



WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST & UNITING CHURCH WOMEN



SEMINAR INFORMATION

INSURANCE

IT IS YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE TRAVEL AND HEALTH INSURANCE AND ANY OTHER INSURANCE YOU FEEL APPROPRIATE (as well as any medication you will need).

NB: All members of EU countries should bring their European Health Insurance Card.

The WFMUCW cannot be held responsible for any damage to or loss of luggage in connection with travel to or from the Seminar, nor on the optional excursions.

HOTELS

Note: all hotels are within a few minutes' walk of each other

All Seminar events will be held in the Clayton Hotel, 22 Ormeau Avenue, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 8HS; Tel: 0044 (0)28 90328511; Email: info.belfast@claytonhotels.com; Website: www.claytonhotelbelfast.com Accommodation is also available in this 4-star hotel which is located within the Linen Quarter of Belfast city centre just a short walk from the main bus and train stations and only 20 minutes from George Best Belfast City Airport.

Alternative accommodation is available in the Maldron Hotel, 20 Brunswick Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 7GE; Email: res.belfastcity@maldronhotels.com; Website: www.maldronhotelbelfastcity.com This 4-star hotel is currently under construction and will open its doors in April 2018. It is just a few minutes' walk from Belfast City Hall and the main bus and train stations and only 20 minutes from George Best Belfast City Airport.

Alternative accommodation is available in the Hotel ETAP, 35 Dublin Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 7HE; Tel: 0044 (0)28 90328126; Website: www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-7186-etap-belfast/index.shtml This Ibis budget hotel is located in the heart of Belfast city centre only a few minutes' walk from the main bus and train stations and only 20 minutes from George Best Belfast City Airport.

TRAVEL

By Air:

There will be people to welcome you on arrival at the Europa Buscentre or Glengall Street.

George Best Belfast City Airport (BHD) is the nearest airport to Belfast city centre. There is a designated Airport Express 600 Bus Service every 20 minutes from the front of the terminal building to the Europa Buscentre in Belfast. Tickets are available from the tourist information desk in arrivals or from the driver: a single is about £2.50 and a return is about £3.80.

Belfast International Airport (BFS) is approximately 30-40 minutes from Belfast city centre. There is a regular Airport 300 Bus Service from the bus stop located opposite the terminal exit to the Europa Buscentre in Belfast. All coaches will stop at Templepatrick and Royal Avenue in Belfast before arriving at the bus terminal. Tickets are available from the tourist information desk in arrivals or from the driver: a single is about £7.50 and a return is about £10.50.

Dublin International Airport (DUB) is about 2 hours from Belfast city centre. There is an Aircoach 705X from Dublin Airport to Glengall Street in Belfast city centre every hour from the bus stop in front of terminals 1 and 2. Tickets can be purchased from any Aircoach staff member at the Aircoach departure stands at Terminal 1 or Terminal 2 or from your driver when boarding the coach or online at www.aircoach.ie A return ticket costs approximately £20 or €24.

WORSHIP LEADER & SPEAKERS

Melanie Johnston – Melanie is the Worship Leader for the Seminar and will be helping to lead the Friday morning session of the Seminar exploring how, as a 'Chosen People' we are 'Called to Proclaim' through our Worship. Melanie comes from Ballyclare, Co. Antrim and is part of the Carrickfergus Vineyard Church family where she is one of the worship leaders. Formerly Head of Music at Laurelhill Community College in Lisburn she now has her own business working as a full time Musician and Tutor teaching singing and piano. Melanie is a trained Classical Singer and performs in Classical concerts and recitals as a soloist as well as taking vocal workshops within churches. In her spare time, she enjoys meeting up with friends, drinking tea and has a keen interest in history.

Val Mullally – Val will be leading the Friday morning session of the Seminar exploring how, as a 'Chosen People' we are 'Called to Proclaim' through our Worship. *(More information to follow.)*

Wendy Johnston – Wendy will be helping to lead the Friday morning session of the Seminar exploring how, as a 'Chosen People' we are 'Called to Proclaim' through our Worship. She is a storyteller and, in particular a Biblical Storyteller, who is completing her Master Biblical Storyteller accreditation through the Network of Biblical Storytellers International. She lives in Belfast with her husband Richard. Her three beautiful girls have 'flown the nest', one as far as Germany, and in 2016 she became Nana to a funny sweet little boy named Romain.

Gillian Kingston – Gillian will be leading the Saturday morning session of the Seminar as we explore how, as a 'Chosen People' we are 'Called to Proclaim' through our Relationships. Gillian is the Vice-President of the World Methodist Council. *(More information to follow.)*

WORKSHOPS

Friday afternoon Workshops – ... through Worship

'Praying Well' – Prayer with Louise Wilson

Louise is the Area President for Europe: Britain & Ireland and works as the Training & Development Officer for the Methodist Church in Ireland, based in its Theological College in Belfast. One of her areas of responsibility is the training of Prayer Ministry Teams in local churches and she is passionate about enabling, resourcing and releasing people in prayer.

This workshop will explore how we can deepen our experience of prayer and 'styles' of prayer by looking at: how we 'Live in the Presence of God'; how we 'Connect to the Presence of God'; and how we 'Practise the Presence of God'.

'Lift Up Your Voices' – Music with Melanie Johnston

In this workshop, we will 'lift up our voices' in song praising our God! We will sing some well-known and not so well known worship songs with a bit of a twist. We will briefly look at the role of singing in the Bible, have some fun warming up our voices before learning a few songs in a choral context. If you enjoy singing and having some 'craic', it would be great to see you!

'Story in Slow Motion' – Biblical Storytelling with Wendy Johnston

This workshop will explore some Bible stories using space and time to notice and discover things that surprise and challenge us in the ancient words. Most of us live life at such a fast pace that we don't make space or time to slow down and notice the important things. Because the stories are often so familiar to us it can be easy to skip over hidden character gems, or miss discovering a surprise turn in story direction, or miss what spaces in the story and the unsaid words tell us. Let's discover stories in slow motion.

Creative Worship with Val Mullally

(More information to follow.)

Puppet Drama with Karola Stobaus

(More information to follow.)

Sunday afternoon Workshops – ... through Social Action

There will be 5 Workshops, one on each of the Sustainable Development Goals which are the focus of our two European Areas for this quinquennium (Workshop Leaders have still to be confirmed):

Europe: Continental –

- SDG 1 – No Poverty
- SDG 16 – Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

Europe: Britain & Ireland

- SDG 4 – Quality Education
- SDG 5 – Gender Equality
- SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities

Everyone attending the Seminar will be divided into five different groups and the Workshop Leaders will visit each group, speaking for approximately 15 minutes about their particular SDG. Therefore, everyone will have an opportunity to hear about each of these SDGs and there is no need to choose a particular Workshop.