Building For Tomorrow

The future certainly looks much better if we use a God’s-eye view. The world is God’s. God loves each person within it. God seeks an every-person presence to build up the relation of each person with God, and to every other person. Everybody belongs to God. Life matters.

From July 28 - August 1, people from Christian, Churches of Christ and Disciples of Christ churches around the world, including many from united churches, will gather in Brighton.

The World Convention of our global church family will welcome people from about thirty-five countries for fellowship, Bible study, worship, learning and celebration.

Acknowledging their faith in Christ, conventioners will be seeking to grow and equip themselves to better serve Christ’s church.

This issue of World Christian has a great deal of information about the convention - which we urge all conventioners to read very thoroughly.

Many of our readers will not be at World Convention. However, we want to remind everybody that World Convention is an everyday ministry building fellowship, understanding and common purpose within your global church family each day, in many different ways.

And actually everybody can share in the World Convention itself!

We’re Writing the Book

Yes - World Convention is writing the book on your church family around the world.

More than seventy-five chapters have been written already. There will be around 165 chapters eventually - one chapter describing the work of the Christian - Churches of Christ - Disciples of Christ family of churches in each country.

This is a book that will never be printed. You will find it on the World Convention web site: www.worldconvention.org. The national profiles already written are there for you to read - and respond to - now. Of course you can print off any ‘chapter’ you want!

This book is also one that will never be finished. Yes - we will have a chapter on every country where we have churches and partnerships but we will be constantly updating the information as you send us corrections and additions.

As well as providing information, we hope that these national profiles will help increase our knowledge of each other. Think globally; act locally was a New Testament understanding long before it was a Twentieth Century slogan! The church is the body of Christ.

Clint Holloway works with World Convention one day each week researching and writing the profiles. Your Friends and Forward Fund gifts help this continuing ministry.

Nashville in 2008

The next World Convention, July 30 - August 3, 2008, will be held at the convention centre in Nashville, Tennessee, USA. This will be the first time World Convention has met in the city where the World Convention office is located.
Preparing Yourself for Convention

For many people, the World Convention in Brighton at the end of July will be the event of a lifetime. It’s important to be well prepared for it.

Before you go:
1. Decide that you are going to enjoy yourself. There is always the possibility that something will go wrong or service will not be as good as you’d like. However, it is your own experience you’ll ruin if you try to reform airlines, hotels and other services. Let things go! Be pleasant about requesting changes you need and if they cannot be achieved, move on graciously.
2. Decide on a safe place for your documents. Those travelling internationally need to safeguard these carefully. Keep your documents in the same, safe place. At any time when you take them out, don’t move on until they are back in place. Keep copies of key documents in another part of your luggage.
3. Plan how you will obtain money. There is no need to get UK currency before you arrive in Britain. Purchase items with credit cards; obtain cash with debit/cheque/check cards. The British use a decimal pound - not the Euro. Unfortunately Britain has become expensive for tourists. Those from the USA can expect to pay about double what they are used to.
4. Purchase travel insurance. We highly recommend that you purchase travellers’ medical and general insurance. Emergency health costs can build up fast.
5. Anticipate the weather. Our convention is midsummer. The UK spans 50 - 60 degrees north so days are longer. The surrounding ocean moderates temperatures. Highest day temperatures in Brighton are in the 90s F (low 30s C.) Possible showers (changeable); cooler evenings - sweater/jersey/jacket may be needed.
6. Bring ‘tidy casual’ clothing. Even Sunday morning at the convention will be casual as many will go straight away to tours.
7. Plan your transfer from airports. This information is for those who do not have transfers arranged and are making their own way. London Gatwick Airport (LGW) is only thirty minutes by train from Brighton. The Gatwick Airport station is in the airport and the Brighton station is only six blocks from the convention centre. If you are arriving at London Heathrow (LHR) you can take the train to central London and transfer to a Brighton train or take an approximately one hour direct coach ride to LGW and catch a train or coach to Brighton from there.
8. Be relaxed. Everything will work out OK!
9. Advise us before convention of any special needs. We will do our best to accommodate these. worldconv@aol.com
10. As previously recommended - avoid bringing a car to Brighton. Parking can easily cost £24/US$43 per day.

At the Convention:
1. All events are in the Convention Centre. There is no one ‘convention’ hotel.
2. Plan to attend the whole program. World Convention is a total experience. The communion service (ending late Sunday morning) is a must!
3. Remember that the program is a broad one. There may be things you are not used to. (Expect and enjoy singing to some different tunes - we don’t all use the same ones!) Count everything as experience. Be open and willing to do new things, think new thoughts! Make the most of the occasion. Enjoy yourself!
4. Pick up your registration package at The Brighton Centre. The Convention Centre is in Kings Road (along the seafront) between the two piers. Entrance Wednesday by seafront door only. The desk (inside door) will open by 8.15 am on Wednesday 28 July for those on morning tours or attending the Leaders’ Forum and at 9.30 am for all others. At registration you will receive your name badge (required for all subsequent entry to the Brighton Centre), tickets you have ordered and your Convention Handbook. Check tickets before leaving the registration area. We suggest you name tickets on the back in case of loss.
5. Store luggage at the hotels if possible. There will be limited storage at the Brighton Centre if you need it, but only on Wednesday (8am - 9.30pm) and Sunday...
morning (until 30 minutes after the service finishes).
6. Please keep clear of the exhibit area until Wednesday noon. Exhibits cannot be set up until Wednesday morning.
7. Always wear your name badge. OK – it can come off when you go to bed! You’ll need it at convention but we have the tradition of wearing them all around our host city. It helps you meet other conventioners (even share meals with) and identifies you as a convention visitor.
8. Remember you will be a Christian witness by the pleasant and respectful way you treat everybody - Convention Centre staff, volunteers, those who serve you in taxis, shops & restaurants.
9. Notice that the day starts later. Breakfast and the morning start are generally later in the UK.
10. Become familiar with the Convention Centre. The Convention Centre is on four levels - ground, main hall (the main hall is not on the ground level), Mezzanine and Skyline. Stewards wearing sashes will help you find your way.
11. Find places for eating. The Convention Centre (on Kings Road) faces the ocean - south. On the north side of the Convention Centre is a mall (Churchill Square) with food court. From the north side of the mall (Western Rd) you can walk west into shopping/eating areas and east into The Lanes - lots of small shops and eating houses. There are some eating places in Kings Road too. Try Fish & Chips on the Brighton (east) Pier. Check out the cash sale lunch (different menu each day) in the convention Centre - ground floor. Note that no food may be brought into the Convention Centre.
12. Look for notices in your printed Convention Handbook. We do not rely on public announcements at Convention. Key notices will be on screen before and after main sessions.
13. Look for Exhibits. On the ground floor from 11 am (2 pm Wednesday) - 9.50 pm. Closed during evening session. Look for the World Convention Exhibit too.
15. We regret that there will not be any public internet connection at the Convention Centre (there are internet cafes nearby) or list of attendees. Lists (with registration over four years) are often misleading and can also offend privacy laws.

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Get the Overall Picture in your mind

Pre-Convention
- Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council (national delegates only) at the Brighthelm Centre, Sunday July 25 (5 pm) - Tuesday 27 (5.30 pm). Information: rwelsh@ecu.disciples.org
- World Christian Women’s Fellowship Women’s Retreat. Open to all women. Monday 26 July (2.30 pm) - Wednesday 28 (11 am). At Salford - about three miles from Central Brighton. The World CWF Executive Committee (national representatives) will convene 5 pm Sunday. Information: mgarrow@fish.co.uk

Wednesday 28 July
- Registration desk opens at 8.15 am. (No registration Tuesday.)
  (Those attending the Leaders Forum & 9 am tour will be attended to first.)
- Leaders Forum. 9.30 am - 4 pm. Open to all interested in our global family currently and in the future. Pre-registration required. (See page 5.)
- Half day tours - 9 am & 1 pm. Tickets needed. Be sure to note the time on your ticket.
- Australian dinner (for Australian delegates). Tickets needed. 4.45 pm. Old Ship Hotel. brucegrieg@bigpond.com

World Convention (July 28 - August 1)
- Main Sessions (main hall) each morning (9.30 am) and evening (7 pm). Opening 7 pm Wednesday. Bible Study at 9.30 each morning. Worship 7 pm Thursday & Friday. The Saturday Celebration - 7 pm. Closing Communion service. 9.30 am Sunday.
- Presidents Reception. A chance to meet past & present World Convention and World CWF Presidents. After the Convention Opening, in the Hewson Room.
- Tools for the Task Groups. Thursday & Friday, 11.30 am - 5 pm. Pre-selection needed. One three-session group per day.
- Arundel/Chichester day trip - 11.30 am Friday. An alternative to the Tools for the Task groups. Tickets needed. (Info: pages 4-5)
- Three Saturday Luncheons. Men, Women/World CWF/Ministers. Tickets needed. (See page 5.)
- One hour seminars. Choose one for Saturday morning and one for Saturday afternoon. Make your two choices when you pick up your name badge at convention. Seminar rooms lists will be available on Saturday. Topics listed on page four of this issue of World Christian.
- The European Evangelistic Society Luncheon will be held Thursday (wyehuxford@earthlink.net) and the Hisportic (Portuguese) Christian Mission Dinner will be held Friday (wlwong@hcm.org).

World Youth Convention
Gather in Rainbow Room, ground floor, after the World Convention Opening Session (9-9.45 pm). Pre-registration needed. See World Christian #43 or www.worldconvention.org. Late registration now - page 5

Children’s Program
First session 9.30 am Thursday. Pre-registration needed. See www.worldconvention.org Late registration now - page 5.

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These exciting and valuable three-session groups will be presented on Thursday, 11.30 am - 5 pm and repeated on Friday. Choose one of the following for Thursday and another for Friday. On Friday you may choose instead to share in the excursion to Arundel Castle (after Windsor Castle, the largest inhabited castle in the United Kingdom), and 900 year old Chichester Cathedral. Places for ‘Tools’ groups are now being awarded as requests are received. We will contact you if your request cannot be met. (Order ticket page 5.)

A. Growing Healthy Churches Naturally. Christian Schwarz. Christian is the Director of the Institute for Natural Church Development in Germany.


C. The Ministry of Rural Churches. Jenny Carpenter. Jenny is the UK Rural Officer for the United Reformed and Methodist churches.

D. The Church in the City. Gordon Moyes. Gordon is the Senior Minister of Wesley Mission in Sydney, Australia, Australia’s largest Christian complex.

E. Migration & Mission: The Cultural Challenge. Derek Wensley. Derek, a United Reformed Church minister and Church Growth Consultant for the Bible Society, has developed twelve social action programs in East London. Emmanuel (Community Worker and Community Development) and Martha (Educational/Stress Management Consultant) work in East London also.

F. Maintaining Personal Life in the Midst of Ministry & Mission. Roy Searle. Roy is a Baptist minister and a founder/leader of the Northumbria Community which focuses on spirituality, mission & cultural issues.


H. Leadership Development. Tony Sands ministers with the Fellowship of Churches of Christ in the United Kingdom.

I. Taking Your Church from Good to Great. Barry McMurtie and Ben Merold. Barry and Ben are megachurch senior ministers with Christian Churches/Churches of Christ in the USA.

J. Transformational Change. Chris Vermeulen. Chris works as a consultant with congregations in the UK as they transition from historical/traditional to missional churches.


L. Youth in Mission. A group led by John Brown, United Kingdom.
Use this form to register for World Convention

World Convention: July 28 - August 1, 2004

Please print very clearly

• Name/s (Christian and family names as for name badges)
  
  (1) first _____ last _____
  
  (2) first _____ last _____

  Children attending (age: August 1, 2004)

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• Contact information

  Street

  City/Town ___________________________ State/province ___________________________

  Postal/zip code ___________________________ Country ___________________________

  Email

  Phone: Area code - ___________ Local number - _______________________

  Local Congregation ___________________________

• Registration (check/tick)

  _____ Attending. (I/we hope/plan to be there!)

  _____ Non-attending. (Supporting; mailed materials)

  _____ Electronic (email). Daily email reports. (Attending and non-attending registrants may wish to receive this information too; add the email registration fee.)

• Payment

  - Fees are per person. (Refundable after convention if requested by May 31, 2004.)
  - No registration fee for children/youth (up to including high school) attending with parents. For those who share in children’s and youth programs there is a fee to cover costs. Youth US$150 or £90; Children US$50 or £30. Details in World Christian #43. See adjacent form.
  - Young/Young adults beyond high school need to pay the registration fee. Those who choose to be involved in the youth event will receive credit for their registration towards the youth event program costs.

Please calculate fees from this chart and enter total below.

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• Method of Payment: Check/cheque or credit card (provide details below)

  Cheques (payable to ‘World Convention’) in Australian, Canadian, New Zealand or USA dollars or £stg only.

  - Circle the amounts you are paying above. Add youth/children fees for those joining these programs. (Remember amounts are per person for attendees).

  ENTER THE TOTAL you are paying here: ______________

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SPECIAL REQUESTS

Every conventioner should complete this form to choose their ‘Tools for the Task’ groups (see page four). Requests must be received by June 30. Spaces still open will then be available at registration in Brighton.

• If you have not already registered please do so on the form to the left and leave it attached.

• If you have already registered please complete section A. below for identification.

A. I/we have already registered. Complete this section A. (If not, please complete form on left.)

  Name/s ___________________________ ___________________________

  Address ___________________________ ___________________________

  Registration number/s (if available) ___________________________

B. Tools for the Task groups. Please choose from groups A - L on page four.

  Remember these three-session groups are on all day Thursday (from 11.30 am) and repeat all day Friday so you can choose two. The cost of these groups is covered by your registration fee. On Friday there is the additional option of an excursion to Arundel Castle (box lunch provided there) and Chichester Cathedral. See below for cost (coach, lunch and entrance fees).

  Please check/tick your choices: (Only one check/tick per person, per day)

  Thursday A___ B___ C___ D___ E___ F___ G___ H___ I___ J___ K___ L___

  or (Friday) Arundel/Chichester (number on this tour: _____) Total tour cost ___________

C. Leaders Forum (9.30am - 4 pm Wednesday). All interested in our church family today & tomorrow invited. Lunch is provided and considered part of the program as it provides opportunities to identify and meet people.

  Number of tickets required (costs below) _____ Total cost ___________

D. Half Day Tours of Brighton. Wednesday prior to convention opening. Leaving from the convention centre at 9 am and 1 pm. Circle your choice of time.

  Number of tickets required (costs below) _____ Total cost ___________

E. Saturday Luncheon programs. Three simultaneous lunches for Men, Women (including World CWF) and Ministers.

  Number of tickets required (costs below) _____ Total cost ___________


  List name/s of attendees below and include appropriate fee.

  Enter the total cost below: ___________

G. Children’s Program. (6-12 years) (Overlap with youth is intentional; you choose.) Morning session like Vacation Bible School; afternoon outings; evening - children’s worship.

  List name/s of attendees below and include appropriate fee.

  Enter the total cost below: ___________

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The ministry of World Convention builds fellowship, understanding and common purpose within the family of churches known as Christian, Churches of Christ and Disciples of Christ.

World Convention is creating a sense of continuing (every day) convention through:
- Publishing the quarterly, *World Christian*.
- Publishing the monthly newsletter, *ChristiNet*.
- Maintaining the World Convention web site which includes a growing number of national descriptions (currently over seventy-five) of your church family’s witness.
- Promoting World Convention Sunday to provide a sense of family (first Sunday in August).
- Publishing *Exploring Our Destiny*—papers on the future of your global church family.
- Emphasising your church family’s unique story and witness through the writing of brochures and articles and by speaking.
- Awarding World Convention Citations that recognise the outstanding civic and church leadership of members.
- Appointing World Convention Ambassadors to advocate for the ministries of World Convention & lift up the heritage and destiny of your global church family.
- Lifting up daily global prayer through our prayer network, 11:11 - Get Connected.
- Strengthening networking through global correspondence and visiting.
- Maintaining links with other Christian World Communions
- And of course organising the quadrennial world conventions for those who can attend.

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Saturday Seminars in Brighton

‘Tools for the Task’ groups are all-day groups on Thursday, repeated on Friday. Conventioners are asked to choose these before they arrive. On Saturday there will be two one-hour slots which you conventioners will choose in Brighton. You might like to line up your choices now from the list below.

Saturday morning

• The Challenge and Excitement of Main Stream Renewal. Jim Powell. Jim is the President of Church Extension, a national unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the USA and Canada.
• The Art of Attending. (An introduction to contemplative prayer through words and images.) Kate Compston. Kate has written and edited many prayer, poetry and worship books.
• Reaching 21st Century Seekers. David Faust. David is President of Cincinnati Bible College and Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA and editor of The Lookout family magazine.
• The Church and HIV/AIDS. Musa Dube. Musa is a New Testament lector at the University of Botswana and is currently serving as HIV/AIDS and Theological Consultant for Churches in Africa.
• Seniors in Mission. Outlook Trust - David Heydon, Director of the Outlook Trust working with seniors in the United Kingdom.
• Practicing Community: the Prevention and Resolution of Conflict in Congregations. Royce Money. Royce is the President of Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, USA.
• The Ecumenical Scene in the United Kingdom. David Goodbourn. David is General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.
• Caring For Creation. R J (Sam) Berry. Sam was Professor of Genetics at the University College of London and currently Moderator of the Environmental Issues Network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. He has written widely on caring for creation.
• The Five Marks of Mission. Terry Oakley. Terry is a minister of the United Reformed Church and Moderator of the East Midlands Synod.

Saturday afternoon

• Churches of Christ in the UK: Panel chair: David Thompson (World Convention President). Panel: David Fittro and Sheila Maxey. David is a member of the National Leadership Team of Churches of Christ. Sheila is Moderator of the United Reformed Church.
• Worship Live. Janet Woolton. Janet is Director of Studies for the Congregational Federation, Moderator of the International Congregational Fellowship and a writer/editor.
• Preaching in the 21st Century. Lesley Charlton. Lesley is a minister of the United Reformed Church and a dynamic preacher.
• The Transforming Power of Prayer Around the World. Ian Cole. Ian is founder of the World Prayer Centre and co-founder of Cornerstone, in Birmingham, England. Ian has made links with many prayer ministries around the world.
• Storytelling. Muriel Garrow & The Telling Place. Muriel is the President of World CWF and Program Chair for this World Convention.
• Our Movement in Brazil - Amazing Growth in South America. Victor Hugo. Victor is President of the Brazil Council of our Churches.
• Our Movement in Poland - Moving Ahead in the new Europe. Piotr Karel. Piotr is a minister and leader within our Polish Churches.
• World Urbanisation - Mission in the Mega Cities. Wayne Long. Wayne Long is the Executive Director of Hispotic Christian Mission, ministering to and with Portuguese people around the world.
• Vision for Mission & Ministry in the 21st Century. Elizabeth Caswell. Elizabeth is a minister of the United Reformed Church and Moderator of the Eastern Synod.

The United States

Stone-Campbell Dialogue calls for Great Communion Celebration in 2009

In the recent meeting of the Stone-Campbell Dialogue on April 26, 2004, representatives of the a cappella Churches of Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ proposed a common goal of a “Great Communion Celebration” in 2009 to serve as a focus and framework for its work in the coming years.

This event would mark the 200th anniversary of the publication of Thomas Campbell’s “Declaration and Address”, and would recall the 100th anniversary of the great communion service that brought together 50,000 persons in Forbes Field, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team in 1909.

It is hoped that 2009 will see thousands of Christians from across the three streams of the movement gathering to celebrate holy communion in local communities all across North America.

The theme for this dialogue session was to explore and discuss the topic of the models of unity we seek in today’s world. For more information, contact Robert Welsh at rwelsh@ccu.disciples.org or go to www.disciples.org/ccu.

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Response from around the world shows that this prayer network for our global family is very appealing.

Set your watch for 11:11 am daily

• Thank God for what you have; pray for what you need.
• Include any person around you in your prayer.
• Be truthful if anybody asks you what you are doing.
• Remember your global church family and that you are a loved and commissioned member of the whole church of Jesus Christ.
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• This issue does not contain Around Your World news. Space was needed for information about the World Convention. This important feature will return next issue. ChristiaNet by email provides monthly news!

• Those coming to Brighton are asked to note:
  - Reading this issue of World Christian carefully will help your Brighton experience greatly! First five pages!
  - It is possible to register at Brighton but we strongly recommend pre-registering.
  - Registration for the Children’s Program and the World Youth Convention closed May 31. You can ask if we still have places. We will help if we can. Info at www.worldconvention.org
  - If you have not already sent in your Tools for the Task selections, you should still do so. We will try to match people with their first choices. Note that requests received after June 30 cannot be filled before convention and you will need to join groups which still have spaces when you register at Brighton.
  - Those interested in our movement today are strongly encouraged to attend the Leaders’ Forum. (Tickets needed.)

• We are very grateful for initial gifts for our Forward Fund (Page 6). We need the help of everybody to raise this extra US$55,000 in 2004.

• Have you looked at the national profiles on the web site yet? (Page 1) www.worldconvention.org

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