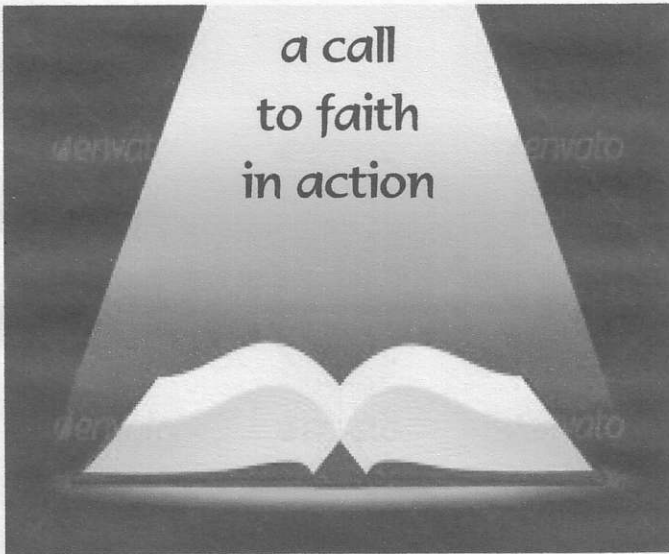


**National Justice & Peace Network
35th Annual Conference**

organised in conjunction with
Hallam Justice & Peace Commission

"BREAKING OPEN THE WORD"



The Conference provides the opportunity to spend a weekend with Megan McKenna

Friday 19 - Sunday 21 July 2013
The Hayes Conference Centre
Swanwick, Derbyshire

With programmes for children and young people

"BREAKING OPEN THE WORD"

a call to faith in action

"By faith, countless Christians have promoted action for justice so as to put into practice the word of the Lord, who came to proclaim deliverance from oppression and a year of favour for all (Lk 4:18-19)"

From the letter of Pope Benedict to introduce the Year of Faith

Through input from our speaker, Megan McKenna, and a range of workshops and creative spaces, the conference will seek to: explore ways of integrating action and faith through prayer, art and lifestyle; critique current social, economic and political realities from the perspective of the poor, in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching; and provide opportunities for concrete action.

Megan McKenna, a native of New York City has lived in and visited North and South America, Europe and collection of islands around the world:

She works with indigenous groups, in base Christian Communities and with justice and peace groups, parishes, dioceses and religious communities. In 2002 she was appointed an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi.

An internationally known author, theologian, storyteller and lecturer, she is foremost a lover of words: the Scriptures, stories and tales, poetry, images and phrases spoken aloud, written down and spun to make meaning and how these both convert and transform us and bring meaning and hope to the world.

John Battle, former MP, Minister of State and Director of Church Action on Poverty, will chair the conference.

Planned workshops include: CAFOD Hungry for Change; Adult Formation; Progressio—Women and fragile states; Prayer and Action; Media; Racism; Church Action on Poverty; Environment; UK Austerity; Peacekeeping; Gender; Music as an expression of social justice; Working with allies in a secular society; Asylum Seekers and Refugees. *Plus:* An Eritrean Coffee Ceremony.

There will be a reflective space throughout the weekend facilitated by Inspirative Arts

The conference will take place at The Hayes Centre, a Christian residential conference centre in the Derbyshire countryside a few miles from the M1/A38. (see www.cct.org.uk).

Other activities include: Market stalls, exhibitions and activities from a wide range of organisations at the **Just Fair**; special **programmes for children and teenagers**, linked to the conference theme, as well as a crèche; a **Social evening** and bar.

For more information and booking forms go to: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk

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