

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

JPIC Update June 2010



We need our Government to act on poverty.

Behind the door of No 10 is a Prime Minister with the power to cut global poverty. But he'll only act if we tell him to.

Our faith calls us to stand alongside people living in poverty. Our decisions can change lives for the better for our neighbours in developing countries.

All three main political parties now agree that it's vital to tackle climate change, increase aid and make business work for the poor.

But actions speak louder than words and CAFOD have provided cards through all our parishes which we can fill in and then CAFOD will deliver them to No 10.

If you wish to order cards or a campaign pack contact CAFOD direct at campaigns@cafod.org.uk or phone 020 7095 5692.

Pope Explains Importance of Common Good

The common good is what gives meaning to progress, protecting development from possible negative consequences, said Pope Benedict when he received members of the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation, an organisation which promotes the social doctrine of the Church

"Progress and development are necessary, but if they are not oriented to the common good, they lead to the negative consequences of the prevalence of consumerism, waste, poverty and excess."

The common good is not a single goal, but rather a composite of many goals, material, cognitive, institutional, moral and spiritual, the latter two being of highest importance. "The commitment to the common good of the family of peoples, as for every society, entails, therefore, taking care of and of making use of a complex of institutions".

"In a global society, made up of many peoples and various religions, the common good and integral development are obtained with the contribution of all".



Call Time on illegal logging.

This Summer legislation against illegal logging is making its way through the European Parliament. Progressio are calling on us all to send a handwritten letter to Caroline Spelman, the new DEFRA minister pointing out that the UK is the third largest importer of illegal timber in the world and asking her to take a lead in promoting European legislation to put an end to this destructive trade.

A suggested draft is available from the JPIC office or from www.progressio.org.uk on the "take action" page.



Elephant Parade—jumbo sculptures in London

You may spot some unusual visitors to the capital in May and June. More than 250 brightly painted life-size baby elephant sculptures are on display around central London to raise awareness of the crisis faced by the endangered Asian elephant. WWF is an official conservation partner of Elephant Family, who are hosting Elephant Parade 2010 with the Greater London Authority.

The elephants were designed and decorated by celebrities and artists. WWF supporter Graeme Le Saux has contributed a design on behalf of WWF, called 'Russell' - you can see Russell in Green Park.

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for June is:

"That every national and trans-national institution may strive to guarantee respect for human life from conception to natural death".



His mission intention is: "That the Churches in Asia, which constitute a 'little flock' among non-Christian populations, may know how to communicate the Gospel and give joyful witness to their adherence to Christ".

June 7th-11th June -

A week with Pax Christi's Icon of Peace

at St Ethelburga's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2 4AG.

Daily guided meditation with the ICON between 12.30 - 1.00pm. Evening events 9th and 10th. www.paxchristi.org.uk for more details.

June 12th 'An effective UN in a more secure and just world'.

UNA-UK's UN Forum will be a large-scale civil society event featuring presentations, panel debates, films and workshops opportunities to act on peace, development & human rights. From 9am-6.30pm at Friends' House, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. To book a place phone 020 7766 3456.

June 14th-20th Refugee Week

www.refugeeweek.org.uk

June 15th Housing Justice Conference

Carrs Lane Church Centre, Birmingham B4 7SX
For all who are concerned about homelessness and housing need in the UK
More information from www.housingjustice.org.uk

June 15th Uniting For Peace - Annual Erskine Childers Lecture

Inequality and Millennium Development Goals. Keynote speaker: Sir Richard Jolly (former under-Secretary General for United Nations). 6.30-8.30pm, at Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. Extreme poverty remains a daily reality for more than 1 billion people who live on less than \$1 a day. The completion of the MDGs slips away everyday as other issues, like the global financial crisis, and climate change take centre stage. Sir Richard Jolly, will examine the above challenges and will bring forth strategies and solutions for the successful outcome. For registration contact: Vijay Mehta (vijay@vmpeace.org) or 0207 377 2111

June 17th UNA Lewisham 'A nuclear free world and how to achieve it'

A talk by UNA-UK Chair Lord Hannay of Chiswick From 7.30pm at Lewisham Town Hall, Civic Suite, Catford Road SE6 4RU. Contact: Gurbakhsh Garcha on 020 8699 2050, 0795 2983 254 or bwana_singha@yahoo.com

19th June Pax Christi AGM

Guest speaker:

Dr Jane Clements

10.30 at Blackfriars, St Giles, Oxford OX1 3LY
more information can be found at

www.paxchristi.org.uk



June 19th - 27th Stop Week

Following the election, with talk of cuts already in the air, Campaign Against the Arms Trade want to make sure that the first cut is the government department which exists solely to maximise arms companies' profits. www.caat.org.uk

20th June Arms Trade Day of Prayer

for briefings, ideas, Bible readings, prayers and notes for sermons contact christian@caat.org.uk

June 21st London Premier -STOP THE TRAFFIK

Oasis Youth Theatre cordially invite you to the London Premier of their production. 7.30 at The Oasis Centre, Kennington Road, SE1 (opp. Lambeth North tube). RSVP to 020 7921 4464 or fran.ruiz@oasisuk.org

June 22nd CARJ Urban Network Meeting

Taking stock and discussing problems and possibilities for urban communities under a new government
12:00 – 5:00 at CARJ, 9 Henry Road, London N4 2LH (020 8802 8080).

26th/27th June Prayer Vigil - Victims of Torture

ACAT is taking part in the Prayer Vigil to mark United Nations Day of Support for Victims of Torture. Individual Christians, groups and church congregations are encouraged to take part. Flyers, prayer and service material are available free. 8 Southfield, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 4LX - email: uk.acat@gmail.com. phone no; 01752 843417.

**National Justice and Peace Network
2010 Annual Conference
'Our Daily Bread: Food Security,
People and Planet'**

16th to 18th July at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

For booking forms contact the office or go to www.justice-and-peace.org.uk