

Report of JPIC Steering Group meeting 10.3.12

Present: Averil Swanton, Jenny Owens, Joan Smith, Richard Brewester, Brother Hugh SSF, Caroline Ugbo. Philippa Bird and Jenny Tee sent their apologies.

Richard opened the meeting with a prayer.

Averil agreed to be Chairman.

There were no matters arising from the report of the meeting in October 2011.

News from the Areas: Caroline handed round a sheet compiled from e-mails she had had from areas when she had asked for news. Some areas responded that they had nothing to report, and some areas have new contacts. Two areas have found new JPIC Reps as those on the list had not been active. This raises the concern that there may be more people receiving information and not passing it on. Averil said she hoped that people were appreciative of the prayer suggestions sent out when months have 31 days, and Caroline said she had been thanked.

- A. Caroline will draw up a new list of contacts in each area and also send personal e-mails to those she has never heard from to try and find out whether they are still prepared to be the contact person. She will also try and draw up a list of people prepared to speak at meetings so she can answer requests for this.*

JPIC weekend at Hilfield: Caroline shared the e-mail she had had from the speaker the day before, and said she was in touch with Brother Martin at Hilfield. There was some discussion of what film would be shown on Saturday evening to start discussion on issues of justice and peace. Several were suggested and some routes to find some more titles were given. We will also need some questions to hang our Sunday discussions about the network on.

- A. Caroline to follow up the film matter and everybody to think about this. She will also consult about the Sunday discussion topics when everybody has had time to consider this.*

Format of New Chronicle: Caroline passed round the mock-up of the possible new Chronicle, which was discussed by the Communications Group and Editor of the Chronicle last month. Caroline explained how the groups for study, prayer and JPIC would be involved in material for their section. The title **WORK** was discussed. It was decided 'JPIC' was too daunting, 'work' seemed to refer to employment, and even 'action' suggested a bit of planning. The title for the section which seemed best to everyone there was **PRACTICE**.

- A. We hope Philippa will pass this suggestion on to Chapter if they approve the new format.*

JPIC Links: Hugh filled us in on the Conference planned for April, which has had a remarkably good take-up, and says there will be a day meeting in London in the autumn as usual. He hopes to hand over his place on the planning committee to another member of Anglican community. This Catholic organisation is very keen to keep the Anglicans involved.

NCPO: Caroline said she had, after 3 e-mails, finally got a formal request for £30 yearly subscription for our membership to pass on to the TSSF Treasurer. She is still not sure that without someone in TSSF prepared to be active with the other members that we should continue our membership. She will go to the next full day meeting in London, if possible, to keep up the links. It was suggested she

should also be in contact with Christine Titmus, who was for some time the link person, to see if she has suggestions as to who could take up this role.

A. *Caroline to make contact.*

B.

Franciscans International: Averil talked about the Director's meeting she went to in the autumn. She also visited Ground Zero, which she found very moving. She showed us the photos she had taken of this and the beautiful St Paul's church opposite, which was undamaged due to the protection of a large old sycamore tree, and which had opened its doors with such generosity to all those who after 9/11 had to clear the site. She also visited Wall Street to see the Occupiers, who were not there but in Liberty Square nearby. She said she had never seen such a police presence with mounted police and others on motorcycles. There was also a big blockade across Wall Street to stop any vehicle entering. Along the streets were flags....stars and stripes and one Israeli flag! They visited Liberty Square..... people in tents and more police. At the meeting, each member had a small flag in front of them. Hers was the Jamaican flag. They were asked to take these away and pray for that country. *The next meeting of FI's Directors is 20-22 April and she asked us to pray for the meeting and for all the new members of the governing body, who will be starting in this role.*

Any other business: There were two items here.

1. Hugh mentioned the First Order would be at Greenbelt, and Caroline said the Third Order had booked a space in the main tent, but she knew nothing more about the arrangements as yet.

2. Caroline had copies of her November 2011 e-mail correspondence with Br. Joseph-Emmanuel who had been asked to get in touch with us to see how SSF and TSSF could collaborate on JPIC matters. Nothing more had happened since then. We asked Hugh about this approach when he was our main link with SSF. He thought it was probably because he was so caught up with making the arrangements (visas etc.) for all those wanting to come from different countries for a spell at Hilfield, and had little time for sustained contacts like this.

A. *Caroline to make contact with other provinces to see if there would be people to keep up a JPIC link with us, and to follow up this correspondence with Br Joseph Emmanuel.*

Averil asked Caroline to close the meeting with a prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 20 October 2012. We asked if Sister Sue could put it in the diary and she said they would let us know if there would be someone to let us in, as she would be away and Sr Joyce might be taking her delayed sabbatical.