

Our Theme for ECCE Conference 2016 'Children as Lifelong Disciples'

Bible Study, Keynote session and workshops will have a different focus based around the daily theme;

Monday: Registration from 3.00pm

Welcome, getting to know each other and Introductions to the Theme Children as Lifelong Disciples. Plus creative sessions to get involved in.

Tuesday: Keynote Theme 'Children's Spirituality and Faith Development' led by Rev. Dr Howard Worsley

Bible Study led by Carsten Haeske

Workshop sessions will be based around the theme of children's spirituality and faith development. They can be practical or theory based: we welcome delegates proposals to provide a workshop.

Wednesday: Keynote theme 'Children as lifelong disciples' led by Cliff College Lecturer Carolyn Edwards

Bible Study led by Carsten Haeske

Thursday: Keynote Theme 'Children as Agents of Mission' led by Stewart Cutler

Bible Study led by Carsten Haeske

Workshop sessions will be based around the theme of Children as disciples and agents of mission. They can be practical or theory based: we welcome delegates proposals to provide a workshop

Friday

Bible Study led by Carsten Haeske ECCE Business meeting Eucharist

We are currently looking for proposals for workshops if you are interested in running a workshop at the event. Email beestonk@methodistchurch.org.uk with your proposal and some information about yourself.

ECCE Keynote Speakers: Biographies

Our Daily Bible Study will be led by Carsten Haeske The Bible study will be based on the Theme for each Day.



Carsten Haeske (MA, PGCE), is a pastor and teacher. He studied Theology in Neuendettelsau, Heidelberg, Durham/GB and Bethel/Bielefeld and completed a postgraduate course in teaching at Westminster College, Oxford. He worked as a parish pastor and spent 13 years at a church education college in Eastern Germany. In 2013 he was appointed head of the department for worship service and church music at the college of further education of the Evangelical Church of Westfalia in Schwerte (institut-afw.de). He is a qualified trainer for liturgical presence[®] and bibliolog, as well as coach-in-training (DGfC).



Rev Howard Worsley: A researcher into children's spirituality and their early perceptions. As a contextual theologian and an educationalist I am looking to span two major disciplines (Theology and education) and to bring fresh eyes to the different contexts. These studies feed into my teaching on mission, apologetics, ethnography and 'learning for a learning Church' and I publish regularly for academic journals in Christian education and in children's spirituality. I have been a secondary school teacher, a Scripture Union worker, an Anglican vicar, a university teacher of Theology, a director of education (in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and then in the Diocese of London) a chaplain in both the HE and FE sectors and now as a theological educator.

My connecting themes are Contextual Theology and young people



Carolyn Edwards: is a Lecturer in Evangelism Mission and Ministry at Cliff College she was previously Deputy Director of CYM Oxford & Senior Tutor in Children and Family work. She has over 25 years' experience both in the area of evangelism and mission with Scripture Union, and as Children's Evangelist for her church. She has been lecturing for many years, firstly in the field of marketing, the subject of her first degree, and for the last 12 years in children's and youth ministry. Author of 'Slugs and Snails and Puppy Dogs Tales', the popular version of her MA research into boys' spirituality, She is passionate about family and friends, good coffee, and looking at beautiful things! - See more at: <http://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/faculty/carolyn-edwards/#sthash.ooF6lu8I.dpuf>



Stewart Cutler: spent 10 years working with the Church of Scotland as Youth Development Officer, National Adviser in Adult Education and latterly as Section Head of Adult Ministries. He moved on from there to be Youth Health Development Officer with NHS Lanarkshire, working in one of the most challenging areas in Scotland in terms of health outcomes.

In 2006 Stewart took up his current post with the URC working with churches to develop their mission and ministry with children and young people. In 2010 Stewart completed an MSc in Social Research, studying research methods and policy analysis. His dissertation was an analysis of stakeholder involvement in a church community project. He is currently studying for a Diploma in Theology for Ministry.

Stewart also teaches as a guest lecturer in Community Work and Applied Theology at International Christian College in Glasgow.

He's married to a mental health nurse. He finds that helps.