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# Racial Justice Sunday

12 September 2010

On Migration: Building Bridges or Barriers?

'Who is my neighbour?' Luke 10:29

This year Racial Justice Sunday is on 12 September 2010. The theme is **Migration: Building Bridges or Barriers? We address the question in Luke 10:29 'Who is my neighbour?'** The materials have been compiled to assist you in the planning of worship in your churches on Racial Justice Sunday. You may want to use the material just as it is or adapt it to your own context.

Racial Justice Sunday 2010 offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on the fact that we are all members of the human family, bound together by our common humanity. As such we should be working together to build bridges of all sorts with each other and to eliminate any preventable barriers.

Churches throughout Britain and Ireland share a common biblical tradition that migration and welcoming strangers, particularly those who are vulnerable and in need, is not a new phenomenon and is an essential aspect of our mission and ministry. Migration is an integral part of our history and an important dimension of our current reality and experience living in Britain and Ireland.

The Church has a duty to concern itself with all the pressing social issues that touch deeply on human dignity. Our Christian scriptures teach us that migration is also a theological event. It is significant to remember that God revealed his covenant to his people when they were in the process of migrating, and that Jesus and his family were forced to become refugees in Egypt, to escape persecution. **Therefore, based on the life and teachings of Jesus, we need to be prepared to follow his example and to cross borders of all kinds, to create a community of compassion and generosity that reflects God's unlimited love for all people.**

These Racial Justice Sunday materials are intended to serve as a **resource for you** and to provide an overview of the very broad topic of Migration. They can also be used as an orientation and advocacy tool at anytime. We hope that you will find the material useful. We express special thanks to all those who contributed to and compiled the information and texts.