

Itinerary

We've used the word Itinerary because this is our plan for a journey; a few days when we'll travel together. Like any journey this will grow memories and stories. There will be surprises (perhaps a pop-up hymn sing) and there'll be time to pause and ponder the landscape (stations in a quiet place for a variety of prayer practices, moments of stillness, time for informal conversation or to browse the booths or book display.) Presentations will allow lots of space in and around them for all these things.

Wednesday June 26th

- 3:30 – 4:30 Arrival and welcome, completion of registration and other details.
- 4:30 Gathered welcome and worship.
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:30 Introductions and World Café (see description of World Café below)

Thursday, June 27th

- 9:30 Gathering Coffee, Tea & Muffins
- 10:00 Presentation
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Presentation
- 3:00 Refreshment break
- 3:30 Presentation
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:00 Kitchen party

Friday June 28th

- 9:30 Gathering with Coffee, Tea and muffins
- 10:00 Concluding Presentation & invitation to formation of Cohort (see explanation of cohort below)
- 11:30 Closing worship
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Initial meeting of Cohort

World Café is a process for conversation around café size tables to discuss questions that have been given us. We select our own tables, speak with the people there for 15 minutes and then move on to another table of our choosing with different people for more conversation. There is a host person for each table who stays put as the rest of the group moves. It is a great way to share ideas with one another without having to stand up in front of a large group. You can read more about it near the end of Marvin's resource <https://ruralchurchnetwork.files.wordpress.com/2010/07/alive-and-kicking1.pdf>
The questions in Marvin's resource won't necessarily be the questions our gathering is having conversation about. They are an example.

Cohort here is just a way to name a group of people joined for a common purpose, in this case a small group to continue consideration of the wisdom arising from our gathering and to begin to shape ideas for nourishing rural ministry that might be tried.