

The Brethren movement saw itself as a return to the model of the New Testament church. There were those, such as J. N. Darby, who felt that the church could not be restored to its primitive form, but this did not stop others reading the Bible to determine how best to pattern themselves on the earliest and purest model. As a result, the radical implications which the Brethren saw in the New Testament led them to reject any division between members of the church. But this still left the relationship with existing churches to be resolved. Some practised an early form of ecumenism, but soon there were those who wanted to exclude others who were seen as less pure for one reason or another, giving rise to the numerous schisms within the movement. Involvement in the missionary movement by the Brethren in the later nineteenth century meant that the form of the church had to be translated into non-Western cultures. In taking the topic of the Brethren and the church, all these aspects and more will be examined. Those attending are invited to present short papers at the breakout sessions.

As part of the conference, the sites in Dublin associated with the beginnings of the movement, including Trinity College, will be explored by bus. There is an extra cost of €12 for those opting to take this tour.

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PROGRAMME [TBC]

Monday 3 July

- 2.30 Welcome
- 3.00 Prof. Crawford Gribben, 'Brethren and the Legacy of the Reformation'
- 4.00 Tea/Coffee
- 4.30 Breakout Session 1
- 6.00 Dinner
- 8.00 Prof. Jean DeBernardi, 'The Emplacement and Indigenization of the Brethren movement in Penang and Singapore'

Tuesday 4 July

- 8:00 Morning prayers
- 8.30 Breakfast
- 9.30 Dr Timothy Stunt, 'John Nelson Darby's ecclesiastical identity'
- 10.30 Tea/Coffee
- 11.00 Breakout Session 2
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 Brethren Beginnings: Afternoon trip to Dublin
- 6.30 Dinner
- 8.00 Prof. Donald Akenson, 'Remembering Rodney King: Can Academic and Non-Academic Historians Get Along?'

Wednesday 5 July

- 8.00 Morning prayers
- 8.30 Breakfast
- 9.30 Dr Neil Summerton, 'Was George Müller Brethren?'
- 10.30 Tea/Coffee
- 11.00 Breakout Session 3
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 Dr Tim Grass, 'Doing Church in a Hostile Environment: Translating Brethren Ecclesiology in Franco's Spain'
- 2.30 Close of conference
- 3.00 Tea/Coffee

BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I will attend as a resident

I wish to attend as a non-resident

I wish to go on the Dublin tour for €12

Please send me the guidelines for papers

I remit a full fee of € _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

Dietary requirements:

Emails of those attending will be issued at the conference. **Please tick this box if you do not want your details included.**

Return this form by 26 May 2017 to Dr Alison Muir, 1 Brands Row, Crossgates, Fife, KY4 8DE, United Kingdom, or email your application to: bahnsecretary@hotmail.com

The cost of the conference per person (inclusive of all conference costs) is €183 (single non-en suite) or €187 (double ensuite). A non-residency rate is also available. The full fee is payable at the time of booking. The closing date for bookings is **26 May 2017**. Fees will be non-returnable after 2 June 2017.

Payment may be by one of the following methods (if paying other than in €, calculate at the rate of exchange, e.g. on Oanda Currency Converter, when you pay):

- £sterling cheque drawn on a UK bank (Payable: Partnership (UK) Ltd)

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