

Baptist Assembly day conferences – Saturday 5 May 2012

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REF	Title	Description	Venue
1	Dissenting descendants	400 years on, how can Baptists be a prophetic people, engaging in the political processes in order to work for the coming Kingdom of God? Dissent has been an important part of the Baptist heritage. What does it mean to be a dissenting people in a contemporary society? <i>Participants to include: Bruce Stokes, Ian Randall (The Whitley Lecture: Religious Liberty in Europe and the Middle East: Campaigning by British Baptists, 1840-1940) and Pat Took</i>	Central Hall Westminster SW1H 9NH
2	Revelling in the art of God Exploring the relationship between art and spirituality	In every culture there is a close relationship between its visual art forms and its spirituality. With London being the home of the great art treasures of the Western world, this conference will explore the relationship between art and modern spirituality, pressing beyond the confines of the classical Western tradition into the art of the two-thirds world and contemporary street art. <i>Participants to include: Joe Kapolyo, Richard and Rosemary Kidd and Gale Richards</i>	Central Hall Westminster and beyond SW1H 9NH
3	19th century preacher in a 21st century world	Spurgeon was influential in galvanising Baptists in London to come together in a vision for mission. The London Baptist Association was founded in 1865 with a vision for establishing at least one new church each year. What is the legacy of a missional approach to associating and to ministry for the 21 st century? <i>Participants to include: Ruth Gouldbourne, Peter Morden and representatives from the Jamaican Baptist Union</i>	Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church WC2H 8EP
4	From one generation to another Reaching young people with the gospel	With more and more young people disengaging from Church and from the Christian message and engaging in destructive patterns of living, how does the Church cross the generational divide with the gospel? Starting with, but not exclusively from an urban context, this conference will look at the opportunities the Church has to reach young people using Biblically based strategies. <i>Participants to include: Daniel Shillingford and Pete James</i>	Brixton Baptist Church Solon Road SW2 5UY
5	Cultural clones or distinct disciples?	Right from the earliest outset of Christian mission the temptation to standardise expressions of Christianity has dogged the Church. In recent years the need for more authentic cultural expressions of discipleship has emerged from within the Muslim, Hindu and Sikh worlds. This conference will examine the opportunities for creative mission, the benefits for the wider Church and how to navigate the dangers of this approach. <i>Participants to include: Robin Thomson, (South Asia Concern) Manoj Raithatha (South Asia Forum) and Aradhna</i>	Central Hall Westminster SW1H 9NH
6	Lost in translation Interfaith dialogue in a multi-faith world	For some Christians interfaith engagement threatens the evangelical assumption of the uniqueness of Christ and therefore Christian witness, whilst for others it has enriched their spirituality as they have discovered the presence of God in other faiths. Others seek to tread a middle road between the two poles. This conference will explore the different strands and help people negotiate the complexities of interfaith communication. <i>Participants to include: Ida Glaser</i>	Central Hall Westminster SW1H 9NH
7	Lord of the rings Christians exploring the Olympic legacy for London	What will be the legacy of the Games once they end in September 2012? This issue is of major concern for churches and other community groups, particularly those in the East End of London. This conference will explore the legacy and will seek to share some key areas where the Church can make a difference on its own or through developing partnerships. <i>Participants to include: David Pile</i>	Stratford area
8	The rise of entrepreneurial minister	Dramatic changes in employment and ways of living are impacting ministry. Pioneering leaders are challenging traditional ministerial models and assumptions that could have long term implications for ministry in the 21 st century. In this conference we will be hearing from those at the cutting edge of these new patterns and learning from their experiences. <i>Participants to include: Juliet Kilpin (Urban Expression), Shola Fola-Alalad and Teofil Hari</i>	Central Hall Westminster SW1H 9NH
9	Whose big idea? Challenges and opportunities for churches in the 'Big Society'	David Cameron's 'Big Society' is a cornerstone of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government. But what is the 'Big Society'? What opportunities, if any, does it offer to churches to be involved in their communities? This conference aims to explore the idea of the 'Big Society' from a variety of perspectives. <i>Participants to include: Steve Chalke</i>	Oasis Church Waterloo SE1 7HS
10	Turning the tables on mission	The Christian centre of gravity is now in the two-thirds world and its citizens regard Britain and Western Europe as the new mission field. Hear stories of how the Lord has led people to the UK, their original expectations, the opportunities and challenges they face, and how their zeal for the Lord can transform Church and society. <i>Participants to include: Israel Olofinjana</i>	Emmanuel Centre Marsham Street SW1P 3DW
11	Are we really worth it? A Christian critique of consumerism and capitalism	Consumerism and capitalism have become the dominant economic and political models for our society. What are the moral and ethical implications and the impact on the Church? This conference will critique our society's dependence on consumerism, explore some of its benefits and offer Christian alternatives. <i>Participants to include: Chris Andre-Watson and Philip Davies</i>	The Salvation Army Regent Hall Oxford Street W1C 2DJ
12	Pass it on A day to equip you in local mission	A wide range of inspirational teaching and seminars looking at the breadth of relevant evangelism and mission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the theology of mission • Learn how to connect with communities in creative ways • Hear local stories and ideas and insight to mission in different contexts • Think through doing mission effectively in your own situation The style will be informative and fun with optional practical experience alongside the theory. <i>Participants to include: Chris Duffett, BUGB Mission Department and many others</i>	Central Hall Westminster SW1H 9NH
13	Only five loaves and two fish?	It might not sound much but in the hands of Jesus, they became all that was needed for the occasion. So with the small church in today's world. Together let's face the obstacles, share the challenges and be inspired to be all that God wants for your church. See him transform the mundane to the exciting – the ordinary to the extraordinary. Free book for all. <i>Participants to include: Hilary Taylor and the Small Church Connexion Team</i>	Emmanuel Centre Marsham Street SW1P 3DW