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LONGSIGHT

# MISSION & ACTION GROUP

Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Present: Nancy, Muriel, Jean, Stephen, Leah, Denzil, Doreen, Margaret

## Apologies:

### 1. Amnesty

The Manchester group had phoned asking for help with street collecting for this next weekend. Too short notice unfortunately but we will keep involved and find out soon about the annual Greeting Card campaign.

### 2. Water Aid

The August meeting had successfully collected a number of stories which will be put together into a service for the Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The service will include meditations on water, lots of real water (!) and also a collection of produce for the homeless and donations for Water Aid. Doreen offered a fountain which might be useful in the service. Margaret asked that sanitation, hygiene and education issues might also be mentioned in the water theme.

### 3. Gold Mining

This will be discussed further next month and arranged properly after the Water project has ended. Denzil is to produce or find an article for the November magazine explaining the campaign. He will also find out about whether we can use one letter of signatories or whether we need individual letters. Providing the dates are ok we hope to have a service around Epiphany-time (Sunday nearest?) and invite other churches to be involved.

### 4. Henry Mayor

Stephen is meeting with Henry tomorrow to finalise the discussion day. This will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the morning and will be a mixture of presentation, talk, discussion, meditation and reflection together with food and drink. We will invite other churches from the deanery and Wilmslow have indicated that they too would like to join in with this day.

### 7. The Beat Goes On

The Cathedral event had been a great success. Next event is in London outside the Treasury on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. It was commented that the money being given to African nations is not actually helping because the danger is that people become reliant on the gifts rather than learning to become independent for themselves. What is needed is education and development.

### 8. Share the Light

...is a new project from CMS where church people take a candle and a card to someone outside the church letting them know they are thought about and prayed for especially during the Advent season. The candle also carries an invitation - perhaps to an Advent service. More details and plans to be made next month.

### 9. Inclusive Church

The Inclusive Church leaflet had been circulated amongst PCC members but has been lost! We will find out where it is and then bring to this group for discussion.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 11.30pm