

MINUTES OF JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING 8 July 2004:

Present: Liam, Julia Kelleher, Julia Sheahan, and Cathie

Apologies: Tom, Carol, Eliane, John, Barbara and Kirsty.

Informing Ourselves:

Alan Morris talked about the Christian Aid Campaign on Fair Trade. He told us that the rich nations dumped their surplus goods, at rock bottom prices, into the markets of the poor developing countries. This ruins their economies, as their own farmers and manufacturers cannot possibly compete. The campaign will include sending cards to protest against these and other unfair practises. Alan can supply any number of cards we wish. Canon would need to give permission to either distribute these or to leave them at the back of the church for people to take. **Action Liam**

Welcome to Mick Dennehy: Mick described more of his cases in South Africa. This included the sad case of an elderly woman looking after her disabled granddaughter in a derelict shack made of rusty corrugated iron, which leaked. He needs around £90 to provide her with better housing, and could we help? Liam will consult with the group to see if we can help by using some of our funds and individual donations from members. **Action Liam**

Fr. Tesfaye Sebani (friend of Fr. Michael) from St. Anthony's Parish in Emedber, South West Ethiopia had suggested 'twinning' with our parish. We felt that since Fr. Sebani's parish is so much larger than ours it would not work. Perhaps Cafod would be able to help. Liam will talk to Fr. Sebani about this. **Action Liam**

Racial Justice Sunday: No speaker to be invited, but there are plans to be more welcoming when new people come to the parish.

One World Week: 17-24 October we will be organising multi-lingual readers and a world map for this week.

The North Korean Christians are still suffering under their totalitarian government. Christian Solidarity Worldwide has joined other agencies in getting the UN Commission on Human Rights to pass a strong resolution to investigate abuses of human rights. Please consider writing to their Ambassador in London urging his government to respect the principles of human rights law, including the right to life, liberty, fair trial, due process, freedom from torture, freedom of thought, conscience, religion, expression, association and assembly. Mention you are gravely concerned about the widespread use of execution, the broad use of brutal forms of torture and cruel treatment in detention, and the virtually complete denial of religious freedom.

Please write to: His Excellency Mr. Ri Yong Ho,
Ambassador of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea,
73 Gunnersbury Avenue,
Ealing, London W5 4LP

Treasurer's Report: £105

Next meeting and Venue: 8th September 04 at Liam's, 143 Monkleigh Road.

Meditation: John