

Fourth International Training Consultation
Theme: " Biblical Training for growing Healthy Churches"
Dubuque 29 May – 2 June 2018 (DV)

Worship & Devotions 8.45 – 9.30 am	Morning Session 1 9.30 – 10.45 am	Morning Session 2 11.15 am – 12.30 pm	Afternoon Workshops on the Practice of Training (Workshops 2.00 – 3.30 pm Weds to Friday)	Evenings 7.45 – 9.00 pm
Day 1 (Tues 29th May)			Afternoon Registration 2.00-4.30 pm Welcome & Introductions 5.15pm	E.1
Day 2 (Wed 30th May)	Plenary Session 2.1 Deep roots, fruitful branches (Colossians 1:28-2:7) Jonathan Lamb	Plenary Session 2.2 Essence - What is the essence of our churches? David Smith	Elective workshops 2.1 Doing local theology - Ronnie Magpayo 2.2 Training church planters [? in India] - Sunny Philip 2.3 Reaching out to Muslims - Simeon Havyarimana 2.4 Developing biblical eldership - Chuck Gianotti 2.5 Training to improve local church music - Senga Hornal (tbc) 2.6 Developing non-formal training of preachers -Jonathan Lamb	E.2 Some instructional stories This is an evening for delegates to hear of developments around the world. 1. Gaining degree level accreditation in the UK 2. Accreditation of two degree-level courses in Jamaica

				<p>3. Training for local church leaders in the USA</p> <p>4. Contending same-sex matters in Jamaica</p>
<p>Day 3 (Thurs 31st May)</p>	<p>Plenary Session 3.1</p> <p>Expression - What should be the resulting expressions of our churches?</p> <p>David Smith</p>	<p>Plenary Session 3.2</p> <p>Growth that pleases God (1 Thessalonians)</p> <p>Jonathan Lamb</p>	<p>Elective Workshops</p> <p>3.1 More on local church leadership - Alexander Strauch</p> <p>3.2 Accreditation matters - Len Smith, Simon Marshall, Brendan Bain and Lisa Beatty</p> <p>3.3 Strengthening discipleship in the local church - Terry Wilson</p> <p>3.4 Christian responses to suffering in the Islamic context - Shahbaz Masih</p> <p>3.5 Gender issues across the globe - Ben Matthew</p> <p>3.6 Exploring the gaps in our ecclesiology - David Smith</p> <p>3.7 <i>Training for full-time service in Brethren churches - Jonathan Newell</i></p>	<p>E.3 Harnessing technology for future growth</p> <p>Online learning Environments</p> <p>Len Smith & Christian Ramirez</p>

Day 4 (Fri 1st June)	Plenary Session 4.1 Growth in unity and maturity (Ephesians 4)) Jonathan Lamb	Plenary Session 4.2 Evaluation - How do we assess our current situation? David Smith	Plenary discussions: 1. Development of the BTN Theologians Forum - Franklin Jabini 2. Development of writing and publishing for local churches in the Brethren movement - Neil Summerton	E4
Day 5 (Sat 2nd June)	8.45 to 10.45 am (chair: Russell Thorp) 5.1 Planning for the future. Where do we go from here? – 8.45 Worship & Devotions - 9.15 Work in smaller regional think-tank groups on the following Issues:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action points arising from the plenary sessions • Regional/ language group initiatives 10.50 Concluding summary and agreement on action plans 10.15 inspiration to go and train better Mid-morning departure			