

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR CLERGY MAILING

MARCH 2006

STOP PRESS!! – It's not too late to get involved with "FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT" Commencing on March 6th
To find out how YOUR Church, Home or Place of Work can get involved see the Diocesan Website 'Latest News' Page at <http://www.london.anglican.org/News> or visit <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk>

1. DIVERSITY WORKSHOPS - NATIONAL COALITION BUILDING INSTITUTE (NCBI)

NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute London) is an international not for profit leadership training organisation, founded in 1984, teaching people from every walk of life to see themselves as leaders who can take initiative to counter the mistreatment of any group.

The Diversity Workshop is a one day participatory programme, which reduces the harmful effects of prejudice and discrimination and begins to explore the cycle of systematic oppression. Practical tools are taught with the opportunity for practice, enabling participants to more easily deal with unfair treatment, prejudice and discrimination.

Upcoming Workshops in London: Weds 26 Apr, Sat 10 Jun, Thurs 13 Jul, Fri 29 Sep, Mon 30 Oct, Tues 05 Dec

To register/further information contact: NCBI London: Tel 0870 746 155 ;email :ncbilondon@ncbi.org.uk

2. THE CALL TO ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION – 7 & 8 MARCH 2006

Internationally renowned ecological theologian and author, FR Sean McDonagh SSC will speak on faith and environmental issues. Two one-day events with the same programme addressing: **The State of the Planet** (an overview); **The Issues** (global warming, extinction of species, water resources, GM food); **The Theology of Creation; How do we Respond?**

Tuesday, 7 March 2006

10am – 4pm
(200 places. 9.30am coffee on arrival)
Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church
235 Shaftesbury Avenue
London WC2H 8EP

Wednesday, 8 March 2006

10am – 4.30pm
130 places. 9.30am coffee on arrival)
Missionary Institute London
Holcombe House, The Ridgeway
Mill Hill, London NW7

To book a place contact : Michael Georgiou, Justice Co-ordinator, Conference of Religious, Tel : 0208 959 4807
email : justice@corew.org

3. "POVERTY & BAD DEBT – THIS IS NOT GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR"- 8th MARCH at 6pm

As you clear away the heap of unsolicited credit-card and loan offers from under your letterbox, you might wonder who in their right mind would borrow money at 330 per cent APR. Yet, today in Britain, a number of flourishing businesses lend at that rate, and make a handsome profit by targeting the country's most vulnerable households. It is the dark underbelly of the credit utopia that our society has become. And it's the poorest households in our communities who are the targeted victims. Refreshments from 6pm – Start at 6.30pm

Speaker: Rev Paul Nicolson (Chairman of Zaccheaus 2000 Trust)

Venue: London Diocesan House 36 Causton Street SW1 (nearest tube Pimlico)

Further Details and Registration: contact Chris Brice at 0207 932 1121.

Organized by the Edmonton Area Social Justice Committee

4. **TRANSFORMATIONAL BUSINESS NETWORK – ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 24th MARCH 2006**

A conference for people wanting to explore how their business skills can be used to combat poverty.

Have you ever wondered how your business skills could make a difference ? As a member of the working business community, you have a unique opportunity to help address one of our most profound challenges...the unacceptable condition of global poverty. People need a hand up, not a hand-out.

Speakers include: Jeffrey D Sachs (author of the “The End of poverty”, US Govt Adviser); **Kurt Hoffman** (Director of the Shell Foundation) & **Josephine Tan** (Director of 3 Small & Medium Enterprises in Nepal)

Location: Novotel London West Hotel & Convention Centre, 1 Shortlands, Hammersmith, London W6

For further information: go to <http://www.tbnetwork.org/conference/default.htm> or Tel: 0845 330 5142

5. **“SHOULD DIRECTORS BE MADE LEGALLY ACCOUNTABLE?” – 28th MARCH at 1.05pm**

A JustSHARE lunchtime debate in the City of London exploring the implications of amending the Company Law Reform Bill to make Directors legally accountable for the environmental & other damage their companies cause.

Speakers: Alun Michael MP (Minister of State for industry and the Regions); **Deborah Doane** (Chair of CORE , The Corporate Responsibility Coalition)

Location: St Mary le Bow Church, Cheapside, London EC2

Further Information: www.justshare.org.uk Tel: 020 7248 5139

6. **“RENEWABLE ENERGY – LESSONS & OPPORTUNITIES” – 30th MARCH at 6pm**

An Evening Seminar organised by LondonSCARE to promote a timely discussion following recent debates about environmental issues both within the Church of England and the media (Refreshments available from 5.30 p.m.)

Speakers: Mark Avery (RSPB); **Ros Bedlow** (Sustainable Energy Action); **Rob Jarman** (National Trust); **Neil Yates** (Bradwell and Tillingham Tackling Lost Environment)

Location: Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London SE1

To book a place for further information: contact Chris Brice on 0207 932 1121.

7. **CHURCHES REFUGEE NETWORK NEWSLETTER:**

Copies of the latest CRN Newsletter, January 2006 are now available containing information about:

- a) CRN Conference on 20 May 2006
- b) High Court censures Home Office deportation policy
- c) Trafficking in Human Beings climbs up the political agenda
- d) Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill 2005 in the Lords
- e) HM Chief Inspector criticises detention centres
- f) The Home Office consultation on the UK's First National Plan to Tackle Human Trafficking.
- g) Law Lords say no to asylum seeker destitution
- h) Campaigns / Resources / Briefings

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