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CONNECT Training Conference is targeted to current and emerging church leaders who want to become better equipped to know and teach the Bible. Delegates will be trained in biblical skills and doctrine, challenged to grow in Christ-likeness, and helped to develop skills for ministry which they can take back to their own churches.

We hope that **CONNECT** Training Conference will be a place for Christians to meet other Christians from different places, ages, and walks of life and be mutually encouraged by God's word and in prayer.

The heart of the conference is the Strand group. This is where delegates are assigned to a small group to study the Bible in-depth, facilitated by an experienced trainer. The Strands have been designed so that each year delegates are able to build on the material they have learnt from previous years. So, over the years, you start at Strand 1 and work your way through Strand 2, 3 and so on.

This year's theme is 'On Solid Ground'. In addition to the strand groups, there will be four talks investigating four essential pillars of the Christian life and faith which were rediscovered during the 16th Century Reformation: Grace alone, Faith alone, Christ alone and Bible alone.

Who should come?

Everyone is welcome to come to **CONNECT** Training Conference. We hope that this conference will be used by God to serve a wide range of his people, including new and veteran Christians; church, small group, children's and youth leaders; those who serve their churches as deacons, in music, or in Bible reading and prayer (and so on...).

So if you're interested in an opportunity to be refreshed by spending quality time delving into God's word at a deeper level with brothers and sisters from other churches, then come along! If you're interested in enjoying fellowship, prayer

and meals together, then come along! If you're interested in being challenged in your walk with Jesus, encouraged to live a life in a manner worthy of the Lord, then come along! If you're interested in being trained in various ministry skills to be better equipped to serve the church, then come along!

Early registration is highly recommended as spaces are limited. Please refer to our website (www.connect-ministry.org) for availability.

When?

Friday 25 Sept to Sunday 27 Sept 2009
Start time: 6:30pm (registration) for a 7:00pm start. **Finish time:** 2pm

Where?

Upper Plenty Conference Centre
 45 Stokes Track, Upper Plenty, VIC.
 See www.upcc.com.au for map and directions.



Guest Speaker: Mike Raiter

This year we are pleased to welcome Mike Raiter as our keynote speaker.

Mike is currently the Principal of Bible College of Victoria (BCV). After completing theological studies at Sydney's Moore Theological College, he worked in theological education in Pakistan with Interserve for seven and a half years. In 1997 Mike, his wife (Sarah) and their four children (Joel, Nate, Pippa and Lauren) returned to Moore Theological College, where Mike was head of the Department of Mission until the end of 2005.

Michael has written several books, including *Stirrings of the Soul*, which was awarded the 2004 Christian Book of the Year Award. Michael is in wide demand as a conference speaker. His hobbies include cryptic crosswords, crime novels and walks with his wife.

About Connect

The strategy

CONNECT is an inter-denominational Christian ministry dedicated to help churches

- equip and encourage their current leaders;
- find leaders for tomorrow; and
- sustain their leaders for life long ministry.

To do this we will organise events focused on meeting the needs across the spectrum of church leadership – from new or potential leaders, to lay leaders and those considering full time ministry.

The Vision

Our vision is to see leaders raised in every generation who are Biblically solid, Gospel centred, spiritually humble, culturally sensitive, mission minded, ministry competent and who will grow

the church and empower her for mission to reach Melbourne, Australia and the world (Matt. 28:18-20).

Contact Us

Please direct registration enquiries and submissions to Cindy Chan (registrations@connect-ministry.org).

Please direct questions regarding **CONNECT** to David Huynh (enquiries@connect-ministry.org / 0412 015 777).

For more information about **CONNECT** or to register online, please visit: www.connect-ministry.org

Registration details

You can register for the conference in two ways:

- Go to our website (www.connect-ministry.org) and fill in the online registration form
- Fill in this form and mail it to PO Box 2124 Rangeview VIC 3132

Name:.....

Church:

Address:

Email:.....

Phone:.....

Dietary Requirements:.....

Payment options

How much?

Early Bird (pay by 19 Aug 2009): **\$105**

Normal Price: **\$115**

Your place at the conference will only be confirmed once full payment has been received. You can pay for the conference in two ways:

- Deposit money into the following bank account (please include your name as a reference for verification purposes):

Bank: ANZ
Account name: Connect Ministry Inc.
BSB: 013-287
Account number: 4809-99967

- Mail cheques (payable to: Connect Ministry Inc.) to: PO Box 2124 Rangeview VIC 3132



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