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Racial Justice Sunday

Sunday 9 September 2012

Or any other appropriate Sunday in autumn

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Further material on the CTBI website includes:

- † an alternative litany
- † a welcome video
- † images for use in worship
- † an exercise for inclusion
- † feedback sheet
- † an order form

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Bible readings

The readings used in these resources are the appointed readings for 9 September 2012 in the Revised Common Lectionary (Year B, related track), which are: Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 146:1-10, Mark 7:24-37 and James 2:1-17.

How to use this pack

This pack has been published in order to provide materials for churches on Racial Justice Sunday. However, the materials can be used at any time during the year, for example:

- ✚ in worship services
- ✚ in house groups
- ✚ to support training programmes in the Church
- ✚ to support personal learning growth and development
- ✚ at synods, annual conferences or other occasions of national significance within your denomination.

The materials are for you to adapt and use appropriately to your local situation. We hope you are inspired by them so that you can add to them and not be constrained by them.

You may also wish to consider other activities that are happening during the autumn with which there are links, such as Black History Month, One World Week, Interfaith Week, as well as Church action on Homelessness and Poverty (Jan/Feb). See www.ctbi.org.uk/racialjusticesunday for further information.

The cover for this pamphlet can be downloaded separately so that you can include inside it those resources you would like to use for your service.

The prayer of CTBI Racial Justice Network is that we will consistently increase our ability to equip the churches to better address Racial Justice Issues in all that is done locally and nationally so that the evil of racial discrimination and exclusion is overcome. We therefore greatly value your feedback. Please complete the feedback sheet that can be found on the website.

As well as looking forward to your feedback, we would also like to be able to share your particular Racial Justice Sunday story with all those who use these resources so that others can be inspired by your interpretation of what is on offer. Please feel free to use whatever media you like to capture it and send your emails, video clips, tweets, blogs or anything else to rjs@ctbi.org.uk before December 2012.

Thank you.

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