

The Social Mission Conference 2010

‘ Transforming Ourselves
and Society
in Charity and Justice ’

When

Saturday, 21 August 2010
8.45 am to 4.00 pm

Where

St Joseph's Institution
Performing Arts Centre
38 Malcolm Road
Singapore 308274

**Be a part of this biennial gathering
to learn, share and network.**

REGISTER NOW !

Who

Those who are interested in the Catholic Social Teachings
and/or are engaged in social mission work.



Archbishop Nicholas Chia



Willie Cheng



Dr Lesley-Anne Knight



Monsignor David Cappo



Laurence Lien



Zulkifli Baharudin



John Gee



Dr John Hui

8.45 am **Registration**

9.15 am **Welcome**

Willie Cheng, *Chairman, Caritas Singapore*

Guest-of-Honour Address: Alive with our Social Mission

Archbishop Nicholas Chia

Keynote Address: Values & Social Change in a Post Crisis World

Dr Lesley-Anne Knight, *Secretary General, Caritas Internationalis*

The global financial crisis provides an opportunity for the reshaping of global institutions and structures based on ethics and values. What would such a world be like? Dr Knight will share her vision of an economy with a conscience, and how the work of Caritas Internationalis worldwide is bringing us to realise that vision.

Caritas Internationalis is a federation of 164 national Catholic charities covering over 200 countries. Its work has been focused on bringing charity and justice to those in need, prioritising the hungry, the weak, the marginalised and persecuted of society.

Theological Perspective: Faith, Charity and Justice

Monsignor David Cappo, AO, *Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, and Commissioner for the Social Inclusion Board of South Australia*

Charity is at the heart of the Church's social doctrine. Yet, we cannot make a gift of something that justice demands a person should already have. Using practical examples from his wide and unique experience both as a Catholic priest and a social policy leader, Monsignor Cappo will delve into the Church's teachings on charity and justice, and how the two are inextricably intertwined.

Tea Break

The Gift

For Heaven's Sake

Panel Discussion: Pursuing Charity, Justice and the Common Good

In today's modern world, can we really achieve the common good? The panel members will discuss how charity (the love for one's neighbour) and justice (ensuring to each his due) can work together to provide the platform for each and every one to achieve their communal and individual fulfilment.

As thought leaders and practitioners with a deep understanding of the social needs in their respective fields: the poor, migrant workers, family, overseas humanitarian and the marginalised, their presentations and discussions will set the stage for the afternoon breakouts.

Moderator: **Laurence Lien**, *Chief Executive Officer, National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre*

Panellists: **Zulkifli Baharudin**, *Former Chairman, Mercy Relief*

John Gee, *President, Transient Workers Count Too*

Dr John Hui, *Former Master, Catholic Medical Guild*

Dr Mathew Mathews, *Lead Researcher, Caritas Singapore Study of the Poor*

Dr Tan Chi Chiu, *Chairman, Study on 'Unmet Social Needs'*

12.30 pm

Lunch & Networking



Dr Mathew Mathews



Dr Tan Chi Chiu



George Lim



Bro Emmanuel Gaudette



Ng Bee Leng



Michael Thio



Francis Wong



Fr Jojo Fung, SJ

1.40 pm

Breakout Tracks

Track 1: The Poor

Moderator: George Lim, Deputy Chairman, Caritas Singapore

Panellists: Bro Emmanuel Gaudette, SG, Chairman, Catholic Welfare Services
Dr Mathew Mathews, Lead Researcher, Caritas Singapore Study of the Poor
Ng Bee Leng, Social Worker
Michael Thio, Vice-President General, International Council General, Society of St Vincent de Paul

Track 2: Migrant Workers

Moderator: Francis Wong, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Non-Profit Leadership

Panellists: Fr Jojo Fung, SJ
John Gee, President, Transient Workers Count Too
Mark Goh, Vice Chairman, Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People
Jolovan Wham, Executive Director, Humanitarian Organisation for Migration Economics (HOME)

Track 3: Family

Moderator: Diana Quek, Executive Director, Citi Private Bank

Panellists: Christian Choo, Executive Director, Morning Star Community Services
Fr David Garcia, OP
Dr John Hui, Former Master, Catholic Medical Guild
Samuel Ng, Chief Executive Officer, Marine Parade Family Service Centre
Bernard Yu, President, Family Life Society

Track 4: Overseas Humanitarian

Moderator: Kwek Mean Luck, Deputy Secretary (Industry), Ministry of Trade & Industry

Panellists: Zulkifli Baharudin, Former Chairman, Mercy Relief
Sherlyn Khong, Coordinator, acts29
Dr John Lee, Member, Archdiocesan Crisis Coordination Team
Fr Colin Tan, SJ, Spiritual Director, Jesuit Refugee Service Singapore

Track 5: The Marginalised

Moderator: Fr Patrick Goh, Chancellor, Singapore Catholic Archdiocese

Panellists: Denise Pang, Vice Chairman, Clarity
Anthony Soo, Vice President, Catholic AIDS Response Effort
Dr Tan Chi Chiu, Chairman, Study on 'Unmet Social Needs'
Kevin Yap, Chairman, Roman Catholic Prison Ministry

Tea Break

3.00 pm

Looking in the Mirror

Arthur Goh, Director, Singapore Pastoral Institute

Have we become overly reliant on institutions to fulfil our obligations to the poor and needy? Christian charity is not rooted in pity but in respect for each person's freedom and dignity. Arthur Goh will provide an interesting perspective on how it is a responsibility, for us as individuals, to live out the social mission of the Church through our own contribution and needs.

Social Mission 2.0

Joyce Koh, Executive Director, Caritas Singapore

Joyce Koh will share the work and future plans of Caritas Singapore in furthering the Church's social mission.

4.00 pm

End



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“To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8)

Does it matter whether we give to the poor and needy out of kindness of our heart or because we believe that it is their due? The Church’s teachings draw a distinction between the two virtues of charity and justice. The challenge for us is to be a voice for the poor and needy and to seek what is due to them. In performing works of charity in justice, we are promoting true human development.

This conference, centred on the belief that every person is to live life with dignity, will help us to understand how charity and justice go hand in hand in building the common good. It will challenge us to take a deeper look at the social norms and the role each individual plays in developing a cohesive society that cares.

Register now!

- Mail the registration form to Caritas Singapore, or
- Fax the attached registration form to 6337-7101, or
- Email to smc2010@caritas-singapore.org (visit www.caritas-singapore.org/smc2010)

All registrations will only be confirmed when the completed registration form and payment are received.

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