

Invitation to Changing Times Conference



The Conference

The **Changing Times Conference** is one of the key elements of CMS Ireland's 200th Anniversary celebrations. The conference will take place in Armagh City Hotel on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th May, providing an opportunity for CMS Ireland members, supporters and partners to worship together, to learn together and to seek God's guidance for the next chapter in the CMS Ireland story. It will be an important time of listening, discussion and sharing.

On each day of the conference, we hope to have up to 300 delegates, including 30+ global delegates (visas permitting) representing all of our Global Partners and over 200 delegates from parishes throughout Ireland. There's also be a number of those individuals and couples who have served as CMS Ireland long-term Mission Partners and/or CMS Ireland staff members in recent years - and, of course, some special guests. We'd love it if you could join us for the conference.

The Celebration Event

In addition to the two-day conference, we'll also be holding our main 200th Anniversary Celebration event in Armagh City Hotel - on the evening of **Friday 16th May**. The event begins at **7:30pm** - but the Exhibition area will be open from 6:30pm. This event is open to all, so do please share the event with friends and family who may be interested. Further details are being sent out in the coming days.

Conference Programme

On both days, the conference programme runs from **10:30am to 5:30pm**, (*with Registration and Refreshments from 9:45am*). Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Reverend Richard Clarke, will lead a short communion service on Thursday morning. Both mornings will include a keynote address along with worship, led by Ian Hanna. Over the two days, there will be three seminar slots (with a variety of options to which delegates can sign-up) and three discussion sessions, with small groups discussing a range of issues around CMS Ireland's work, presence and future priorities. These discussions will help shape the plans for the next chapter in CMS Ireland's story.

Tickets for the conference, along with further programme details and seminar options, will be sent out to delegates at the beginning of May.

Cost

The cost of the conference is **£10 per delegate, per day** - towards the cost of conference materials, refreshments and lunch at the hotel.

Friday Evening Meal

For those delegates attending the conference on Friday 16th and who plan to stay on for the Changing Times Evening Celebration - an evening meal will also be provided at a local parish, free of charge. Transport will be provided - with buses leaving the hotel immediately after the conference and then returning in plenty of time for the celebration event.



Accommodation in Armagh

For those wishing to stay in Armagh for 15th and maybe 16th May, it's certainly worth checking a hotel booking site, such as **booking.com** to get the best available prices for a range of options. If you'd rather ring somewhere to check availability and make a booking, here are a few options:

Name of Hotel/ B&B	Website Address	Phone number	Listed price for a single room	Price for twin/ double (for room)
Armagh City Hotel	www.armaghcityhotel.com	028 3751 8888	£71	£84
Charlemont Arms Hotel	www.charlemontarmshotel.com	028 3752 2028	£49	£79
De Averell House	www.deaverellhouse.co.uk	028 3751 1213	£45	£75
Hillview Lodge B&B	www.hillviewlodge.com	028 3752 2000	£39	£58
Courtyard Mews	www.booking.com	07712 677882	£39	£58

Booking your place at the conference

The 300 available spaces for the conference will fill up quickly. It would be very helpful for us to know, as soon as possible, whether you intend to book a place for each day of the conference.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Belfast or Dublin office - before Easter if possible, but certainly before **30th April**. There is also an online version of the form. We can send you a link by e-mail (if we haven't already done so, or you can type the following address into your web-browser:

<https://cmsirelandforms.wufoo.com/forms/changing-times-conference/>





Delegates' Application

Your Details

Name		
Home Parish/Church		
Organisation that you're representing (if applicable)		
Contact Details (for conference information)	Address:	
	E-mail:	
	Phone:	

** please delete as appropriate*

Please tick as appropriate

I plan to attend the Changing Times Conference on:

- Thursday 15th May
- Friday 16th May
- Neither day

I would like to avail of an evening meal on 16th May

- Yes
- No

Any significant dietary requirements?

To return this form by post...

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To scan the form and send by e-mail...

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To complete the form online...

<https://cmsirelandforms.wufoo.com/forms/changing-times-conference>