

# Churches, Housing, Rural Communities

Penrith Methodist Church, Penrith, Cumbria

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010

## Programme

- 10.40 **Registration and tea/coffee**
- 11.00 **Welcome by Chair of morning session**  
Rev'd Richard Teal, Chair of Cumbria Methodist District
- 11.15 **A vision of the church in rural communities**  
Rt Rev'd James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle
- 11.30 **Increasing rural housing in Cumbria through partnership**  
*Ambleside affordable housing: St Mary's and Ambleside Parish Centre experience*  
Catherine Powlowski, St Mary's, Ambleside  
Rev'd Richard Hall, Minister Penrith Methodist Church
- 11.50 **Mitre Housing Association: Working alongside Carlisle Diocese**  
Ian Turnbull, Chairman of Mitre Housing Association
- 12.05 **Faith in Affordable Housing: Good practice and guidance from a national perspective**  
Alastair Murray, Deputy Director, Housing Justice  
Tracey Bessant, Author of Faith in Affordable Housing  
Alison Crane, Trustee, Quaker Housing Trust
- 12.45 **Lunch and networking**
- 1.40 **Introduction to policy session**  
by Judith Derbyshire, Manager of Cumbria Rural Housing Trust  
Afternoon session chair: Ian Bruce, President of Cumbria Rural Housing Trust
- 1.45 **The Big Society and Localism: what might it mean for rural communities?**  
Dr Bert Provan, Deputy Director, Communities and Neighbourhoods Directorate, Department of Communities and Local Government
- 2.10 **Responding to the changing environment and policy changes: the challenge for rural communities and faith organisations**  
Dr Stuart Burgess, Rural Advocate, Commission for Rural Communities
- 2.30 **SPEED INFORMATION SESSIONS**  
Participants are invited to attend 3 of the 5 information sessions.  
Please indicate your first four preferences on the sheet below and return to conference coordinator
- 4.00 **Refreshments and Close**

