

Conference Programme 9 -10th May 2017

DAY 1	<u>Dalits and Church</u>	
9.30am	Registration	
Morning sess.		
Time:	Name:	Topic:
10 am	Welcome: Fr Gerard Mitchell [Chair: Christian Network Against Caste Discrimination]	Prayer; Christian Network - background to conference
	Message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols	
	Message from Cardinal Cleemis [Chair: CBCI]	
am Chair:	Bishop Patrick Lynch [CBCEW]	CBCEW and Caste discrimination issue [UK and International]
10.20am	Keynote Address : Cardinal Peter Turkson [Prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, Vatican]	Catholic / Christian Response to a long surviving, Global human rights / development issue after Slavery/Apartheid. How Vatican proposes to address it?
11am	Morning Coffee	
11.15am	Bishop's / Panel: [India]	
Joined by.....	Cardinal Peter Turkson	
	i] Bishop Neethinathan [Chingleput, Tamil Nadu] + Chair: Dalit Commission CBCI	i] Why a CBCI Dalit Empowerment Policy.
	ii] Bishop Anthony Poola [Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh]+ Member: Dalit Commission CBCI	ii] How the CBCI Empowerment Policy could be implemented.
	iii] Fr. AJX Bosco [CITRA: Jesuit Social Centre; Secretary of SC, ST +BC Commission; Advisor for United Front for Dalit Christian Rights [UFDCR]; Andhra Convenor of National Council for Dalit Christians [NCDC]; Forum of Religious for Justice & Peace]	iii] Continued existence of Dalits - challenges ahead for Church, Priests, Nuns and religious leaders, including its Aid institutions.
12.15pm	Questions from the floor	
12.45pm	Lunch	
Afternoon Sess:	Mrs Yogi Sutton [Chairperson: Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ)]	
pm Chair:		
1.30pm	Mr Satpal Muman [Co - Founder + Chair CastewatchUK]	UK Caste Consultation and Church [Need for institutional support in implementing UK caste legislation]
1.50pm	Mr Kevin Hyland [Independent Anti - Slavery Commission, UK Government]	Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking and Dalits
2.10pm	Questions from the floor	
2.30pm	Church / Academia Panel: [India]	
	i] Prof. Dr. Mary John [30 mins. inc. slides] President, Dalit Christian Liberation Movement; Chair, DALITAID- India; Co-Founder & Ex-	i] Struggle of Dalit Christians against caste discrimination in the Church.

	President, National Council of Dalit Christians [NCDC]	
	ii] Sr Sujata Jena SSCC	ii] Tribals / NGO experience
3.15pm	Cardinal's Message to the Conference before leaving	
	iii] Vijay Muthukuri [NCDC activist]	Dalits Youth and Church
	iv] Dr. George Kunnath [School for Interdisciplinary Area Studies, University of Oxford]	iii] International Dalit Christian communities / possible Church action programmes for Dalit liberation
4pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.15pm	Briefing of emerging points	
4.30pm	Vote of Thanks: Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ	
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DAY 2	<u>Dalits and International Development</u>	
9.30am	Registration	
Morning Sess: am Chair:	Mr Richard Zipfel [Trustee: Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ)]	Welcome / Recapping Day 1 / Introduction to Day 2
Time:	Name:	Topic:
10am	<u>Church and Caste Discrimination Panel</u>	
	i] Prof. David Mosse [Professor, School of Oriental and African Studies [SOAS]	i] Faith /Church groups role in addressing Caste discrimination
	ii] Ms. Marie Marcel Thekaekara [Journalist, India]	ii] Manual Scavenging communities and Christianity
	iii] Aiden McQuade [Director, Anti Slavery International]	Modern day Slavery and Dalits
	iv] Ms HH Deepa [Co-ordinator DALITAID India + National Council for Dalit Christians [NCDC], India	iii] Demonstrated Model /s of Community Empowerment for Dalits
11am	Questions from the floor	
11.20am	Morning Coffee	
11.35am	<u>Panel Discussion: Addressing Dalit issues</u>	
	i] Lord Bishop Richard Harries [Chair, All Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Dalits]	i] Caste legislation process; Caste consultation / need for institutional support for implementing UK legislation.
	ii] Ms Nadia Saracini [Co-ordinator BOND Group on Caste and	ii] Rationale for BOND Group on Caste and Development

	Development; Christian Aid]	with CA perspective.
	iii] Ms. Meena Varma [Chair, International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN) + Director, Dalit Solidarity Network (DSNUK)]	iii] A Church agency and its pioneering work on Caste discrimination
	iv] Mr. Neil Thorns [Advocacy Director, CAFOD and representing several Catholic aid agencies]	iv] Catholic Aid Agencies translating Catholic Social teachings and addressing issues of Dalits, 1/3 rd of Global Poor.
12.35pm	Questions from the floor	
1pm	Lunch	
Afternoon Sess: pm Chair:	Mrs Yogi Sutton [Chairperson: Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ)]	
1.45pm	Panel Discussion	
	i] Dr Peter J David [Trustee of: Church of Scotland in Pakistan; Voice of Dalit of International (VODI)]	i] Position of Church of Scotland towards Dalits, 1/3 rd of Global Poor.
	ii] Mr. Padmaka Ciaran Maguire [Chief Executive, Karuna Trust]	ii] Karuna Trust and Dalits, 1/3 rd Global Poor
	iii] Ms Haifa Ungapen [Most vulnerable children Inclusion Advisor [World Vision UK]	iii] Position of World Vision as Christian organisation to Dalits, 1/3 rd of Global Poor
	iv] Mr George VJ [General Secretary, DALITAID-India; Co-Founder & Ex-Convenor, National Council of Dalit Christian [NCDC]	iv] Christian Aid Agencies and Dalits
2.45pm	Questions from the floor	
3.15pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.30pm	[pm Chair facilitating]: 'Going forward'	Brainstorming / flip chart session; Ideas from the floor
4.30pm	Summarising / Conference Statement	
4.45pm	Vote of Thanks: Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ [Chair: Christian Network Against Caste Discrimination]	