

Annual Report 2004

JUSTICE REFLECTIONS – ANNUAL REPORT 2004

The official purposes of the charity *Justice Reflections*, as formally expressed in its Trust Deed, are firstly “to work for the relief and rehabilitation of prisoners by educating prison chaplains through the provision of theological essays on justice matters” and secondly “to support the Worldwide International Prison Chaplains’ Association”.

Justice Reflections has progressed well between 2003 and 2004. Turnover in the account had doubled. In 2004 a slightly larger amount of money is carried over in comparison with the previous year. Underlying support for the charity comes from many exceptionally generous donors in the UK. Despite progress, survival is delicately balanced because much income is consumed in free copies.

At the conclusion of the first full year of operation Trustees have had to ensure that people who had previously registered interest renew applications. For as many as lapsed in interest there have been new registrations to replace them. More work has to be done to ensure that overseas recipients who receive free copies also renew interest. It is pointless to send to free overseas recipients without annual confirmation that the publication has been received and appreciated. More emphasis will be placed on annual renewal in the future.

The printing side has gone well. The flyer advertises five to six essays in each issue but some issues have contained eight essays. It is hoped that this can be sustained in the future despite larger postage bills. Whilst wallet-style format with loose essays is advantageous it is not ideal to include essays on more than four folded pages of A4 or over 8000 words.

A regular supply of essays has appeared for consideration by the Editor. This has led to a balance and variety of contents. Whilst most essays relate to ethical, pastoral and restorative themes in social justice, essays on globalization and environmental matters are occasionally included.

The initial flyer has recently been revised. Revision showed how far the basic idea of this project has progressed since 2000. The flyer is an important feature of the project because it leads to new registrations. Income results from the inclusion of the flyer in as many mass mailings as possible. Suggestions for inclusion in mass mailings will always be welcomed.

Production is a very big undertaking and is only possible with dedicated support from volunteers in Lincoln. The team includes Keith Jobling, Vivian Cain, Josephine Gordon, Matilda Moyo, Kath Taylor, Philippa Duce, Sheridan Minshull and Stephen Land

Justice Reflections is the only publication regularly collecting theological essays in the wide-ranging domain of justice. It is more than a publication. It is a project offering stimulating work-related ideas to people sharing prison ministry with the Worldwide International Prison Chaplains’ Association, the International Commission for Catholic Prison Pastoral Care and Prison Fellowship International. Many recipients live in parts of the world where payment is impossible. The publication has received strong commendation from many readers worldwide.

The Reverend Canon Alan R. Duce
Editor and Chairman of the Trustees

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