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**Disability, Wholeness  
and Christian Theology**

**Thursday 7th October 2010**

**Friends Meeting House  
173 Euston Road  
London NW1 2BJ**

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TO PROCLAIM THE WHOLE OF THE GOSPEL,  
TO THE WHOLE OF THE COMMUNITY!



# Conference Overview

A selection of top quality speakers will share their insight for disability through their own experience or that of their families, and offer their biblical reflections on the subject. Stimulating a conversation concerning a truly Christian response to disability and disabled people, their inclusion and involvement in every aspect of church life.

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**Location:** Friends Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

## The Agenda

- 09:00 Registration
- 09:45 Worship, Welcome and Video Message from Joni Eareckson Tada
- 10:25 Thinking Disability: Christian viewpoints on disability
- 11:15 **Seminars A** - See below
- 12:15 In My Experience: Interviews
- 12:30 A Church For All: Pastoral perspective
- 13:00 Lunch – Bring your own or go out
- 14:00 In God's Image? Disability, wholeness and healing
- 14:45 **Seminars B** - See below
- 15:45 Thinking Differently: Disabled people in your church and community
- 16:25 Worship
- 16:45 Closing Remarks & Blessing

## Seminars A

- Theology of Disability: Towards a new paradigm
- Learning Disabilities: Ignored or included?
- Children at Church: Engaging with disabled children
- Carers Concern: Who cares for the carers?
- Deaf in God's Image: Challenging the tyranny of normality\*

\*Delivered in BSL with interpretation into English

## Seminars B

- Spirituality and Disability
- Wider Horizons: Where do disabled people figure in church's mission?
- Calamity or Crisis?: Experiencing the onset of disability
- Nurturing an Inclusive Congregation: A Minister's perspective
- Hidden Disabilities: The challenge of mental health

There will be opportunities to network with other delegates. There will also be an exhibition area. Lunch can be purchased locally - or bring a packed lunch.

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# Speaker Biographies



## Laurence Banks

Laurence is Deaf and has worked with Go! Sign for over ten years, preaching and teaching both in the UK and abroad, and has just completed a theology degree at the London School of Theology. His seminar will be delivered in BSL with English interpretation.



## Jonathan Clark

An approved Social Worker and Church Minister. He currently runs Premier Life, including the confidential helpline - Premier Lifeline. He is a Director of Mind & Soul.



## Joni Eareckson Tada

A diving accident in 1967 left Joni Eareckson Tada a quadriplegic in a wheelchair. Today she is a leading disability advocate with the JAF International Disability Center in southern California.



## Malcolm Duncan

Malcolm Duncan is the founder and director of 'Church and Community', a charity committed to an inclusive and holistic approach to mission. He is the pastor of two local churches, an author, conference speaker and advisor to the government on issues of faith and identity.



## The Rt Revd Dr Michael Langrish

Following ordination, Bishop Michael was a parish priest and school chaplain before becoming Suffragan Bishop of Birkenhead. He has been Diocesan Bishop of Exeter since 2000. He has both national and diocesan responsibilities and is a member of the House of Lords. He is married to Esther, a Counsellor and a Licensed Reader in the Church of England. Their daughter Kathryn has Down's syndrome.



## Jonathan Lamb

Jonathan contracted polio at the age of 5, and has lived with a mild disability ever since, mostly impacting his mobility. By God's grace he

has been able to sustain Christian ministry in many parts of the world, both through his work with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students and now with Langham Partnership International.



## Sophia Nicholls

Sophia Nicholls is the co-founder of ASNA: a user-led charity supporting disabled people. With qualifications in physiology and special educational needs, Sophia has been involved in the development of training and awareness programmes. Sophia is the parent of a child who is blind with severe learning and physical disabilities.



## Roy McCloughry

Roy McCloughry lectures in Ethics at St John's College Nottingham. He is the author of over a dozen books on contemporary social issues. He is Chairman of Lion Hudson Publishing and Vice-President of Livability. He has lived with epilepsy all his life.



## Kay Morgan-Gurr

Kay is joint General Director of Children Worldwide with her husband Steve, and an advisor on disability and accessibility issues. Before this she was a children's nurse working with children who had additional needs of all varieties.



## Rev John Naudé

John is a wheelchair user and an ordained Anglican Minister, leading the Church of the Good Shepherd in Waterlooville near Portsmouth. He is also Chair of Churches For All and a Board member of Through the Roof.



## Dr Mike Townsend

Dr Mike Townsend is a local church leader, technology consultant, a trustee of both the Royal National Institute of Blind People and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and a regular speaker on disability topics. Mike lost his sight at the age of eight.

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## Who should attend?

Church leaders, anyone involved in shaping any aspect of church life and anyone with an interest or involvement with disability and disabled people.

## What will I learn from the Event?

This event will broaden and deepen your thinking about disability and the engagement of disabled people with church life, and equip you to make a difference in your own church situation.

## Bookings

Standard Booking £25 per person (inc VAT).

Accompanying enablers of disabled delegates are allowed free access.

A limited number of tickets will be available on the door.

**To register for this event please visit [www.premier.org.uk/enablingchurch](http://www.premier.org.uk/enablingchurch) call Premier Tickets on 0207 316 1313, or complete and return the booking form with payment.**

## Where and When

Friends Meeting House,  
173 Euston Road,  
London NW1 2BJ

Thursday 7th October 2010,  
Registration 9.00am  
Close 5.00pm

Nearest Car Park is under  
Euston Station run by  
Apcoa Parking UK.  
Melton Street,  
London, NW1 2RT.  
Disabled parking & lift available.  
(outside London congestion charging zone)



# The Enabling Church Conference Booking Form

Delegate/Booking Contact

Title: (Rev/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/other)

First Name:

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Church/Organisation:

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Address:

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Mobility or other special requirements:

\*Only complete if you are happy to be contacted in this way.

**Please confirm which Seminars from each of the parallel sessions you/your delegates would like to attend:**

## **Seminars A**

Theology of Disability	No of delegates____
Learning Disabilities	No of delegates____
Children at Church	No of delegates____
Carers Concern	No of delegates____
Deaf in God's Image	No of delegates____

## **Seminars B**

Spirituality and Disability	No of delegates____
Wider Horizons	No of delegates____
Calamity or Crisis?	No of delegates____
Nurturing an Inclusive Congregation	No of delegates____
Hidden Disabilities	No of delegates____

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