‘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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in association with Transformation Team (Faith in Community Scotland) & Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office.
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Registration form

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Title: ____________________________  Job title: ____________________________
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Speakers

The Most Rev. Idris Jones
Primus of Scottish Episcopal Church and Bishop of Glasgow.

Ann Morisy

Cllr. Irene Graham
Spokesperson on Equalities, Glasgow City Council.

Workshops

‘Young people’
Peter Crory, National General Secretary, YMCA Scotland

‘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.

‘Interfaith/Community Cohesion’
Maureen Seir, Development Officer, Scottish Inter Faith Council

‘Regeneration and Wellbeing’
Willy Slavin, Parish priest, St Simon’s, Glasgow and Chaplain at Yorkhill Children’s Hospital.

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

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