

Churches Regional Commission for Yorkshire and the Humber

This event is organised by the Churches Regional Commission for Yorkshire and the Humber (CRC), a Christian organisation funded by the churches and Yorkshire Forward to equip churches as integral partners in an inclusive and cohesive society. It has three main aims: to assert the significance of faith in the region; to represent the churches to regional institutions; and to enable the churches to act as partners in regeneration.

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Convention Speakers

Jim Wallis is an international commentator on ethics and public life and a spokesperson for faith-based initiatives to overcome poverty. Jim founded Sojourners – Christians for justice and peace – more than 30 years ago and continues to serve as the editor of Sojourners magazine,

covering faith, politics and culture. In 1995, Jim formed Call to Renewal, a national federation of churches, denominations, and faith-based organisations working to overcome poverty. Jim speaks at more than 200 events a year and his columns appear in the New York Times, Washington Post, and Los Angeles Times. His most recent book is Faith Works: How Faith-Based Organizations are Changing Lives, Neighborhoods, and America (Random House, 2000). He offers regular commentary and analysis for radio and television and teaches a course at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government on "Faith, Politics, and Society."

Joy Carroll was one of the first women to be ordained as a Priest in England in 1994 and as the youngest elected clergy member of the General Synod was able to speak on behalf of women and others marginalized by church and society. Her ministry in inner-city parishes embraced

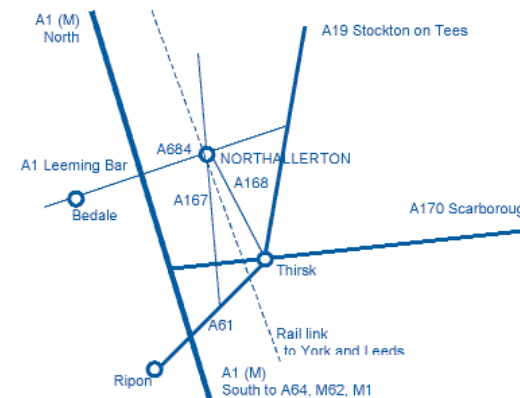
the needs of the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill, families and the elderly.

Joy is a gifted preacher and communicator and regularly contributes to the church press, public radio and television. Joy is also the inspiration and role model for "The Vicar of Dibley,". In October, 1997, Joy married Jim Wallis. She now lives in Washington, DC where she works as a Priest and is mum to two sons. She has written a book about her life and work as a Priest in the Church of England: 'Beneath the Cassock. The Real life Vicar of Dibley,' published in 2002 by Harper Collins, UK.



Getting There

This year's convention is being held in the thriving Baptist and Methodist churches of Northallerton, located between the A1 and A19 routes in North Yorkshire. Northallerton is served by regular train services from Leeds, York and other locations. A town centre map will be provided on confirmation of delegate place.



By Car Northallerton is 6 miles from the A1 exiting at Leeming Bar and 7 miles from the A19 north of Thirsk. Public parking is available within 500 yards of the churches and limited disabled parking in front of the Baptist church. Visit www.rac.co.uk for a useful route planner.

By train Northallerton station is on the south side of the town with a shuttle service available on request (on the enclosed application form). Most services run via Leeds or York. Service information is available from www.nationalrail.co.uk/planmyjourney or call 08457 48 49 50

Access

by wheelchair is available to main auditorium, promenade and some workshops rooms. Disabled toilet facilities are also located on the ground floor. Please indicate access requirements along with workshop preferences and every effort will be made to accommodate delegates.

The annual convention of



Global and Local Connecting People to Big Issues and Practical Action

Friday July 2nd 2004 Northallerton
Keynote Speakers Jim Wallis and Joy Carroll

Global and Local will provide participants with opportunities to hear the latest thinking on social action in the light of world events and apply that to the context of local action.

A mixture of renowned, international speakers, expertise in specialist areas of interest, and examples of good practice from across the region and beyond will provide a spring board for networking, knowledge development and considered thought to equip you for concrete action to make an impact within your own community.



Programme_

Arrival and Registration **10.00 – 10.30**

Introduction and Welcome **10.30 – 10.45**

Jim Wallis_Radical Balance **10.45 – 11.30**

Today's world needs renewal through vital action and credible voices. The Church has much to offer through a balance of social action, campaigning voices and options for hope and justice. How can the church provide a distinctive contribution to politics, values and change as we bring together big issues and practical action that are really rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Promenade Session_ **11.45 – 1.00**

Exhibition, networking, chat rooms and lunch

Workshops_ see workshop options **1.00 – 2.15**

Joy Carroll_What would a local church look like? **2.30 – 3.15**

Big issues and practical action present an opportunity and challenge to a local church. What would a local church look like as it related with integrity in the gospel to big issues and practical action? Here is one vision of the potential, the principles and the pitfalls.

Questions / Panel **3.15 – 4.00**

Jim Wallis_Reflections **4.00 – 4.10**

Costs_

£50 public and private bodies £25 voluntary organisations £10 unwaged (includes lunch)

Applications_

Complete the enclosed application form including workshop preferences and special requirements. Book early to avoid disappointment as workshop places are limited. Post or fax the form to CRC. Alternatively, email all details as per form to info@crc-online.org.uk. Final deadline for applications is **Friday 18th June 2004**. If you have any queries you can contact CRC by phone or email.

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Workshops_

Afternoon workshops aim to develop your knowledge in a specialist area of interest. They are designed to be informative, practical and inspirational. Make your selection on the enclosed application form. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.



1_ Free Trade – Fair Trade *Fairtrade Foundation*

Drawing on local experiences, this is an opportunity to learn how fair trade is about more than food production, but also about land use and politics within a global economic system. How can a local community and church get practically involved with these big issues?

2_ Responding to Asylum seekers *Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network*

How do we welcome and receive asylum seekers? What can we do? How can we engage in campaigning issues? How can we encourage relationships and understanding across the wider community, recognising both the concerns of people on forgotten estates and the misinformed media coverage?

3_ Injustice and the Challenge of Reconciliation *University of Bradford, Peaceful Cities Dept*

This is an opportunity to learn of experiences from Latin America to Bradford. What does reconciliation look like? How can we play a part?

4_ Distinctiveness in a diverse world *Faithworks UK*

How can we as churches and church projects maintain our distinctiveness and at the same time embrace diversity? What is our identity and how can we work our ethos and values out in practice? How does the legislation on religious discrimination, introduced in 2003, affect us?

5_ Campaigning *Church Action on Poverty*

How do you go about initiating, developing and sustaining a campaign on a specific issue? This seminar will draw on recent experience to highlight practical lessons learning from 'debt on our doorstep'.

6_ Praying with and for your Community *Leeds Diocese Justice and Peace Commission*

How can prayer take on board current issues and influence change? This seminar will offer examples and then provide an opportunity to pray.

Prayers_ a prayer/quiet room will be available

Convention Application Form_

Name _____

Role _____

Organisation / Church _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Workshop Choice_ (please insert your first and second choice of workshop)

First choice Second Choice

Payment_ (please indicate your tariff)

£50 public and private bodies

£25 voluntary organisations £10 unwaged

I enclose cheque (made payable to: CRC)

Please invoice _____

Invoice address / reference _____

Special Requirements_ (please indicate your requirements and give details)

Dietary Access Disabled Parking

Station Shuttle bus Other

Details _____

If you do not wish to appear on delegate List (please tick this box)

Office Use Only_

Received

Allocated

Confirmed

Payment