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'Hope! A verb with its sleeves rolled up'

May we always have the courage to act with boldness when a brave action is required. May we know how to let go and move on with grace and forgiveness when confrontation is best avoided. May God grant us the wisdom to choose accordingly in each situation.

Amen.

(Taken from CAFOD's Weekly Reflection on 24th June 2022)

Dear Friends,

Dominating the news this week has been the train strikes, and the threat of other Unions balloting their members to walk out, plus the news that the US Supreme Court has overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade decision from 1973, which gave women the right to make decisions about their own body.

The former has been very reminiscent of the train strikes of around 40 years ago (also in very hot weather, and in the days when you couldn't work from home), and of the Winter of Discontent. The latter is a very emotive subject, and not one that I want to include in this e-bulletin as there are many differing opinions on it, plus you can find details about the case everywhere on the internet. We have been celebrating Refugee Week, and we lead with articles on Refugees and Migrants again. The good news is that the first flight to Rwanda was cancelled, but those plans are still in the pipeline. I would love to have been a fly on the wall when Prince Charles met with Boris Johnson in Rwanda this week...

Please feel free to share this e-bulletin with your friends and family or better still, get them to sign up for their own copy. The next edition will be out in around two weeks time.

God bless,

Sharon (Editor)

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ACTION OF THE WEEK



NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK CONFERENCE

Taking place from the 22nd July to the 24th July

at The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire

After months of sadness and uncertainty the NJPN Conference aims to inspire us to look for signs of hope in our communities and in our wider world.

Our hope is that, following the Conference we will all return to our communities with enthusiasm and increased commitment to work for a more just and peaceful world for all God's creation.

We will consider, how, as activists and people of faith, we might support those in most need and enable them to envisage a more hopeful future. Over the weekend we will be identifying hopeful possibilities in our world.

We will listen to inspiring keynote speakers, take part in interactive

workshops as well as in liturgical celebrations. There will be time to relax, enjoy meeting friends old and new. The peaceful atmosphere of the surroundings will provide a space for reflection and enjoyment.

Andy Flannagan, from Christians in Politics, will be speaking on Saturday, and they believe that 'Decisions are made by those who show up.'

Will you show up and be a part of a group of people who want to make a difference?

Much more details, and how to book are available through the NJPN website.

We look forward to meeting you there!

Thank you!

NEWS AND COMMENT

1. Refugees/Migrants (includes an Event)

Stars urge Commonwealth to oppose UK plan to send refugees to Rwanda

As the Commonwealth Summit of prime ministers and presidents gets underway in Rwanda, <u>The Guardian</u> writes: - *British celebrities have urged Commonwealth leaders in Rwanda to oppose the UK's plan to deport refugees to the country, saying it shows a "colonial view" of Africa as a "dumping ground".*

These high profile celebrities are urging the Commonwealth leaders to oppose the plans, and one of the paragraphs says: - "This tells us much about the British government's colonial and insulting view of Africa, as a place that is no better than a dumping ground for things – in this case people – it considers a problem."

Statelessness is about expulsion from the human community

This headline grabbed me from the World Council of Churches.

Ekaterina E. was speaking at a Webinar they held on the first day of World Refugee Week, which focused on statelessness and the recently adopted "Interfaith Affirmations on Belongingness." The rest of the article, and the webinar, are available through <u>WCC.</u>

Welcoming the Stranger

Emily Shepherd, who is Joint CEO of Welcome Churches, has written a good article for <u>Independent Catholic News</u> as to how their organisation was formed and what to do if you are faced with an influx of refugees/migrants.

Stories of Welcome

Caritas Westminster, along with the Anglican Dioceses of London and Southwark have teamed up to celebrate the way that the churches have welcomed people seeking sanctuary. You can read more <u>here</u>, and you will be able to watch the five videos once they are loaded onto the page.

News from Safe Passage (includes an Event)

Phoebe has written a blog on the Safe Passage website about the demonstration she organised in Cornwall in May against the Government's Nationality and Borders Bill. She makes the point that refugees need action, and if you are interested in taking part, join their Welcome Call on **Wednesday 6th July at 6pm on Zoom**. More details through Phoebe's blog <u>here.</u>

Rwanda flights fiasco highlights government's increasing loss of moral compass

Joseph Kelly, through <u>The Catholic Network</u>, discusses this week's ridiculous step-down by the Government at the last minute about whether the Rwanda flight was going to leave or not. What started as around 30 people, went down to under 10, and then it was going to be 3 - and then it was pulled. And yet still the plan is in place for future migrants entering the country 'illegally'.

The fact that Boris Johnson's ethics adviser, Lord Geidt, has resigned, says it all really.

Also, <u>JRS</u> give a potted history of what has gone on in the weeks and days leading up the flight that didn't happen.

2. Serious concerns about PM's ethical track record

Following on from Joseph Kelly's comment about loss of moral compass, this article by Premier Christian News, quotes Rev. Andrew Goddard, a tutor in Christian Ethics at Westminster Theological Centre, saying that 'ethics is an integral part of politics and it is worried that Downing Street appears to be struggling with it.'

They then go on to quote Andy Flannagan, Executive Director of Christians in Politics, when talking about the ministerial code and it being important in guiding those who work for the Government. He says : - It talks about the seven principles that you should adhere to in public life. And this is a really good sort of train track for ethics. It says ministers should be selfless, they should have integrity, they should have objectivity, they should be accountable, there should be openness, there should be honesty, and there should be leadership. You can read the rest of the piece yourself <u>here</u>.

3. Climate/Environment (mainly includes Actions and Events this week)

Action - Have your say on the Environment Act targets consultation (The Government have extended the deadline to the 27th June)

Friends of the Earth write: - The government promised that our environment would be better for the next generation, and has now proposed legal targets to make sure this happens. Now's your chance to tell it what you think.

The government's running a public consultation through Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), so we'd like you to tell it how you feel and what you think. Why is it important to you that nature is better for the next generation, and do you think these plans

do the job? Click here to fill in the form.

SECAM: we have no right to destroy biodiversity

<u>Vatican News</u> reports on the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) and their call for urgent action to deliver an ambitious "Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework" ahead of COP15 in the Autumn.

Action - Call on the EU to count every fish

Environmental Justice Foundation say: - Every fish caught should be counted, but potential new laws for EU vessels would risk legalising "fish fraud" on a <u>massive scale</u>. This would have a devastating effect on ocean ecosystems, already overfished populations like yellowfin tuna and the food security of millions of people. Can you join us in calling for the EU to protect our ocean? Click <u>here</u> to add your name.

Event - Faith, Education, and the Ecological Crisis

The Guardians of Creation Project are holding an online symposium which asks how we can empower our young people to take action and become the ecological citizens of the future.

Taking place on Thursday 14th July from 5pm - 8pm, it will bring together voices from across the education sector, including teachers, educators, and academics, to explore the themes of education, faith, and ecology.

Call for Papers: - We have an open call for papers if you would like to present a 10-minute paper at our symposium. Whether you are a teacher in a school or an academic working in HE, we welcome submissions from people across the education sector. We're especially interested in hearing about the experiences of educators in creating sustainability initiatives for young people.

Deadline extension

If you'd like to submit a paper, please submit an abstract between 200-

300 words and a brief biography (max 50 words) to Ruth-Anne at ruth.walbank@stmarys.ac.uk by 30th June.

Season of Creation

The 2022 celebration guide for the Season of Creation has just been launched at <u>www.seasonofcreation.org</u>, which, as always is September 01 to October 04.

What is the Energy Charter Treaty and why do we need to exit? (includes an Action)

Jean Blaylock of <u>Global Justice Now</u> explains about how the Energy Charter Treaty is a 'climate-wrecking corporate court agreement that fossil fuel companies are already using to sue governments for billions over climate action. It's a deal between 50 countries, specifically for energy investments, and it is being used by various companies listed in the blog. At the end of Jean's report there is an opportunity to add your name to petition the Government.

Event - <u>Hope in the Dark: Climate breakdown, reparations and a just</u> <u>transition</u>



Taking place on Saturday 9th July, 1pm - 6pm, at Sheffield Hallam University. Click on the link above to book your place.

Laudato Si' Animators Recycling Guide

From the Laudato Si' Animators Facebook page on the 18th April (you will need to scroll down the page to find it). They write:- *Although Recycling is not the best answer to the problems of excessive*

consumption, over-production, waste and pollution, it can be part of the answer.

So, after making a commitment to buy nothing without questioning the need, and considering zero waste gifts for presents, check out our helpful list of what to do with what.

The list is excellent and comprehensive, and I will definitely be sharing bits of it in our parish newsletter.

4. World Food Crisis

CAFOD and the World Food Crisis (includes an Action)

CAFOD writes: - In Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan, up to 20 million people are fighting for their very survival. The threat of extreme hunger is forcing people to spend their life-savings or leave their homes.



CAFOD have three different ways that you can help, including sending a message to the Foreign Secretary. You can find more details <u>here.</u>

There is more about CAFOD's initiative through an article in ICN.

Famine threat in Horn of Africa "consequences of years of inaction": Irish Charities

ACI Africa writes: - Irish development and humanitarian organizations,

including the overseas development agency of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, <u>Trócaire</u>, are sounding the alarm about famine threat in the <i>Horn of Africa, which they attribute to "years of inaction". Representatives from Trócaire, Concern Worldwide, GOAL, and Oxfam Ireland have explained to Irish politicians the situation in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, urging "greater political action on severe hunger" in these African nations.

The rationale of rations

This interesting article popped into my inbox from <u>Wicked Leeks</u> (<u>Riverford</u>). Jack Thompson looks at whether equitable access to food could be the answer to the cost of living and environmental crises, and compares it to rationing during wartime.

5. Palestine/Holy Land (includes an Action)

Article from Pat Devlin re Sabeel-Kairos

We have all watched in horror as the war in Ukraine has unfolded before our eyes on our television screens and I doubt if anyone would oppose the swift action of western governments to impose sanctions on Russia – even if the cost of them will be felt in our own countries and many would urge our government to go further.

However, we have to ask why this has not been the response to other situations of injustice, violent oppression and human rights abuses. When it comes to our government we think particularly of the situation in Israel Palestine because of the British historical role which has been a major contributory factor leading to the current situation described at the UN in March of this year as follows

Michael Lynk, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, said the report addressed the question as to whether Israel's acquisitive and repressive practices over the course of its 55-year-old regime had curdled from an endless occupation into something darker, harsher and more ominous. He had concluded that the political system of entrenched rule in the occupied Palestinian territory satisfied the prevailing evidentiary standard for the existence of apartheid. First, an institutionalised regime of systematic racial oppression and discrimination has been established. Second, this system of alien rule had been established with the intent to maintain the domination of one racial-national-ethnic group over another. And third, the imposition of this system of institutionalised discrimination with the intent of permanent domination had been built upon the regular practice of inhuman(e) acts. This was apartheid. With the eyes of the international community wide open, Israel had imposed upon Palestine an apartheid reality in a post-apartheid world.

We may often feel powerless in the face of human inhumanity but we are not helpless here, there are 2 actions we can take in relation to our Church and State

1. We can write to our MPs about the Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions Bill

In the Queen's Speech last Tuesday 10th May, the Government introduced its Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions Bill, which would prevent public bodies from taking ethical investment decisions regarding climate, arms and human rights concerns. This is very problematic in the Palestinian context when we know that many European companies profit from the occupation of the Palestinian people and could also negatively impact on our campaign Investing for Peace. Sabeel-Kairos are part of the large Right to Boycott Campaign, made up of churches, climate activists and Palestinian rights groups to oppose this legislation.

Find our statement here.

Please write to your MP now to oppose this legislation.

2. We can take action in our dioceses re divestment from companies profiting from the Occupation

Sabeel Kairos UK write: We believe that Morally Responsible Investment is a means of peaceful resistance that will one day bring Peace and Justice to the Holy Land.

There are campaign groups for each denomination and the **Catholic Group urgently need a wider spread dioceses represented** because investments in our Church are dealt with at diocesan level. Pax Christi wrote to all diocesan finance officers about this before COVID and we have been developing relations with the new Catholic Fund created by investment advisors CCLA whom many dioceses are now using. We are keen to look broadly at putting a human rights screen in place and to work in cooperation with the fossil fuel divestment campaign

You don't have to be a financial wizard to take action in your diocese It's more important to be convinced of the moral imperative – so please consider joining the Catholic Campaign group The meetings are roughly bi-monthly by zoom.

If you would like to know more, please email Phoebe at advocacy@sabeel-kairos.org.uk or contact Pat Devlin on patdev48@btinternet.com

Action - Condemn racist Israeli 'flag marches'

A few weeks ago we witnessed Israel's 'flag march' - a disturbing annual occurrence where Israelis celebrate their military occupation of East Jerusalem by parading through Palestinian neighbourhoods.

The parade is invariably marked by the chanting of racist slogans such as "death to Arabs" and "we will burn your villages" - and harassing of Palestinian residents.

Around 25,000 Israelis took part in this year's march, which celebrates the illegal annexation of East Jerusalem in 1967. East Jerusalem is internationally recognised as Palestinian land, and ongoing attempts to ethnically cleanse Palestinians from their city is a war crime.

We can't let this provocation go unnoticed in parliament, so have asked our MP allies to table Early Day Motion (EDM) 153 decrying this horrific event. <u>Please ask your MP to sign this motion.</u>

6. Catholic Association for Racial Justice Workshops

CARJ will be organising seven Workshops on recent developments in Public Policy. The Workshops will reflect on how policy and practice may promote diversity, equality and community in UK society. Each of these Workshops will last one hour with one or two Speakers and ample time for questions and discussion. All are welcome. There is no charge. *Please register with the CARJ Administrator* at info@carj.org.uk. A zoom link will be sent to you a few days before the event.

Race Policy Inclusive Britain: Government Response to the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities Thursday 30 June (6:00 p.m.)

Education White Paper – Opportunity for All: Strong Schools with Great Teachers for your Child Thursday 14 July (6:00)

Policing Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act Police Race Action Plan Saturday 23 July (10:00 a.m.)

Human Rights **Proposals to Reform the Human Rights Act Thursday 4 August (6:00 p.m.)**

Immigration and Nationality **Report on the Historical Roots of the Windrush Scandal Nationality and Borders Act** Saturday 20 August (10:00 a.m.)

Health **RCN Employment Survey 2021: Workforce Diversity and Employment Experiences** Thursday 1 September (6:00 p.m.)

Housing **Private Rented Sector White Paper Social Housing Regulation Bill (as trailed in the Queens Speech) The Grenfell Inquiry** Saturday 17 September (10:00 a.m.)

7. Afghanistan

On Wednesday a devastating earthquake hit eastern Afghanistan, leaving at least 1,000 dead and many more injured. The Taliban are appealing for aid.

<u>Vatican News</u> report on the fact that the United Nations are rushing to provide emergency food and shelter.

8. Human Rights

Human Rights and Rwanda

Maggie Beirne, a member of the West London J & P Network gives her view, through <u>ICN</u>, of the Government's decision to bring in a bill which would overrule decisions made by the European Court of Human Rights, and replace the Human Rights Act.

Would this make the Government 'untouchable'?

Still on the same subject as above, The Guardian headline '<u>No. 10 to</u> set out sweeping plans to override power of human rights court' goes into more detail about the plans. Experts are finding it very 'troubling'. It is just another example of our Government changing the rules to suit itself.

9. Ethical Finance

Planet Positive Pensions: invest in the future

A recent newsletter from <u>Homethings</u> says: Pensions. We tend to think of them as a 'set it and forget it' type of arrangement. Maybe because they're not always considered the most 'fun' topic or maybe it's because we're not being encouraged to question where that money is sitting while we're working. Many of us may even feel like having a say over our pension, or what is done with it, is completely out of our control. In reality, your pension and other investments can be a massive force for good – which makes them a lot more interesting.

In the UK, our pensions add up to over £2.6 trillion. That is a HEFTY

sum and is invested on our behalf, meaning that we can accidentally be funding industries that we aren't huge fans of; like tobacco, fossil fuels and arms. For every £10 that we put into our pensions, around £2 can be linked to deforestation, which is pretty bonkers. The good news: there are awesome companies out there ready to put the power back into our hands.

According to a <u>study</u> by Aviva and data analytics company Route2 (as part of their partnership with WWF-UK), making your pension green is more effective at cutting your carbon footprint than going veggie, giving up flying and switching to green energy providers...combined. 21x more effective. Plus, a lot less effort – you can literally do it while sitting on the sofa with a cuppa. And you don't have to choose between investing in good companies and having good financial returns, with <u>evidence</u> showing that sustainable, resilient companies are actually the most likely to perform better in the long run (especially as government regulations get tighter and consumers become more likely to make eco-friendly choices). Great news for your wallet, even better news for the planet.

'Make My Money Matter' is an awesome campaign spearheaded by Richard Curtis (yes, the RC of Love Actually fame). By fighting the good fight against the current system, they're helping us move towards a world where we know where our pension money goes and demand that it's invested in building a better future. In their words: 'What's the point in saving for retirement in a world on fire?' <u>Online</u> you can find tools to help you switch to a top-rated fund for any self-invested pension plans, contact your pension provider to ask them to invest your money more greenly or start a conversation with your employer to find out more about how they're investing. They also have a petition to sign, calling on all UK pension funds to commit to Net Zero emissions by 2050. Absolute heroes.

Church Action for Tax Justice: Looking back on Fair Tax Week (includes an Action)

Cat from CATJ writes: - I'm just back from a busy round in London, where we at <u>CATJ</u> were privileged to support our friends at the <u>Fair</u> <u>Tax Foundation</u> in celebrating <u>Fair Tax Week</u>, which this year ran from 11th-19th June. Immediately prior to Fair Tax Week 'proper', though, we joined them at their Fair Tax Conference – and what a great event it was. An array of noteworthy speakers, including Dame Margaret Hodge, spoke on subjects ranging from the importance of stamping out abusive tax practices in business, to the increasing public appreciation of responsible tax practice.

One highlight for me was a comment by David Palmer, CEO of <u>Epworth Investment Management</u>, a firm which invests money for the Christian community and with Christian ethics at the forefront. He reminded us (and I'm paraphrasing) that there are 17 <u>Sustainable</u> <u>Development Goals</u>' – those aims agreed by the UN as what nations should work towards for the wellbeing of all. They include such obvious desirables as 'no hunger', 'zero poverty' and 'clean water and sanitation'.

But had there, he said, been an 18th - tax justice - the world would likely be much further along in solving many of the other 17. He's not wrong, and I've not been able to get this out of my head since. As Christians, we're often wonderful at binding up the wounds of the suffering – figuratively as well as literally; feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, befriending the marginalised. And we need to do all of those things, of course we do, but at the same time these are examples of us tending to bad outcomes that have already happened. How much better if we could solve the systemic problems that cause all those outcomes – the hunger, the poverty.

And that's why tax justice matters: it can help tackle problems like inequality, poverty, marginalisation and lack of opportunity at the source.

As for the rest of the week – well, it was a busy round of conferences, church visits, a panel event, a small dose of politics and more. It was encouraging to see how many people are alive to the issue of tax justice, and choosing to let the companies they deal with (or decide not to) know about this. (You can see the Fair Tax Foundation's evidence for this <u>here</u>).

We also garnered a number of signatures for our key campaign this year, <u>#GoodMeasure</u>.... if you've not yet joined up yourself, or badgered your MP to support the introduction of a wealth tax, you know what to do! After all, as Paul reminds the well-off:

'For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.' (2 Cor 8:13-14)

10. Pax Christi News

Pax Christi's 'unique contribution to creating cultures of peace'

Ellen Teague, through <u>ICN</u>, reports on the recent Pax Christi AGM, and the work that they have been involved in.

Pax Christi - Chair's Report

Ann Farr gave the Chair's Report at the Pax Christi AGM, and it is reported again through <u>ICN.</u>

Newsletters

11. NW NJPN Newsletter Mid-June 2022

Anne O'Connor focuses on two news stories - that of the planned deportation of refugees to Rwanda, and the sad death of Bruce Kent, plus lots of other interesting articles. Read it through the <u>NJPN</u> website.

12. Refugees at Home June 2022

Read about what they have been doing, and news on Refugee Week.

13. Boaz June Prayer Letter

Again, they are focusing on Refugee Week. Click here to read.

14. Joint Public Issues Team July 2022

A report on From the Ground Up, and an invitation to join The Beckly Lecture on Monday 27th June from 8pm: Britain: Global Power or Good Neighbour. Available to read <u>here.</u>

15. Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission Summer 2022

Some very interesting articles, leading with 'What's wrong with the fashion trade?' Read it through their <u>website</u>.

EVENTS (in chronological order where applicable)

16. 27th June - 8pm - 9.30pm - Joint Public Issues Tea, <u>The Beckly Lecture: Britain: Global Power or Good Neighbour</u>

17. 29th June - 2pm - Church Action on Poverty <u>Get involved in Challenge Poverty Week 2022</u>

18. 29th June - 7.15pm - 10.15pm - Housing Justice Comedy Night

19. 2nd July - 10am - 3.30pm - Church and Peace The work of our hands? Reconciliation in turbulent times

20. 5th July - 7pm - 7.20pm - Church Action on Poverty 40th Anniversary Service live-streamed from Iona Abbey

21. 8th - 10th July - Student Christian Movement Reinventing Radical: Courageous Discipleship for a Changing World

22. 11th July - 12.45pm - 2pm - Southern Dioceses Environment Network Season of Creation and COP27

23. 20th July - 5.30pm - 8pm - Footsteps EcoPark Faiths Open Evening (Birmingham)

24. 20th July - 6pm - 8pm - London Mining Network

Resisting Mining Book Club: The Extractive Zone

25. 22nd - 24th July - NJPN Annual Conference Hope! A verb with its sleeves rolled up.

26. 2nd - 4th September - The Runnymede Trust We Move: Race Equality & Migrants Rights Summit

27. 3rd September - 9.30am - 3.30pm - Green Christian On the Road Together in Dronfield

28. 3rd September - 4pm - Southern Dioceses Environment Network

Mass for the Season of Creation at Farm Street Church, Mayfair, London

29. 17th September - JPIC Save the Date

Golden Jubilee Celebration in London- Details to Follow

30. 24th September - NJPN

Open Networking Day hosted by Darlington with Middlesborough, on the topic of refugees/migrants

31. 7th-8th October – Green Christian Conference

32. 12th November - NJPN

Open Networking Day - London/South East tbc

Actions

33. Defining Peace: have your say

The Peace Museum are asking for our help. They write: - *We know that not everyone will be able to visit our Defining Peace exhibition in person, and we wanted to make sure you had the chance to have your say wherever you are.*

This <u>video</u> will take you through some of the themes of the exhibition,

showing the objects we've included along the way, and reflect on the question "what is peace?". If you follow this <u>link</u>, you'll have a chance to let us know what peace means to you via a short survey, and have your thoughts added to the page.

Defining Peace will be open at Kala Sangam in Bradford until July 29th 2022.

34. Tell the Government: we want a Fashion Watchdog

Traidcraft Exchange write: - *It's time to clean up the fashion industry – for good.*

Too many fashion retailers cut corners to squeeze out profits, at the expense of the people who make our clothes. Unfortunately, UK retailers are some of the worst offenders. It's been like that for years. The shock of Covid only made it worse with millions of garment workers laid off and some forced to work despite being sick.

Unless fashion retailers change the way they do business, we'll never see an end to poverty wages and unsafe conditions for the people working in garment factories.

The good news is that the UK government is weighing up a plan for a Fashion Watchdog that offers a way out of this vicious circle. The watchdog would make sure retailers treated their suppliers properly. But the government's ministers for Business are still on the fence.

We all know that the garment industry must change. It's vital that together we tell the government that we're watching, that we care, and that we won't stop until they set up the Fashion Watchdog.

Take Action Now!

35. Demand #JusticeForDomAndBruno

Greenpeace are asking for our help to <u>Tweet Boris Johnson</u> asking him to stand up to President Bolsonaro and demand justice for Bruno Pereira and Dom Phillips, who were murdered for protecting the Amazon Rainforest.

36. Protect the victims of slavery in China

Anti-Slavery have brought to our attention that there are over 1 million Uyghur and other Turkic and Muslim-majority peoples in internment camps and prisons in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China.

Multinational companies from some of the world's largest brands are profiting from the forced labour in the factories and farms across the region.

Tell our MPs that we need a new law to hold business and the public sector to account when they fail to prevent supply chain human rights abuses and environmental harms. Click <u>here</u> to add your name to the petition.

THE LAST WORD

37. Faith don't live here anymore

John Kuhrt through his blog, <u>Grace + Truth</u>, has written about the place of faith in social action.

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