



Mission & Action Group

Meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2007

Present: Doreen, Denzil, Leah, Jean, Muriel, Stephen.

1. Convoy to Moldova

six boxes of gifts were sent – we will hear more when the convoy returns

2. Persecution of Christians in Pakistan

website seems to have no news or updates. Wonder if the campaign is still going? Stephen has emailed again for information. If no response then perhaps we could take this up with our own Diocesan Link with Lahore Diocese.

3. Discrimination issues

still need Inclusive Church leaflets and possibly a speaker (Ros Hunt?) to guide us through these issues.

4. Future direction of this group

PCC meets next Monday (10th Sept) to consider our proposal for a USPG Project to follow for 4-5 years and a yearly theme to direct this group and the annual mission giving.

5. Christian Aid

because of shortness of time and a host of other things happening we decided not to do the tea party this year. Wait and see/plan more next time.

6. Mosque Visit

We talked about how we may invite the Makki Mosque to visit us (in return for our visit to them earlier this year). Possibly have a pre-Lent gathering where the church is open with displays of Christian faith, spirituality, objects, food etc and also have a Halal Buffet as a welcome party. If this is in February this gives us four months to prepare.

7. Harvest

No major theme this year but we will collect tinned food again for the homeless. Many people like to bring fresh food but it is difficult to distribute this afterwards, so we will auction off the fresh fruit and veg after the service. Auctioneer: Doreen Healey. Profits from the sale go to the USPG Harvest appeal (same as our Curry Party).

7. Peace Week

in the light of a recent increase in gun crime in Manchester it seems more important than ever to mark CARISMA peace week next year. Make sure we keep this on the agenda and open the church in some way.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 3rd October 2007