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FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Friends,

Social Justice Sunday this year falls on 26 September.

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council is preparing for the launch of the Australia Catholic Bishops' 2010 Social Justice Sunday Statement in September. In this year's Statement, *Violence in Australia: A message of peace*, the Catholic Bishops of Australia address the anger and violence in our society, and the effects on individuals, families and the community as a whole.

The Statement considers how the Christian values of forgiveness and reconciliation lead to peace and non-violent ways of addressing conflict and divisions. The call to be peacemakers can be especially challenging when so much of our culture encourages aggressive attitudes, convinces us of the need to succeed at all costs, or fosters the desire for revenge.

Australia is essentially a peaceful country, with strong traditions of fairness and justice,

but there are also deep roots of violence in our story: the dispossession of the Aboriginal peoples, the violence of our convict history, and the strand of racism that has been directed at immigrants at different stages of our history.

The Bishops draw on the Gospels, social teachings of the Church and examples of individuals and groups working for peace in the Australian context. They highlight the role we all share in making a difference for peace as individuals, as a community and as a nation.

They also make clear how radical and central are Jesus' teachings about peacemaking in the Gospel, how discipleship of Jesus leads naturally to a desire to make peace, and how his power working in us makes that desire a reality. At the centre of the story of Jesus is the terrible violence he endured and his triumph over it in his Resurrection. As followers of Christ crucified and risen, we are called to go into the world and to bring a peace that the world alone cannot give.

Peace and peace-building go beyond simply the absence of conflict. They are positive, constructive ways of living that require constant nurturing, and reflect the sacredness that is in the deepest part of our being. The 2010 Social Justice Sunday Statement gives practical suggestions and poses important questions that will help individuals, parishes and groups as they consider their part in bringing the peace of Christ to our world.

Among the many Gospel passages cited in the Statement are Matthew 5:38-44 and John 14:27, 31.

To Order

Parishes, schools and groups can order printed copies (minimum of 10) from the ACSJC. Order form and cost details can be found on the

ACSJC website (<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>) or call (02) 8306 3499.

Social Justice Sunday - Complementary Resources

The ACSJC produces a range of complementary resources to assist parish communities, schools and social justice groups to celebrate Social Justice Sunday.

Among the resources that will be available on the ACSJC website over the coming months will be:

- Social Justice Sunday Liturgy notes
- PowerPoint presentation
- Teachers' Notes

Resources that are very useful in parishes and schools are the Social Justice Sunday Prayer Card and "Ten Steps" leaflet. These can be ordered from the ACSJC Secretariat on (02) 8306 3499.

Promotion

A possible entry in your parish or school newsletter could be:

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 26 September.

This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is titled: 'Violence in Australia: A message of peace'.

The Statement considers how the Christian values of forgiveness and reconciliation lead to peace and non-violent ways of addressing conflict and divisions. The bishops highlight the role we all share in making a difference for peace as individuals, as a community and as a nation.

For further details about the Social Justice Sunday Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.acsjc.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

Any assistance you can give in spreading the word about Social Justice Sunday and this Bishops' Statement about peace-building as a Christian response to anger and violence in Australian society would be greatly appreciated.

John Ferguson
National Executive Officer



Current Issues / Resources

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday will be celebrated on 4 July with the theme 'Justice and Peace for All'. Thelma Parker, Chairperson of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council says: 'The focus is on youth and communities to allow for Peace and Justice for all while promoting and celebrating the cultural identity of our peoples across the nation. By living and expressing in all its endeavors the spirituality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic peoples ... Giving Youth a hand for our future, will empower them to listen, learn and respect our culture for our future generations. During National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday we acknowledge the deeply religious

and spiritual traditions of our ancestors with respect.' Liturgy resources are available from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council at: http://www.natsicc.org.au/resources_liturgy.php?PHPSESSID=e0798f7c024eb0b0a723cf00b908deb1

MEDIA RELEASE - 'BISHOP CAUTIONS ON INCOME MANAGEMENT'

As Senators voted on a Bill related to income management under the Northern Territory Emergency Response, Bishop Christopher Saunders urged them to remember the dignity and rights of Indigenous people. 'Technically speaking, it may be claimed that the legislation satisfies the RDA. However, since the majority of Territorians receiving welfare are Indigenous, the policy will continue to

impact most heavily on Indigenous people as a group ... Compulsory income management alone will not address the underlying causes of poverty and disadvantage. A rigid focus on compliance or a policy that implies that “we know what is best” or “it is all for their own good” risks adopting the kind of attitude that gave rise to policies behind the Stolen Generations,’ he said. (refer: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/Content/media_releases/2010_06_15_12537597161.html)

BOOK - ‘THIS IS WHAT WE SAID’

‘Concerned Australians’ have produced a book that gives voice to what many Aboriginal people feel about the NT Intervention. The book is entitled ‘This Is What We Said’. Editor, Michele Harris OAM, said, ‘The new legislation recently tabled in Parliament leads us to believe that the majority of Aboriginal people have not been heard by Government. They have been ignored.’ Using pictures and quotations taken from footage of actual consultations at Bagot, Ampilatwatja, Utopia and Yirrkala, this book provides a graphic account of the depth of frustration and despair of many Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory regarding the Intervention. The hardback book is available at \$15 + \$2 packaging and post, per copy, within Australia. For further information contact: Concerned Australians, PO Box 281, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002 or harrisme@bigpond.com

NEW CD: ‘IN THIS LAND’

Helen Kearins RSM has just released a CD of her music, which touches on our shared faith and the spirit of justice and solidarity in this land. Song titles include ‘Bringing them Home’, ‘Mercy and Justice Meet’, ‘Bread that Holds the Story’. Cost: \$20.00 (GST incl.), postage \$5.00. To order, contact alison@goulburn.mercy.org.au or (02) 6262 9290. Order form at: http://www.mercy.org.au/newscentre/view_article.cfm?loadref=269&id=868

RESOURCE - ‘A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF MARY MACKILLOP’

A user-friendly and authoritative resource for leaders of group sessions on the life and spirituality of Blessed Mary MacKillop. The Sisters of St Joseph have developed a Leader’s

Pack which has information sheets and handouts for 90 minute sessions on aspects of Mary MacKillop’s life and ministry. The Kit costs \$25 and is available from the Sisters of St Joseph Canonisation Office, 9 Mount Street, North Sydney. Email: jenny.foggiato@sosj.org.au

Also visit the ‘journey to canonisation’ webpage to keep in touch and subscribe to the ‘Canonisation E-newsletter’ (refer: <http://www.marymackillop.org.au/canonisation/landing.cfm?loadref=61>)

ANNUAL TOUR - ‘CYCLE AGAINST THE TRAFFIK’

The Cycle Against The Traffik TOUR 2010, from Sydney to Melbourne (3 - 18 September) aims to spread awareness in the towns along the tour route about slavery and human trafficking and involve as many people as possible in the ongoing fight to eradicate slavery in our world. The organisers have chosen a shelter in Malaysia run by the community organisation Tenaganita to receive any funds raised by the ride. The shelter helps support women who formerly have been trafficked and held as slaves. To find out more about the tour and how you can support or participate, visit: <http://www.cycleagainstthetraffik.com/>

RESOURCE - ‘RESURRECTING THE US FREE TRADE AGREEMENT’

The Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET) has launched a community education leaflet about the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA). The TPPA brings back all of the issues that were debated when the Howard Government entered the Australia-US Free Trade Agreement. Issues include the undermining of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, loss of local content in Australian media, allowing international corporations to sue governments etc. To find out more and to download the leaflet, visit: <http://aftinet.org.au/cms/>

AMNESTY PETITION - ‘PUT PEOPLE BEFORE POLITICS’

Amnesty is running an on-line petition directed at local MPs calling for an end to the Government’s freeze on the processing of Sri Lankan and Afghan asylum claims and for an

end to ‘an ugly game of politics with utter disregard to the cost of human suffering.’ The message of the petition is: ‘this is not how we treat vulnerable people in Australia. And as your constituents, we will not stand for it.’ Personalised emails directed to the individual’s particular electorate can be sent via the following Amnesty webpage: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/refugees/contactmp/>

ECUMENICAL ACCOMPANIMENT PROGRAMME IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

EAPPI is a programme of the World Council of Churches. It was established in 2002 after the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem called for a protective international presence in the Occupied Territories. The programme supports Palestinians and Israelis in their non-violent actions and advocacy efforts to bring a just peace to the Holy Land. Ecumenical Accompaniers come from around the world to spend three months in Israel and Palestine experiencing the impact of occupation on people’s lives. They monitor and report human rights abuses, collect data for other agencies and accompany Palestinians and Israelis working for peace. To find out more about EAPPI visit <http://www.eappi.org> or <http://www.ncca.org.au/eappi>

PACE E BENE - ‘SPIRITUALITY AND PRACTICE OF NONVIOLENT LEADERSHIP’

Effective leadership can only emerge from,

and be sustained by, a foundation of self-understanding. An 8-day residential program for church leaders, clergy and lay people will explore questions of self-care, integrity, power and hierarchy as a basis of different ways of functioning as a leader. The program aims to deepen leadership skills through a disciplined and sustained practice of reflection on inner work. Module 1 (available twice): 8-13 August or 29 August - 3 September, Perth WA
Module 2: 14-17 November, Sydney or Melbourne. For further information, visit <http://www.paceebene.org.au/> and press the ‘workshops’ link.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS APPEAL

As a student-run movement, YCS relies heavily on its supporters to make donations towards the sustainability and everyday workings of the movement. The financial support they receive allows them to pay for the resources needed to continue to develop active Christian leaders. Funds donated will go towards supporting the leadership development and reflection around the YCS National Campaign focusing on Fair Trade. You can make an online donation. The online donations service is totally secure and ensures that 100 per cent of the donation goes straight to YCS. To make a donation visit <http://www.givenow.com.au/aycs>. Alternatively, contact YCS on 0412 529 656 or coordinator@aycs.org.au to get information about how to donate through other means.

Latest Publications

(Orders: phone (02) 8306 3499 or download an order form from the ACSJC website [that can be faxed to (02) 8306 3498]: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER_FORM.pdf)

2010 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT - ORDER NOW!

This year’s Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Sunday Statement is entitled ‘Violence in Australia: A message of peace’. The ACSJC is now taking orders for the Statement. An order form and other

information/resources are available on the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

SERIES PAPER - ‘MERCY AND JUSTICE EMBRACE’

In Catholic Social Justice Series paper No.68, Sr Marie Farrell rsm considers the vast range of people and organisations working for justice in today’s Church in Australia. Together, she says, they make up a mosaic of social justice. Her survey covers quite large organisations such as Caritas Australia, through smaller groups such as the Edmund Rice Centre, to indomitable

individuals such as Fr Chris Riley or Sr Patricia Pak Poy. Her search leads to the mystery of the Eucharist, the symbol of God's bond with humanity. In that sacrament, she points out, we are brought together as one people, coming as pilgrims to Christ's great gift to us which is embodied in the Eucharistic meal. This paper is a meditation on Christ's call to justice and the mystery of the gift of the Eucharist. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

PASTORAL LETTER - FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2010

The Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker for 2009 is entitled 'Australia at the Crossroads: A time to set new rules'. It is available for download in regular and 'three-column' versions at: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

SERIES PAPER - 'WOMEN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA'

Catholic Social Justice Series paper No. 67 is a collection essays by women engaged in wide-ranging areas of Church life. The collection of eight papers include: 'Where would the churches be without women?' by Kimberly Davis and Helen Mary Peters RSM; 'Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus - A Retrospective' by Sonia Wagner SGS; 'What was it like then? Challenges and achievements' by Therese Vassarotti; 'Australian women in the life of

the Church in 2010', by Tricia Walsh; 'The inaugural Young Catholic Women's Interfaith Fellowship' by Beth Doherty; 'Female lay ministry: My experience as a lay parish pastoral director' by Kari Hatherell; 'Being 'invisible': Women in the Church and the world' by Geraldine Hawkes; and 'Women: Key leaders in the cause of social justice' by Sandie Cornish. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

DISCUSSION GUIDE - WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE 2010

The ACSJC discussion guide on Pope Benedict XVI's World Day of Peace Message consists of a brief overview of the message, some points for reflection and prayer. This is an ideal resource for schools and social justice discussion groups. It can be downloaded in pdf or word formats from the ACSJC homepage: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

(Catholic Social Justice Series papers: \$6.60 a copy, plus postage. Postage rates for Catholic Social Justice Series Papers: 1 copy \$1; 2 copies \$1.45; 3-5 copies \$2.45)

Orders: phone (02) 8306 3499, fax (02) 8306 3489 or download an order form from the ACSJC website: http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER_FORM.pdf

This Month's Notices

UNTIL 12 SEPTEMBER. EXHIBITION: KURDS IN AUSTRALIA - 'SURVIVAL OF A CULTURE' (VIC). This exhibition explores how the Kurdish culture has survived through adversity, invasion, and division of the Kurds' traditional lands. It examines the traditions at the core of the Kurdish culture that have enabled it to survive, and which Kurds proudly maintain in Australia today. A variety of objects will be on display, including traditional costumes, instruments, hand-woven crafts and pewter wear. Cost: \$8, concession free. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Immigration Museum, 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne. Contact: 13 11

02. Web: <http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum/>.

UNTIL 19 SEPTEMBER. EXHIBITION: 'AUSTRALIA'S MUSLIM CAMELEERS' (VIC). This exhibition reveals the remarkable contribution which Australia's first Muslim community, from Afghanistan and British India, made to the exploration and settlement of Australia's arid interior. These Muslim pioneers provided the lifeblood for many inland settlements, isolated stations and mines, and forged communication routes through remote Australia. Cost: \$8, concession free. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm,

Immigration Museum, 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne. Contact: 13 11 02. Web: <http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum>.

29 JUNE - 24 JULY. TEAR PHOTO EXHIBITION: 'WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY' (SA). The images displayed in the exhibition represent some of the women with whom TEAR Australia works. They're resourceful, creative and caring, and they're working to make a difference in their communities. All profits will support Lydia's List - a selection of TEAR's community development projects that focus on women's empowerment. Monday - Friday: 7.00 am to 3.00 pm; Friday: 6.00 to 9.00 pm; Saturday: 8.00 am to 3.00 pm; Bliss Organic Café, 7 Compton Street, Adelaide. Contact: 08 8231 0205. Web: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/news/photo-exhibition-women-hold-up-half-the-sky/>.

1 JULY. COURSE: 'NAVIGATING ENERGY SERVICES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE' (VIC). This professional development training is for organisations and individuals working with low income and disadvantaged communities in the City of Yarra who are interested in issues of climate change, and increasing their capacity to assist clients with energy bill issues. 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, Brotherhood of St Laurence. Contact: hsaunders@bsl.org.au or 03 9445 2423. Web: <http://www.bsl.org.au/About-the-Brotherhood/Whats-on.aspx?id=82>.

2 JULY. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'PALESTINE - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COWARDICE' (NSW). Speakers: Dr Jake Lynch, Director, Centre Peace and Conflict Studies; Rihab Charida, television journalist. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or odlbradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

2 - 5 JULY. PRESENTATION: IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA (VIC, NSW). Immaculée will speak on her dramatic and moving story relating to her survival of the Rwandan holocaust and her true gift of forgiveness. Immaculée is regarded as one of the world's leading speakers on peace, faith and forgiveness; she is the author of three books including *Left to Tell* and has hosted a documentary 'Ready to Forgive, an African Story of Grace'.

2 July (VIC): Introduced by Bishop Christopher Prowse. 7.30 pm, St Peter's College Hall, Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Cranbourne.

3 July (VIC): 2.00 pm, The Besen Centre, 87-89 Station Street, Burwood. Contact: 03 9830 4386 or 03 9842 5637.

4 July (NSW): Immaculée tells her story; donations for Immaculée's charity will be collected during the event. No cost for entry. 2.00 pm, St Mary's Cathedral Hall, St Mary's Road, Sydney.

5 July (NSW): Women's Brunch. Bring food to share. No cost. 10.30 am, St Benedict's Hall, Notre Dame University courtyard, corner Broadway and Abercrombie Street, Broadway. (Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 am in St Benedict's Church). Contact: 02 9651 3028 or 0431 170 342.

Web: <http://www.divinemeracy.net.au/>.

3 JULY. NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION: 'UNsung HEROES - CLOSING THE GAP BY LEADING THEIR WAY' (NSW). Bankstown City Council is holding this event to celebrate the survival of Indigenous culture and the Indigenous contribution to modern Australia. The celebration will include a Flag Raising Ceremony, live community concert, wood carving demonstrations, stalls, giveaways, a jumping castle, kids club and a free Lions BBQ. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Paul Keating Park, Bankstown. Contact: 02 9707 9605. Web: <http://www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/EventViewTrainingDetails.aspx?Bck=Y&EventID=1047>.

3 JULY. PUBLIC FORUM: 'BUILDING PEACE IN OUR REGION' (QLD). QLD University's internationally recognised reputation in studies of conflict prevention, human rights and peace building will be showcased and explored through this event, hosted by the School of Political Science and International Studies. The focus will be on Southeast Queensland, the Pacific Islands and Southeast Asia. Speakers: Path Heang, Cambodia, UQ's International Alumnus of the Year in 2008; and Joy Kere (nee Kiriau). Lunch provided. No cost. 11.00 am to 3.00 pm, Terrace Room, level 6, Sir Llew Edwards Building, University of Queensland, St Lucia. Contact: g.ievers@uq.edu.au. Web: <http://www.polsis.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=134966&pid=44690>.

3 JULY. FUNDRAISER: 'THIRTEEN: 3 RACE FOR THE PERSECUTED' (NSW). More than 100 million Christians worldwide are being persecuted today just because they follow Jesus. Hebrews 13:3 instructs us to 'Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.' Open Doors Australia's Race will support Iraqi Christian refugees. Based on the television series, The Amazing Race, this sponsored fundraising event, will take place in Sydney's CBD. Cost: \$80 for 4 person team. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Contact: normanm@od.org. Web: <http://www.raceforthepersecuted.org.au/page/194/home>.

3 JULY. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY AFTERNOON OF ACTION (TAS). Campaigning skills workshop with Oxfam Australia campaigner Clancy Moore covering the Make Poverty History, climate change and Close the Gap campaigns. This workshop will give you the tools to make a difference in these important campaigns. Launch of 'Live Below the Line - can you live off less than \$2 a day?' This exciting campaign launch will include food, recipes and limbo-ing. 1.30 pm, Dechaineux Theatre and foyer, School of Arts, University of Tasmania, Hobart. Contact: 0437 741 677. Web: <http://www.oxfam.org.au/act/events/event-calendar>.

4 JULY. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY MASS (ACT). Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate the inaugural Mass organised by the ACT Aboriginal Catholic Ministry as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations. The day will include a community family barbecue, entertainment, Gecko Gang face painting and performances by Johnny Huckle. 11.00 am, St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Contact: 0402 049 650, 0422 066 080 or bronnieschlager@gmail.com, RSVP by 30 June. Web: http://www.cg.catholic.org.au/news/view_event.cfm?loadref=18&id=760.

4 JULY. NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER SUNDAY MASS (SA). Celebrant: Archbishop Philip Wilson DD JCL. 11.00 am, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide. Web: <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/upcoming-events>.

4 JULY. NAIDOC FAMILY DAY (NSW). Wollondilly Aboriginal Advisory Committee in

conjunction with Wollondilly Shire Council is holding this Family Day in recognition of NAIDOC Week. It will include a fun filled day of entertainment including traditional Cultural Cook Island dancers, a large didgeridoo group and traditional food. No cost. 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, Picton Botanic Gardens, Regreme Road, Picton. Contact: 02 4677 8224 or council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au. Web: <http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/files/118801/File/naidocposter2010.pdf>.

4 JULY - 1 AUGUST. NAIDOC WEEK - ART EXHIBITION (NSW). ANTaR and Marrickville Library Service are proud to invite you to this Art Exhibition 'Unsung Heroes - Closing the Gap by Leading their Way'. It will showcase the works of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Artists including Bronwyn Bancroft, Elaine Russell, Phemie Bostock and Marlene Phillips. Marrickville Library, corner Marrickville and Petersham Roads, Marrickville. Contact: 02 9335 2173. Web: <http://www.antar.org.au/>.

5 JULY. THEOLOGY ON TAP (TOT): 'LEFT TO TELL' (NSW). Immaculée has a dramatic and moving story of surviving the 1994 Rwandan genocide where she lost her family and many of her friends. Today she is regarded as one of world's leading speakers on peace, faith, and forgiveness, and has come to Sydney to share her universal message. TOT is for those between 18-35 years (priests and religious not included in age range). \$10 steaks before 7.00 pm. 6.30 pm, PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, Parramatta. Web: <http://www.TheologyOnTap.com.au>. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2426293640&v=wall&ref=ts>.

5 JULY. AIATSIS SEMINAR ON INDIGENOUS WELLBEING (ACT). Assoc Prof Komla Tsey, School of Indigenous Australian Studies and School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University, and Les Baird, a founder of Yaba Bimbie Men's Group, Yarrabah Elder Minister, are speaking on 'Promoting Community Wellbeing: An Inside-Out Approach', including case studies from Ghana and Yarrabah. No cost. 12.30 to 2.00 pm, Mabo Room, AIATSIS Building, Acton Peninsula, Canberra. Contact: cressida.fforde@aiatsis.gov.au or 02 6261 4221. Web: <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/seminarseries/series1.html>.

5 JULY. LECTURE: 'PALESTINE TO THE PACIFIC: WOMEN SPEAK OUT FOR FREEDOM' (NSW). This lecture is sponsored by Sydney Peace Foundation, University of Sydney Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Coalition for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Independent Australian Jewish Voices. Experiences of living under military occupation and the struggle for liberation will be shared. Speakers: Dr Lisa Natividad, Lecturer, University of Guam, indigenous Chamoru activist; and Diana Buttu, Palestinian-Canadian Lawyer, professor and former member of the PLO Negotiations Support Unit. Chair: Prof Larissa Behrendt, Professor of Law and Indigenous Studies, University of Technology. No cost. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, Trades Hall Auditorium, 377 Sussex Street, Sydney. Contact: 0422 520 935. Web: <http://www.coalitionforpalestine.org/sydneyevents.html>.

5 JULY. SYDNEY DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE SEMINAR: 'UNsung HEROES ... CLOSING THE GAP' (NSW). The seminar will include a chance to come together to discuss issues including Indigenous health, education, community relations and housing. The special guest Elders for the evening will be Jenny Ebsworth and Judy Curry from the Aboriginal Catholic Social Services. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, UTS Room 10.2.330, Level 2 (ground level), 235 Jones Street, Ultimo. Web: <http://sdc.groupsites.com/calendar/event/2010/7/5/170580>.

5 JULY. PRESENTATION: 'VOICES FROM PALESTINE TODAY - FAITH, HOPE, LOVE AND JUSTICE' (NSW). Rifat Kassis and Constantine Dabbagh, Palestinian Christians from the West Bank and Gaza, speak from their living experience in Palestine today, where they live under Israeli occupation and work non-violently for justice and a lasting peace. No cost. 7.30 pm, The Annex, St Brigid's Church, Marrickville. Entrance is off Livingstone Road. Web: http://www.stbrigid.org.au/our_parish/coming_events.htm.

5 - 7 JULY. MELBOURNE COLLEGE OF DIVINITY CENTENARY CONFERENCE: 'THE FUTURE OF RELIGION IN AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY' (VIC). A program of presentations by international and national scholars will provide a platform for delegates to debate and consider 'The Future of Religion in Australian Society'. Speakers: Tom Calma, Ethics Council of the National

Congress of Australia's First Peoples; Sandra Schneiders, Professor Emerita, Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University, Berkeley; Justin Taylor, Vice-Director, École biblique et archéologique française, Jerusalem; etc. Cost: \$295, concession \$195. 8.45 am to 5.30 pm. Evan Burges building, Trinity College, University of Melbourne. Contact: 03 9416 3833 or centenaryconference@clems.com.au. Web: <http://www.mcd.edu.au/>.

5 - 9 JULY. ECUMENICAL WINTER SCHOOL: 'LOOKING BEYOND DIVISION' (ACT). The Centre for Ecumenical Studies, Charles Sturt University, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (ACC&C) is holding this course which will introduce students to the study of Ecumenics. Academic Coordinators: Rev Prof Emeritus Robert Gribben, Centre for Ecumenical Studies; Rev Dr Ray Williamson, Centre for Ecumenical Studies. Lecturer: Rev Dr John Gibaut, director, World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission; Rev Prof James Haire Executive Director, ACC&C; Rev Dr Erica Mathieson, Rector, Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett; Rev Dr Gerard Kelly, President, Catholic Institute of Sydney. Cost: \$400-\$900. 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, ACC&C, 15 Blackall Street, Barton. Contact: 02 6272 6213 or raywilliamson@csu.edu.au. Web: <http://www.nswec.org.au/images/events/event102.pdf?PHPSESSID=68860b30216a1bc5b6758d1af5fdec12>.

6 - 9 JULY. NATIONAL ABORIGINAL CUSTOMARY LAW AND CULTURAL MOVEMENT (NT). The Alice Springs gathering, supported by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples from across Australia, will call on the Federal Government to end the intervention and unconditionally re-instate the Racial Discrimination Act. The continued suspension of the RDA with the full consent of the Rudd government allows for the contentious and racially discriminatory aspects of the NTER intervention to continue unabated. All are welcome to come and stand together to turn a new page in race relations. Alice Springs Showgrounds, Blatherskite Park, Alice Springs. Contact: 0428 611 169 or richard.downs12@gmail.com. Web: http://indigenouspeoplesissues.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4747&Itemid=96.

6 - 10 JULY. INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (IPRA) CONFERENCE: 'COMMUNICATING PEACE' (NSW). Themes include: ensuring human protection and human rights in conflict zones; pressing for the abolition of nuclear weapons; indigenous and environmental activism; and art and creative agency in peace building. Speakers: Prof Johan Galtung, founder, Transcend network; Irene Khan, former Secretary General, Amnesty International, Sydney Peace Prize Laureate; Patrick Dodson, 'father of reconciliation' in Australia; etc. Cost: \$175-\$375. Footbridge Theatre, University of Sydney. Contact: jake.lynych@usyd.edu.au. Web: http://www.iprasydney2010.org/Communicating_Peace.html.

6 - 28 JULY. THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLES COMMUNITY MEETINGS (NATIONAL). This first round of community meetings across the entire country is to help communities better understand the Congress. Contact: info@nationalcongress.com.au. Full details: <http://www.nationalcongress.com.au/index.html>.

7 JULY. PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL (PBI) INFORMATION NIGHT (VIC). This evening is a detailed introduction to PBI's unique role in protecting human rights and includes videos, presentations and discussions about PBI's work facilitating peace-building initiatives and providing protective accompaniment for human rights defenders, organisations and communities threatened by political violence in Indonesia, Nepal, Mexico, Colombia and Guatemala. No cost. 6.00 pm, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Contact: pbiaustralia@peacebrigades.org or 03 9016 3769, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.pbi-australia.org/>.

7 JULY. NATIONAL PRESS CLUB: PROFESSOR PATRICK MCGORRY (ACT). Prof Patrick McGorry is a leading international researcher, clinician and advocate for the youth mental health reform agenda. He is Executive Director of Orygen Youth Health (OYH), a world-renowned mental health organisation for young people that has put Australia at the forefront of innovation in the prevention and treatment of mental illness. Cost: \$55 members, \$75 guests.

11.45 am to 1.30 pm, 16 National Circuit, Canberra. Contact: 02 6121 2199 or npc@npc.org.au, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.npc.org.au/upcomingSpeakers.html>.

7 JULY. IPRA CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: 'SELF-DETERMINATION: 50 YEARS ON' (NSW). Who can call themselves a 'people' and how can they assert and enjoy their rights? There are fewer than 200 UN member states in the world and at least 2,000 nations - Johan Galtung calls this the 'state-nation dialectic'. How can it be resolved? Speaker: Prof Johan Galtung with Prof Stephen Zunes. Cost: \$30. 7.00 to 9.00 pm, Barnett Long Room, Customs House, Circular Quay. Contact: ipra.conference@usyd.edu.au, RSVP essential. Register: http://www.arts.usyd.edu.au/peace_conflict/news/ipra2010.shtml.

7 JULY. FR JOHN PAWLIKOWSKI LECTURE: 'THE CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONSHIP: CURRENT THEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL CHALLENGES' (NSW). Fr (Dr) Pawlikowski is Professor of Ethics and Director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies Program at the University of Chicago and President and Chair of the Theology Committee of the International Council of Christians and Jews. 7.00 pm, ACU Mackillop Campus, Ryan Auditorium, 4th Floor, James Carroll Building, 40 Edward Street, North Sydney. Contact: 07 3623 7150 or donna.graham@acu.edu.au.

7 - 9 JULY. AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF FAMILY STUDIES CONFERENCE (VIC). The conference will focus on the six major themes that shape the Institute's current Research Plan - Economic wellbeing of families; Families and work; Social inclusion; Violence, abuse and neglect; Family transitions and family law; and Children, young people and their families. Speakers: Prof Bob Goodin, Distinguished Professor of Social and Political Theory and of Philosophy in the Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University; Prof Jane Millar, Professor of Social Policy and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, University of Bath, UK; Prof Aletha Huston, Child Development, University of Texas, Austin. Melbourne Convention Centre. Contact: 03 9417 1350 or aifs@thinkbusinessevents.com.au. Web: <http://conference.aifs.gov.au/>.

7 - 13 JULY. ONLINE DIALOGUE: 'STAYING SAFE: SECURITY RESOURCES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS' (INTERNET). This dialogue will bring together practitioners that work with human rights defenders developing security strategies for their protection and will share important resources and tools for the human rights community. Resource practitioners: Jane Barry, author of *Insiste, Persiste, Resiste, Existe: Women Human Rights Defenders Security Strategies* (with Vahida Nainar); Wojtek Bogusz, Frontline Defenders; Bobby Soriano, information and technology trainer, Tactical Tech; Rick P. Ruiz; President, VaultletSoft, initiator, Project Autonomy; etc. Register: <http://www.newtactics.org/en/blog/new-tactics/staying-safe-security-resources-human-rights-defenders>.

8 JULY. MULTICULTURALISM AND SOCIAL INCLUSION SYMPOSIUM (VIC). This event brings together academics, policy makers and practitioners to advance dialogue on multiculturalism and social inclusion. It also aims to foster networking in this key social policy area. Presenters: Prof Andrew Jakubowicz, University of Technology, Chairperson, Institute for Cultural Diversity; Mr George Lekakis, Chairperson, Victorian Multicultural Commission; and Ms Jenny Semple, South Eastern Region Migrant Resource Centre and Settlement Council of Australia. No cost. 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. Contact: tasa.migration@gmail.com, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/newsevents/index.html>.

8 JULY. CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA SEMINAR: 'NURTURING THE FOUNDING SPIRIT' (VIC). What has worked well? What lessons have been learned from our work over recent decades? For leaders in Catholic Social Services and Religious Congregations. For those committed to nurturing their mission and spirit. Speakers: Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ; Sr Pam Maloney RGS; Ms Julie Edwards; and Mr Neal Murphy. 8.30 am to 3.30 pm, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Contact: 03 9287 5570 or toshannassy@css.org.au, RSVP by 2 July. Web: <http://www.css.org.au/documents/Flyerrev1.pdf>.

9 JULY. ECUMENICAL SYMPOSIUM: 100 YEARS OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT: 'OPENING HORIZONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY' (ACT). An opportunity for Christians to mark the 100th anniversary of the Edinburgh International Mission Conference by identifying prospects and signs of hope, new methodologies and challenges. Speakers: The Revd Dr John Gibaut, World Council of Churches; The Revd Prof Emeritus Robert Gribben, Centre for Ecumenical Studies; Auntie Joan Hendriks, Ngugi elder Quandamooka people, Indigenous educator and researcher; and Dr Shane Clifton, Alphacrucis College, Pentecostal tradition. Cost: \$40. 9.00 am to 3.30 pm, ACC&C, 15 Blackall Street, Barton. Contact: 02 9299 2215 or secretariat@ncca.org.au. Web: http://www.nswec.org.au/events.php?action=showevent&id=113&new_c_id=&PHPSESSID=d51210a644b122cc256cad43766db1e0.

9 JULY. NAIDOC AWARDS CEREMONY AND BALL (VIC). This is held in National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week, 4 - 11 July; the theme for NAIDOC week is 'Unsung Heroes - Closing the Gap'. NAIDOC Awards Ceremony and Ball will honour the achievements of Indigenous Australians by presenting the National NAIDOC Awards. Cost: \$80. 6.45 pm, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Web: <http://www.naidoc.org.au/>. Register: <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=NAIDOC10&searchId=dcc537ae-2998-4ea0-9613-292a40e505bb>.

9 JULY. NAIDOC WEEK: THULLII DREAMING DANCERS (NSW). Showcasing Aboriginal culture from the Ngemba tribe, North West NSW, a culture that is alive and strong. Come and enjoy their interactive and educational workshop/ performance. Organised in partnership by Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation and Lane Cove Council. No cost. 10.30 to 11.00 am, Lane Cove Plaza, Longueville Road at Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove. Contact: 02 9911 3594. Web: <http://www.nswrecon.com/CustomContentRetrieve.aspx?ID=446668>.

10 JULY. ELECTORAL FORUM: MAKE POVERTY HISTORY (QLD). Everyone is welcome to contribute to the discussion on how

Australia can Make Poverty History. It will also be an exciting opportunity for people to meet with like minded individuals and have their voices heard by the candidates. Bowman Electorate. 3.00 to 4.30 pm, Stella Maris Centre, 53 Passage Street, Cleveland. Contact: jeniferb@caritas.org.au. Web: <http://www.micahchallenge.org.au/map/cc/electorateforums/sf/mapthis>.

10 JULY - 18 AUGUST. MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION: 'BLUEPRINT FOR A BETTER WORLD' (ACT). Caritas Australia and AusAID are exhibiting this display around Australia. It highlights the Millennium Development Goals and the promise of world Governments to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015. Video, photographs, visual installation as well as contributions (such as posters, baskets, school books, readers) from Caritas partner communities make up the installation. No cost. Old Parliament House, Canberra. Contact: 02 8306 3490, siobhanj@caritas.org.au, alexandrae@caritas.org.au or 02 8306 3456. Web: <http://www.caritas.org.au/blueprint/Venues/index.html>.

11 JULY. LAUNCH OF SYDNEY ALLIANCE LISTENING CAMPAIGNS (NSW). Western Sydney Community Forum (WSCF) and the Sydney Alliance invite you to attend the inaugural Sydney Alliance Listening Assembly. Come join with hundreds of members of community organisations, faith communities and unions to launch Listening Campaigns in member organisations across Sydney and to experience the Sydney Alliance. 1.30 to 3.30 pm, Blacktown Civic Centre, Bowman Hall, Campbell Street, Blacktown. Contact: wscf@wscf.org.au, RSVP online by 5 July. Register: <http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/>.

12 JULY. LECTURE: 'COMPETING IN THE POLICY MARKETPLACE: CHRISTIANS STAND AND BE COUNTED' (ACT). Prof Scott Prasser has been a senior official in both the Commonwealth and the Queensland Public Service, and is widely known for his work on law reform and policy development. In the lead-up to the coming Federal election, this lecture will assess the scope of Christians from all traditions to shape public life and to influence political debate. 7.30 pm, St Mark's National Theological Centre, Barton. Contact: 02 6272 6252 or stmarksadmin@csu.edu.au.

Web: http://www.ces.org.au/non_ces_events.htm.

13 JULY. FIRESIDE READINGS FROM ALMA COTTAGE: 'MARY'S RESPONSE TO GOD IN SERVICE' (NSW). Readings from the letters of Mary MacKillop, enjoy a glass of wine with savouries in the company of friends. Presented by Geraldine Doogue AO. Cost: \$30, concession \$20. 5.30 to 7.00 pm, Alma Cottage, Mary MacKillop Place, Mount Street, North Sydney. Contact: 02 8912 4878 or mackillop@sosj.org.au. Web: <http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au>.

13 - 17 JULY. ECUMENICAL WINTER SCHOOL: 'LOOKING BEYOND DIVISION' (NSW). The Centre for Ecumenical Studies, Charles Sturt University, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (ACC&C) is holding this course, which will introduce students to the study of Ecumenics. Academic Coordinators: Rev Prof Emeritus Robert Gribben, Centre for Ecumenical Studies; Rev Dr Ray Williamson, Centre for Ecumenical Studies. Lecturer: Rev Dr John Gibaut, director, World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission; Rev Prof James Haire, Executive Director, ACC&C; Rev Dr Erica Mathieson, Rector, Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett; Rev Dr Gerard Kelly, President, Catholic Institute of Sydney. Cost: \$400-\$900. 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, United Theological College, Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta. Contact: 02 6272 6213 or raywilliamson@csu.edu.au. Web: <http://www.nswec.org.au/images/events/event102.pdf?PHPSESSID=68860b30216a1bc5b6758d1af5fdec12>.

14 JULY. POVERTY FORUM: 'THE HIP HOP APPROACH' (NSW). This forum aims to keep the pressure on the Australian Government and speak up about change in the community and around the globe. For people who are interested in international aid, climate change, Indigenous rights, refugee policy - or something else, this is an opportunity to vent views and ideas for a better world, while partying with some high-quality hip hop acts. Featuring: The Tongue, Thundamentals, True Vibration, Sketch the Rhyme and DJ Triptrix (West Labz) with a special set by DJ Mailer Daemon. No cost. 7.15 pm, The Oxford Art Factory, 38-46 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.

Web: <http://thehiphopapproach.my3things.org/>.

15 JULY. BREAKFAST: 'PROTECTION AND CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT' (VIC). Catholic Social Services, Catholic Earthcare and Office for Justice and Peace Melbourne are holding this breakfast with speaker Jacqui Remond, National Director, Catholic Earthcare Australia. Cost: \$15. 7.15 am for 7.30 to 8.45 am, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Contact: 03 9287 5566 or office@css.org.au, RSVP by 9 July. Web: http://www.css.org.au/documents/FlyerJuly2010_001.pdf.

15 JULY. WORKSHOP: 'TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE WORLD, STARTING WITH OURSELVES' (VIC). Catholic Social Services, Catholic Earthcare and Office for Justice and Peace Melbourne are holding this workshop to help organisations become sustainable using Catholic Earthcare's new ASSISI (A Strategic Systems-based Integrated Sustainability Initiative). Speaker: Jacqui Remond, National Director, Catholic Earthcare Australia. Cost: \$25. 9.15am for 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Contact: 03 9287 5566 or office@css.org.au, RSVP by 9 July. Web: <http://www.css.org.au/>.

15 JULY. PRIOLETTI CONSULTANTS FORUM: 'CROSS CULTURAL AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION TRAINING' (VIC). This course provides an excellent overview to understanding and communicating with people from cultural and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. Cost: \$110. 1.00 to 4.00 pm, Wheelers Hill study room-enter via library, 860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill. Contact: josie@prioletticonsultants.com.au or 03 9038 9292. Register: <http://www.prioletticonsultants.com.au>.

16 JULY. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'HENRY TAX REVIEW - WHO BENEFITS, WHO LOSES?' (NSW). Speakers: Peter Davidson, Senior Advisor, ACOSS; and Michael Janda, ABC Online Business Reporter. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or odl_bradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

17 JULY AND 14 AUGUST. FUNDRAISER: 'DIVE AGAINST DEBT!' (NSW).

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is hosting its annual "Dive Against Debt" Skydive. This is an event for all thrill seekers and adrenalin junkies alike. The aim is to have loads of participants who are willing to throw themselves out of a plane and each raise \$700 in sponsorship. Proceeds raised will go towards helping thousands of families in financial crisis. July event is in Sydney and August event is in Newcastle. Contact: 02 4914 0525 or events@capaust.org. Web: http://www.capaust.org/news.php?action=show&news_id=163.

19 JULY. THEOLOGY ON TAP (TOT): FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL (NSW). The Friars are a Religious Community in New York founded by the leadership of Fr Benedict Groeschel and Fr Stan Fortuna. This Community's primary mission is to serve the poor and evangelize through teaching and preaching the Holy Gospel. TOT is for those between 18-35 years (priests and religious not included in age range). \$10 steaks before 7.00 pm. 6.30 pm, PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, Parramatta. Web: <http://www.TheologyOnTap.com.au>. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2426293640&v=wall&ref=ts>.

20, 27 JULY, 3, 14 AUGUST. EDMUND RICE NETWORK COURSE: 'INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES AND WAYS OF CONTINUING RECONCILIATION AND JUSTICE' (QLD). Course begins with a general overview of how to work with people from different cultures. From Session 2 onwards the course focuses specifically on Australian Indigenous cross cultural awareness and perspectives. Wherever possible the course includes dialogue/ input from Indigenous people. Cost: \$50, concession \$20. 5.30 to 7.30 pm, Oceania Support Centre, 70 Kate Street, Indooroopilly. Contact: cmdoherty@edmundrice.org. Web: <http://www.edmundricecommunity.com/events/indigenous-perspectives-a>.

22 JULY. DOCUMENTARY FILM: 'FLASHES OF HOPE' (VIC). The film 'Flashes of Hope: Hibakusha travelling the world' commemorates the 65th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. It follows the journey

around the world of 100 Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) on a cruise ship called the 'Peace Boat', sharing their testimonies about their experience of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Speaker: Tim Wright, International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons, will speak about his experiences at the Nuclear Prevention Treaty Review conference in New York this May. Cost: \$5. 6.30 pm, Trades Hall (New Council Chambers), 54 Victoria Street, Carlton. Contact: info@jfp.org.au. Web: <http://jfp.org.au>.

22 JULY. DOCUMENTARY FILM: A NORTHERN TOWN (NSW). A NAIDOC Week event - this film is a sobering look at racism in Kempsey. Set in an Indigenous owned and operated aged care facility housing both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, this powerful documentary challenges the viewer to consider the past and present in new ways. Director, Rachel Lander, and Producer, Dylan Blowen, won the NSW Premier's History Award for Multimedia in 2009. They will show excerpts from the film and discuss its making. For more City of Sydney NAIDOC events see <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn/html/custom/2234-event-details.asp?EventID=86793>. Cost: \$15, members free. 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start, Surry Hills Library, 405 Crown Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 8374 6230, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn/html/custom/2234-event-details.asp?EventID=85381>.

24 JULY. FUNDRAISER: JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE WINTER BALL (NSW). Master Of Ceremonies: Channel 7 personalities Alex Cullen and Sara Groen. Dress: Black Tie. Cost: \$150. 6.30 pm to 12.00 am, Westin Hotel, 1 Martin Place, Sydney. Contact: 0421 283 229 or 0422 261 114. Book: <http://www.stickytickets.com.au/3443>.

24 JULY. TEAR GATHERING 'WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY: FROM OPPRESSION TO ABUNDANT LIVING' (SA). A gathering to explore together the issues of global poverty, development and gender equality from a biblical perspective. In particular, hearing the voices and stories of women from local and overseas communities. International speaker, Arbutus Sider, a marriage and family therapist who has lectured in many parts of the world on

biblical equality between men and women. She is a board member of Christians for Biblical Equality. Cost: \$30, concession \$20. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Westcare Baptist Church, corner Millers Court and Wright Street, Adelaide. Contact: josh@tear.org.au, RSVP by 16 July. Register: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/news/tear-sa-gathering-2010/>.

24 JULY. TEAR AUSTRALIA/BIBLE COLLEGE OF QUEENSLAND EVENT: 'CHRISTIAN ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORLD' (QLD). Speaker: Ron Sider, author of *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, will talk on: 'Loving the Whole Person' and 'Evangelism and Social Justice'. Cost: \$10. 8.45 am to 11.00 am, 1 Cross Street, Toowong. Contact: 07 3888 0571 or gld@tear.org.au, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/news/ron-sider-christian-engagement-with-the-world/>.

24 JULY. CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) FORUM: 'WHICH WAY?' (NSW). The forum will be facilitated by journalist, Margaret Rice. Speakers: Prof Gordian Fulde, Director of Emergency Medicine, St Vincent's Hospital; Deborah Wallace, Detective Superintendent Commander, Middle Eastern Organised Crime Squad; Miranda Devine, Journalist, Sydney Morning Herald; Anna Krohn, CWLA National Bio-Ethics Convenor. Cost: \$25. 1.30 to 4.30 pm, Australian Museum, corner William and College Streets, Sydney. Contact: 02 9390 5153. Web: <http://www.cwlsydney.org.au>.

24 JULY. MOUNTAINS FILM PREMIERE: 'INDIGENOUS PEOPLE CHALLENGE NT INTERVENTION' (NSW). A film that chronicles the historic walk-off of the Alyawarr people, who are fighting the NT Intervention. The Intervention has taken Aboriginal rights back 50 years to the days of ration cards - but the people are fighting back. The film will be accompanied by guest speakers Will Williams and Jess Moore, just returned from the NT 'justice tour', who will report back on the NT Indigenous rights convergence in Alice Springs and the Ampilatwatja camp. Cost: donation. 2.30 pm, Family Hotel Dining Room, Parke Street, Katoomba. Contact: 02 4787 7859 or bluemountains@socialist-alliance.org. Web: <http://www.greenleft.org.au/calendar/2010-07/>.

24 - 25 JULY. QLD CHURCHES TOGETHER WORKSHOPS: 'ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT (BASIC LEVEL)' (QLD).

In these workshops, participants explore a culture of peace and trust together through the principles of respect and caring for self and others. AVPQ hopes some of the people who attend this workshop will want to go on and become facilitators of other people's learning. Cost: \$125, concession \$40. 8.45 am to 6.00 pm, PCYC Ascot OSHC (the old Ascot Preschool), 56 Barlow Street, Ascot. Contact: 0435 007 405 or heatheravpq11@optusnet.com.au. Web: http://www.qct.org.au/component/option,com_jcalpro/Itemid,126/extmode,view/extid,223/recurdate,1279893600/.

26 - 27 JULY. CONFERENCE: 'CRIME AND VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE' (QLD).

Griffith University is hosting this conference on the causes, consequences and prevention of crime and violence across the life course, from childhood, to adolescence, to adulthood. The conference provides a unique opportunity to learn about the latest research on these issues, as well as to find out more about effective policy and program responses to crime and violence for youthful and adult offenders. Speakers: Prof Ross Homel, Griffith University; Prof Julie Horney, Pennsylvania State University, USA; Dr Susan Dennison, Griffith University; etc. Cost: \$350. 9.00 am to 6.00 pm, The Sebel and Citigate King George Square Hotel, corner Ann and Roma Streets, Brisbane. Contact: kceljag-events@griffith.edu.au or 07 3735 5997. Web: <http://www.griffith.edu.au/arts-languages-criminology/key-centre-ethics-law-justice-governance/news-events/crime-and-violence-across-the-life-course>.

27 JULY. FUNDRAISER SILENT FILM FESTIVAL: 'SILENTS IN THE CITY: AUTUMN AND WINTER' (NSW).

Silent Film Australia, presenter of Australia's Silent Film Festival, and the Pitt Street Uniting Church are proud to host a season of restored silent film classics and live music to support Tradewinds' not for profit project in East Timor. Featuring: *The Talion Punishment* and *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, John Barrymore. Tradewinds Fairtrade organic coffees and teas available for nominal charge from 6.15 pm each evening. Cost: \$20,

concession \$15. 7.00 pm, Pitt Street Uniting Church, 264 Pitt Street, Sydney. Contact: 0419 267 318 or info@ozsilentfilmfestival.com.au. Web: <http://www.ozsilentfilmfestival.com.au/cms/uploads/eastimor.pdf>.

27 JULY. AFTERNOON TEA FOR THE FUTURE: 'HOW MUCH PACKAGING IS ENOUGH?' (NSW).

One of the issues surrounding the amount of litter in the western world, and the impact this has on production of greenhouse gases, is the amount and type of packaging we use for so many consumer items. This session will examine packaging especially in relation to food packaging, continuing the focus on food issues and waste. Cost: \$2-\$5. 2.00 to 4.00 pm, Library, Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Road, Homebush West. Contact: 02 8762 4200 or leoniec@erc.org.au. Web: <http://www.erc.org.au>.

29 - 31 JULY. FESTIVAL: 'EXCHANGE FOR CHANGE' (NSW).

Oxfam and CarriageWorks are holding this festival for people to find out about fair wages, safe working conditions, respecting the rights of workers who are making clothes; and which designers are making tracks towards having friendlier, more sustainable methods of producing their garments.

29 July: Story Session: 'Tales of Fashionable Triumphs', panel discussion - stories of people rising to the challenge of influencing positive change within the fashion industry. 6.30 to 8.30 pm, Bay 20.

30 July: Young blood fashion parade, young Australian designers showcase how they produce fairer and more sustainable garments. 6.30 to 8.30 pm or 8.30 to 10.00 pm, Bay 20. RSVP essential.

31 July: Ethics on Toast, Presenter: Oxfam's 3things Project, ethical fashion issues. 8.00 to 10.45 am, foyer.

31 July: Rethreads: free mass clothing exchange. Guidelines: <http://www.carriageworks.com.au/?page=Event&event=Rethreads-A-Free-Mass-Clothing-Exchange>. 12.00 to 6.00 pm, foyer.

31 July: Seminar: human rights in the fashion industry. Speaker: Daisy Gardener, Oxfam Australia's Labour Rights Advocacy Coordinator. No cost. 7.00 to 8.30 pm, Bay 17. CarriageWorks Contemporary Arts

Centre, 245 Wilson Street, Eveleigh. Contact: exchangeforchange@oxfam.org.au. Web: <http://www.oxfam.org.au/act/events/event-calendar/new-south-wales>.

30 JULY. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'AFGHAN WOMEN: THEIR STORY, THEIR FUTURE' (NSW).

Speakers: Gary Cagaroff, producer/director Afghanistan film *Garden at the end of the world*; Rosemary Morrow, veteran aid worker; and Afghan/Australian Mahboba Rawi. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or odl_bradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

30 JULY. THRIVE YOUTH FORUM: 'HOW AND WHY SHOULD WE RESPOND TO INJUSTICE?' (NSW).

How do we take seriously Christ's Blueprint for Justice as a lifelong vocation? Issues facing people living in poverty will be highlighted. There will be time for reflection on what it means to be a disciple and ways of responding to these issues as a young person. Speaker: Jon Owen has ministered amongst refugees, asylum seekers, prisoners, people who are homeless, and the dying. A collection for TEAR will be taken. 7.00 to 10.00 pm, The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Contact: rhowie@tear.org.au or 02 9212 4499, RSVP by 23 July. Web: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/news/thrive-youth-night/>.

31 JULY. FUNDRAISER LADIES DINNER: ORPHANS OF AFGHANISTAN (QLD).

Organised by Al-Nisa Youth Group Inc. All proceeds will go to the Orphans of Afghanistan. Featuring Afghani cuisine and cultural items for sale. Ladies only. Cost: \$40. 6.30 pm, Greek Orthodox Hall, 269 Creek Road, Mt Gravatt. Contact: 0433 182 520 or 0403 009 003. Web: http://www.barc.org.au/cms/index.php?module=announce&ANN_user_op=view&ANN_id=2284.

2, 5 AUGUST. SIMONE WEIL LECTURES ON HUMAN VALUE: 'TO WHOM MUST WE ANSWER? RESPONSIBILITY, COMMUNITY AND CRIMINAL LAW' (NSW, VIC).

The criminal law defines a range of public wrongs, whose perpetrators are held to account by their fellow citizens through the criminal process of trial and punishment: but does the law (and do

we) treat offenders as citizens? Speaker: Prof Antony Duff, University of Stirling, Scotland. Introduced by Rai Gaita. Hosted by the School of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University. **2 August:** Cost: \$22. 5.30 for 6.00 pm, Dixon Room, Mitchell Wing, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9273 1770 or bookings@sl.nsw.gov.au, RSVP essential.

5 August: No cost. 6.30 pm, Michael Chamberlin Lecture Theatre, St Vincent's Hospital Function Centre, 27 Victoria Parade (corner Nicholson Street), Fitzroy. Contact: leonie.martino@acu.edu.au or 03 9953 3160. Web: http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_schools_institutes/faculties/theology_and_philosophy/schools/philosophy/events/the_simone_weil_lectures_on_human_value/.

2 - 4 AUGUST. AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S WELFARE AGENCIES (ACWA) CONFERENCE: 'BUILDING A CHILD FRIENDLY AUSTRALIA: RESPONDING TO VULNERABLE FAMILIES' (NSW).

The themes for the conference: Children's Wellbeing; Community Development; Early Intervention and Family Support; Homelessness; Indigenous; Interdisciplinary Practice: Health, Education and Welfare; etc. Speakers: Robbie Gilligan, Professor of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College, Dublin; Aron Shlonsky, Associate Professor in Child Welfare, University of Toronto; Robyn Munford, Professor of Social Work, School of Health and Social Services, Massey University, New Zealand; etc. Cost: \$865, concession \$500. Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Drive, Darling Harbour, Sydney. Contact: 02 9265 0700 or acwa2010@arinex.com.au. Web: <http://www.acwa2010.com/rego.asp>.

5 - 6 AUGUST. NCOSS CONFERENCE: 'FAIRNESS IN NSW - 75 YEARS OF NCOSS' (NSW).

NCOSS' vision is for a society where there is social and economic equity, based on co-operation, participation, sustainability and respect. For the 75th Anniversary Conference, in the year before a State Election, it is timely to reflect on NCOSS' history, learn from the past and consider what the future might hold. Speakers: Robin Banks, PIAC; Jenny Stanger, Samaritan Accommodation, Salvation Army; Lorraine Toms, President, Carers NSW;

Leo Dynevor, Team Leader, Muru Nanga Mai, MacUnity; etc. Cost: \$110-\$650. 8.30 am to 5.00 pm. Australian Technology Park, Bay 4, Locomotive Workshop, Henderson Road, Eveleigh. Contact: 02 9211 2599, ext 111 or samantha@ncoss.org.au. Web: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/content/view/2681/149/>.

5 - 6 AUGUST. SACOSS CONFERENCE: 'DEFINING STRENGTH - DELIVERING INNOVATION' (SA). This year's conference will encourage discussion and debate around two key questions facing our sector: 'What is genuinely innovative?' and 'How do we define our strength?' Speakers: Mary Buckskin CEO, SA Aboriginal Health Council; Claire Bossley ED, Don Dunstan Foundation; Brenton Caffin CEO, Australian Centre Social Innovation; etc. Cost: \$90-\$305. 9.00 am to 4.30 pm, Adelaide Shores Function Complex, Military Road, West Beach. Contact: kate@sacoss.org.au or 08 8305 4211. Web: <http://www.sacoss.org.au/events/conference2010/>.

6 AUGUST. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'POPULATION GROWTH - PROMISE OR THREAT?' (NSW). Speakers: Mark O'Connor, author *Overloading Australia*; and James Aarvanitakis, UWS. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or odl_bradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

6 AUGUST. VIGIL: REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA (VIC). This year will be the 65th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is also the 25th anniversary of the South Pacific Nuclear Weapons Free Zone treaty, which the US has just said they will join. There will be a Vigil sponsored by MAPW in front of St Paul's Cathedral to commemorate and reflect. No cost. 7.00 am, St Paul's Cathedral, corner of Swanston and Flinders Streets, Melbourne. Contact: 0431 475 465, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/remembering-hiroshima-vigil>.

6 - 8 AUGUST. BE MORE WEEKEND: THEME - WATER (NATIONAL). The Be More Weekend is an opportunity for your family, school, parish and community to come together in solidarity and work towards conserving water in Australia and raising awareness on the global issue of access to clean water. The Be More website is full of ideas and resources for you to

implement. Register: <http://www.bemore.org.au/weekend>.

7 AUGUST. SEMINAR AND DINNER - PALESTINIAN LEADER FROM GAZA (NSW). Constantine Dabbagh, Palestinian Christian and Executive Director of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees in Gaza. Constantine directs the provision of health care, education and community services which care for the predominantly Muslim population of Gaza. In particular, the services focus on mothers and babies, vocational education and the provision of psycho-social health services to an increasingly traumatized population. **Seminar:** focusing on the current situation in Gaza, 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, Adamstown Uniting Church, Brunner Road, Adamstown. **Dinner:** 6.30 pm, Greek Community Centre, Steele Street, Hamilton, opposite Gregson Park. Contact: 02 4969 6336, 0431 935 097 or doug.isabel@bigpond.com. Web: <http://www.nswec.org.au/events.php?id=122&c=-1&PHPSESSID=1c800c55c2e2e3c243935fd4db568c05>.

8 AUGUST. HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI MEMORIAL CONCERT (VIC). Sixty-five years after the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by nuclear blast, 'Japanese for Peace' will bring together a diverse array of inspiring musicians, speakers and citizens of the world in a concert to celebrate peace and enable us to imagine a world without nuclear threat. Performers: Liz Frencham, singer/songwriter; Anne Norman, shakuhachi; Wadaiko Rindo, Japanese drums; etc. Speaker: Dave Sweeney, Australian Conservation Foundation. Supported by Victorian Multicultural Commission. Cost: \$15, concession \$10. 3.00 to 5.00 pm, Village Roadshow Theatre, State Library of Victoria, Melbourne. Contact: info@jfp.org.au. Web: <http://jfp.org.au>.

9 - 11 AUGUST. MYLANGUAGE CONFERENCE (NSW). The theme of the conference is using digital technology to empower culturally and linguistically diverse communities to achieve greater social inclusion and maintain cultural and linguistic identity. The conference will be hosted at the State Library of New South Wales on behalf of the MyLanguage Consortium involving the State and Territory

Libraries of ACT, NT, QLD, SA, VIC and WA. Both International and Australian speakers will be presenting an exciting and informative range of insights into the possibilities of meeting the information needs of Australia's

diverse communities in a digital world. Cost: \$484, concession \$286. 8.45 am to 5.00 pm, State Library of NSW. Contact: conference@mylanguage.gov.au or 03 8664 7001, RSVP by 2 August. Web: <http://www.mylanguage.gov.au>.

News Monitor

More immigration detainees attempt self-harm

Asylum seekers in detention are once again resorting to self-harm, with at least 17 injuring themselves or attempting suicide in the past 11 months, said Father Jim Carty following a visit to Christmas Island.

Simplify access to welfare, says CSSA

The Government should simplify access to key welfare entitlements to ensure those who need help are in fact receiving it, said Catholic Social Services Australia.

Vatican, Caritas condemn Israeli attack on aid flotilla

The Vatican said a recent Israeli raid on a flotilla bound for Gaza, bearing aid for Palestinians, caused "unnecessary loss of human life". Caritas expressed shock and disappointment.

Women religious in World Cup campaign

Australian women religious backed an international campaign to prevent human trafficking during the World Cup in South Africa.

Editorial takes on bishop's "moral high ground"

The Australian highlighted asylum seeker concern expressed by Bishop Christopher Saunders of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, warning it is a complex issue.

Father Chris Riley quits homelessness panel

Youth advocate Father Chris Riley resigned from the NSW Government's Homelessness Advisory Council, less than four months into his two-year term, protesting a government refusal to overhaul the juvenile justice system.

Former resident claims Qld orphanage children were 'guinea pigs'

A Federal MP is campaigning for an inquiry into a claim that children at an orphanage run by the Sisters of Mercy near Rockhampton were used as guinea pigs for unproven vaccines for diseases like smallpox and polio.

Vinnies CEO Sleepout raises \$2m

More than 680 CEOs across the country slept out in the cold for Vinnies' first national-level CEO Sleepout, to raise funds for the organisation's homelessness services.

Vinnies monitoring mental health proposed changes

The St Vincent de Paul Society in NSW-ACT said that those afflicted with mental health problems now comprise their most common client group at the parish level.

Bishop warns against compulsory income management

Bishop Christopher Saunders, who chairs the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, said extending income management to cover more disadvantaged areas of the Northern Territory risks a return to paternalism and the policies of the Stolen Generations era.

Canberra set to embrace Caritas' Better World blueprint

Caritas Australia's Blueprint for a Better World global poverty exhibition in Canberra will be launched in July by Senator Kate Lundy, and Archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn Mark Coleridge.

Jesuit Refugee Service said don't forget urban refugees

Jesuit Refugee Service reminded governments

that urban refugees share all of the challenges of the urban poor, but often face additional barriers due to their uncertain legal status and lack of documentation.

Vinnies condemns compulsory income management

Welfare legislation passed by the Senate to allow the blanket imposition of compulsory income management is an “invasion of private lives, a denial of dignity, and a removal of self-determination”, said the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Jesuit said Australia was more humane before 2001

Jesuit human rights advocate Father Frank Brennan argued that Australia should return to the pre-2001 practice of accepting refugees arriving through Indonesia as Australia’s

responsibility.

Advocate said eight year olds don’t need padded bras

Women’s and girls issues advocate Melinda Tankard-Reist is urging underwear manufacturer Bonds to immediately remove from sale a bra marketed to eight-year-olds.

Award for Catholic Mission play on climate change

A Catholic Mission play that dramatises the challenges of climate change for ordinary people took the Highly Commended Award from the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) multi-faith environmental network.

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Social Justice Calendar

1 THU Voluntary Native Title Agreement between the Gunggari People and the Cowley family formalised after 4 years negotiation with State Government for a Nature Refuge Agreement, 2000

3 SAT International Day of Cooperatives

4 SUN 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
National Aboriginal & Islander (NAIDOC) Week commences

5 MON The Dalai Lama born in Tibet 1935 - awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989

7 WED Blessed Peter To Rot - killed in Papua New Guinea, 1945, and recognized as a martyr

10 SAT Sinking of Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior in Auckland, 1985

11 SUN 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Population Day

12 MON Aboriginal Flag first flown, 1971

14 WED Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag proclaimed official flags of Australia, 1995

16 FRI First Atomic bomb detonated in New Mexico, 1945

18 SUN 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nelson Mandela born, 1918

20 TUE Neil Armstrong - first person on the moon, 1969

24 SAT Arbor Week commences (varies in some States)

25 SUN 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 MON Arbor Day

29 THU Dag Hammarskjöld born in Sweden, 1905

Notes on these dates are available in the printed ACSJC's Seasons of Social Justice Diary. The cost is \$6.60. To order go to http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/publications/social_justice_calendar.html, or call 02 8306 3499.

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