Britain today” Justin is a freelance writer, speaker and broadcaster who has become known for creating dialogues between Christians and non-Christians. Justin is passionate about creating conversations around faith, science, theology and culture.
3.10pm	Q & A from delegates	Ben Aldous and Abi Jarvis

3.30pm	COFFEE BREAK	
4.00pm	The research and reports	25 minute presentations on <i>The Quiet Revival</i> (Bible Society) Rob Barward-Symmons and <i>Finding Jesus</i> (EA) – Rachael Heffer [Table reflections after each presentation]
5.00pm	Responding to the reports	Panel discussion hosted by Justin Brierley, Shermara Hoyte and Rachael Heffer with 5 panellists <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coptic Orthodox response [Fr Michael Lambros] 2. Black Pentecostal response [Bishop Claion Grandison] 3. Catholic response [James Holland] 4. Lutheran response [Rebecca Daniel] 5. Gen Z response [Abby Miles]
5.45pm	Q & A from delegates	Ben and Abi – reflections on tables
6.00pm	FREE TIME	
6.30pm	DINNER	In the dining room
7.30pm	Evening Prayer	Melanie Cave [Roots for Churches]
7.35pm	News from the Networks	An opportunity to hear from churches and charities and their latest work (Ben Aldous) Each presenter has 2 mins to share starting with the opening line “My name is _____ and I’m excited to talk to you about _____”
8.15pm	“Finding your people”	Table conversations based on news from the networks material
9.00pm	BAR OPEN Grab a drink and return to join Ian for some fun	Ian Macdonald (Sarum College)
9.20pm	The Funny Thing about Laughter	

Day 2 – Wednesday 25th March

DAY 2			
8.00am	BREAKFAST	In the dining room	
9.00am	Summary and outline of the day	Ben Aldous, Bob Goody and Rachael Heffer	
9.10am	Act of Worship	Jonny Baker [CMS] and Richard Passmore [Fresh Expressions]	
9.25am	Recap and rework	Re-orientation, Renewal and Reality of Discipleship In the light of people coming to faith from a range of backgrounds and contexts how do we re-orientate our discipleship work	
9.40am	2 different roundtables [Each roundtable with have a host who will offer a short introductory reflection]	Discipleship and intergenerational challenges [Aike Kennett-Brown & Ian Macdonald] Barclay Hall	Discipleship and places of poverty and Marginalisation [Andy Smith & Victoria Lawrence] Oak Room
10.25am	COFFEE BREAK (20 mins)	MOVE ROOMS	MOVE ROOMS
10.45am	2 different roundtables [Each roundtable with have a host who will offer a short introductory reflection]	Discipleship in an age of political extremism and the rise of the right [Pete Moorey & Shermara Hoyte] Barclay Hall	Discipleship and the rural/urban divide [Matt Jeffrey & Bob Goody] Oak Room
11.30am	Move between rooms		

11.40am	Interactive team session	Barclay Hall Based on the previous day's conversations and listening from planning team a session divided into two parts based on The Pause a) The Practical – what did you hear? what have you learnt? What does that mean going forward? b) The People- who did you meet? who will you commit to working with? What ways are you reflecting the kingdom work of God in your commitment? c) The Prophetic – what do you think is next? What has God been saying? To you? To us corporately?
12.20pm	Closing reflection	Prayers with Commissioning and sending out (Ben Aldous)
12.30pm	LUNCH	In the dining room
2.00pm	Leave site clear	