



# Westminster College

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Serving the United Reformed Church

## An Event for Elders

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2012



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From 4pm on Friday 13th April to  
2pm on Sunday 15th April 2012,  
Westminster College is hosting

## **An Event for Elders**

You can book in for part of or all of this exciting conference, on a full board delegate or day delegate basis at the following VAT exclusive rates (as this event is VAT exempt);

**£ 133.00 full board (both days)**

**£ 66.50 full board (24 hours)**

*Full board rate includes dinner, overnight accommodation, cooked breakfast, lunch and refreshments.*

**£ 68.60 day delegate (both days)**

**£ 34.30 day delegate (1 day only)**

*Day-rate includes lunch, refreshments and dinner.*

A deposit of £ 20.00 will secure your booking, with the balance payable by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012. A booking form is enclosed, or is available upon request – call, write or email and we'll get one to you.

## *What is this about and who is it for...?*

The Event for Elders is an opportunity to explore Eldership, to meet other Elders, and to think together about the opportunities and challenges of being an Elder in the United Reformed Church today. It is aimed at all who are Elders within the United Reformed Church, and it may also be of interest if you are thinking of becoming an Elder.

## *What will we be doing..?*

We will take the opportunity to shape the programme in part around the needs of those who are present. We will spend some time the first evening thinking about issues that would be helpful to address, and then prepare ways to address them later in the weekend. Alongside responding to whatever it is you feel best might support you in your ministry, we will be addressing various issues that face all Elders such as:

- What is it to be an Elder – what is the background to Eldership in the URC and what are the functions of Elders?
- Pastoral Care – how does one go about being an effective pastoral visitor?
- Legal issues – with ever mounting amounts of red-tape and issues of trusteeship looming large at the moment, we will look at some of the implications Elders face.

There will also be time to be refreshed in worship, and some space to enjoy the sights that Cambridge has to offer.

## *Who will be involved....?*

The weekend will be hosted by Susan Durber and John Bradbury, and other Westminster staff will be involved. Sarah Lane Cawte, an experienced Elder, will be engaging with us, as will Ruth Whitehead, the Convenor of the Ministries Committee of the URC that has oversight of Eldership.

## *How do I book....?*

Simply choose from the options on the enclosed booking form, and return it to the College Office by post or email, enclosing your deposit, or you can call or write to us to find out more. An outline programme will be issued in early February 2012.

## Find us here:

Just a moment's walk north-west of the Cambridge City Centre, Westminster College is located on the mini-roundabout at the junction of Madingley Road, Queens' Road and Northampton Street. Detailed directions are available from our website, under the 'contacts' section.



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