

**CONFIRMED LIST OF WORKSHOPS**  
**NJPN Conference 16-18 July 2010**

**1. DAILY BREAD FOR ALL IN SPITE OF A CHANGING CLIMATE**

A workshop sharing how CAFOD partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America are ensuring their communities have food security and cope with changing climate disasters. It will also look towards the next UN climate negotiations in Mexico City during December 2010.

*Maria Elena Arana, CAFOD's Campaign Coordinator, has worked for CAFOD and been involved with J&P and the National Board of Catholic Women for nearly 20 years.*

**2. WHY PEOPLE GO HUNGRY**

Most people believe hunger is just a problem of food supply. But the reason one billion people go to bed hungry each night is more about poor governance and accountability. Why is this? What are the solutions? How are people finding solutions for themselves? Drawing on the work of Progressio around the world, this workshop will address the political challenges of access to food and water and provides ideas for action.

*Christine Allen is the Executive Director of Progressio.*

**3. ORGANIC FOOD GROWING AFTER COPENHAGEN**

Food growing on dwindling town soil is becoming important as food and fertile soil and symbiotic climate can no longer be taken for granted. We begin with a look at family fields at Nazareth.

*Edward P. Echlin is an ecological theologian and organic fruit and vegetable gardener.*

**4. LIFE ON EARTH AND FOOD**

A workshop demonstrating how we need biodiversity to keep us fed.

*Mary Colwell, a former BBC Producer at the Natural History Unit, is now freelance and consultant on faith and the environment.*

**5. TRANSITION TOWNS AND THE FUTURE OF FOOD.**

The workshop will outline the Transition Town movement and consider local options for food security.

*Tim Gorringe is Professor of Theology at Exeter University, author of 'Harvest: Food, Farming and the Churches', and a member of the Iona community.*

**6. IS MEAT A MORAL MATTER?**

Explores how feeding the world without violence to animals is better for both people and animals.

*Deborah Jones is General Secretary of Catholic Concern for Animals, a Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics and a patron of the Christian Vegetarian Association UK.*

**7. 'LOAF' ON A BUDGET**

'LOAF' - a nice idea for the middle classes, or a practical way for all to source food?

*Barbara Echlin is a Trustee of Christian Ecology Link, whose LOAF principles promote food which is Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly and Fairly traded.*

**8. PROTECTING VULNERABLE WORKERS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY**

Exploring how the Gangmasters Licensing Authority has helped those most at risk of exploitation, and lessons for the future.

*Paul Whitehouse has led the Gangmasters Licensing Authority - a UK government body responsible for protecting workers from exploitation - since it started in 2005. A former police officer for 34 years, he is a Quaker and lives in Bristol.*

**9. GM CROPS: HOW NOT TO FEED THE WORLD AND WHAT WE NEED INSTEAD**

This workshop looks critically at the application of genetic modification (GM) technology to food crops and examines features of sustainable agriculture.

*Mae-Wan Ho - author of 'Genetic Engineering: Dream or Nightmare' - and Peter Saunders are co-directors of The Institute of Science in Society (ISIS), which promotes social accountability and ecological sustainability in science.*

**10. WASTE OF FOOD**

6.7 million tonnes of food is thrown away every year in the UK, 4.1 million tonnes is unopened and untouched, 1.2 million tonnes is left on our plates! The workshop will bring from theological roots to good practice, how and why we should reduce our 'food waste footprint'

*Ashley Ralston of 'Better Tomorrows' has been a J&P activist for 30 years, and for over half that time he has been involved with local authorities and community involvement groups in promoting 'sustainability'.*

## **11. FARMING OR FARMERS IN CRISIS? IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR DAILY BREAD**

A workshop looking at the realities of British farming and considering industry claims for a golden future. What part will the relationship between government and farmer play in determining food security? How can theology assist the search for solutions.

*Sarah Brown is the chief executive of Farm Crisis Network, a national charity representing the churches' response to difficulties in the farming community. It supports farming families and works for justice in the wider agricultural community. Sarah is also an ordained priest in the Church of England, serving three rural parishes.*

## **12. SUPERMARKETS, FOOD AND ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS**

Despite the illegality of Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, many British supermarkets continue to source food products from them. Supermarkets are coming under increasing pressure from campaigners to discontinue stocking these goods.

*Suzanne Ismail is Researcher for ECCR (the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility) and has been engaged in dialogue with supermarkets on this issue.*

## **13. TOO MANY MOUTHS TO FEED?**

A workshop exploring the complex issues around human population and food security.

*Frank Nally SSC is part of the Columban Faith and Justice Team, based in London. He worked in the Philippines for 8 years.*

## **14. MINING OR FOOD?**

A look at how destructive large-scale mining undermines food security, particularly impacting on tribal peoples.

*Geoff Nettleton represents Philippine Indigenous Peoples' Links, which is part of the Working Group on Mining in the Philippines, and Richard Solly is Coordinator of the London Mining Network.*

## **15. 'A COSMIC WALK'**

A reflective ritualisation based on *The Universe Story* by Thomas Berry CP and Brian Swimme, devised to present the Time/Space aspects of the universe story and provide experience of the earth's unfolding process. This workshop will be based outdoors in the grounds of the conference centre.

*Catherine Brennan SSL is chair of Eco-Congregation Ireland and promotes environmental awareness and dialogue in the Churches in Ireland.*

## **16. LITURGY WORKSHOP - 'PREPARING THE EUCHARIST' (first session only)**

We will spend some time sharing the Scriptures together before composing prayers of intercession, preparing the Communion breads and working on the signs and symbols that will bring the liturgy alive.

*Simon Stewart works as Chaplaincy Team leader in a large Blackpool comprehensive. He has a background in faith and justice and would like to see the Church come alive through social engagement and creative, relevant liturgy.*

## **17. LITURGY WORKSHOP – MUSIC (first session only)**

A purely practical workshop, preparing the music for the liturgies of the conference. Musicians and singers with reasonable sight-reading skills are most welcome.

*Rosa Trelfa is the Diocesan Manager for CAFOD Lancaster, but also has a personal interest in liturgical music, coming from an educational background rooted in music and plenty of involvement in diocesan music.*

## **18. ART WORKSHOP – 'TUNNEL VISION' (10 places) (first session only)**

Participants will create tunnel or peephole books, exploring the issue of food injustice, particularly the vested interests of large food corporations. Inspiration is taken from the book *Scripture, Culture and Agriculture* by Dr. Ellen F. Davis, which explores the idea of the "productionist ethic" of food production which has a sole imperative to produce as much as possible, regardless of the ecological and social costs.

*Artist Christine Dawson is creating Art installations for display at the conference.*

## **19. THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH TROUBLED TIMES (second session only)**

The theological meaning of "apocalypse" is revelation. What happens in the outer world reveals inner spiritual truths. Reading the signs of the times therefore invites a deepening of our personal spiritual journeys. This workshop will explore some possibilities for what that might mean.

*Alastair McIntosh is a writer and regular contributor to BBC Radio Scotland's 'Thought for the Day'.*

## **20. WHAT IS THE UK'S DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DOING TO TACKLE GLOBAL POVERTY? (second session only)**

This workshop will introduce the Department for International Development (DFID). It will explain what DFID, on behalf of the UK Government, is doing to accelerate progress to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, which include halving the number of people living in poverty by 2015.

*David Howlett is presently on secondment from DFID to University of Leeds where he is a senior research fellow in climate change and agriculture. He has worked for DFID for 9 years, first as an adviser to the Government of Tanzania on poverty and environment, and then as head of the agriculture research team. Before joining Leeds he worked in agriculture and climate change policies in DFID's Food Group.*