

National Justice & Peace Network

39th Annual Conference



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The Hayes Conference Centre
Swanwick, Derbyshire

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A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor:

The Challenge of Pope Francis

“Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world.” (Laudato Si’ para237)

We live in a world where people and nature are more often valued according to their economic capacity or usefulness to humans, rather than their intrinsic value as God’s creation.

In order to be liberated from this commodification, consumerism and utilitarianism, the Sabbath reminds us to rediscover a sense of awe and wonder, to see the beauty in creation and also in relationships, especially with the poor and marginalised.

The conference will seek to: help us understand current realities; find ways to live out and advocate a different value system; and provide a space for creativity, celebration and contemplation.

SPEAKERS

Dr Ruth Valerio is Global Advocacy and Influencing Director for Tearfund, working to mobilise churches around the world to become agents for change and equip them for integral mission. She is the author of *Just Living: Faith and community in an age of consumerism*, and *L is for Lifestyle: Christian living that doesn’t cost the earth*. She lives in Chichester with her family.

Fr Peter Hughes, an Irish Columban priest, has spent most of his life as a missionary based in Peru, working in some of the most impoverished communities in Lima. He is an advisor to the *Instituto Bartolome de las Casas*, working in programmes of leadership and social justice. A former executive secretary of the Department of Justice and Solidarity of the Council of Latin American Bishops, he continues to be a theological advisor.

Kathy Galloway is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland and was leader of the Iona Community from 2002-2009. She is currently head of Christian Aid Scotland. She is also a published poet, author and hymn writer.

Plus Poverty Hearings —hearing from those with direct experience of poverty.

CONFERENCE CHAIR: Susy Brouard, Theology Programme Advisor for CAFOD since 2002.

CELEBRANT: Fr Sean McDonagh, world-renowned eco-theologian.

PLUS

Just Fair Market Place* *Workshops* *Festival
Programmes for Children and Young People