Constance Coltman: Pioneer of Women in Christian Ministry; A centenary celebration

Saturday 21 October 2017, 10.30-19.30

Mansfield and Somerville Colleges, Oxford

This special event celebrates the life of Constance Coltman, the first English woman to be ordained as a minister. On 17 September 1917, Constance Todd, together with her fiancé Claud Coltman, was ordained to the Congregational Ministry in London. The following day they married. Constance studied history for her undergraduate degree at Somerville College and theology at Mansfield College. Her ministries included Cowley Road, Oxford from 1924-1932. She was a committed pacifist and suffragist, and promoted women’s ordination.

Provisional timetable for the day:

10.30 - 16.30: Mansfield College, Lecture Theatre
10.30-11.00: coffee
11.00-11.10: introduction
11.10-12.00: talk – Revd. Dr Kirsty Thorpe, Wilmslow United Reformed Church
12.00-12.30: talk – Dr Matthew Grimley, Merton College, Oxford
12.30-13.45: lunch (Mansfield Café)
13.45-14.15: talk – Professor Jane Garnett, Wadham College, Oxford
14.15-14.45: talk – Dr Adrian Gregory, Pembroke College, Oxford
15.15-15.45: tea
15.45-16.30: Film showing: Constance, followed by discussion

From 17.30: Somerville College, Chapel and Brittain Williams Room
17.30-18.15: ecumenical service of celebration with music, led by Revd. Mia Smith of Hertford College, Oxford – Somerville College Chapel
18.30-19.30: drinks reception – Brittain Williams Room

Please register here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/commemorative-event-100th-anniversary-of-the-ordination-of-constance-coltman-tickets-37204116514

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