

Aim of the Conference

- To glorify God by encouraging the highest possible level of sung praise throughout the Free Church
- As a means to this end, to highlight the vitally important role of precentors in leading the praise of God's people, and to offer them guidance and support in their task

Participants in the Conference

- Precentors and prospective precentors, male and female
- Their wives or husbands
- Others interested in improving congregational praise
- Ministers

Nature of the Conference

- The emphasis in all the sessions will be more practical than theoretical. Singing and discussion will figure prominently throughout the conference.

Programme

Friday

- 6.00 pm Dinner and Registration
7.00 pm Welcome
Opening Worship led by Rev. K. Ferguson,
Moderator of the 2008 General Assembly
Session 1:
- The Role of the Precentor
 - Selecting the Right Tune

Saturday

- 9.45 am Opening Worship
Session 2:
Keynote address by Dr Iain D. Campbell—
"Spirit-filled Worship leading to Heart-felt Praise"
- 11.00 am Coffee/Tea
- 11.30 am **Session 3:**
- The role of the Congregation
 - Teaching and learning new tunes
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 1.45 pm **Session 4:**
Workshops on:
- Practice for Precentors
 - The role of the Minister
 - Options for praise-leading
- Psalm-singing resources
- 3.30 pm Closing service of Praise (open to the public)
led by Rev. Kenneth Ferguson

BOOKING FORM

Name Congregation

Address

Tel. no.: Email address

I require transport to and from Inverness city centre on: Friday [please tick] Saturday [please tick]
Booking forms should be sent along with £5 non-returnable booking fee to Rev. John MacPherson, 7
Guardwell Crescent, Edinburgh, EH17 7JA. Cheques should be made payable to *The Free Church of Scotland*
I intend arriving for Dinner on Friday evening [please tick]

Further Information

Venue. Smithton-Culloden Free Church is located on Murray Road, Smithton, 2 miles from Inverness city centre. It is approached from the A96 Inverness-Nairn road, just east of the Tesco roundabout. If you require transport from Inverness, please indicate on the booking form.

Date. The date of the conference was chosen to coincide with a national public holiday to allow as many as possible to attend from all our congregations. For those who do not have family or friends with whom they can stay in or near Inverness, there is a wide selection of Bed and Breakfast establishments in the city. Please contact the Inverness Tourist Board on 01463 234353.

Meals. Thanks to the generous hospitality of the local congregations, these will be provided free to conference participants (apart from Saturday breakfast).

Booking. Please detach the accompanying booking form and send with a cheque for £5 made payable to *The Free Church of Scotland* by Monday 20th April 2009 to Rev. John MacPherson, 7 Guardwell Crescent, Edinburgh, EH17 7JA.

Further information. Please direct any questions for further information to the Clerk to the Psalms Committee, Colin Rogerson, Glencorse House, Fettes College, East Fettes Avenue, Edinburgh EH4 1QT. Tel.: 0131 332 8308/ Mob.: 07946-959624 email: colin.rogerson@talk21.com



CONFERENCE ON

PRECENTING

&

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Friday 1st – Saturday 2nd May 2009

**Smithton-Culloden Free Church
Inverness**

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