CENTENARY EVENTS Wesley House Cambridge Centenary 1921-2021

Celebrating 100 years of Wesley House in Cambridge

Wesley to the World Celebrations & Challenges

An international symposium via zoom, celebrating valued foundations and addressing urgent challenges of our world.

29-30 April 2022

Over the past one hundred years, students and staff of Wesley House have generated theological scholarship and cultivated relationships that have impacted the thought and practice of the church worldwide. In this symposium we gather global Methodist scholars and practitioners to explore the foundations of our collaboration in God's work in the world—a theological legacy. We also identify the contemporary challenges of the day to which we need to speak and into which we need to live around the world—a contemporary calling.

An opening keynote address sets the tone for the symposium, providing a map for global Methodist theology around the central theme—Wesley to the World. Panel members explore two questions of the original Methodist Conference: What to teach? and What to do? The first question provides an opportunity for panelists and participants to celebrate the rich legacy of Wesley House and its enduring influence through global relationships. The second question moves us in the direction of action as an international panel of Wesley House partners reflects on the global challenges of a time such as this.

This symposium offers online participants time to engage world-class scholars and to share with participants in small group settings. Members of the symposium will meet, hear, converse, engage, and hopefully, sow seeds for action that continue to carry Wesley to the world.

Register here: https://bit.ly/WesleytotheWorld

PROGRAMME

Friday 29 April 7pm-8pm (UK) Keynote Address

• The Revd Dr Paul W Chilcote, Director of the Centre for Global Wesleyan Theology, Wesley House (Cambridge, UK).

Paul will be introducing us to the theme of our symposium *Wesley to the World* with a presentation entitled *Mapping Global Methodist Theologies*.

Saturday 30 April 10am-12.45pm (UK) What to teach? Valued Theological Foundations

We start the day with a Service of Morning Prayer led by **The Revd Professor Emeritus Robert Gribben**, United Faculty of Theology (Melbourne, Australia).

This will be followed by a panel discussion addressing the questions: Who are the primary people you associate with the "legacy of Wesley House"? What are the enduring themes in that legacy? How has the Wesley House "ethos" shaped your life and ministry?

- Prof Judith Lieu, Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity Emerita, University of Cambridge (UK)
- Bishop Joseph Ntombura, Methodist Church in Kenya (Nairobi, Kenya)
- The Revd Dr Paw Liang The, Damai Sejahtera Methodist Church (Jakarta, Indonesia)
- The Revd Prof David Wilkinson, St John's College (Durham, UK)

There will then be small group conversations reflecting on the questions addressed and your personal stories.

Saturday 30 April 1.45pm-4pm (UK) What to do? Urgent Theological Issues

This afternoon's panel discussion addresses the questions: What are the most critical questions facing the Christian community in your context? What lessons have you learned from your connection with Wesley House and the World Parish Webinar that help you navigate "the living of these days?"

- Prof Filipe Maia, Boston University (Boston, USA)
- The Revd Dr Kim Cape, Wesley House (Cambridge, UK)
- Prof Lilian Siwila, University of Kwazulu-Natal (Pietermartizburg, South Africa)
- The Revd Dr Naveen Rao, Leonard Theological College (Jabalpur, India)

Again we will then move into small group conversations to reflect on the discussions and share personal reflections on urgent theological issues.

These events are FREE, but to continue to support the work of Wesley House and events such as these we would be grateful for any donations – visit www.supportwesley.com

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