



HIV Conference planned for Southwark Cathedral in November

Organisations focusing on HIV/AIDS and faith-related issues are organising a conference for Christian leaders on Saturday 3 November in Southwark Cathedral 10am to 4pm.

The aims of the conference are to increase the HIV-related knowledge of Christian leaders in London, and to work towards

reducing stigma and discrimination. Participating organisations include The Cara Trust, London Ecumenical AIDS Trust, The Positive Place, Tearfund, Progressio and Christian Aid.

Featured speakers include Prof Brian Gazzard (Professor of Medicine, Imperial College School of Medicine, and HIV Research Director, Chelsea and

Westminster Hospital), Peter Keough of Sigma Research and Rev Jape Heath (an Anglican Priest living in South Africa).

Workshops will focus on the experience of living with HIV and the stigma surrounding the virus, as well as ways to challenge this stigma. Liturgical and informative resources will be available and participants will be encouraged

to use these on World AIDS Day.

For more information, contact Steve Penrose, Director of London Ecumenical AIDS Trust at steve@leat.org.uk (0773 435 5611) or Chris Wools, Director of the Cara Trust at chris@caralife.com (020 7243 6147).

Five Talents publishes first UK Annual Review

Former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey of Clifton, spoke on 27 March in London at the first UK Annual Review of Five Talents – the microfinance initiative of the worldwide Anglican church.

He explained how he had made the very first donation to help start Five Talents at the Lambeth conference 1998. Shortly afterwards Five Talents headquarters was established in the USA and the UK charity started in 2005.

Lord Carey emphasised that Five Talents is about “empowering ordinary people, mostly women, in developing countries to start or expand a small business”.

Lord Brian Griffiths, also present, described Five Talents as a “bottom-up initiative for people of faith or no faith to

create wealth and eradicate global poverty.” Rev Jonathan Byamugisha from Five Talents Uganda talked about Five Talents work in his country.

The UK Annual Review 2006 marks significant progress from the charity’s launch in October 2005. £104,000 has been raised to the end of 2006 and first disbursements have been made to projects in Peru, Uganda, Kenya, Indonesia and Philippines.

Five Talents is currently supporting loan programmes in six countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia with plans to expand to more countries in 2007/08. The UK charity aims to quadruple its overseas giving during 2007.

Lord Carey said “We have an ambitious programme which is going to take a lot of faith and commitment. I appeal to each one of you to get behind Five Talents UK.”

Tom Sanderson, UK Executive Director of Five Talents commented, “It’s been a fantastic first year – we are now self-supporting and making a demonstrable impact with Five Talents projects around the world. We now want Five Talents UK to quadruple its overseas giving during 2007 – turning Five Talents into twenty rather than the ten in the parable!”

Below: Rev Jonathan Byamugisha, Lord Carey and Tom Sanderson



Summer School for everyone

In June/July each year, the Diocesan Summer School offers a range of short modules – between one and four sessions per module – which are open to everyone in the diocese.

This year’s modules cover many areas of theology, mission and ministry. Some may appeal especially to those who are training for, or already in, licensed ministry (clergy, Readers, SPAs). Others will appeal more widely to anyone who would like to deepen their faith and develop their skills.

The Summer School takes place from 23 June to 14 July at venues across the diocese. Some modules take place on Saturdays, others during the week. Each module costs £15 (£10 for the unwaged).

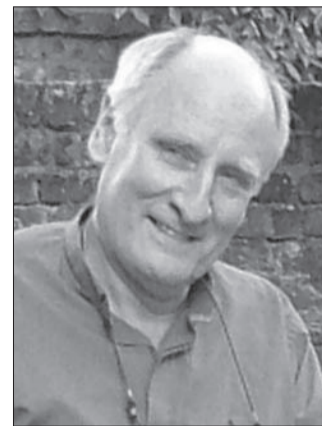
To obtain a brochure and booking form, contact Sue Maree, the Diocesan Training Administrator, at Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London SE1 1HW (tel: 020 7939 9475, fax: 020 7939 9466, email: sue.maree@southwark.anglican.org).

This year’s modules are:

- Revelation: closed book or an open door?
- For such a time as this? Interpreting the Book of Esther for preaching and study groups
- God of Vengeance, God of Love; reading the Old and New Testaments together
- God’s word for today
- A guide to the Atonement
- Help! I’m a children’s worker
- How might lay *leaders* help lay *learners* to lead the intercessions?
- Inter faith relationships in Britain today
- Knowing God
- Leading small groups
- Living spirituality
- Women’s stories in the wonderful Book of Judges
- Same Jesus, different perspective? An introduction to John’s gospel
- Setting the table : the shape of the Eucharist from Last Supper to Common Worship

Places for some modules are limited, so booking early is advisable.

MISSION IN LONDON’S ECONOMY ‘Relating the Churches to London’s Economy.’



Canon Julian Reindorp writes:

This is a recently formed, independent, ecumenical, and London wide organisation (this diocese is well represented).

A conference is being held to share our progress.

Reports from the four groups set up so far will be presented with opportunities for input and questions. It’s a repeating programme so you can drop in & out as time permits.



MILE has set itself the following objectives:

1. To co-ordinate the churches’ interventions in discussion of London’s economy.
2. To respond on behalf of the churches to consultation exercises on London’s economy.
3. To recruit, train, support, insure and supervise workplace chaplains.
4. To support Christians working in the institutions of London’s economy.
5. To educate churches in the issues facing London’s economy so that they might be able to respond appropriately.
6. To work with other faith communities in order to create co-ordinated faith-community responses to the issues facing London’s economy.

The conference is from at 9.30.am on Wednesday 30 May at the Society of Friends, Euston Rd, London NW1 and will finish with tea at 4.00 pm

The Keynote Speaker will be Rev David Helms (left) – Team Leader of Kent Work Place Ministry and his subject will be ‘The Prophetic Voice’.

As breakfast, lunch and tea will be provided free of charge to all those attending, it is essential that we give our hosts accurate numbers for catering purposes.

If you wish to attend or would just like further details, please e-mail: michaelcadent@btinternet.com

THE LONDON DIOCESAN COURSE IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

A two-year ecumenical course for all who feel God is calling them to this much-needed ministry. This evening course draws on the various strands of spirituality within the Christian tradition and also invites participants to use their own experience to aid their development.

For information send a C5 s.a.e. to: The Administrator, LDCSD, St Mary Woolnoth Vestry, Lombard Street, London EC3V 9A phone: 020 7621 1392 e-mail: ldcsd@spiritualitycentre.org

Closing date for applications is 31st July 2007

