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CTBI UPDATE

Working for unity, peace, and social justice



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Resources are available for Advent and Christmas 2025, including the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and those from a wide range of churches and Christian organisations.

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THE MISSION THEOLOGY & APOLOGETICS GROUP (MTAG) ADVENT RESOURCES

- A World in Waiting – Advent hope in an economic crisis
- Advent Journey with the Magi – An Advent resource based on the story of the Magi.



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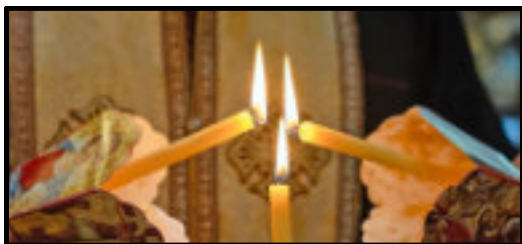
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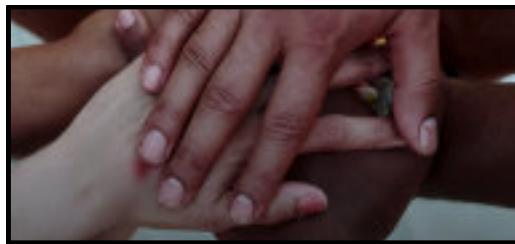
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'ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT'

The materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 2026 have been offered by the churches of Armenia.

These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century.



CHURCHES' REFUGEE NETWORK BRIEFING PAPER

SUPPORTING MIGRANTS AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

The CRN hosted a roundtable with participants from Britain and Ireland, where they heard about the challenges faced by churches with large refugee and migrant congregations encountering hostility, as well as efforts by church leaders to support targeted community groups.



RESPONDING TO HURRICANE MELISSA

CTBI members and partners are responding to the humanitarian needs in Jamaica following Hurricane Melissa which has impacted around 1.5 million Jamaicans – the worst climate disaster in the Caribbean nation's history, according to [the United Nations \(UN\)](#).

Find out how you can help.



NATIONAL CHURCHES SURVEY: GIVING EVERY CHURCH A VOICE

The results of the National Churches Trust survey are now available.

The aim is to help policymakers, the media, and the wider public better understand the challenges churches face and to highlight the vital work that churches do.



THE CHRISTIAN VOICE: A CATALYST FOR HOPE AND RECONCILIATION

Highlights and insights are available from the Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) event at Farm Street Church, London for an evening of reflection, dialogue, and inspiration entitled "The Voice of Christians in the Holy Land: A Catalyst for Hope and Reconciliation."

Friends of the Holy Land is a [Body in Association of CTBI](#).



5 - 6 DECEMBER 2025

REBOOTING ECUMENISM – NEW PARADIGMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

This conference seeks to bring ecumenism back to the forefront of Christian theological and practical engagement, exploring new models and renewed dialogues suited to our globalised and digitally connected era.





4 MARCH 2026

CREATING A FAIRER, GREENER WORLD

Join this inspiring event with interactive talks and discussions on a range of topics such as economics, racism and the climate crisis.

This event is open to all who are passionate about justice and faith in action.



14 MAY 2026

DAVID GOODBOURN LECTURE - PALESTINE-ISRAEL: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

In the midst of violence and suffering in the Holy Land, we hear from Fr David Neuhaus, South African born Israeli Jesuit, and a prominent voice for justice and peace.



'STANDING TOGETHER' – FROM 'TRENCH TOWN TO BRIXTON' WEBINAR

Re- watch the Synergy Network webinar for an inspiring and thought-provoking conversation with colleagues from **Kingston, Jamaica**, as they share their work with young people facing challenging circumstances.



OPPORTUNITIES

Find the latest vacancies advertised by CTBI and our members.

If you have any vacancies that you would like to promote via the CTBI website as a CTBI member, please complete the online form.



PRAYER



PRAYER FOR JAMAICA AND THE PEOPLE IN THE CARIBBEAN

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall
into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where
the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

Psalm 46

Lord, we bring to you the people of Jamaica, Cuba, Haiti, the Bahamas and the
other parts of the Caribbean that have been devastated by Hurricane Melissa.
We think of the terrible loss of lives, and the extensive damage to houses,
hospitals, schools, churches, shops, and critical infrastructure such as
electricity, gas, water and the internet.

Amen

*Extracts taken from the prayer offered by Richard Reddie, Director of Justice and Inclusion,
CTBI.*

Full prayer can be found [here](#)

[Other prayers are available on our website.](#)