

# INTERNATIONAL ECUMENICAL FELLOWSHIP

46<sup>TH</sup> International Conference at Hope University, Liverpool, UK

25 July – 1 August 2022

## INFORMATION SHEET 1

### 1. The Conference

The theme of the conference is 'I will heal my people' (Jer.33:6) – **Together in hope, prayer and action for a renewed world.** It is hoped that about 150 people will attend the conference from our existing regions of Germany, France, Spain, Poland, Romania, Czech Republic and UK, and our new regions of Africa and Latin America. We also hope to attract new delegates who have not experienced an IEF international conference before.

### 2. Liverpool

This city in north-west England, on the River Mersey, once so polarised between Catholics and Protestants, looks out towards the island of Ireland, and Scotland, and is famous in so many ways. It boasts two magnificent cathedrals, a vibrant cultural life, is home to two well-known football teams, and is where The Beatles came from. It has a waterfront that has been transformed to host museums and an art gallery. The city is a beacon of hope and light where social justice and ecumenical projects work alongside the marginalised, lost, stigmatised and disenfranchised to give a sense of inclusion and support.

### 3. Hope University, Liverpool

Hope University is a modern campus university about 25 minutes from the centre of the city of Liverpool. The conference will be resident at Hope University all week, so we can worship, eat, relax, go to workshops, meet each other and enjoy all the facilities. There is a shop, a bar, and sports facilities on site. The site is flat with paths between buildings, and the Chapel is large and welcoming.

### 4. Accommodation. Please indicate which type of room you would like on your Registration Form

There are 3 choices:

1. En-suite executive double room (one bed only) (En-suite means a toilet, washbasin and shower)
2. En-suite single room (En-suite means a toilet, washbasin and shower)
3. Single room with shared bathroom

### 5. Languages spoken

Please tell us if you can speak/understand other languages apart from your own

### 6. Workshops

There are 14 workshops to choose from. Please select three from the list.

	Workshop	Languages
1	Biblical study relating to the conference theme	German, French
2	Ecumenical Liverpool – discovering how the churches work together	English, German
3	Climate change and our Christian response a. Creation and acting together to preserve it b. Eco Church and Green Apostles c. Sefton Park Palm House conservation work (visit) & Walking Meditation on God's creation (in the grounds of Hope University)	French, Spanish English, German English, Spanish English, German
4	The church and questions of race	English, German
5	The architecture of the Metropolitan (Catholic) Cathedral	French, Spanish, English
6	The rôle of the port in the life of the City – cultural, religious, slavery	English, Spanish

7	Creativity in Art and Poetry linked to Peace and Reconciliation	English, German
8	Modern Day Slavery	French, Spanish
9	Music related to the Conference Theme	English, French
10	An Orthodox View relating to the conference theme	German, Spanish
11	New Ways of Being Church – two workshops available a) St Bride’s Anglican b) St Vincent de Paul RC	English, German English, French, Spanish
12	We forgive and ask for forgiveness – the Churches’ contribution to the reconciliation between Germany, Poland, Ukraine and Russia after World War II.	Polish, German, English
13	Iconography and Religious Art	German, English, French
14	Gentle Exercise/Relaxation linked to the conference theme	English, Spanish

**You may choose a workshop in another language if you are confident that you can participate.**

## 7. Encounters

We will spend a day in Liverpool City. You will have the opportunity to visit some of the projects and churches which are addressing the many challenges faced by the people of Liverpool. These will not be ‘excursions’ as at previous conferences, but will immerse us in thinking about, and seeing in action, how we can be more Christ-like in everyday situations.

There are 8 Encounters to choose from. We will spend the morning at one and the afternoon at another (with lunch at your own expense in between). Please choose **two** Encounters from The **Church** list and **two** from the **Social Justice** list:

### Church Encounter

1. **St Bride’s Anglican Church** which hosts the Food Bank, supports Refugee/Asylum seekers, helps victims of domestic abuse/violence, has an Open Table for LGBTQ+, runs Project Kindness and does ‘church’ differently
2. **St Nicholas’ Greek Orthodox Church.** Meet Father Stavros who ministers to Orthodox Christians from Cyprus, Romania, Bulgaria and Greece by organising school visits, groups for older people, home visits, celebrations and community support
3. **Gustav Adolf Scandinavian Lutheran Church.** Building on the historical link between Scandinavia and Liverpool this church is the cultural hub for its Nordic congregation. The striking building hosts concerts and social events, and is proud of its links with Sweden, Norway and Denmark. **This Encounter is up a flight of stairs and there is no lift.**
4. **St Nicholas’ Parish Church**  
This city centre parish church has a Mission to be involved in all aspects of the city’s life from an international and ecumenical perspective

### Social Justice Encounter

5. **International Slavery Museum**, including a tour. To explore historical and contemporary aspects of slavery, the legacies of transatlantic slavery and how Liverpool has changed as a result
6. **Strawberry Field Project** run by The Salvation Army includes Fresh Expressions (a different form of ‘church’), working with the Roma community, Prayer Warriors, Huggers (for people who are lonely or isolated) and reading/meditation. **There is a small charge for this Encounter.**
7. **Bread Church.** You will be making bread or rolls and hearing about their work. Run by The Methodist Church this project works with marginalised groups to provide a safe space to talk, share, pray, discuss and eat the bread that you make **This Encounter is up two flights of stairs and there is no lift. There is also a small charge. Only 30 people can attend. Gluten free bread can be made.**
8. **Quaker Meeting House.** The history of the Quaker movement is one of pacifism and prayer. We will hear about their work with asylum seekers, working with the Somali and Chinese communities, and hear more about their history.

## 8. Meals at Hope University

We will have breakfast every day in the Refectory and enjoy 5 lunches and 5 or 6 dinners at Hope University as well. On two days when we are in the City we will buy our own lunch (we will advise you where to go!) and there is the option to have dinner in the city at the end of our Free Afternoon. People who have special dietary needs such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, low sugar, low fat, other MUST put this clearly on the Registration Form. It will be possible to find lunch and dinner to suit most dietary needs in the City.

## 9. Travelling to Liverpool

- By air to John Lennon Airport, Liverpool
- By air to Manchester (and then train to Liverpool Lime Street Station)
- By rail from mainland Europe to London St Pancras International with onward train travel from Euston Station (10 minute walk or one stop on the Underground) to Liverpool Lime Street Station
- By coach on UK National Express or Megabus to Liverpool One Bus Station
- By car to Calais, France with onward ferry or Eurotunnel to UK and onward drive to Liverpool. **Your car registration number will be needed by Hope University to reserve a free parking space.**

There is a shuttle bus from John Lennon airport into the city which stops very near Hope University.

We will provide a minibus taxi service from Liverpool Lime Street Station to Hope University.

Some buses from Liverpool City Centre stop outside Hope University.

## 10. Financial Support for participants

Thanks to generous financial donations or grants from different sources, it is possible to offer some financial support for:

- a. Students under 25
- b. Participants from Africa – see below
- c. Participants from Latin America – see below
- d. Participants from Eastern Europe – see below
- e. Women under 40 from UK
- f. Travel costs

Please speak to your Regional Registration Officer if you would like to apply for a, e, or f

## 11. Cost of the Conference. The price includes accommodation, meals and all conference expenses at Hope University and most expenses in Liverpool City Centre.

Double en-suite room (for 2 people, one bed)	£415.00 each
Single en-suite room (for one person)	£495.00
Single non-en-suite room (for one person)	£410.00

**A discount of at least £150 or 187.50€ will be available to all participants from Eastern Europe.**

**A discount of £500 or 625€ will be available to all participants from Africa**

**Two free places are available for participants from Latin America**

**ALL INFORMATION ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL**

## **Post Conference Programme from 1- 4 August**

A three-day holiday exploring the area beyond Liverpool. Staying at Hope University we will travel out on a coach each day to explore local historical and religious places. You can choose to enjoy all three days or select the days that you want to.

### **Day 1 Cost £130.00 per person**

We will travel to the famous city of Chester where our day will start with a tour and short service in the magnificent 1000 year old Cathedral. You will then be free to explore Chester with our friendly local guides who will make sure you have lunch in one of the many restaurants. Chester has intact city walls which you can walk round and Roman artefacts. It also has the famous Rows (where shops perch one on top of the other), St John's Church and the picturesque River Dee with cafés and pleasant walks. We will return to Hope University for dinner.

### **Day 2 Cost £180.00 per person**

We will travel north to the Lake District and explore the southern lakes. Starting at Swarthmore Hall, associated with the founder of The Quakers, George Fox, we will have a guided tour followed by lunch. After a short drive we will board a train to take us to Lake Windermere where we take a ferry along the lake to Bowness. Our coach will meet us there for the short drive to The Tapestry Museum in Kendal, where a fascinating display of embroidery made by over 4000 men, women and children from 15 countries, over 15 years, highlights the historical Quaker influence on the modern world. We will stop at a traditional English pub for our dinner on our way back to Hope University.

### **Day 3 Cost £135.00 or per person**

We will travel across the Mersey to the Wirral. Our first stop will be at Port Sunlight Museum which tells the story of Willian Lever and his vision of creating a village for the workers at his soap factory. We will have midday prayers in Christ Church where the United Reformed Church worships. A short walk to The Lady Lever Art Gallery for our lunch, with an optional tour, is followed by a short coach drive to the peaceful Botanical Gardens. After a gentle exploration we will drive into Wales for our dinner before returning to Hope University.

**The cost per person per day includes 1 night bed and breakfast accommodation at Hope University, transport, entrance fees, a simple lunch, a three-course dinner and the services of tour guides.**

**The cost is based on 2021 prices so may increase for 2022.**

**The total cost for all three days is £445 per person.**

**If you would like to stay at Hope University but not join the Post Conference Programme the cost of bed and breakfast is £52.74 per person per night**