Some of the Challenges we Face in Africa Today

- How do we Christian Brethren local churches respond to the current problems facing the church in Africa?
- Africa is becoming a source for the next generation of missionaries, how do we prepare for this?
- What sort of missionaries and help does Africa want from the West?
- How well are we ministering the Gospel in a post modern world?
- What changes have we made a truly post-colonial Africa?
- How do we balance the need for establishing African Identity, and dignity with our identity in Christ Jesus?
- What is our response to the challenges of HIV/AIDS and its impact on out communities
- Traditional ways of life have broken down, what have we replaced them with?
- Is the misuse of power and wealth just a secular phenomenon, or have we failed as a church to deal with these issues?

PRACTICAL DETAILS

Delegates

While based in Central and Southern Africa, we are expecting delegates from throughout Africa and beyond. The main criteria is that delegates must be believers committed to the Lord and active in a strategic way in work associated with the Christian Brethren assemblies in their country of service. The conference is open to both indigenous believers, missionaries working in Africa and Brethren service groups who assist Africa from the outside. Encourage young people and women to attend

Venue

Milele Hotel Nairobi
Presbyterian Guest House & Conference Centre
Nairobi, Kenya

Dates

12-16 August 2013

Cost

US$300 for accommodation and food for the days of the conference. Travel, Visas and any other are also the responsibility of each delegate. Any corporate sponsorship, which is being sought, will be used to cover some of the administrative costs and may also go towards reducing the conference costs, as the Lord enables

Languages

The conference will accommodate the three major international languages used in Africa (English, Swahili, French and Portuguese), therefore delegates should be fluent in at least one of these languages. For ease of operations it is likely that the main sessions will be in English with simultaneous translation into Swahili, French and Portuguese.

Application Forms can be obtained from:

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Accommodation allows for up to 300 delegates (100 from Kenya, 200 from the rest of Africa and overseas), So we urge you to apply an send in deposit of US$100.00 as soon as possible. For bank details refer to the on-line application form

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The Local Church as an Agent of Change in our Community

In the same way,
Let your light shine before men,
That they may see your good deeds
And praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5: 16

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE CONFERENCE?

It will cost something to meet together internationally, so is it worth the cost & hassles? God willing, we would like to achieve the following:

- A meeting of believers, workers **including young people and women;** and key leaders from assemblies and assembly work throughout Africa to discus issues of common interest and concern
- Learn from what others have experienced (a problem in one country may have already been solved in another), so we can benefit fro each other's experiences.
- To help each country develop a better international perspective on God's work in Africa and beyond
- Raise awareness of world missions. Learn what each country has already done in preparing people for cross-cultural missions and sending missionaries from within Africa.
- To build fellowship with our brothers and sisters from other parts of the continent so that some good networking relationships can develop within Africa.
- Develop greater unity through understanding the diversity of the Christian Brethren movement in Africa
- Become aware of needs in neighboring countries that we may be able to meet from our own resources, especially to learn to use our richest resource here in Africa in the Lord's work among Christian people.

STYLE OF THE CONFERENCE

This is an opportunity for international fellowship in Christ, for sharing where the Lord has brought us thus far (Ebenezar!), and prayerfully analyzing our present situations and learning together as the Lord leads us. There will be some devotional teaching each day to encourage participants in the Lord, but it is not primarily a Bible teaching conference. However, there will be plenty to learn from what each has gleaned from God's Word in the process of serving Him.

- **Reflect:** Some of the messages of the conference will be printed beforehand and circulated to those coming along with details of the workshops and other session. This should enable some reflection and discussion in our various countries beforehand.
- **Project:** Prayer thinking through ways forward to help churches associated with the Christian Brethren movement become more effective tools of God in present day society. Delegates should gain a clearer idea of what is going on in Africa, as a renewed vision of how each of us can better play our part in the work, world-wide as well as nationally.

OUTCOMES FROM THE CONFERENCE

Apart from the encouragement and insight gained by meeting together, we hope to increase the effectiveness of the conference by networking together for greater cooperation in future.

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PROPOSED CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Local Church as Agent for Change in Community:

1. The Local Church in Missions
2. The Local Church in Training & Discipleship
4. Leadership in the Local Church viz-a-vis Missions
5. The Local Church - Missions in Social Challenges & Action

There will be plenty of time for informal discussion and fellowship together.

We trust also to have visual displays describing various aspects of work throughout Africa and service ministries from outside Africa that assist in different ways.