



'Today our cities and towns are home to a religious and cultural diversity that was unimaginable 20 years ago – and yet the extremes of poverty and prosperity are not so different. Multi-million pound regeneration schemes and the dramatic impact of globalization have brought riches and new opportunities to many localities. But at the same time this growth has forced many people to the margins, and dramatized the gap between the super rich and the poorest. This widening economic gulf, combined with the rapidly increasing ethnic and cultural diversity of urban areas, has also heightened fear of the stranger and fomented suspicion and distrust.

The Christian tradition celebrates the potential of the city as a home to thriving, healthy human communities. But it also recognizes that this vision is a long way off, and that Christians are called to play a part in bringing it closer.'

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### Faithful Cities A Scottish Conversation

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# Faithful Cities

## A Scottish Conversation



A public conference for all who care about their city: faith leaders, policy makers, community development practitioners, social workers, youth workers, teachers...

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2006

Renfield St. Stephen's Church Centre  
260 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JP



# Faithful Cities

A Scottish Conversation



The Faithful Cities report (May 2006) has raised significant issues about the role of Faith communities in the life and development of cities in England. This conference offers an opportunity to reflect in a multi disciplinary, multi faith group on the implications of the report for Scottish cities.

## Speakers

### The Most Rev. Idris Jones

Primus of Scottish Episcopal Church and Bishop of Glasgow.

### Ann Morisy

Freelance community theologian and former Director of the Commission on 'Urban Life and Faith' – publishers of 'Faithful Cities' (2006). Author of 'Beyond the Good Samaritan' (1996) and 'Journeying Out: a New Approach to Mission' (2004).

### Cllr. Irene Graham

Spokesperson on Equalities, Glasgow City Council.

## Workshops

### ① 'Young people'

Peter Crory, National General Secretary, YMCA Scotland

### ② 'Partnership with Public Authority'

John Matthews, Minister of Ruchill Parish Church. Also Chairman of Faith in Community Scotland and Deputy Chairman of Scottish Enterprise Glasgow.

### ③ 'Interfaith/Community Cohesion'

Maureen Seir, Development Officer, Scottish Inter Faith Council

### ④ 'Regeneration and Wellbeing'

Willy Slavin, Parish priest, St Simon's, Glasgow and Chaplain at Yorkhill Children's Hospital.

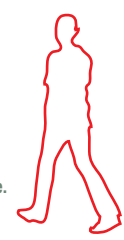
### ⑤ 'Faithful Capital/Why faith communities engage'

John Flint, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Regional, Economic and Social Research, Sheffield Hallam University.

## Conference Programme

9.30-10.00am	Registration
10.00-10.10am	<b>Introduction to the day</b> – The Most Revd. Idris Jones
10.10-10.50am	<b>Presentation – Ann Morisy</b>
10.50-11.10am	<b>In what way does the Faithful Cities report feel different North of Border?</b>
11.10 -11.30am	Coffee
11.30am-12.30pm	<b>Workshops:</b>
	① 'Young people'
	② 'Partnership with Public Authority'
	③ 'Interfaith/Community Cohesion'
	④ 'Regeneration and Wellbeing'
	⑤ 'Faithful Capital/Why faith communities engage'
12.30-1.00pm	<b>Plenary</b>
1.00-1.45pm	Lunch
1.45-3.00pm	<b>Workshops: What makes a good city?</b>
3.00-3.20pm	Tea
3.20-3.30pm	<b>Presentation – Cllr. Irene Graham</b>
3.30-4.20pm	<b>Plenary</b>
4.20-4.30pm	Closing

The Centre for Theology and Public Issues gratefully acknowledges financial support for this conference from Edinburgh University's College of Humanities and Social Science.



## Registration form

### Faithful Cities Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2006

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Access requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fee: £20.00 (self-funded), £50.00 (institutional rate)

(Includes coffee and a light lunch)

I enclose a cheque made payable to the University of Edinburgh for the sum of: £ \_\_\_\_\_

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