

JUSTICE REFLECTIONS – ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The charity, *Justice Reflections*, has had another successful year. Issues 5, 6 and 7 have been published on time and all the issues have contained eight essays on theological matters relating to aspects of justice. The number of new registrations has more than compensated for those that have been cancelled. The policy of not sending free copies to Third World prison ministry workers who have not acknowledged receipt once a year has been gradually adopted. From the large numbers who have responded a high proportion of the expenditure of the charity still goes to financing the cost of postage for those overseas who remain in touch.

A high point of the year has been the institution of a website on www.justicereflections.org.uk. This has resulted in a vast number of people worldwide becoming aware of the purpose of the publication. This has led to the submission of extra essays and facilitated the transmission of the aims of the publication without lengthy communication. It has also been a worthwhile exercise concentrating the mind on expressing the purposes of the publication in the medium of a website! Supporters are encouraged to visit the site.

Another notable development has been an appeal on behalf of The International Prison Chaplains' Association for funds for Third World participants in the forthcoming World Congress of chaplains to be held in Canada in August 2005. The response has been pleasing and has resulted in the collection of nearly £2500 accruing from about 100 replies in response to about 700 original letters sent to people who are or who have been connected with the project. The appeal has led to new registrations.

It is clear that to stay viable the project has to be continually advertised through the distribution of flyers in the UK. The main flyer has been reprinted in large numbers and the website details have since been added to the flyer. The project has been fortunate to have a Promotions Officer, Michelle Bird, who has started making regular contact with a large number of organisations that have mass circulation of people who could be potential readers. This approach has served the charity well in its first few years and seems to be the obvious way ahead for the future.

It must be mentioned that the project is only viable because of extensive voluntary help given by people in Lincoln – among whom are Keith Jobling, Vivian Cain, Matilda Moyo, Philippa Duce and Michelle Bird. It is also gratifying that The Lincoln School of Theology has recently offered its moral support to the publication, adding to that of the Diocese of Lincoln, the Lincolnshire Probation Board and the Lincoln Inter Faith Group. All these people and groups in Lincoln make the project done for three worldwide organisations a, so called, 'glocalisation' project!

Justice Reflections is still 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 continues to receive commendation from readers. It continually needs to be made clear that this project has no independent means of funding other than money donated - often in very generous amounts by registered subscribers, largely in the UK, whose support is immensely valued.