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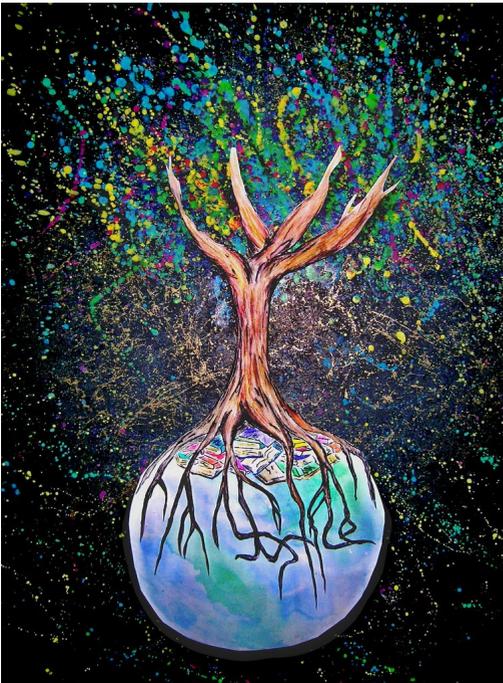


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01 > NOTTINGHAM J&P COMMISSION SURVEY

At the Annual Gathering and Commission AGM in October 2013 it was proposed that the Commission should undertake a survey of our members and friends to help us decide what our priorities should be over the next three years, and to help us create our strategic plan for 2014-2017.

And so ... here it is!

We would be very grateful if you would complete it, and also pass it on to people you know who are interested in the many issues that come under the justice and peace umbrella. Whether you are a supporter of CAFOD, of Fair Trade, of Pax Christi, of Aid to the Church in Need, or of your local food bank or homeless shelter, we need your views. If you are a chaplain or catechist, a teacher or a parish priest, religious sister or lay activist, what you think will help us to make our plans for the next three years.

So please, complete the Survey by clicking the following link.: [http://
www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/101213OOYNV](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/101213OOYNV)

If you are reading this in hard copy, a survey should have come with this newsletter. Please fill it in and return it to the address listed on the front of this newsletter.

In doing so you will help us to serve the diocese, and you, more effectively.

02 > J&P NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Details of this year's National Justice and Peace Conference have been released. The conference will take place 18-20 July 2014 at The Hayes Centre, Swanick in Derbyshire.

For more details and to book tickets visit the national J & P website at www.justice-and-peace.org , or alternatively write to: NJPN, 39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BX

Events > > >

01 > AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BOOK SALE

10.30am - 2.30pm, Saturday 5th April at Clubroom, Market Place Derby. Admission 20p, all proceeds to Amnesty International. More info Derby 766536

02 > PEACE SUPPER

6:30pm, Tuesday 8th April at Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street, Nottingham

03 > BRUCE KENT TALK

7:15 pm, Wednesday 9th April at St. Wilfred of Work Church, Coalville (The evening will begin with Mass at 6:30)

04 > SONGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD [RAINBOW PROJECT FUNDRAISER]

7-9pm, Saturday 3rd May at St. Stephen's Church, Bobbersmill Rd, NG7 5GZ

Tickets are available from the Rainbow Project office: 0115 9701855. £5 adults, £3 unwaged, £2 children under 16, £10 family ticket (two adults and up to four children)

05 > COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

10:30am-12pm, Saturday 19th April, United Reform Church, Brooklyn Road, Bulwell, Nottingham

To raise money for the work of Progressio in Nicaragua.

06 > DERBY CHURCHES NIGHT SHELTER—SOME THOUGHTS

7:30, Tuesday 6th May at St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane, Derby DE1 3AX

07 > JOY IN ENOUGH

7:30, Tuesday 3rd June at St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane, Derby DE1 3AX

08 > QUIET GARDEN EVENING

7:30, Tuesday 1st July at St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane, Derby DE1 3AX

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01 > ETHICAL BANKING

CAFOD has partnered with Triodos Bank so that their supporters can help the world's poorest people as they bank, safe in the knowledge that the money is being responsibly invested where it is most needed.

Triodos is one of Britain's leading ethical financial institutions and for every new savings account opened through the web site link www.triodos.co.uk/CAFOD, Triodos will donate £40 to CAFOD once the balance of the savings in the account reaches at least £100.

This is a great opportunity to save with an ethical bank and help CAFOD.

02 > COULD YOU LIVE BELOW THE LINE?

Could you live on £1 a day for 5 days? Living below the line means living like many of the people in the poorest countries, who live on £1 a day or less. Put yourself in their shoes for a week and help to raise essential funds for those who need it most.

The initiative is being run by Peace Direct, a charity that works towards ending poverty and conflict in the most afflicted regions in the world.

You can take the challenge any time between 03 March—28 June, although the main challenge week begins on the 28 April.

To get involved go to:
www.peacedirect.org/uk/get-involved/live-below-the-line

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03 > SOLIDARITY WITH SYRIA AT LENT

As Lent 2014 begins, Pax Christi International is launching a worldwide campaign, “Encountering Peace,” to express solidarity with the people of Syria and to promote a negotiated solution to the extreme crisis gripping that country.

During the campaign you are encouraged to fast and pray and advocate for an end to the violence and for a successful “encounter for peace” at the negotiations table.

The Encountering Peace Campaign will take place from 5 March to 20 April 2014, to coincide with the Christian observance of Lent.

There are a number of ways that you can get involved with the campaign during Lent:

Raise Awareness

prepare a message of solidarity for the people of Syria—perhaps during a public

prayer service for peace in Syria during Lent

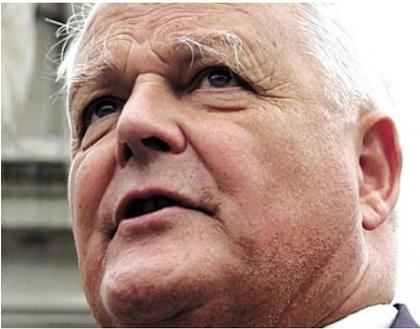
Pax Christi International will work with Syrian partners to broadcast these messages via radio programmes that can be heard by people in Syria and by many Syrian refugees in the region. Please send messages via the Pax Christi website, Facebook and/or Twitter (for social media, please use hashtag #EncounteringPeace).

Fast for one day or more to show your solidarity with the Syrian people.

Let Pax Christi know when you are fasting so they can let their contacts in Syria know.

This can be done individually or as a group. Contact via Pax Christi’s website, Facebook and/or Twitter (for social media, please use hashtag #Fasting4Syria).

Bruce Kent > > >



In 2016, parliament will debate and vote on whether Britain should replace Trident with a new system - making Britain a nuclear armed state for many decades to come. However, the majority of the population wants the government to scrap Trident... not least because of the huge amounts of money it costs, and the massive bill for replacement: over £100 billion at a conservative estimate. With government spending cuts increasing, people are demanding that the money should be spent on real human needs, not on weapons of mass destruction.

Throughout April, veteran peace activist and CND Vice-President Bruce Kent will lead the public debate with faith communities across Britain about the future of Trident - Britain's nuclear weapons system.

Bruce will be giving a talk at St. Wilfrid of York Church in Coalville, Leicestershire on Wednesday 9th April. The Talk will follow mass at 6:30pm, and begin by 7:15. Light refreshments will be available.

The talk will highlight the cost of Trident, particularly with regard to addressing poverty and humanitarian issues, as well as the legal and moral problems with weapons of mass destruction.

We hope to see you there!

Make Lent Fair > > >

>>> **Have you managed to make Lent fair this Easter?** Last month Fairtrade fortnight took us into Lent, and we asked you to invite your parishioners to **Make lent fair** at home. Did you manage to go Fairtrade for lent?

The extra cost of going Fairtrade can cause a little hardship at home, but by going fair, you will have made a huge contribution to raising small farmers and producers out of poverty.

Of course, going fair isn't just for lent; it's about a long term transformation of the way we buy and consume our products. So there's still plenty of opportunities to get involved in pushing towards a Fairtrade future:

Has your parish signed up to the Fairtrade treaty? If so, do you still serve Fairtrade tea and coffee?

If you haven't signed the treaty, why not see if you can encourage your parish to sign the treaty and go Fairtrade?

Why not continue to encourage your fellow parishioners, as well as friends and family members to consider going Fairtrade. Only by growing the numbers of Fairtrade consumers can we help ensure economic justice for the world's poorest people.

For more information about going Fairtrade, please do get in contact with the Justice and Peace Commission, using the contact details on the front page of this newsletter.



Get Involved | E-Petitions > > >

01 > AVAAZ: END THE SINAI TORTURE TRADE

Thousands of East Africans have been abducted by criminal trafficking rings, and tortured in Egypt's Sinai until their desperate families pay huge ransoms for their freedom. If we can show Egypt's leaders that this dirty secret is out and damaging the Sinai's tourism reputation as the 'Red Sea Riviera', they could break the trafficking rings, and free these slaves.

Every hour these men, women and children are in captivity is an hour too long. Sign the urgent petition now and forward it to everyone.

Sign the petition here:

[http://www.avaaz.org/en/
end_the_torture_trade_loc/](http://www.avaaz.org/en/end_the_torture_trade_loc/)

02 > SAVE LEGAL AID

In Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis urged us to care for the weakest members of society, saying "zeal for justice and peace, the Gospel meaning of the poor and of poverty, are required of everyone." New cuts to legal aid by the Government will take place from this month and remove the right to access justice from many of the poorest in this country, who are the main users of legal aid.

Please contact your MP with your concerns and sign this petition:

www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/david-cameron-uk-government-save-legal-aid-to-protect-access-to-justice-for-all.