

# Growing Organically.

Using church land as a model for environmental change.

18th September 2010

## About.

This conference will cover the importance of church land management. It will also give practical examples of projects and open up opportunities to see what conservation potential church land may hold.

The main speakers will be Professor Sir Ghilleen Prance and Bishop James Jones, followed by informative and interactive workshops.

## Background.

We live in a time where havens for wildlife are becoming smaller and more isolated. It is therefore increasingly important that we make the best use of those we already have.

Church land can be a significant sanctuary for wildlife and biodiversity, if managed in an environmentally sound manner. By involving the local community in conservation orientated projects, we can spread hope whilst at the same time retaining deep reverence for the upkeep of sacred places.

## Speakers.

**Prof Sir Ghilleen Prance** is Chair of A Rocha's International Trustees and was for eleven years Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, until his retirement in 1999.

He is currently Scientific Director of the Eden Project in Cornwall, Visiting Professor at Reading University and was McBryde Professor at the US National Tropical Botanical Garden in Hawaii from 2000 to 2002.

**Bishop James Jones** has been the Bishop of Liverpool since 1998 after having served as Bishop at Hull for four years. He has established and chaired the governing body of the St Francis of Assisi City Academy, which is the first academy to specialise in the environment. He has written the book 'Jesus and the Earth' which looks at the relationship between Christianity and the environment.

## The workshops will cover:

- Environmental Management Plan
- How to attract wildlife
- Alternative uses of church land
- How to use church land to engage with the wider community.
- Theology of creation care
- Practical case studies

If you are interested in nature conservation, involved in church leadership or church land management, or want to see church land put to good use, please book as soon as possible as places are limited.

## Additional Information.

Venue: Carrs Lane Church Center  
Birmingham, B4 7SX

Times: 10:00am Registration  
10:30am Start  
12:30pm Lunch  
4:40pm Finish

Prices: £10  
£5 Concessions

Please book in advance.  
Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and light refreshments will be available.

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