

9th OCTOBER 2015 DAY Conference:



The challenge for the church and for mission

All of us have met someone who has been a victim of gender based violence. We just may not know it! One in 3 women worldwide has experienced violence.

Domestic abuse, whatever the nature of it, is against God's plan. This event will provide a unique experience for the issues to be considered in the light of Biblical teaching and for Christians in church and mission work to consider, be challenged, informed and helped.

Dr Steve Holmes, Senior lecturer in Theology at St Andrews University will bring the keynote address and there will seminars from No More Traffik, BMS World Mission and Tearfund.

Hollywood Baptist Church, 67 Belfast Road, Hollywood, BT18 9ES

Registration from 9.15am. Conference from 9.45-4.15pm.

Cost: £20 including coffee/tea and lunch (£10 concession)

Book by email: conference@ibnetworks.org

Book online: Contemporary Christianity: www.contemporarychristianity.net

A partnership event involving Irish Baptist Networks, BMS World Mission, No More Traffik, Contemporary Christianity and Tearfund.



Outline programme:



- 9.45:** Opening and Welcome: Rev. Mairisine Stanfield (1st Bangor Presbyterian Church). Mairisine spent time in India with Tearfund in 2014 and recorded her experiences in a film - No Child Taken.
- 10.00:** **SESSION 1:** Dr. Steve Holmes, Author, Senior lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Andrew's University, Chair of the Theology and Public Policy Commission for the Evangelical Alliance and member of the theological team for BMS DIGNITY initiative.
- 10.45:** Time for questions and discussion facilitated by Rev. Mairisine Stanfield
- 11.00:** Break for Coffee/Tea
- 11.25-12.10:** Seminar 1: No More Traffik: led by Gemma Brown
- 12.15-1.00:** Seminar 2: Tearfund: led by Tim Magowan & David McAllister
- 1.00:** **LUNCHTIME:** Light lunch with time for conversations and a short walk - if desired!
- 2.00-2.45:** Seminar 3: BMS World Mission: led by Laura Gill
- 2.45:** Break time (refreshments) with a 20 minute slot for personal reflection – a time of stillness, to reflect, absorb, and think about the disturbing truths and their implications.
- 3.20:** Come back together for a panel discussion followed by time for prayer.
- 4.15:** Conference closes.

Useful links:

Dr Steve Holmes Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology, St Andrews and a leader in St. Andrews Baptist Church – see : <http://steverholmes.org.uk> and <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/divinity/rt/staff/sh80/>

No More Traffik: <http://www.nomoretraffik.com>. Gemma Brown is the Development Manager of No More Traffik, a Northern Irish NGO aiming to stop human trafficking through awareness, training and community action.

Tearfund: Tim Magowan is the Director of Tearfund in Northern Ireland. David McAllister, who featured in the recent BBC1 NI Documentary A DEADLY MISSION -Belfast to Congo, was born and raised in Congo of NI missionary parents. See <http://www.restoredrelationships.org/>, <http://www.tearfund.org/en/nochildtaken/?gclid=CLbU8aOd28cCFQb4wgodcC0P4g> & <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b063qj86>

BMS World Mission: DIGNITY see www.bmsworldmission.org/dignity Laura Gill is Mission resource Co-ordinator for DIGNITY.

Contemporary Christianity: www.contemporarychristianity.net are delighted to partner in this event.