

Building Bridges to a Faithful Future

2008 Cluster

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00	Gathering with coffee & snacks	Host congregation
9:00 – 9:45	Welcome and focusing thoughts Section 163 challenges us as the “faith community” to engage in discerning and creating a peaceful future. Building on last year’s skill of <i>dialogue</i> we add the skill of <i>discernment</i> .	Ken Barrows & CEM team
9:45 – 10:30	<i>Discernment: what is it? From Discerning God’s Will Together: a Spiritual Practice</i> Introduce period of discernment in four small groups addressing the 2008 theme: “Passionate for Peace” – inner, interpersonal, community (local & global), the earth (ecology)	
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 12:00	Reconvene in small groups for guided discernment practice.	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch with host congregation (free will offering)	
1:00 – 2:30	Sharing our discernment practices; sharing our at home experiences. What’s already working Developing additional strategies for building bridges to a faithful future.	
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 4:00	Resources to use: tap into Mission and World Church resources you can use. Finding and using the tools you need to bridge into <u>your</u> faithful future. What will your congregation look like when you “become a blessing to the whole creation”?	
4:00	Closing challenge from President Veazey How will we respond?	

Thank you for participating and committing to act!