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Ministers' Seminar 2023

Revd Brian Talbot writes:

The Ministers of the General Conference along with a few worship leaders from Yorkshire (Gwendolyn Rowe, Jan Millar and Trevor Millar) and Karin Baynes attended Purley Chase between Monday 16th and Thursday 19th October. As usual we had talks, we shared fellowship, we prayed and worshipped together, and we discussed ministerial matters. We remembered, with affection and thankfulness, a former Senior Minister, Revd Ian Russell, and his

contribution to Ministry in the General Conference, who passed away in September this year.

Our guest speakers were Joel Wilson talking about the Church in the Digital Age, who works with Anglicans and Methodists, and attends Inclusive Gathering Birmingham, which is a Methodist Church Community.

Another speaker was Andy Fox from Community of Christ (the Reorganized Church of Latter-Day Saints). We were all very impressed with his openness and honesty about his denomination's successes and difficulties. There were so many parallels between the General Conference and the Community of Christ. Revd Helen Brown gave us a talk on Logopraxis and Revd Becky Jarratt gave us talks on behalf of Gayle-Anne Drury on What do I need? and What am I missing? and later on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. Stephen Russell-Lacy led a very thoughtful session on "Ministry in the Digital Age".

We shared Purley with the Historical Society. Revd Brian Talbot gave a talk to the Historical society on "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle versus Swedenborgians". (I didn't truant the Ministers' meetings as the Ministers go for walks, sleep or shopping after lunch each day!)

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