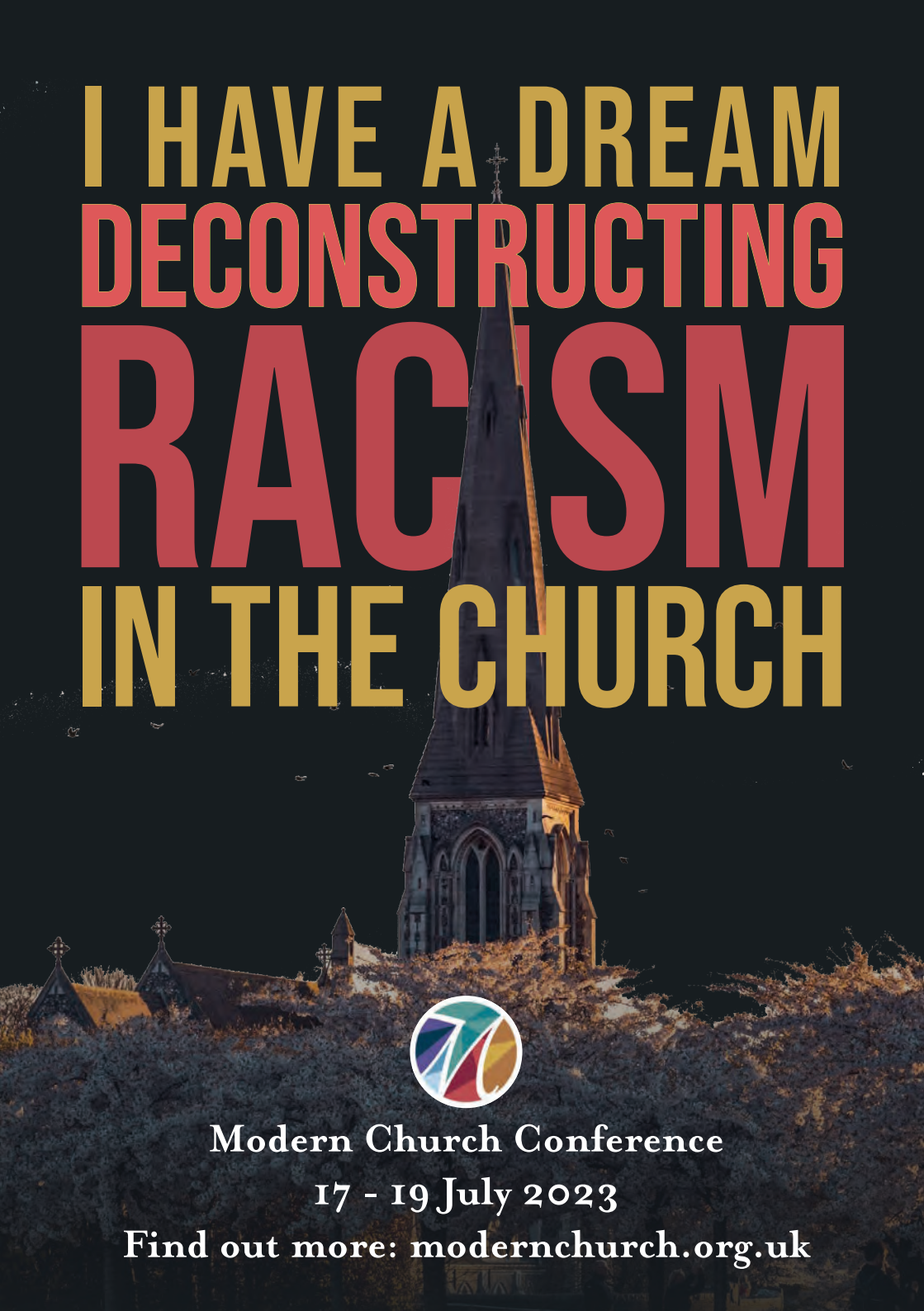
I HAVE A DREAM
DECONSTRUCTING RACISM IN THE CHURCH



Modern Church Conference

17 - 19 July 2023

Find out more: modernchurch.org.uk

Introduction to the conference

'In a world where people are excluded because of their ethnic background, their sexual orientation, their gender...I believe that we are called to show God's love for all people. It is a calling that Christian people have always struggled with, but we can and should be better at making God's love a reality in the Church - overcoming the systemic discrimination that exists.'
(Sonia Hicks, Chair, 2023 Modern Church Conference)

In February 2020 the Archbishop of Canterbury apologised for the racism experienced by black and minority ethnic people in the Church of England since the arrival of the Windrush Generation. He also said that there is 'no doubt' that the Church of England is still 'deeply institutionally racist'.

This Modern Church conference will explore the historical context of colonialism and its impact on our belief systems; contemporary challenges to power imbalances in theology and practice; representation of diversity in the structures of our life and faith; creative approaches to vocations, doing theology, and performing liturgy.

Speakers:

The Revd Yin-An Chen, Curate in Lichfield Diocese, author of 'Toward a Micro-Political Theology'

The Very Revd Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester Cathedral

The Rt Revd Rosemarie Mallet, Bishop of Croydon

The Revd Dr Raj Patta, Methodist/Lutheran, working in Stockport, author of 'Dalitekklesia'

Canon Dr Sanjee Perera, Former Archbishops' Advisor on Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns for the CofE

The Revd Dr Evie Vernon, Hon Assistant Curate, St Mildred's Croydon, Trustee of Inclusive Church, Former Theological Advisor to USPG

Modern Church Conference 2023: Booking Details

High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord Street, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8SG (www.cct.org.uk) is comfortable, well-equipped, and easily accessible by car and public transport. All rooms are en suite with a shower or bath and tea/coffee making facilities in the room; they have single, twin or double beds

Conference fees:
Full residence in an en suite room per person £265
Modern Church member's discount if booking before 31 March 2023: £25
A non-refundable deposit of £40 will secure a place; full payment is requested by 31 May 2023. However, payment in full with your booking would save time for you and for us. If you have to cancel within 4 weeks of the conference, we may need to retain the full booking fee if we cannot re-allocate your room.

Are you from a minority ethnic background?
Modern Church is offering a reduced rate of £200 to delegates from a UKME background if you register before May.

Reduced fees:
A reduction in fees may be available for those on very low incomes. Please contact the Modern Church Administrator for an application form.

Day rate:
A day rate is available from £50. Please see the website or contact us at office@modernchurch.org.uk for more details.

Sponsor a student:
Modern Church is keen to encourage students to attend this conference and where possible offer them free places. A contribution towards the cost would be appreciated. There is an option for this on the booking form.

Please return completed booking form to:
Nic Tall, Modern Church Administrator, 2 The Orchard, Dowell Close, Taunton, TA2 6BN

Any questions?
Please email us at office@modernchurch.org.uk or Tweet us @

Modern Church Conference booking form for full attendance 17 – 19 July 2023
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Where there is an asterisk (*) please circle your requirement

Name & title: .....

Name preferred for name badge: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: .....

Email : .....

Special dietary requirements: .....

I would like lunch on Day 1 Yes/No*

I wish to book an en suite room at £265

I am from a minority ethnic background and qualify for the discounted rate of £200 Yes/No

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*

Do you have any accessibility requirements important for your full participation, and/or allocation of 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 £25 from the full fee if a member or affiliate of Modern Church and the booking is made before 31 March 2023)

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

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

Signature: ..... Date: