

Archdiocese of Southwark
Commission for
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation



JPIC Update September 2015

“The Way Ahead” For Southwark JPIC
(Phil Kerton)

Thirty people from South London joined the JPIC Steering Committee and a handful of visitors from north of the Thames in Amigo Hall on the evening of 22 July to react to information about the history of the Commission and its current concerns and vision for the future. Both Terry and Kenneth - our retiring and arriving Coordinators - were present. The results of these reflections will guide the Committee in improving the ways in which we work and interact.

Communication was one priority action area that emerged: making the importance of concern for JPIC issues better known, continuing to use established events and channels and improving them. There were also calls for more encouragement and support new parish groups. As well as helping in this work, many other potential tasks were listed for our new Coordinator, such as maintaining a list of groups in the diocese, building new relationships with clergy and doing J&P education work in parishes, schools and other institutions.

For communication, can we make it easier for J&P items about campaigns and events to get into parish newsletters (covering news and education as well as advertising events) We need to read more good news about successes! People need better information about JPIC and the Church's social teaching; and we need other channels alongside the newsletter, e.g., upgrading our website and expanding into other social media to improve networking and sharing of knowledge. Can material relevant to newsletters and sermons be developed and disseminated, along with input to parish catechetical programmes, children's liturgies and youth groups?

Regarding parish groups, how can every parish have an active and thriving group that includes local issues on its agenda and inspires others? We must recognise that people also engage with issues through other channels. All sorts of other parish groups should also be linked. Parish JPIC groups, like the Commission, need to stay positive and work with other Christians and with people of goodwill from all Faiths and none, taking up our campaigns along with those of secular organisations.

Other concerns included: challenging and changing false historical negative perceptions of J&P; better liaison with other Diocesan Commissions; finding ways to better involve children and families in our events

We now need to decide how to organise everyone to sustain this work. We can identify people who have skills to help and encourage them to volunteer – and then develop organisational structures in which they can work. The existing Steering Committee probably needs to be strengthened and reorganised to work for the future.

Not every interested party got to these discussions. Comments and suggestions on this summary will be most welcome and a further informal event is being arranged so that we can gather more ideas and get started upon our improved ways of working, building upon past achievements.

ALL ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ABOUT “BUILDING THE WAY AHEAD” FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14. Venue to be confirmed.

Autumn Assembly 2015

Saturday 17 October

10:30am – 4pm (Registration, tea & coffee from 10am)

Venue: "The Pavilion", CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB

Theme for the Day: Can We Eradicate Poverty?

(17 October is observed by UN as International Day for Eradication of Poverty)

Organised in conjunction with CAFOD

Speakers: Canon Giles Fraser - "The Loose Canon", Fr. Richard Finn (Dominican Priory of St. Michael the Archangel), Heidi Chow (Global Justice Now) and a Speaker from CAFOD

For more information or to book a place:

Email: office@southwarkjandp.co.uk or Phone: 020 7928 9742

All Welcome. No charge to attend. Tea & coffee provided. Bring your own lunch.

6th October – National Estate Churches Network Conference 2015

1000 – 1530hrs. St Ann's Church Avenue Road South Tottenham, London N15 5JG (close to Seven Sisters stations). Speakers include: Laurie Green, John Hayes, Corin Pilling, Anna Ruddick, Jane Winter & Ruth (Smith) Young. £20 plus fees, Lunch included. Book on line with Eventbrite:

<http://nationalestatechurches.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ccbf3adde8f5e572c4db8a09c&id=50a361b440&e=1ed4ac5cf4>

10th October – Housing Justice – Homelessness Overview

1000 – 1600hrs. Venue: Housing Justice Office. £30 for Members, £40 for Non-members
To Book, contact Phone: 020 3544 8094

15th October – Housing Justice Roadshow

0930 – 1500hrs. Venue. Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, SW1 1QW.
Tickets £15 at Venue or £11.20 online at Eventbrite

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/housing-justice-roadshow-london-your-church-and-the-housing-crisis-registration-17512126241>

21 October – World Mission Conference (A Day conference on Inter Faith and World Mission)

9:30am – 3:10pm Venue: Heythrop College, Kensington Square London. Nearest Tube: Ken. High Street. Keynote Speaker. Prof. Lamin Sanneh, Yale University., input from Archbishop Kevin McDonald & Fr. Paul Richardson. Free Event, includes Lunch, but booking essential. Phone: 01704 533708 or click link below for Booking Form

<http://www.cmu.org.uk/conference.html>

7th November – Pope Francis Encyclical Day

10:30am – 4pm Venue: Westminster Cathedral Hall. A Theology day with CAFOD's Fr. Augusto Zampini and Liam Finn on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si.

24th-29th November - Westminster Justice and Peace Cycling Pilgrimage to Paris, Phase 2 Dieppe to Paris

Book as soon as possible, as trains and ferry arrangements are being finalised. Contact Barbara Kentish justice@rcdow.org.uk or Phone: 0208 888 5518

£320 for 5 nights including accommodation, travel from London, support van and most food.

4th December – Pope Paul VI Memorial Lecture (CAFOD)

This year's lecture will feature Cardinal Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. Time, Venue and further details to be confirmed.

4th December – London Churches Refugee Fund Carol Singing at Oxford Circus Underground Station

Volunteer, singers and instruments required. Please confirm your time slot availability: 3-4:30pm, 4:30 – 6pm, 6-8pm. Fancy dress with lights welcome. Contact maggie.hindley@londoninterfaith.org.uk or Phone 020 7372 1765

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