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2019's Week of Prayer resources originate from the churches of Indonesia, where there is a strong emphasis upon the need for unity alongside the nation's ethnic and religious diversity. The resources also highlight issues of economic injustice and how religious pluralism can face challenges in the face of radicalisation. The theme is based around Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 'Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue...'



The Final Report of the Commission on Religious Education (CoRE) was launched on 12 September, at the House of Commons, after publication on 9 September. The report, entitled Religion and Worldviews: the way forward A national plan for RE, was the result of 2 years' worth of evidence-gathering, debate and analysis by the Commissioners. Some of our member churches have been actively involved throughout the process, participating in consultations and offering evidence. The Catholic Education Service, Church of England and Free Church Education Committee have published responses to the publication, and all will be offering more detailed comments in due course.



Printed versions of the resources for 2019 can be ordered by phone from Norwich Books and Music (01603 785925) and will be available to order online. They are also available as downloads from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.



Does your town or city have a growing inter-faith population? Is there a forum to develop better cultural, racial and Inter-Faith understanding? Want to know more to aid your ministry?

Phone your DHQ or Major D.M.Evans TEO
020 7367 4941 or email David.evans@salvationarmy.org.uk

The next course takes place at High Leigh Conference Centre from Tuesday 12 to Wednesday 13 February 2019 (lunch to lunch).



Training for Ecumenical Officers

Each year the National Ecumenical Officers (NEOs) for England and for Wales host a training course for new Ecumenical Officers and facilitators. The course is for both County (CEOs) and Denominational Officers (DEOs), whatever their 'official' job titles, and is also helpful to others working ecumenically. The NEOs work with Jenny Bond (CTE, Training, Resourcing and Events).

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A sincere thank you from the Ecumenical unit here at THQ
 To all those who have worked during this year towards a
"BETTER TOGETHER"
 John 17:21



Councils, Superstores, churches, the Rotary, Schools and Universities, and many more have joined together with SA centres all over the UK to share and give time energy and donations to enable the Christmases of some to be just that much better than they would have been without that little bit of Christ's love



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CofE General Synod welcomes move towards communion with the Methodist Church

The General Synod has given its welcome to a report containing proposals which could bring the Church of England and the Methodist Church in Great Britain into communion with each other. Members backed a motion welcoming a joint report published last year, which sets out proposals on how clergy from each church could become eligible to serve in the other.

The report, *Mission and Ministry in Covenant*, which was co-written by the two churches' faith and order bodies, also sets out how the Methodist Church could come to have bishops in the Anglican historic episcopate. The motion acknowledges that there is further work to do to clarify a number of areas, including how the proposals would be worked out in practice. It also calls on the Church of England's Faith and Order Commission to update Synod at its next group of sessions in July of this year on this work. But an amendment to the motion speaks of "confident hope" that outstanding issues can be resolved quickly.



Receptive ecumenism - receiving each other's gifts to share the Good News of Christ is never a waste of time and particularly at Christmas, as it touches the little bit of God in all of us, even if they don't really know God for themselves