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FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Friends,

Social Justice Sunday this year falls on 27 September.

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council is preparing for the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2009 Social Justice Sunday Statement in September. In this year's Statement, '*And You Will Be My Witnesses*', the Catholic Bishops of Australia support young people's commitment to social justice and reassert the central theme of World Youth Day:

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

In July 2008, young people of the world gathered in Sydney to celebrate their faith in the presence of Pope Benedict XVI. During that week we saw how the Holy Spirit inspires a commitment to justice in young people.

The Bishops remind all Catholics of Pope Benedict's challenge during that week:

What will you leave to the next generation? ... What legacy will you leave to young people yet to come? What difference will you make?

The earliest Christians were young women and men who received the Holy Spirit, then went forth to spread the Good News and to care for the most vulnerable. Many young Australians, too, witness to the Gospel as 'ambassadors of hope', as the Pope called them, using their gifts in the service of justice.

Some young people, however, face injustices that prevent them taking up the challenge, leaving them disempowered, excluded and deprived of basic dignity. Of many such issues, the Bishops discuss four: the plight of Indigenous youth, those excluded from employment, the issue of mental health and the prevention of abuse. They also discuss two international concerns: the environment and global justice and development.

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus tells us that he is sent 'to bring the good news to the poor' and 'to set the downtrodden free' (Lk 4:18-21). After his Resurrection, he offers his disciples peace and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit - the spirit of justice, a core tenet of Christian life and faith. We seek to enhance the reign of God in our land through forging reconciliation, acting for justice and making peace. We are bound into the struggle for justice - to see, to judge and to act - and challenged to

go forth in the peace of the Holy Spirit to love and serve the Lord.

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 soon 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 27 September. This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is titled: 'And You Will Be My Witnesses: Young people and justice'.

During World Youth Day 2008, Australia saw thousands of young Christians inspired by the Holy Spirit. Yet many young people are marginalised, excluded and deprived of dignity. The Bishops recall the challenge of Pope Benedict - *What will you leave to the next generation? What difference will you make?* - and present it again to all Australians, young and old.

For further details about the Catholic Bishops' 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 on young people and justice would be greatly appreciated.

John Ferguson
National Executive Officer



Current Issues/Resources

ENCYCLICAL - CARITAS IN VERITATE

The long anticipated social encyclical, 'Caritas in Veritate' (Charity in Truth), was signed by Pope Benedict XVI on Monday. Publication has been delayed, and is now expected in early July.

NATSICC RESOURCE FOR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS SUNDAY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is celebrated on 5 July. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council has produced liturgy resources for the occasion, entitled 'Spirit of Our Ancestors'. The Liturgy Team say, 'We strongly urge protocol and practice of both local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and Christian

traditions be respected. Where possible we advocate the importance of inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to participate in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liturgy. Where non-Indigenous people are the only participants in the preparation of liturgy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday we encourage the use of suggested prayers prepared by the NATSICC Liturgy Team. Fr Peter Williams of the Bishops Committee for Liturgy says, 'I commend to you this liturgical resource and encourage you to use this Sunday as a time to remember with gratitude in the Eucharist the concerns of our Indigenous brothers and sisters'. Resource available for download at: <http://www.natsicc.org.au/liturgy.htm>

NATSICC 7th NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

'The Holy Spirit in this land' is the theme for the 2009 Assembly, on the traditional land of the Turrbal people. The Bardon Conference Centre Brisbane is the venue on the 20th to 25th September. NATSICC Chairperson Elsie Heiss says, 'We welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministries, clergy, religious, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Councils, community groups, Catholic Education, Aboriginal youth groups and everyone who has an interest in Aboriginal ministries. We will be celebrating the achievements of our Elders past and present. This will also be a great time for our Aboriginal youth, as there will be special events and programs set in place. Pat Dodson will provide our keynote address. [The] Assembly aims to help Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders move forward in their Catholic faith, and support our youth on their journey, strengthening our relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Please join us in celebrating our Christian faith. We are looking forward to sharing this time with you.' To download a Registration Booklet and a Sponsorship Prospectus, visit: <http://www.natsicc.org.au/>

FILM: 'INTERVENTION'

A collaboration between Tangentyere Research and film-maker Vincent Lamberti, 'Intervention' looks at the impacts of the Federal Government's Northern Territory Emergency Response into Aboriginal Communities from the perspective of the people who live under the legislation day in day out. The film, supported by Oxfam and Caritas, was the Winner of the Documentary Australia Award 2008 for Best Documentary raising awareness around an important social issue. A 30 minute version of the new film 'Intervention' was screened on the ABC in June. The full 1 hour version can be purchased online through Ronin Films at <http://www.roninfilms.com.au/video/0/0/1822.html?words=intervention&searchby=title>

ANTaR CAMPAIGN - 'RESPECT'

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation have launched a new campaign. The Respect campaign is calling on all Australians to commit to a new partnership between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and non-Indigenous Australians. The campaign is aimed at the many non-Indigenous

Australians who would like to work alongside Indigenous Australians to end the disadvantage faced by Indigenous communities, but don't know how. It provides people with ideas for action that are simple and effective. (refer: <http://www.antar.org.au/respect>)

NATSIEC: NT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Alliance have issued a statement calling for key reforms to the Northern Territory Emergency Response. They said, 'We recognise that there are many issues to resolve as a Nation, one of which is the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER - the Intervention). We believe that, in its current form, the Intervention does not and will not work for Aboriginal peoples. Aboriginal Peoples have a right to be involved at all levels and stages of developing just and right solutions for community issues. Policy development needs to be driven by Aboriginal Peoples and developed with respect to Aboriginal ways. Appropriate protocols must be followed to ensure that negotiations have the agreement and guidance of Traditional leaders. Policies that are implemented from a central government body without proper negotiated partnerships will not lead to practical and sustainable outcomes.'" For further information, visit: <http://www.ncca.org.au/natsiec>

IMPROVED SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

The Federal Government has announced changes to Australia's anti-people trafficking strategy to provide improved support for victims. The changes to the Support for Victims of People Trafficking Program and the People Trafficking Visa Framework recognise the particular vulnerabilities of victims of trafficking and provide a more flexible framework to support victims and their families. The changes include: earlier support for victims and available to victims irrespective of whether they are willing to assist police; and improved and extended visa arrangements for victims and immediate family members outside Australia. (refer: <http://alp.org.au/media/0609/mshaimmcsow170.php>)

The President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Catherine Branson QC, and Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Elizabeth Broderick, have praised the Government's changes to the Support for Victims of People Trafficking Program and the People Trafficking Visa Framework today as humanitarian and compassionate improvements which will help people recover from appalling violations of their basic human rights.

To stay informed and take action against human trafficking, visit the website of the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH): <http://www.acrath.org.au/>. This site seeks to allow users to discuss and actively respond to the crisis that is human trafficking and slavery in our country and region.

POSITION PAPER - 'LOCKED OUT'

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre has released a Paper on *Homelessness of Asylum Seekers living in the Community*. The paper documents the experiences and challenges faced by community-dwelling asylum seekers attempting to access the mainstream Housing Service System. It also highlights some existing community-based models of housing which can meet the needs of asylum seekers. The ASRC sees the Federal Government's White Paper *The Road Home* as a brave and welcomed step towards reducing homelessness. However there is alarm that it contains no mention of asylum seekers at all, nor does it provide any initiatives about how community dwelling asylum seekers are to access housing. It is hoped that this position paper leads to further positive change and less homelessness for asylum seekers, men, women and children, in Australia. To access the document, look under the 'educate' section of the ASRC homepage: <http://www.asrc.org.au/>

NEW WEBSITE FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

The Australian Catholic Bishops have launched a website tailored specifically to the needs of parish pastoral councils. The website, 'Parish Pastoral Councils in Australia', answers questions such as: Why do we have PPCs? What do they do? What is my role? How should the meetings be run? These questions are answered and there are many helpful hints,

resources, meeting processes, prayers and much more to help with the formation and progress of your Council. Visit the website at: <http://www.ppc.catholic.org.au/ppc/>

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 11 - 17 OCTOBER

The organisers of the annual Anti-Poverty Week are encouraging individuals, communities, governments and organisations to hold an event, put up a display or conduct research - whether very small or quite large - that will raise awareness, provoke discussion and help to develop solutions to poverty related issues during Anti-Poverty week. Further information - including a resource kit showing types of events you could hold and advice about how schools can get involved - is available at: <http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au>

REPORT: 'KNOWN TERRITORY'

The St Vincent de Paul Society has just released in new social justice research report on marginalisation and homelessness in Katoomba. The report examines homelessness and socio-economic disadvantage in the context of the urban-rural nexus of Katoomba. Featuring in-depth interviews with people experiencing homelessness in the Blue Mountains, the report gives voice to those who may not otherwise be heard. To access the report, visit: <http://www.vinnies.org.au/known-territory-nsw>

REPORT: 'YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM'

Mission Australia has just released a report that includes data on young people and the juvenile justice system. The report highlights the findings of in-depth research undertaken with 100 young people involved in the juvenile justice system. It provides some unique insights on the backgrounds and some of the personal and family strengths of young people. It also identifies some of the systemic issues needing to be addressed if more positive outcomes are to be achieved. To access the report, visit: <http://www.missionaustralia.com.au/news/media-releases/1200-australias-approach-to-juvenile-justice-must-change>

BOOK: 'THE THUNDERING VOICE'

Based on the author's doctoral thesis, *The Thundering Voice* by Pedro J. Caceres, introduces a new approach to doing

business. The book presents solid business practices inspired by a comparative analysis of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), interwoven with the social and moral doctrine of the Catholic Church. CSR has grown because it actually delivers on its promise of helping corporations grow, while increasing operational performance. CSR is fast becoming an important part of every company's operational standards, addressing such issues as executive behavior, broadening global markets, upholding human rights, and considering business sustainability and climate change. The author was inspired on this subject after reading an encyclical letter promulgated by Pope John Paul II, which helped the author connect his faith with concern for social issues. Hard Cover - 6x9 - 176 pages - US\$24.50 (refer: <http://www.strategicbookpublishing.com/TheThunderingVoice.html>)

2009 LAW AND JUSTICE AWARDS

The Law and Justice Foundation of NSW's is inviting nomination for its annual Justice Awards. Many people throughout NSW are doing great things to improve access to justice for disadvantaged people. Is someone you know improving access to justice? The Foundation says this is a unique opportunity to publicly acknowledge and support their

initiatives. Please consider who you can nominate for: the Justice Medal; the Aboriginal Justice Award; the Law and Justice Volunteer Award (not a legal practitioner); the Pro Bono Partnership Award. Closing date for nominations is 10 July 2009. For further info contact (02) 8227 3200, justiceawards@lawfoundation.net.au or visit: http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice_awards

SPRC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Social Policy Research Centre is seeking applicants for the 2009 internship program. SPRC internships enable senior undergraduate and postgraduate students from Australia and overseas to undertake unpaid placements in a leading multi-disciplinary policy research environment. Interns will have unique opportunities to develop their understanding of social policy, gain practical experience in research and evaluation and to develop their research and analytical skills. More information about the program, and details about how to apply, are available at http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/Intern_Program.htm The application form and attachments must be completed and submitted by 5pm Monday July 27th 2009. Contact l.mcelhinney@unsw.edu.au, (02) 9385 9782 or j.skattebol@unsw.edu.au, (02) 9385 7816.

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)

2009 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT - ORDER NOW!

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Sunday Statement is entitled 'And You Will Be My Witnesses: Young people and justice'. 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 - 'WORK AND DIGNITY'

The latest paper in the Catholic Social Justice Series (No. 66) is a collection of the Pastoral Letters for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker that have been issued by the Chairman of the ACSJC each year since 1998. These Letters are a series of reflections on Catholic social teaching on work and its place in public and personal life, and responses to issues that were current at the time - including the 1998 waterfront dispute and the introduction of WorkChoices. Themes in these letters include the nature of a just wage and the vital link between fair pay and family life; the importance of trade unions in the working life of a society; and the wider significance of work in the community. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

PASTORAL LETTER - FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2009

The Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker for 2009 is entitled “‘Working Families” and the minimum wage at a time of financial crisis’. It is available for download in regular and ‘three-column’ versions at: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

SERIES PAPER - ‘REFUGEES AND AUSTRALIA’S RESPONSE’.

In Catholic Social Justice Series paper No.65, David Holdcroft SJ provides readers with a valuable guide to the historical, legal and ethical issues at the heart of Australia’s immigration policy as the nation begins to assess the impact of the Rudd Government’s approach to refugees and asylum seekers. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT DISCUSSION SERIES

The ACSJC is launching a new and additional resource for the Social Justice Sunday Statement. This Discussion Guide is based on the 2008 Social Justice Sunday Statement and is designed to be used with the Statement. The Discussion Guide Series can be used for 3 sessions and is suitable for small group discussion in parishes, schools, communities and other organisations or gatherings. Available for download at <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>. Hard copies may be ordered.

(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

26 JUNE - 29 AUGUST. EXHIBITION: ‘ECHOES OF BLACKTOWN, FIRST CONTACT, HISTORY OF BLACKTOWN’S FIRST PEOPLE - THE DARUG’ (NSW). Blacktown City Council and Arts NSW present this exhibition which explores stories of the Darug people, the traditional owners of this land, who are intrinsically linked to this place by name, history and cultural significance. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm Tuesday to Saturday, 78 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown. Contact: 1300 302 858 or visitor@blacktown.nsw.gov.au. Web: <http://www.visitblacktown.com.au>.

30 JUNE. YEAR OF ST PAUL NATIONAL E-CONFERENCE (NATIONAL). This exciting National E-Conference is a commitment of the ACBC Committee for Mission and Faith Formation and The Broken Bay Institute to respond to the call of Pope Benedict XVI to highlight the legacy of St Paul for our Catholic community. Presenters: Brendan Byrne sj, Michele Connolly rsj and Richard Leonard

sj. No cost. 10.30 am to 4.00 pm Eastern Standard Time, 10.00 am to 3.30 pm Central Standard Time, 8.30 am to 2.00 pm Western Standard Time. Contact: (02) 9847 0556 or virginia.ryan@dbb.edu.au. Web: <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news/documents/YearofStPaulflyerandProgram.pdf>.

1 - 22 JULY. LECTURE SERIES: ‘GAZA: LAW, MORALITY AND POLITICS’ (VIC). The ACU National School of Philosophy is holding a series of free lectures. Speakers: July 1 ‘Morality, Law and Politics’ - Raimond Gaita; July 8 ‘On Narcissistic Victimhood’ - Ghassan Hage; July 15 ‘Gaza and Catastrophe Theory’ - Geoffrey Brahm Levey; July 22 Final Panel Discussion. No cost. 6.30 pm, Christ Lecture Theatre, Melbourne Campus, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. Contact: (03) 9953 3160 or wednesdaylectures@acu.edu.au. Web: http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/news_events/events-at-ACU-National/events/lecture_series_gaza_law_morality_and_politics/.

1 - 28 JULY. COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS: THE HEALING FOUNDATION (NATIONAL). The Australian Government is establishing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation to address healing needs associated with the Stolen Generations experiences. The Healing Foundation Development Team will be conducting community workshops around Australia to listen to community ideas for a Healing Foundation. Workshops are open to all interested participants.

1 July (SA). Rydges South Park, 1 South Terrace, Adelaide

14-15 July (VIC). Rydges, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

16-17 July (TAS). Mercure Hotel Hobart, 156 Bathurst Street, Hobart

20-21 July (NSW). Redfern Community Centre (The Block), Hugo Street, Redfern

22-23 July (NSW). Dubbo RSL, corner Brisbane and Wingewarra Street, Dubbo

27-28 July (ACT). Canberra Pavilion, 242 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson

Contact: healingfoundation@fahcsia.gov.au or 1800 724 185. Web: <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/engagement/HealingFoundationDevelopmentTeam/Pages/default.aspx>.

2 - 5 JULY. ARAB FILM FESTIVAL (NSW).

This year's program offers cinema audiences a remarkable contrast of perspectives. Big picture conflicts, touching stories from the heart of people under occupation, of children lost, of lives made and destroyed. This unique film festival will screen a collection of the latest features, short films and documentaries that sparkle with the rich and beautiful complexity of Arab cultural, social and political life. Cost and times - see web site. 353c Church Street, Riverside Theatres, Parramatta. Contact: (02) 8839 3399. Web: <http://arabfilmfestival.com.au/>.

2 - 20 JULY. MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION: 'BLUEPRINT FOR A BETTER WORLD' (WA).

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. Prindiville Hall, Notre Dame University, corner Croke and Mouat Streets, Fremantle. Contact: (02) 8306 3457, evane@caritas.org.au, (02) 8306 3490 or alanas@caritas.org.au. Web: <http://www.caritas.org.au/blueprint/exhibition/index.html>.

2 - 3 JULY. STEWARDSHIP INSTITUTE OR NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STEWARDSHIP (NSW).

Stewardship Institute offers a comprehensive introduction to the basic principles and practices of stewardship, as well as the biblical basis and theological understanding of stewardship. The National Conference on Stewardship will offer advanced workshop sessions on key aspects of stewardship for those already on the journey. Australian presenters, clergy and laity, with experience in stewardship practices will conduct these conference workshops. There will be two combined sessions when Leisa Anslinger, the guest presenter, will address attendees of both the Institute and Conference. Cost: \$250. Campbelltown Catholic Club Convention Centre, 22 Camden Road, Campbelltown. Contact: helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au or (02) 4253 0934, RSVP by 18 May. Web: <http://www.australianstewardship.catholic.net.au>.

2 JULY. SHELTER NSW CONFERENCE: 'THE CRISIS AND BEYOND: FOR A STRONGER AND FAIRER HOUSING SYSTEM' (NSW).

Housing policy in Australia has been through a time of dramatic transformation, with the introduction of new initiatives, a new era of cooperation between Commonwealth and state/territory governments, and new instruments for funding housing assistance. Speakers: Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Commonwealth Minister for Housing; Hon. David Borger MP, NSW Minister for Housing; Mike Allen, Director-General of Housing NSW etc. Cost: \$77 to \$220. 8.30 am to 4.00 pm, Auditorium, NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills. Contact: (02) 9267 5733 ext. 13 or admin@shelternsw.org.au. Web: <http://www.shelternsw.org.au/docs/fly0904conference-about.html>.

3 JULY. NATIONAL CONSUMER FORUM: 'WATER REFORM' (VIC). The Consumer Utilities Advocacy Centre, ACOSS and the

Public Interest Advocacy Centre are presenting this Forum. It will explore community and environment issues related to water reform in Australia. Speakers: Ross Martin, National Water Commission; Ian Robinson, Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts; Tim Stubbs, Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists; Liz McAloon and Wayne Chamley, Watermark Australia. Cost: \$85. 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Karstens at CQ, 123 Queen Street, Melbourne. Contact: (03) 9639 7600 or (02) 9310 6207 or events@acoss.org.au. RSVP essential. Web: <http://acoss.org.au>.

3 - 5 JULY. FESTIVAL: 'ISOTOPIA' (NT). The Isotopia Festival is a family friendly event to celebrate life and a clean Northern Territory environment and a chance to seek solutions to the nuclearisation of Australia. It will include music, speakers, workshops, documentaries, art and children's activities. Cost: \$50. Litchfield Park Road, Litchfield Park. Contact: info@isotopiafestival.org. Web: <http://www.isotopiafestival.org>.

3 - 17 JULY. BLUE MOUNTAINS NAIDOC ART FESTIVAL: 'HONOURING OUR ELDERS, NURTURING OUR YOUTH' (NSW). Local Aboriginal art and events across the Blue Mountains. Opening events - 3 July: Aboriginal music, dance, film, fashion and food. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, The Workshop, Goldsmith Place, Katoomba. 4 July: wine, nibbles and yarns. 2.00 to 4.00 pm, Ben Roberts Gallery, (behind the shops) Blind Street, Lawson. Contact: (02) 4782 6569 or cdw@acrc.org.au. Web: <http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/content/view/42545/448/>.

4 JULY. EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE (ERISJ) ONE-DAY INTENSIVE: 'STATUS OF WOMEN IN AFRICAN SOCIETIES: MYTHS AND REALITIES' (WA). This one day intensive explores myths and realities on the Status of Women in African Societies. Speaker: Dr Suma Kaare, Social Justice Education Coordinator, ERISJ. Cost: \$25-\$150. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact: (08) 9432 2400 or admin@erisj.org.au, RSVP by 2 July. Web: http://erisj.org.au/sites/default/files/ERISJ_StatusofWomeninAfricanSocIntensive_090704.pdf.

5 - 12 JULY. NAIDOC WEEK: 'HONOURING OUR ELDERS, NURTURING OUR YOUTH' (NATIONAL). NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. Activities take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week. All Australians are encouraged to participate. Cost and times - see website. Contact: info@naidoc.org.au. Web: <http://www.naidoc.org.au/index.aspx>. NATSICC have produced some liturgy resources available at http://www.natsicc.org.au/Documents_resources/2009_Liturgy_finalv3.pdf.

6 - 9 JULY. JEWISH CHRISTIAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (JCMA) CONFERENCE: SIXTH RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE OF JEWS, CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS IN AUSTRALIA (VIC). JCMA aims to enable people of the Abrahamic faiths to build relationships and understanding through experience, and to provide opportunities and programs for people of the Abrahamic faiths to explore interfaith dialogue within Australia's multicultural community. Cost: \$350. Conference Centre, Pallotti College, 80 McNamaras Road, Millgrove. Contact: jcmavic@yahoo.com.au. Web: <http://www.jcma.org.au/nconf.html>.

6 - 10 JULY. CONFERENCE: SOS 2009 - 'DOING IT FOR OURSELVES' (VIC). Students of Sustainability (SoS) is a five day camping conference for anyone interested in creating a more ecologically and socially sustainable world. It will include a range of educational, practical and participatory forums and workshops. Cost: \$35 - \$300. Monash University, Clayton Campus, Melbourne. Contact: info@studentsofsustainability.org. Web: <http://www.studentsofsustainability.org>.

7 JULY. PRIOLETTI CONSULTANTS FORUM: 'INDIGENOUS AWARENESS FORUM' (VIC). This forum offers an opportunity to gain insight into Australia's Indigenous culture and aims to facilitate understanding about Indigenous Australians. Speaker: Ron Murray, descendant of the Wamba Wamba tribe of Swan Hill, Victoria. Ron has conducted Indigenous awareness workshops across the community, government, education and corporate sectors.

Cost: \$55. 9.30 am to 12.00 pm, Studio Room, Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, corner of Bell Street and St Georges Road, Preston. Contact: 0438 846 584 or josie@prioletticonsultants.com.au. Web: <http://www.prioletticonsultants.com.au>.

7 JULY. SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'BECOMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY...' (NSW). Rabbi Zalman Kastel and a member of the Muslim community. 7:30 to 9.00 pm, Kincumber Hotel Function Room, corner Avoca Drive and Carrak Road, Kincumber. Contact: (02) 4367 2743 or (02) 4334 3174. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/spirituality%20in%20the%20pub.htm>

7 JULY. UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (UNAA) WA FUNDRAISER: QUIZ NIGHT (WA). This event is being held on the night of the full moon in recognition of the UN Year of Astronomy 2009. 6.30 pm, Belmont Sports and Recreation Club, corner Keane St and Abernethy Road, Cloverdale. Cost: \$15, concession \$10. Contact: (08) 9221 9455, 0421 316 717 or unaawa@tpg.com.au. Web: <http://www.unaa.org.au/praxis.php/category/view/4>.

8 JULY. FORUM: 'MAKING IT HAPPEN: TOWARDS ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN THE NEPEAN' (NSW). Building community services responses to Homelessness, Accommodation and Social Housing Support in Nepean. Speaker: Dr Guy Johnson, RMIT, 15 years experience working with homeless households. Cost: \$5 donation. 1.30 to 4.30 pm, Woodriff Room, Penrith Panthers, Mulgoa Road, Penrith. Contact: TraceyG@wentworth.org.au or (02) 4731 5851 ext. 125, RSVP by 1 July. Web: <http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/content/view/42510/451/>.

8 - 9 JULY. WORKSHOP: 'TOWARDS A BETTER LIFE: SOCIAL ROLE VALORISATION' (NSW). Social Role Valorisation was designed to create a deeper awareness of the circumstances of people who are devalued by society, perhaps as a result of physical or intellectual disability, mental illness, ageing, poverty and/or homelessness. Participants will discuss how people contribute to the devaluation of people, and how to create better life conditions. Cost: \$400. 8.30 am to 4.30 pm,

North Ryde RSL Club, corner Pittwater and Magdala Roads, North Ryde. Contact: 0400 924 130 or foundationsforum@yahoo.com.au. Web: <http://www.longwalk.info/FF/html/workshops.html>.

8 JULY. WORKSHOP: 'MISSION MATTERS: CONNECTING MISSION AND STRATEGY' (NSW). The Centre for Social Impact is holding this workshop in which participants will have the opportunity to explore a range of mission setting and strategic management techniques, and understand how they can help grow their organization, or navigate periods of crisis. Speakers: John Casey, Associate Prof, Centre for Non-profit Strategy and Management, School of Public Affairs, City University, New York and Sarah Gardner, Executive Director, International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies. Cost: \$671. 9.00 am to 4.30 pm, UNSW CBD Campus, Level 6, 1 O'Connell Street, Sydney. Contact: csi@unsw.edu.au or (02) 9385 9890. Web: <http://www.csi.edu.au/uploads/31642/ufiles/Course%20-%20Mission%20matters%20connecting%20mission%20and%20strategy,%20Casey.pdf>

8 - 10 JULY. AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL POLICY CONFERENCE: 'AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY - PRACTICALITIES AND POSSIBILITIES' (NSW). The Social Policy Research Centre presents this conference on how we can create a society that is both socially and economically inclusive within its own borders and engaged with its neighbours to promote wider global inclusiveness. Speakers: Naomi Eisenstadt CB, Director, UK Social Exclusion Task Force; Professor Ann Orloff, Professor of Sociology, Gender Studies and Political Science at Northwestern University USA; and Tom Calma, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice, Commissioner and Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission. Cost: \$570, concession \$250. UNSW, High Street, Kensington. Contact: (02) 9385 7802 or aspc2009@unsw.edu.au. Book online: <http://www.hotelnetwork.com.au/conferences>. Web: <http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/ASPC2009/index.htm>.

9 JULY. SEMINAR: 'THINK SMART KNOW YOUR CONSUMER RIGHTS' (NSW). The seminar is designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of Fair Trading's Think Smart

partners, community educators and workers on consumer rights. It will provide an opportunity to consider approaches in providing help for the settlement needs of newly-arrived migrants and identify practical solutions. No cost. 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, Liverpool Migrant Resource Centre, 108 Moore Street, Liverpool. Contact: (02) 9601 3788 or admin1@lmrc.org.au, RSVP essential. Web: http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/images/stories/07_fair_trading_seminar_9_july.pdf.

10 JULY. NATIONAL NAIDOC AWARDS CEREMONY AND BALL (QLD). This is an opportunity to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It features entertainment from leading Indigenous performers and the presentation of the prestigious National NAIDOC Awards to acknowledge the achievements and contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Australian society. Cost: \$80. 6.30 pm, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, corner Merivale and Glenelg Streets, Southbank. Contact: 132 849. Book online: <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=NAIDOC09&searchId=1c9274f8-2bdf-4b67-84ab-b35b00c9dad0>.

10 JULY. DISCUSSION: 'THE REFUGEE CRISIS - PROMOTING HUMANITY OR RE-IGNITING FEAR' (NSW). Politics in the Pub presents Prof Mary Crock, International Law, University of Sydney and David Bitel, Specialist Immigrations Lawyer. Cost: \$5 to become social member of Gaelic Club. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: (02) 9358 4834 or patandbrucetoms@gmail.com; or (02) 9692 0005 or odlbradley@pacific.net.au. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au>.

10 JULY. FUNDRAISER: PREGNANCY CRISIS INC (PCI) DINNER (QLD). Help save lives by supporting this Fundraising Dinner. Keynote speaker Fr John Flader, Director Catholic Adult Education Centre. Music and song provided by Neil Ballment, Warwick Adeney and St Paul's Woodridge Sudanese choir. Cost: \$45, concession \$30. 7.00 pm, Marymac Centre, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley. Contact: (07) 3341 3144 or tf-a@bigpond.com. Web: <http://www.catholicleader.com.au/index.php?id=4944>.

11 - 13 JULY. NATIONAL YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT: 'POWER SHIFT' (NSW). Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) member groups - all of Australia's biggest youth organisations - are holding this summit to demand and create a power shift to renewable energy, green jobs and safe climate future. Cost: \$90. University of Western Sydney, Parramatta Campus, corner James Ruse Drive and Victoria Road, Rydalmere. Contact: sara@youthclimatecoalition.org or (02) 9252 5200. Web: <http://www.youthclimatecoalition.org/powershift/wordpress/>.

12 JULY. FUNDRAISER: 'TIMOR LESTE LIBERDADE!' (NSW). East Timor Freedom! Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the 1999 Vote for Independence. A fundraiser for The Willoughby Friends of Ossu, The Ossu Community Centre, The Rotary Club of Northbridge and The Same Teacher Training Centre. Includes Timorese textile exhibition and sales, weaving demonstration, dances and music, coffee and snacks, films and books and guest speakers. Cost: \$5. 1.00 to 3:30 pm, Naremburn Catholic Church Hall, corner Willoughby Road and Donnelly Road, Naremburn.

13 JULY. WORKSHOP: 'CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING' (NSW). This workshop will examine what Catholic Social Teaching is, its sources, major principles and how it can help us to live a faith that does justice. Presenter: Sandie Cornish. Cost: free for anyone involved in the work of the Australian Jesuits, others welcome (suggested contribution \$50). Francis Xavier Parish House, 20 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay. Contact: loyola@loyola.org.au or (02) 9884 4524. Web: <http://www.loyola.org.au/programs/faith-doing-justice>.

13 - 15 JULY AND 29 - 30 AUGUST. COURSE: 'FAITH, ECOLOGY AND TRANSFORMATIONAL PRACTICE ISSUES IN MISSIOLOGY' (NSW). This course explores ecological awareness as a context for faith development, church resources for ecological conversion, critical thinking on sustainability and environmental values and skills to engage with action networks and to create communities of change. Pastoral workers, catechists, social activists and concerned citizens can audit the course for personal interest or professional

development. Speakers: Fr Charles Rue and Sandra Menteith. Cost \$490 audit. 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Road, Strathfield. Contact: charlesrue@columban.org.au or menteith@bigpond.net.au. Register 15-19 June: (02) 9752 9501 or cisinfo@cis.catholic.edu.au. Web: <http://www.cis.catholic.edu.au/WinterSchoolFaithEcology.pdf>.

14 JULY. SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB (NSW). Speaker: Rev Bill Crews, Exodus Foundation, which he created to assist homeless men and the youth. 7.30 pm, Bald Faced Stag Hotel, 345 Parramatta Road, Leichhardt (corner Parramatta and Balmain Roads). Contact: (02) 9797 8128. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/spirituality%20in%20the%20pub.htm>.

14 JULY. MAPW DINNER AND SPEECHES: NEW YORK NPT NUCLEAR NEWS (VIC). Medical Association for the Prevention of War (MAPW) members, Tilman Ruff and Ruth Mitchell, attended the United Nations Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee in New York in May. Hear about new hope on international progress for nuclear disarmament, at the Victorian Branch dinner. 7.00 pm, Lanna Thai Restaurant, 65 Flemington Road, North Melbourne. Contact: mapw@mapw.org.au, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/new-york-npt-nuclear-news-mapw-dinner-and-speeches>.

14 JULY. WORKSHOP: 'A PREFERENTIAL LOVE FOR THE POOR' (NSW). This workshop explains the meaning of the option for the poor, its scriptural foundations and place in church teaching and explores how it has influenced the Jesuit Society. Presenter: Sandie Cornish. Cost: free for anyone involved in the work of the Australian Jesuits, others welcome (suggested contribution \$50). 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, Francis Xavier Parish House, 20 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay. Contact: loyola@loyola.org.au or (02) 9488 4524. Web: <http://www.faithdoingjustice.com.au/docs/APreferentialLoveForThePoorSyd.pdf>.

14 JULY. LABOUR TRAFFICKING FORUM (NSW). The Anti-Slavery Project, Faculty of Law, University of Technology, Sydney is holding this forum to explore trafficking into Australia with a focus on labour trafficking.

What is trafficking and how is it different from forced labour, exploitative labour conditions and slavery? 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Moot Court, Faculty of Law, University of Technology, Quay Street, Haymarket. Contact: (02) 9514 4331 or Marie.White@uts.edu.au, RSVP by 22 June. Web: <http://www.antislavery.org.au>.

14 - 15 JULY. CONFERENCE: INTERNATIONAL NONPROFIT AND SOCIAL MARKETING (VIC). Themes: Non-profit Marketing and Fundraising, Public Sector Marketing and Communication, Responsible Consumption, Social Marketing, Sustainability and Green Marketing. Speakers: Nancy Lee, Social Marketing Services, Washington, US; Gill Walker, Evergreen Advertising and Marketing; John Thompson, TAC and Sarah Davies, Melbourne Community Foundation and Kids Under Cover. Cost: \$250 - \$495. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Victoria University Queen St Campus, 295 Queen Street, Melbourne. Contact: ashley.sievwright@vu.edu.au. Web: <http://www.insmconference.vu.edu.au/default.asp>.

15 JULY. LECTURE: 'INFLUENCING PREJUDICE AND STEREOTYPE COMMUNICATION - THE CASE OF ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS' (QLD). Speaker: Dr Nikola Balvin, Senior Researcher and Trainer, Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (ACPACS Melbourne). No cost. 12:00 to 1:30 pm, Don Carruthers Room, Level 5, Dorothy Hill PSE Library, Hawken Building (50) (Enter the library and take the lift to level 5), St Lucia Campus, Queensland University. Contact: (07) 3346 8742 or acpacs@uq.edu.au. Web: <http://www.uq.edu.au/acpacs/seminars-in-brisbane>.

15 JULY. SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'BLESSED UNREST...' (NSW). Speakers: Julie McCrossin and Fr Michael Whelan. The Gardners Inn, 255 Great Western Highway, Blackheath. Contact: (02) 4787 6198. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/spirituality%20in%20the%20pub.htm>.

15 - 16 JULY. CONFERENCE: 'FROM DIALOGUE TO COLLABORATION: THE VISION OF GULEN AND MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS' (VIC). The Fethulla Gülen Chair Inaugural International Conference is presented by Australian Catholic University, Monash University and the Australian

Intercultural Society. Gullen's vision of dialogue and Muslim-Christian relations will be brought into relation with developments in the Catholic Church and other Christian Churches since the Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate*. Cost \$20, concession \$10. 9.00 am to 5.30 pm, St Patrick's Campus, ACU, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. Contact: (03) 9326 2177 or info@intercultural.org.au. Web: http://www.intercultural.org.au/events_2009/Conference2009/index.htm.

15 - 17 JULY. CONFERENCE: 'DISABILITY AND JUSTICE: MANY FACES, EQUAL RIGHTS?' (VIC). The 4th Forensic Disabilities Conference seeks the counsel of professionals, advocates, consumers, families and survivors in discussing issues related to human rights throughout the forensic disability arena. Themes that will be of particular interest include innovative support programs for offenders, human rights issues related to forensic disabilities and supporting victims/survivors of crime who have disabilities. Keynote speakers: Prof Gill Hague, Dr Bill Lindsay, Dr Jonathan Rogers and Dr Tracey Westerman. Cost: \$490, concession \$390. 8.45 am. Novotel Hotel, 16 The Esplanade, St Kilda. Contact: info@conorg.com.au or (03) 9349 2220. Web: <http://www.acso.com.au/docs/ACSOConf.pdf>.

16 JULY. LECTURE: WORLD FOOD CRISIS PRESENTATION (WA). Speaker Andrew Hewett, Executive Director of Oxfam Australia and co-chair of Make Poverty History, will explain how the converging impacts of the world food crisis, climate change and the financial crisis are affecting poor communities, and the impossible choices they face. 6.00 pm, State Library of Western Australia, Perth Cultural Centre, James Street, Perth. Contact: kirstens@oxfam.org.au, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.oxfam.org.au/events/>.

16 JULY. CONFERENCE: MULTICULTURAL ACCESS PROJECT (MAP) NETWORK (NSW). Hear speakers from Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Community Relations Commission and Service Providers to assist and support you in service development and delivery. No cost. 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, North Sydney Leagues Club, North Sydney. Contact: (02) 8877 3517 or hmclachlan@nscchahs.health.nsw.gov.au. Web: http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/images/stories/07_map_network_conference.pdf.

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16 - 17 JULY. CONFERENCE: 'HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND LABOUR DYNAMICS IN AUSTRALIA (HILDA) SURVEY RESEARCH' (VIC). The conference includes topics such as income and poverty, unemployment and part-time employment, gender and the labour market, fertility, ageing issues, marriage, wealth and families. International speakers: Professor Robert Moffitt, Johns Hopkins University and Professor Steve Pudney, University of Essex. Cost \$260, concession \$120. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Prince Phillip Theatre, Architecture Building, University of Melbourne, Spencer Street, Melbourne. Contact: (03) 8344 2149 or melb-conf@unimelb.edu.au. Web: <http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/conf/hildaconf2009/default.html>.

17 JULY. FUNDRAISER: 'WALK A MILE IN MY BOOTS' (SA). To raise awareness of homelessness and raise money for the Hutt Street Centre, there is a walk from North Terrace to South Terrace parklands. This work of the Daughters of Charity caters for homeless people through provision of meals, showers, laundry, bathroom facilities, social work facilities etc. Cost: \$20, extra donations encouraged. 7.30 am, corner of North and East Terrace, Adelaide. Contact: (08) 8418 2500 or zзуill@huttstcentre.org.au. Web: <http://www.huttstcentre.org.au/Home.mvc>.

17 JULY. CASTAN CENTRE CONFERENCE: 'THE CHANGING HUMAN RIGHTS LANDSCAPE' (VIC). The keynote speaker, Hon Robert McClelland, Federal Attorney General, will present one session on 'Promotion and Protection of Human Rights'. Cost: \$180, NGOs \$90. 8.45 am to 4.30 pm, State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne. Contact: (03) 9905 3327 or castan.centre@law.monash.edu.au. Web: <http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/events/2009/conference-09.html>.

18 - 19 JULY. CONFERENCE: 'ISLAMOPHOBIA: THE EXPERIENCE IN WORLDS OLD AND NEW. LESSONS FROM EUROPE AND AUSTRALIA' (VIC). This conference seeks to set a national platform to explore how to work towards a socially cohesive society in the context of

contemporary realities and challenges. Cost: \$20, concession \$10. 9.00 am to 5.30 pm, Caulfield Campus, Monash University, 900 Dandenong Road, Caulfield East. Contact: (03) 9326 2177 or info@intercultural.org.au. Web: http://www.intercultural.org.au/events_2009/Conference2009/index.htm.

18 JULY. SEMINAR: 'MONEY AND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP' (QLD).

This half-day seminar is presented by TEAR Australia and the Bible College of Queensland. Topics include: Money: When is Enough Enough?; Money: Opportunity or Threat; Global Economics, Trade and Poverty; Giving Wisely; Cost Effective Aid and Ethical Investment. Cost: donation. 8.45 am to 1.00 pm, Queensland Bible College, 1 Cross Street, Toowong. Contact: (07) 3888 0571 or qld@tear.org.au, RSVP essential by July 10. Web: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/news/christian-discipleship-half-day-seminar/>.

18 - 19 JULY. CONFERENCE: 'ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION - A BIBLICAL IMPERATIVE' (QLD).

Re-engage with the Christian Scriptures in order to assist our ecological conversion and nourish a strong Christian spirituality that calls us to live in harmony with the environment. Hosted by the Diocesan Commission for Environmental Awareness, Rockhampton Diocese. Speaker: Dr Veronica Lawson rsm, former Lecturer in Theology, Ballarat Campus, Australian Catholic University and Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy, Ballarat. 8.30 am, Middle Hall, Range Site, 263 Agnes Street, Rockhampton. Contact: bmloch@bigpond.com. Web: <http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/DCEA/DCEA%20Conference%20EOI.pdf>.

19 - 21 JULY. NATIONAL SOCIAL COHESION SYMPOSIUM AND CONFERENCE: 'CHALLENGING ISLAMOPHOBIA: TOWARDS SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INCLUSION' (NSW).

Explores working towards a socially cohesive society in the context of contemporary realities and challenges. Significantly important are the issues of Islamophobia and its influences on integration and citizenship within the current and future framework of Australian Multiculturalism. Organised by Affinity Intercultural Foundation. 19 July: Symposium. Speakers: Hon Robert McClelland, Attorney General; Prof Kevin

Dunn, University of Western Sydney; Assoc Prof Jake Lynch, University of Sydney; Dr Ihsan Yilmaz, University of London and Mehmet Olzap, author. Cost: \$15. 7.00 to 9.30 pm, Auditorium, Law School Building, Eastern Ave, Camperdown Campus, Sydney University. 20 - 21 July: Conference. Speakers from Sydney University, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies; University of Western Sydney, School of Social Sciences; University of Newcastle, Institute of Social Well-Being and Macquarie University, Centre for Social Inclusion. Cost: \$90. 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, Room 022, Law School Building, Eastern Ave, Camperdown Campus, Sydney University. Contact: info@affinity.org.au or (02) 9702 0789. Web: <http://www.affinity.org.au>.

20 JULY. SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'WHEN RIGHTS ARE THREATENED' (NSW). Speakers: Cathy Salmon and Marion Le. 7.30 pm, Union Hotel, corner Pacific Highway and West Street, North Sydney. Contact: (02) 9958 5963. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/spirituality%20in%20the%20pub.htm>.

21 JULY. SEMINAR: 'THE ROLE OF LEGISLATION AND COURTS IN PROMOTING SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS: THE SOUTH AFRICAN EXPERIENCE' (NSW). The Australian Human Rights Centre (AHRC) is hosting this seminar with speaker South African Constitutional Court judge, Justice Yvonne Mokgoro. 6.30 to 8.00 pm, Seminar Room, Level 2, Law Building, UNSW, Union Road, Kensington. Contact: (02) 9385 1803 or ahrc@unsw.edu.au, RSVP by 17 July. Web: <http://www.ahrcentre.org/content/Activites/AHRCEvents.html>.

21 - 23 JULY. CONFERENCE: 'BEYOND THE REFUGEE JOURNEY' (VIC).

Adult Multicultural Education Services (AMES) presents this conference which aims to provide opportunities for refugees to conference with employers, service providers and the broader community. 21 July: Refugee Voices and Community Dinner. This will provide an opportunity for the public to hear refugees tell their personal stories of flight, endurance and resettlement as well as share in their cuisine and cultures. 3.00 to 8.00 pm, BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne. 22 July: The Employment Market: Working for the

Future - Reflections on refugee pathways to employment, the new employment services model, employer discussions. 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Melbourne Cricket Ground, Wellington Parade, Melbourne. 23 July: Preparing the Way: Tools and Tips - Refugee participants will have the opportunity to gain job search skills, job market information and resources for employment. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Multicultural Hub, corner Elizabeth and Therry Streets, Melbourne (opposite Victoria Market). Contact: 13 26 37. Web: <http://www.ames.net.au/index.php?action=events&eid=173&type=event>.

22 JULY. WORKSHOP: 'CREATING CHANGE? NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTES (NHRI) IN ACTION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION' (VIC). Hosted by the Institute for International Law and the Humanities (IILAH) and the Postgraduate Law Students Association (PLSA), University of Melbourne. This Workshop will focus on the achievements and challenges faced by NHRIs in the Asia-Pacific and look to the future of the protection and promotion of human rights facilitated by these institutions. No cost. 9.00 am to 4.45 pm, Theatre G08, Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton. Contact: (03) 8344 6589 or law-iilah@unimelb.edu.au, RSVP by 15 July essential. Web: <http://iilah.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=6F03606A-B0D0-AB80-E25472E051E2B6F4&DiaryID=4285>.

22 JULY. WORKSHOP: 'MISSION MATTERS: CONNECTING MISSION AND STRATEGY' (VIC). The Centre for Social Impact is holding this workshop in which participants will have the opportunity to explore mission setting and strategic management techniques and understand how to grow their organization, or navigate periods of crisis. Speakers: John Casey, Associate Prof, Centre for Non-profit Strategy and Management, School of Public Affairs, City University, New York and Sarah Gardner, Executive Director, International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies. Cost: \$671. 9.00 am to 4.30 pm, Melbourne Business School, 200 Leicester Street, Carlton. Contact: csi@unsw.edu.au or (02) 9385 9890. Web: <http://www.csi.edu.au/uploads/31642/ufiles/Course%20-%20Mission%20matters%20connecting%20mission%20and%20strategy,%20Casey.pdf>

24 JULY - 8 AUGUST. INTENSIVE: 'REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE COSMOS IN WORSHIP' (VIC). Yarra Theological Union (YTU) is presenting this unit that examines the relationship between worship, environmental theology and environmental ethics. Speakers: Margaret Smith sgs, YTU Faculty and Peter O'Neill ofm, Lecturer El Salvador/Central America. 98 Albion Road, Box Hill. Contact: (03) 9890 3771 or admin@ytu.edu.au. Web: <http://www.ytu.edu.au/FieldD/dt2245-3245>.

24 JULY. DISCUSSION: 'RUDD'S NEW EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - HOWARD'S POLICY REVISITED?' (NSW). Politics in the Pub presents Maree O'Halloran, Director, Welfare Rights Centre and David Thompson, CEO, Jobs Australia. Cost: \$5 to become social member of Gaelic Club. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: (02) 9358 4834 or patandbrucetoms@gmail.com; or (02) 9552 3599 or winchilds@bigpond.com. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au>.

24 JULY. POLICY FROM THE MARGINS FORUM: 'SPEAKING UP ON MENTAL HEALTH' (ACT). St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its first 'Speaking up on Mental Health' forum featuring speakers who are living with mental illness. No cost. 9.45 am to 2.00 pm, Rheinberger Centre, corner Western and Loch Streets, Yarralumla. Contact: donnas@svdpnatcl.org.au or (02) 6202 1200, RSVP by 17 July. Web: <http://www.vinnies.org.au/mental-health-forum-national>.

25 JULY. ERISJ INTENSIVE: 'REBUILDING SOCIAL SOLIDARITY: STRATEGIES FROM WA TRADE UNIONISM' (WA). Presenter: Simone McGurk and Dave Robinson from Unions WA. Cost: \$25-\$150. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice, 24 High Street, Fremantle. Contact: (08) 9432 2400 or admin@erisj.org.au, RSVP by 2 July. Web: <http://erisj.org.au/event/2009/07/25/day>.

27 JULY. PEACE PRAYER (TAS). 'Live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you' [2 Corinthians 13]. Peace in our world begins with peace in our hearts. Help create a peaceful world by sharing in a time of prayer that centres us in the God of Peace. Presenter:

Anne Kelleher. Cost: donation. 7.00 to 8.30 pm, Emmanuel Spirituality Centre, 24 Hopkins Street, Moonah. Contact: (03) 6228 2391. Web: <http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au/whatson.html>.

28 JULY - 15 AUGUST. PUBLIC LECTURES AND RETREATS: THEOLOGY FOR PEACEMAKERS (NATIONAL). Sponsored by Pace e Bene Australia. Angie O’Gorman teaches courses in the Spirituality of nonviolence. She is on the staff of the legal Service of Eastern Missouri, Immigration Law Project and has developed and coordinated programs for provision of legal services to low income immigrants and refugees. Web: <http://www.paceebene.org.au/>.

She will visit Brisbane (28 - 29 July) and Adelaide (6 - 10 August)

31 July. Reflection day - Theology of Peacemakers/Living a Nonviolent Lifestyle. Cost \$15, 9.30 am to 12.00 pm and 1.30 to 3.00 pm Upper room, St Francis Xavier Parish Admin Centre, corner Swift and Cherry Streets, Ballina. Contact: (02) 6686 9430 or 0412 989 987.

1 August. Public Lecture - Peacemaking/Living a Nonviolent Lifestyle. Cost \$20. 7.30 to 9.30 pm, Upstairs, Southern Cross University studio, Byron Bay community centre, 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Contact: (02) 6686 9430 or 0412 989 987.

12 August. Rev Up! Program on Peacemaking. Speakers: Angie O’Gorman and Alan Marr, Director of Ministries, Baptist Union of Victoria. Cost \$25. 9.30 am to 3.00 pm, Whitley College, 271 Royal Parade, Parkville. Contact: (03) 9592 5247 or d.hess@ozemail.com.au. Register: (03) 9880 6100 for catering.

15 August. Retreat - Theology of Peacemaking. Cost \$60, concession \$45. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Australian Volunteers International Building, 88 Kerr Street, Fitzroy. Contact: (03) 9592 5247 or d.hess@ozemail.com.au, register early as places are limited.

30 - 31 JULY. SUMMIT: DISABILITY AND AGE DISCRIMINATION LAW REFORM (NSW). IIR Conferences Disability and Age Discrimination Law Reform Summit will comprehensively cover the obligations and expectations of your organisation under the proposed reforms to the Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation. Speakers:

Hon Robert McClelland, Attorney-General of Australia; Graeme Innes AM, The Disability Discrimination Commissioner and Human Rights Commissioner; Emeritus Professor David Weisbrot AM, President, Australian Law Reform Commission; etc. Cost: \$2084. Swissôtel, 68 Market Street, Sydney. Contact: (02) 9080 4090 or info@iir.com.au. Web: www.iir.com.au/disabilitylaw.

31 JULY. DISCUSSION: ‘AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN/PALESTINE - IN SEARCH OF SOLUTIONS’ (NSW). Politics in the Pub presents an evening with Paul McGeogh, SMH journalist, author of new book, ‘Kill Khalid: Mossad’s failed hit and the rise of Hamas’. Cost: \$5 to become social member of Gaelic Club. 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; or (02) 9552 3599 or winchilds@bigpond.com. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au>.

2 - 8 AUGUST. NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS’ WEEK: ‘WHERE DO THEY GO?’ (NATIONAL). This year Homelessness Australia unites with the Australian Federal Police and Missing Persons Week (MPW) to highlight the homeless and missing. For events see web: <http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/site/National%20Homeless%20Persons%20Week.php>.

2 AUGUST. SYDNEY PRE-PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD’S RELIGIONS EVENT: ‘MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE - HEARING EACH OTHER, HEALING THE EARTH’ (NSW). Organised by a very broad spectrum of different religious groups in Sydney, this event has been facilitated by the NSW Ecumenical Council to enable churches to engage with other religions and ideologies and to build better networks between different groups in NSW. Cost: \$20. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Lachlan’s Garden Marquee, Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Macquarie and Pitt Streets, Parramatta. Contact: (02) 9299 2215 or kmoroney@ncca.org.au, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.nswec.org.au/events.php?id=74&c=-1&PHPSESSID=21946e788b1fab0dcc88fb8048062006>.

3 AUGUST. LAUNCH: HOMELESS PERSONS’ WEEK (WA). The Minister for Child Protection, Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC, will open the

event. Community housing providers have been invited showcasing their work. RecLink will stage recreational activities to promote their slogan 'Rebuilding lives through sports and arts'. Foodbank will set up displays and demonstrations promoting healthy eating. Spirit of the Streets and St Pats Starlight

Hotel Choir will bring music to the event. Forrest Place, Perth's Central Business District. Contact: (08) 9328 8996, (08) 9221 7933, policy@communityhousing.co.au. Web: <http://www.communityhousing.com.au/training-and-events/hpw09/>.

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Accommodation demand 'unprecedented': Vinnies Qld

The St Vincent de Paul Society said that the organisation, which just launched its winter appeal, is facing unprecedented demand for emergency accommodation and help.

Vic hate crime sentencing to include religious factors

Victorian sentencing laws will be amended by the end of the year to require judges to consider race, religion, gender or sexual orientation factors and prejudice in sentencing violent offenders.

Camden Islamic school rejected

After months of controversy, the NSW Land and Environment Court rejected the Quranic Society's application to build a \$19 million school for 900 students in a rural area near Camden south-west of Sydney.

Catholic Mission backs National Climate Emergency Rally

With its Village Space program focused on climate change and its effects on people in the developing world, Catholic Mission gave its backing to June's National Climate Emergency Rally.

Federal policy creating Aboriginal "refugees": Bishop Saunders

Bishop Christopher Saunders said that a new Federal Government restructuring policy known as "normalisation" is causing a wave of Aboriginal "refugees" to be driven into regional centres.

Entitlements Commission should fix pensions: CSSA

Catholic Social Services Australia renewed its call for the establishment of an independent

Australian Entitlements Commission to set and review pensions and other income support payments.

Sleepout CEOs raise \$500,000

CEOs bedding down outdoors in the Society of St Vincent de Paul's annual sleepout fundraiser raised \$500,000, double what the organisers were expecting.

Good Shepherd to focus on anti-trafficking

Good Shepherd's Social Justice Network called on religious orders and community groups to strengthen anti-trafficking networks worldwide and support those fighting against human trafficking in poor countries, especially in Asia.

Catholic agencies seek fair pay increase

The Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations and Catholic Social Services Australia told the Fair Pay Commission that its housing cost estimates are "unrealistic".

Understand issues facing indigenous people, church told

Developing a better understanding of issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is key to more effective action by the Christian community, the National Council of Churches Australia said.

Sisters combat trafficking thru sport

Over 250 women's religious orders have formed a new international network to beat the trafficking of women and children for prostitution at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics Games and the 2010 soccer World Cup in South Africa.

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Social Justice Calendar

1 WED 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

4 SAT International Day of Cooperatives

5 SUN Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
National Aboriginal and Islander (NAIDOC) Week commences

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

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

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

11 SAT World Population Day

12 SUN Aboriginal Flag first flown, 1971

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

16 THU First atomic bomb detonated in New Mexico, 1945

18 SAT Nelson Mandela born, 1918

20 MON World Youth Day, Sydney - 1 year on Neil Armstrong - first person on the moon, 1969

24 FRI Arbor Week commences (varies in some States)

27 MON Arbor Day

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