

**EVENTS
JANUARY 2007**

Religious Tradition and Innovation in the Post-Soviet World: a case of revival or rejection?

Cumberland Lodge, a Christian charity and former royal house in Windsor, will soon be hosting this residential forum. It will begin with afternoon tea on Wednesday 31 January and will finish after lunch on Friday 2 February. The Lodge particularly wishes to extend an invitation to Christians concerned about the future development of Europe.

From Orthodox churches in Moscow and London to the Islamic political party Hizb ut-Tahrir in the East End and Central Asia, the post-soviet world is not contained by national borders. As the EU expands eastward the culture and faith of new compatriots and neighbours will need to be understood. This forum seeks answers to a series of questions around the most pressing issues of religious change. Key speakers have been drawn from journalism, politics, academia, law, arts, and religion.

Subsidised places will be available to students (£50), clergy (£190), academic staff (£190) and others (£310). Meals and accommodation will be included.

To register or enquire about the forthcoming residential forum, contact Janis Reeves by e: Janis@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk, t: 01784 497794 or visit www.cumberlandlodge.ac.uk. Programmes are available on request.

Opus 3 concert in aid of bells restoration fund

'Opus 3' will be joined by soprano Caroline Trutz at St Dunstan's, Stepney, to perform works by Schubert, Shostakovich, Holst and Gershwin in aid of the church bells restoration fund.

14 January 2007, 3.30pm. Suggested donation £8 (£5 concessions).

Faith and Homophobia Conference

This multi-faith conference is open to all who are interested in the questions that arise from the conflict that some believe is intrinsic between the unfettered, public expression of faith and the full, open expressions of same-sex relationships. The conference will ask whether the two are reconcilable.

17 February 2007 at Rich Mix, 35-37 Bethnal Green Road E1 6LA. For more information and to book, contact www.lgcm.org.uk/fhconference.

Homelessness Sunday – 28 January 2007

Homelessness Sunday 2007 is organised by the Homelessness Sunday Partnership – Housing Justice and Scottish Churches Housing Action.

For more information t: 020 7723 7273, e: hs@housingjustice.org.uk or visit www.homelessness-sunday.org.uk

Poverty Action Sunday – 18 February 2007

Resources for Poverty Action Sunday 2007 – on the theme of Just Church are due to be published in late November. You can pre-order resources by going to www.church-poverty.org.uk.

Advance Notice: Fair Trade Fortnight: 26 February – 11 March 2007

One of the commitments of the Diocese under London Challenge 2007-2012 will be to express God's love in our world city by striving to achieve fair-trade status as a Diocese.

For more information and resources for churches, contact Fairtrade Foundation by t: 020 7405 5942 or e: mail@fairtrade.org.uk. Resources can be found at www.fairtrade.org.uk/get_involved_fairtrade_fortnight.htm.