



# **Bodies in Association**

# **Christians Committed Together**

A wide range of organisations and networks draws Christians of all churches together around common causes, projects and interests. These are the 45 Bodies in Association with the Churches Together in England and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, schools of ecumenical living and working.

They do not form part of the churches' official structures but, as voluntary associations of Christ's people or movements within the Church, their participation in the churches' ecumenism and mission before the world is recognised and valued. They build relationships, increase ecumenical literacy and, with their rich range of resources, action, partnerships and focus, they serve the Church's ever greater unity. With a perspective from outside the governance of the churches to which their members belong, and often from a point of direct engagement with the changing conditions and needs of wider society, their insight also offers a refreshing addition to the churches' united working, creating new space for the Church's voice to be heard in the public sphere.

They are active in many of the same fields as CTE and CTBI. With members and projects across the country, they can work with County and local Churches Together too:

✤ Church Life, Mission and Christian Apologetics

Public Affairs

- Justice and Peace
- Environment and Sustainable Development
  - Children and Schools
  - Students and Young People
  - Christian Discipleship and Formation
    - Health, Social and Pastoral Care
      - Community Building
      - Prayer and Spirituality
    - Dialogue and Ecumenical Learning
  - International Concerns and Development

# **Action by Christians Against Torture**

ACAT-UK works for the abolition of torture worldwide, by increasing awareness of the Christian obligation to work towards ending it. ACAT depends largely on local church-based groups. Formed in 1984, ACAT produces a bi-monthly newsletter with topical case studies, model appeal letters and prayers.

> www.acatuk.org.uk uk.acat@gmail.com 01752 843417

# **Antioch Community**



Antioch is an ecumenical, charismatic, covenant, Christian community based in West London, but with links around the country, including similar communities in Glasgow, Belfast and across the world. Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant

Christians, we belong to The Sword of the Spirit, an international "community of communities", including the Servants of the Word, a brotherhood of men living single under Christ; Koinonia, our outreach to students; and Kairos, a Europe-wide youth organisation. Our common way of life is to be distinct from the world, characterised by holiness, promoting Christian unity, and spreading the Gospel by building communities as a bulwark against the sin, division, and strife in the world.

www.antioch.org.uk info@antioch.org.uk

#### **Association of Inter-Church Families**



AIF offers a support network, nationally and locally, for families in which one partner is usually Roman Catholic and the other a Christian of another Communion. It gives a voice for such couples and families, as they seek to make their pastoral needs known within the churches, as well as making a vital contribution to the growing together of the churches.

> www.interchurchfamilies.org.uk info@InterchurchFamilies.org.uk 020 3384 2947

Bible Reading Fellowship is concerned with "resourcing your spiritual journey". BRF's core



ministries include "Messy Church", *Barnabas* Children's Ministry, "Faith in Homes", "Who Let The Dads Out?", and *Foundations21*, as well as publishing Bible reading notes and books on Bible study, prayer & spirituality and discipleship themes.

> www.brf.org.uk enquiries@brf.org.uk 01865 319700

### **Bible Society**



In England and Wales, Bible Society works for a better engagement for all walks of life with the Bible, building bridges between people in the worlds of arts & performance, education, media, politics, sport, business and social concerns and the Christian faith's bearing on everyday life. Hundreds of resources in a rich variety of formats and languages, and 200 Action Groups around the country,

help churches and their members to overcome society's "Bible Poverty". The Christian Resources Exhibitions and Directory are also part of our work.

www.biblesociety.org.uk contactus@biblesociety.org.uk 01793 418222

# **CCADD - Council on Christian Approaches to Defence and Disarmament**

CCADD, recognising that Christians have long held widely differing views on the use of military force, does not prescribe a single approach, but provides a forum where scholars, officials, military personnel, clergy (including chaplains to the forces), peace-movement activists, and interested members of other faiths or none, can enter into dialogue with each other. Christian pacifists and defenders of "just war" are agreed on the need to search for the means to reduce international tension, and CCADD offers channels for disseminating ideas and knowledge, as well as the chance to talk to well-informed people on many key areas of conflict and their resolution.

www.ccadd.org.uk ccadd@lineone.net 01603 279939

## CHASTE



Churches Alert to Sex Trafficking in Europe highlights a modern underworld of slavery that warrants a Christian response. Working with governments, other agencies and NGOs, CHASTE wants to change the

debate in this country about prostitution, grooming and trafficking for sexual exploitation, and all forms of sexual abuse. We urge all churches to be engaged, in prayer, discussion and practical action. This needs to involve all denominations working together and sharing their resources in a united vision for justice.

> www.chaste.org.uk contact@chaste.org.uk 0845 456 9335

**Christian Council on Ageing** provides Christian voice and action on issues that matter to



older people in church and society. Our membership of all ages is drawn from across the wide range of Christian traditions. It includes retired people, Christians working in the caring professions, relatives and carers of older people,

including those with age-related conditions like Alzheimer's and dementia, and anyone seeking guidance and a better understanding on issues that affect older people – including the under-utilisation of their faith, talent and experience as some of the Church's greatest resources.

> www.ccoa.org.uk info@ccoa.org.uk 01609 881408

**Christian Education** provides advice, resources and opportunities for teaching and learning



in the school, the church and the family group, carrying forward the work of the National Christian Education Council (formerly the National Sunday School Union) and the Christian Education

Movement. The two organisations have recently joined together to maximise their delivery of high quality training and resources for Christian educators and for teachers of Religious Education in schools.

> www.christianeducation.org.uk ceo@christianeducation.org.uk 0121 472 4242

Christians Aware is an international and ecumenical movement aiming to develop multi-



cultural understanding, raising awareness of the gifts and needs of God's people everywhere. CA specialises in promoting international visits and exchanges between Christians in the UK and churches

around the world. The exchanges often have an inter-faith dimension.

www.christiansaware.co.uk 0116 254 0770

Church Action on Poverty is a national ecumenical Christian social justice charity,



committed to tackling poverty in the UK. It is a national campaigning body, but also runs grassroots projects in local communities. It works in partnership with churches and with people in poverty themselves to find solutions to poverty, locally, nationally and globally. It suggests that Churches Together groups can have a role in holding their MPs accountable for what they do in Parliament.

> www.church-poverty.org.uk info@church-poverty.org.uk 0161 236 9321

#### **Churches Community Work Alliance**

We initiate and support community development work in the life of the churches. We help the



churches to reflect theologically on their response to social and economic change. We promote good community development work practice. We provide help and guidance for community development work projects and we support practitioners. In our local groups, the engagement of

individuals, and in the projects we are involved in, we stand for the process of community development work, as the most empowering and enabling way for the church to express its beliefs in action, in ministry and in mission.

www.ccwa.org.uk info@ccwa.org.uk 028 9074 0077 Churches for All (CfA) is a partnership of UK Christian disability organisations that seeks to



challenge, enable and equip churches to include and involve disabled people fully. "Enabling Church" conferences and theology forums, and the *Enabling Church* book are expressions of the collective activity of CfA partners and associates.

www.churchesforall.org.uk makeadifference@churchesforall.org.uk

**College of Preachers** offers varied opportunities to enrich the ministry of preaching, in



particular through open seminars for basic and more advanced preaching tuition, and discussion of important issues for preachers; conferences, as occasions to meet leading preachers from this and other countries, to attend workshops run by College tutors, and to share fellowship and experiences with other preachers; regular resource material including articles, sermons and

reviews; a postal library service; and options for further study leading to a certificate or master's degree in theology (preaching).

www.collegeofpreachers.co.uk 0115 935 2025

#### **Community of Aidan and Hilda**



Our Community is a dispersed, ecumenical body, drawing inspiration from the lives of the Celtic saints. Our vision is to cradle a holistic Christian spirituality for today; to raise up a renewed people who journey with God; to resource the emerging and existing church; and to heal fragmented people and communities. The Open Gate on Lindisfarne is our main house and offers accommodation for members

and visitors. We provide a programme of retreats and events on Holy Island, around the UK through our regional groups, and internationally.

www.aidanandhilda.org.uk admin@aidanandhilda.org.uk 01289 389249 Corrymeela began when one man, Ray Davey, a prisoner in World War II who witnessed the



Allied bombing of Dresden, felt that his faith compelled him to action, and that action meant helping to heal divisions, beginning in Northern Ireland. The Corrymeela Community, on Ireland's northern coast, remains a place where people

from opposing backgrounds meet, learn about one another and share common ground. Corrymeela is people of all ages and Christian traditions, who individually and together are committed to peace-building and the healing of social, religious and political divisions that exist not only in Northern Ireland but throughout the world.

> www.corrymeela.org gb@corrymeela.org 028 90 50 8080

ECCR is a church-based investor coalition, registered charity and membership organisation



working for economic justice, human rights and environmental sustainability through research, advocacy and dialogue. ECCR encourages companies to meet the highest standards of corporate responsibility and assists faith communities and other investors in responsible and positive-impact investment.

> www.eccr.org.uk info@eccr.org.uk 01865 245349

The **Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary** exists to advance the study at



various levels of the place of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church, under Christ, and the related theological questions; and in the light of such study to promote ecumenical devotion. Through national events and groups, its aim is to show that, in the Blessed Virgin Mary, Christians of many traditions may find a focus in their search for unity.

> www.esbvm.org.uk gensec@esbvm.org.uk

Faith in Europe is the Churches' European Relations Network. It promotes contact and visits



across Europe; encourages informed discussion and debate through regular Briefings; co-operates closely with other bodies with similar concerns and a similar agenda; publicises and encourages active support of believers in across Europe; keeps in advisory contact with government and non-government bodies, in cooperation with CTBI;

and works for understanding and reconciliation between the Churches of Eastern and Western Europe.

www.faithineurope.org.uk

Feed the Minds believes that education saves lives, reduces poverty and builds community.



Working in partnership worldwide, Feed the Minds funds a wide variety of innovative, indigenous educational projects. By improving access to knowledge and learning, the charity helps give people the opportunity to experience life in all its fullness. Feed the Minds supports projects that

aim to transform lives in marginalised communities through education, communication and the provision of information to under-resourced people. "Lunches for Life" is a way for local church people to raise awareness of poor literacy and access to education.

> www.feedtheminds.org info@feedtheminds.org 0845 1212 102

Fellowship of Reconciliation began in 1914, on the brink of war, and has been involved in



campaigning, peace and reconciliation in conflicts around the world ever since. We encourage members and the public at large to challenge the structures, policies and attitudes that lie at the root of violence, whether through campaigns, or peace-building activity. Focusing on the current generation of students and young adults, we pass on the skills, attitudes and

friendships to make them a force for peace. This sits alongside our work with the media, our promotion of conflict resolution, and the resources to deepen a spirituality of non-violence in the Church's many Peace Fellowships and Justice and Peace groups.

> www.for.org.uk office@for.org.uk 01865 250781

Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius was founded in 1928 by members of the Eastern Orthodox and Western Christian Churches, to pray and work for Christian unity. It provides opportunities for Orthodox Christians and Christians of Western traditions to meet one another, and so to deepen their understanding of each other's spirituality, theology and worship. We maintain an information service for those seeking to know about the Orthodox Church both in Great Britain and throughout the world. In Britain there are national events and activities by our local groups, as well as opportunities for international exchange and visits.

> www.sobornost.org gensec@sobornost.org 01865 552 991

Focolare is an international movement, inspired by the Gospel, working for unity in all



united world.

spheres of life. For over sixty years it has drawn together people of all Christian traditions and from many of the world's religions, alongside people with no formal faith, who share the aim of building a more

> www.focolare.org.uk czflondon@focolare.org.uk

#### Friends of the Bossey Ecumenical Institute



The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, near Geneva, is the international centre for encounter, dialogue and formation of the World Council of Churches. It brings together people from diverse churches, cultures and backgrounds for ecumenical learning, academic study and personal exchange. The Friends of Bossey link supporters and alumni in the UK, to support the work of the

Institute at its base in Switzerland and further its objectives in this country.

www.oikoumene.org/en/activities/bossey.html john.bradley@cte.org.uk bossey@wcc-coe.org Housing Justice works across England and Wales to help churches help homeless people



through training, toolkits, networks, consultancy and forums. We are a membership organisation, but will support any church involved in or seeking engagement with homelessness and housing.

> www.housingjustice.org.uk info@housingjustice.org.uk 020 3544 8094

#### **Industrial Mission Association**



IMA supports a network of industrial chaplains, ordained and lay, that establishes and sustains an engagement between the church and the world of employment. The chaplaincy work takes place across city centres, in the retail industry, as well as in the manufacturing industries and the public sector. Chaplains form relationships with local employers and visit

workplaces on a regular basis. Their purpose is not to try to convert employees, but to establish a dialogue between employers, employees and the church and provide an engagement between faith and the workplace, religion and society.

> www.industrialmission.org.uk info@industrialmission.org.uk

#### **International Ecumenical Fellowship**



IEF is a grass-roots, international community of Christians from countries across Europe, bringing together Christians from all traditions to worship, pray, study and enjoy fellowship. There are regional groups in Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, and individual

members in a number of other countries. IEF seeks to encourage and strengthen the ecumenical commitment of its members in the local communities. It holds an annual international conference and smaller, regional meetings. It practices and encourages Eucharistic Hospitality as far as church discipline and personal conscience permit it.

www.ief-oecumenica.org

Iona Community is a dispersed Christian ecumenical community working for peace and



social justice, rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship. It has centres on Iona and Mull, and members throughout the UK and beyond. We share a common Rule that includes daily prayer, Bible

the iona reading, mutual accountability for our time and money, and action for

community justice, peace, the integrity of creation, and the deepening of ecumenical

dialogue and communion.

www.iona.org.uk admin@iona.org.uk 0141 332 6343

# **Irish School of Ecumenics**

ISE is a graduate school within Trinity College Dublin, with a centre in Belfast too, committed to research at the intersection of theology and religions, politics and social research, concerned with dialogue, peace and reconciliation. Its three strands are intra-Christian (inter-denominational); inter-religious; and international peace and reconciliation in association with academic institutes, religious organisations, Churches and other civil society organisations in Ireland and abroad.

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**L'Arche** is an ecumenical Christian community open to all who share its values and mission. Those values are rooted in our identity: we are people with and without learning disabilities



sharing lives together. Mutual relationships and trust in God lie at the heart of our journey together. In celebrating the unique value of each person, we recognise our need of each other – and of relationships with local churches with which we welcome dialogue. We have ten communities in the UK.

> www.larche.org.uk info@larche.org.uk 0800 917 1337

**Living Stones** is an ecumenical trust seeking to promote contact between Christian communities in Britain and those in the Holy Land and neighbouring countries. It publishes a magazine twice a year and organises two conference days. Additionally, the Michael Prior Memorial Fund supports higher academic studies of Palestinian students in Contextual Palestinian Christian Theology, Holy land Studies and Contextual Pilgrimage and Tourism in the Holy Land, by providing scholarships and bursaries.

> www.livingstonesonline.org.uk admin@livingstonesonline.org.uk

Magnet began in 1987 as the magazine of the Women's Network of the Methodist Church,



with the aim of enabling and equipping women to take their full place in the life of the church. It set out on its own way in 2007, in order to encourage a wider

audience of women and men from all denominations in their journey of Christian faith. With a circulation of 11,000, it inspires individuals and groups to bring their faith to bear on issues of social concern. Since August 2012, it has joined forces with the Hymns Ancient & Modern publishing charity.

www.ourmagnet.co.uk editorial@ourmagnet.co.uk 0845 250 0509

Micah Challenge is a global movement, encouraging Christians to be committed to the poor

and hold governments accountable for their pledge within the Millennium Development Goals. As a global voice on poverty for Christians, we encourage people in

the Church to be informed, to engage and to speak out for justice. We ask world leaders to take responsibility for their commitment in the Millennium Development Goals to halve extreme poverty by 2015. With our course *The Jesus Agenda* and such projects as "Woman to Woman" and "Use by 2015", we educate, train and resource Christians to become involved in this advocacy.

www.micahchallenge.org.uk info@micahchallenge.org 020 7367 6571 Modem is national and ecumenical Christian network which seeks dialogue between

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exponents of leadership, organisation, spirituality and ministry, in order to aid the development of better disciples, communities, society

and world.

www.modem-uk.org info@modem-uk.org 020 7901 4890

**Oikocredit** is one of the world's largest sources of private funding to the micro-finance



sector. We also provide credit to trade cooperatives, fair trade organisations and small-to-medium enterprises in the developing world, for life-changing loans to the poor and disadvantaged, with a special emphasis on rural areas and women. In addition to earning modest financial returns to investors, we give them the

assurance that their money is being used to fight poverty, promote fair trade and respect our planet's natural resources. We began in 1975 as a World Council of Churches initiative to encourage individuals, churches and other organisations to invest in development.

> www.oikocredit.org info@oikocredit.org 01995 602806



**Operation Noah** works for the complete de-carbonisation of the British economy by 2030. It is a Christian organisation that provides leadership, focus and inspiration, in response to the growing threat of catastrophic climate

change endangering God's creation. Informed by the science of climate change, we are motivated to care for creation by our faith and hope in God, and driven to transform and enrich our society through radical change in lifestyles and patterns of consumption.

> www.operationnoah.org admin@operationnoah.org 07804 059426



# **Prison Fellowship - England & Wales**

Through our 1,600 volunteers from churches throughout England and Wales, we work for the restoration of the lives of prisoners and victims, and their families. Our support comes in both practical action and through prayer for all of these groups. We run "Sycamore Tree" restorative justice courses, we offer "Angel Tree" (which helps

children of prisoners), we write letters to prisoners and support, and we assist the Prison Chaplaincies. We are also affiliated with Prison Fellowships in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

> www.prisonfellowship.org.uk info@prisonfellowship.org.uk 020 7799 2500

**Retreat Association** is a national Christian organisation set up to help people explore and



deepen their journey with God through spirituality and prayer. We represent five denominational groups that together support people both inside and outside the Church to find a retreat in one of the 230 retreat houses and their programmes in our networks; find a

spiritual director or companion; and discover the resources that can deepen their prayer life. We host national and regional events with a focus on spirituality, and we offer training in spiritual direction, leading retreats and quiet days.

> www.retreats.org.uk info@retreats.org.uk 01494 433004

SCM



The Student Christian Movement empowers students to explore and live out the Christian faith. We support a growing network of ecumenical and denominational student groups at universities and colleges and organise regional and national conferences, and training

events.

www.movement.org.uk scm@movement.org.uk 0121 200 3355

# **Society for Ecumenical Studies**



We focus on the nature and purpose of the Body of Christ, its faith and order, to foster ecumenical learning between the Church's different traditions, to bring together practical and theological experience in different religious, cultural, social and international fields, and to extend the mutual knowledge that

advances the unity of the Church and strengthens its mission. Public events and our networks for sharing studies on aspects of Church unity enable encounter between scholars, church leaders, clergy and lay people, other organisations and groups of churches at local, national and international levels.

> www.ecumenicalstudies.org.uk sfes@gmail.com

**William Temple Foundation** is an independent faith-based research institution. We continue the vision of Archbishop William Temple for a just and inclusive society. We promote the economic, social and political wellbeing of society, through analysing the contribution made by Christian thought, as well as by other religious and secular traditions. We seek to develop the churches' theology, skills and good practice in their engagement with economics, working life and urban communities. Within local, regional and national networks, we seek the solidarity of churches, other faith communities and wider society with those disadvantaged by economic and public policy, and social trends.

www.williamtemplefoundation.org.uk temple@wtf.org.uk 01244 511074



#### Women's World Day of Prayer

WWDP is an international, non-denominational, prayer movement focusing on a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March each year. It is particularly concerned with offering prayerful support to women suffering

discrimination and injustice. We also offer financial support to Christian projects operating in this field.

www.wwdp-natcomm.org office@wwdp-natcomm.org 01892 541411 YCARE International is the YMCA's international relief and development agency. We work in partnership with YMCAs across the developing world to respond to the needs of the most disadvantaged young people. We work in over 20 countries worldwide, in partnership with local YMCAs. In the UK and Ireland, YCare International is one of the biggest providers of global youth work.

www.ycareinternational.org enquiries@ycareinternational.org 020 7549 3150

YMCA England supports and represents the work of over 140 YMCAs, providing professional



and other services that make a difference to the lives of young people. Whether it is finding someone a safe place to stay, a fresh start, support at a time of family breakdown, support for young parents, or

sports, fitness and health programmes, we reach out to over 1 million young people each year, working with them at every stage of their lives and offering support when and where they need it most.

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# More than Gold

Like scaffolding, we exist on a temporary basis so something permanent is built to last. Our



dream is the legacy we want to see left behind from the London 2012 Olympic Games – a growing and more relevant Church that continues to engage with its community through sports and service. With a network of people, churches and organisations, we have been a catalyst for activity; casting the vision for the special opportunities 2012 offers; connecting Christians and churches across the country and globe – generating strength

through unity and partnership - that the good news about Jesus will be expressed in both word and action – not just through sport but also lives of faith, prayer and social justice.

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