Directions: All Nations Christian College is situated ½ mile (1 km) at the top of a long drive, on the edge of the village of Stanstead Abbotts, near Ware in Hertfordshire, UK. A downloadable map can be found on the All Nations website at www.allnations.ac.uk

Fees, discounts & bursaries

Conference fee: £110
Discount before 31 March £100

Daily fees (includes lunch & dinner): £35 per day Daily fee for students £20 per day

Grants may be available from the continuing education department of your church or organisation, if you are in professional ministry, or from your institution, if you are a student.

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Summer Conference

Sinking Foundations: why mission today?

A two day conference exploring the theology and practice of British and Irish Churches and Agencies' engagement in mission in the 21st century

1st - 3rd July 2009 12.00pm Wed - 2.00pm Fri

All Nations Christian College, Easneye, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 8LX

Sinking Foundations: why mission today?

In preparation for the Edinburgh 2010 Conference BIAMS, the CTBI Global Mission Network and the evangelical Global Connections jointly sponsored a research project to take a snapshot of the theological understandings, motivation and practice of mission by British and Irish churches and agencies at the beginning of the 21st century.

The research has comprised an exploration of the theological mission practice of churches and agencies in the four nations through a questionnaire and interview process. It has cut across the denominations and across theological and church traditions – that is why it is sponsored by the three organisations. Furthermore, it has been complemented by similar research into local congregational understandings in the Nottingham area.

This Conference is part of the process of reception of that research and will be the first opportunity to hear and comment on the findings. The fruit of the Conference will influence the final material that will go to the Edinburgh 2010 Conference.

But this is more than a preparatory conference, it is a key opportunity at the beginning of the 21st century to reflect on the theological bases for our engagement in mission in and from these islands. What is the relationship between what we do and the reasons under God that we give for why we do it? What is God saying to us and calling us towards?

The conference will include a plenary presentation of the research by Nigel Rooms, Janice Price, Martin Lee and Dr Anne Richards, as well as group discussion and comment.

A keynote address on recent academic work on the theology of mission will be given by Dr Kirsteen Kim. Presentations on three streams of mission thinking will be given by Ann Morrisey; Bishop Michel Doe and Dr Wonsuk Ma with reflections on the approach taken in the research from Dr Paul Rolph.

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