

**Modern Church Conference booking form for full attendance 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Please note: Where there is an asterisk (\*) please circle your requirement.

Name & Title: .....

Name preferred for name badge: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: .....

Email (only if you wish us to use this):  
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Are you vegetarian? **Yes / No \***

Other special dietary requirements: .....

I should like lunch on Day 1 **Yes / No\***

I wish to book a: **standard / en suite \*** room

I wish to book a: **single / twin / double \*** room

If sharing, I wish to share a room with: .....

Are you a member of Modern Church? **Yes / No \***

I am happy for my name and other details to be included on a list circulated to other attendees to encourage car-sharing: **Yes / No\***

Is there any other information we should consider when allocating your room?  
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**I enclose a cheque, payable to 'Modern Church'**

for the deposit of £40 per person £ ..... **OR** the full fee of £ .....

(deduct £15 from the full fee if a member of Modern Church and the booking is made before 31 March 2016)

**PLUS:** I would like to donate £ ..... to sponsor a student.

**OR** I wish to pay by telephone / internet bank transfer. Please send me details of the account ..... *(please tick here)*

Signature: ..... Date: .....

# 2017 Annual Conference of Modern Church *God: None, One, Three or Many?*



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** (arrive from midday, lunch 1.00)

**to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** (end with tea at 3.45)

at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts

[www.cct.org.uk](http://www.cct.org.uk)

Conference Chairs:

**Professor Linda Woodhead and Revd Professor Jane Shaw**

Conference Chaplain:

**Revd Dr Lorraine Cavanagh**

Speakers include: **Rt Revd David Stancliffe. Dr Nicola Slee, Dr Lydia Schumacher, Dr Dominic Erdozain, Hugh Rock and Revd Jonathan Clatworthy.**

## Introduction to the conference

What do we mean by the word 'God'? – or, for that matter, lower-case 'god' or 'gods'?

A majority of people in Britain claim to believe in 'God', but is this 'the Christian God'? And what is 'the Christian God' anyway? There are plenty of definitions, including the doctrine of the Trinity, which for some has lost its potency with the death of the metaphysical systems in which it emerged, whilst for others it remains the best approach we have. But all the definitions can be and have been contested.

Theology cannot ignore the ideological currents and conflicts of our time. Scientific naturalism, new forms of nature mysticism, postmodernism and feminism all pose their own challenges. What remains of 'God' and how much can remain unchanged? Even the assumption that God must be 'personal', 'One' (or 'Three in One') is a matter for debate.

This conference will ask hard questions about Christian understandings of God, what they actually amount to, and whether they have been or need to be supplanted by other ways of thinking and relating to 'God'.

We will review traditional and contemporary theologies and philosophies, and contributions from the human sciences and the arts. There will be plenty of room for honest discussion, probing questions, and exploring relationships between theology, liturgy, spirituality and everyday life.



*High Leigh Conference Centre*

## Modern Church Conference 2017: Booking Details

**High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord Street, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8SG** ([www.cct.org.uk](http://www.cct.org.uk)) is comfortable, well-equipped, and easily accessible by car and public transport. The Centre offers a choice of:

- **Standard room:** available with single or twin **not** double beds, washbasin in the room and tea bar in the corridor.
- **En suite room:** available with single, twin or double beds, a shower or bath and tea/coffee making facilities in the room.

### Conference fees:

- Full residence in a **standard room** per person: **£180**
- Full residence in an **en suite room** per person: **£235**
- Modern Church member discount (if booking before 31<sup>st</sup> March) **£15**

### To secure your place:

Complete the booking form and return it to Modern Church with a **non-refundable deposit of £40**.

### Full payment:

We require full payment by 31<sup>st</sup> May - However, full payment with your booking would save time for you and for us.

### Cancellation:

If you have to cancel within four weeks of the conference, we may need to retain the full booking fee if we cannot re-allocate your room.

### Part time attendance:

We may be able to offer part-time and non-resident places, depending on the demand for full-time places. Please contact the Modern Church administrator.

### Reduced fees:

We may be able to offer a reduced fee for those on very low incomes. Please contact the Modern Church administrator for an application form.

### Sponsor a student:

Modern Church is keen to offer free places to students where possible. There is an option to make a donation for this on the booking form.

### Please return completed booking form to:

Diane Kutar, Modern Church Administrator,  
22 The Kiln, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0LU.