

A ONE DAY CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY TEAR FUND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHURCH ARMY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2005.

The day is to inspire and encourage God's people to do mission beyond the walls of the church. It is for those in church leadership, and anyone interested in sharing Good News with those around them. **Contact: Jenny Richardson, Wilson Carlile College of Evangelism, Wilson Carlile Campus, Sheffield S3 7RZ; Tel 0114-278-7020 Email: j.richardson@churcharmy.org.uk**

The Church in the Centre of the City — a symposium. 12 - 15 September 2005. At Aberdare Hall, Cardiff University.

Cost: £80: day rates under review. We are pleased to draw your attention to this important initiative in relation to the life and witness of the Churches today.

This is a first. While there is much concern over urban ministry, so far the Church in the central business district has been neglected. Response to the proposal for a national conference to highlight this specific ministry has been enthusiastic and positive.

The centres of many of our large towns and cities are having a massive makeover. The old commercial and industrial areas of the central business district burgeon with shopping precincts, tourist initiatives, fresh businesses and luxury, often waterfront, residential developments. Public spaces are rejuvenated. Here, too, the Churches bear witness from venerable roots and frequently historic buildings but in new and creative ways. But this important ministry – from cathedral to urban chaplaincy – has been sadly neglected in the concern for urban ministry. But that is to neglect one of the most public faces of the Church at the hub of our urban living, where power, economics and culture meet. It will be a time of sharing, exploration and facing challenges. **Contact: Professor Paul Ballard, Dept. Religious & Theological Studies, Cardiff University, Cardiff, CF10 3EU Email: BallardPH@Cardiff.ac.uk Tel: 029 2087 4000**

URBAN EYES — URBAN MIND

Regional Consultations/Conferences in October 2005. Supported by ECUM, Church of England, Methodist Church, Baptist Union of Great Britain, Churches Regional Commission (Yorkshire & Humberside). • Oct 17th and 18th Liverpool, Toxteth Tabernacle • Oct 20th and 21st — Leeds, Harehills Baptist Church • Oct 24th and 25th — Bristol, Patchway Baptist Church • Oct 27th and 28th — London, Shoreditch Tabernacle Speakers to date: Roy Searle: Relationships not Reputations; Barry Cheeseman: Re-Imagining Urban Church; Erica Dunmow: Urban Education and Training; Steve Latham: Multicultural Church City leadership; Graham Brownlee: Urban Complexity and Diversity; Andrew Davey: New Urbanism, New Globalism. Every session will be followed by reflection/response times. Cost £30 for two days including lunch.

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ALSO URBAN-EYES REFLECTION AND INSPIRATION DAYS: These are run quarterly in Liverpool with story, testimony, orientation and visits. Subjects cover school exclusions, running a restaurant in church, pre-school matters, Kidz club work, mission work amongst Muslims, and raising funds as well as engagement with a local regeneration agency.

iChurch — Intelligent Church in this 21st Century 4 - 6 November 2005.

Do you want to make a positive difference to those around you? Faithworks Conference at the Devonshire Park Complex, Eastbourne will inspire you & equip you to do it intelligently. Speakers: Tony Campolo, Tim Corletto, Jim Wallis, Ann Morrisy. **Contact: Faithworks, 115 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 OAX; Tel: 020 7450 9000.**

SCARGILL HOUSE EVENT (N. Yorkshire) 'Love and Resistance: A Spirituality for the Long Haul'. October 7th – 9th. '05.

A weekend retreat for faith based social activists. Facilitator: Ray Gaston. Ray is a priest in the Christian Community of All Hallows, Leeds. All Hallows has a history of faith-based activism on world issues including trade justice, debt and war. Ray is particularly concerned to integrate activism with a biblically-rooted spirituality, while drawing on the inspiration of other faith activist traditions.

**Contact: Tel: 01756 760234
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www.scargillhouse.org**

TRAINING

MEDIA TRAINING DAY

on Friday 9th September 2005 at Scottish Churches' House, Dunblane This short course is offered by ACTS at a fraction of the commercial rate for a limited number of people. Participants will get the chance to be filmed and interviewed by a professional TV reporter, followed by a one-to-one assessment/advice clinic. £50 for the day and a meals package is optional extra for £10. **Contact: Shona: 01786 826382**

Politics & Theology Programme being offered at Sarum College in Salisbury

This course aims to equip Christians for service in politics and public by integrating the study of politics, public policy and Christian theology in a part-time modular course by distance learning with residential weekend conferences at Sarum College. Six modules lead to a Certificate HE in association with the University of Wales.

SHORT CONFERENCES

• **Christian Faith and Political Action — practical involvement locally and nationally** is a residential conference 23rd - 25th September 2005.

CAMPAIGNS

CHALLENGING CHURCH — A

Shaftesbury Campaign. Community action is a gateway for Christians and local congregations to discover their unity. This initiative will help churches to work together in order to be agents of transformation in their community. **Contact: Shaftesbury Society**

RESOURCES

Rough Guide to a Better World Copies of this excellent guide written by Martin Roe & Malcolm Dorey **Contact: Department for International Development, Rough Guide, Public Enquiry Point, DFID, Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road, East Kilbride, Glasgow G15 3EL**

Participation for Change. For details of this new three year project launched by Church Action on Poverty with a grant from ODPM. **Contact: CAP**

Transformation of Cities. Details of this interest group, one of over 25, which made up the Lausanne 2004 Forum for World Evangelisation. The findings of this group will soon be published and available via: **Contact: www.lausanne.org**

Delivering Sustainable Communities Summit. For the outcome of this event in Manchester Jan/Feb 2005 **Contact: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. www.odpm.gov.uk/summit**

Wired Up — Caring for God's Creation This Tearfund/Shaftesbury Society broad sheet shows how to become an eco-congregation to improve the urban environment. **Contact TearFund**

From the Ground Up by Kathryn Copsey Understanding the spiritual world of the child. Insights from the experience of working with children in the inner city. 'A rare opportunity to explore the upside-down world of the kingdom of heaven, with urban children leading us by the hand'. **ISBN: 1 84101 386 2 Contact: The CURBS Project**

Out of SRB into the Pot

This report from the Urban Forum sets out the implications of changes in government funding. **Contact: Urban Forum, Tel: 020 7253 4816. Email: info@urbanforum.org.uk.** Copies of their Annual Report also available along with the LSP Guide: very useful for how to develop local strategic partnerships.

UK URBAN MISSION CONGRESS 2007

A working group is exploring the possibilities of having a fifth 'Jesus in the City' event in Bristol during 2007. **Contact: Paul Hazeldon, The Crisis Centre, 12 City Road, St. Paul's, Bristol BS2 8TP Tel: 0117 942 3088 Email: admin@crisis-centre.org.uk**