

Dear ECCR members, partners and friends

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ECCR open debate on Water Sustainability: The Challenge to Business

Claire Foster, National Policy Adviser to the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, will chair ECCR's 2007 open debate on water sustainability and business stewardship. Panel speakers: Jacob Tompkins, Waterwise; Tom Le Quesne, WWF-UK; UK Business Council for Sustainable Development (invited) and Co-operative Group (invited). All are welcome to this open event at Methodist Church House (main hall), Marylebone Road, London, Thursday 27 September, 4.30 – 6 pm.

ECCR AGM

Preceding the open debate, ECCR's AGM takes place on Thursday 27 September from 2.30 to 3.30 pm at Methodist Church House (lower ground floor), Marylebone Road, London. All members welcome; light refreshments available.

Work under way on two new ECCR publications

Research has begun for ECCR's next report, which will focus on water stewardship in the food & beverage sector. For further information, please contact Suzanne Ismail (suzannei@quaker.org.uk; 020 7663 1055). ECCR is also beginning work on a new Engagement Guide for faith-based and responsible shareholders. Further information from Miles Litvinoff.

Mining in the Philippines

Many thanks to members who have informed us about their engagement with companies in relation to issues raised by the report *Mining in the Philippines: Concerns and Conflicts*. ECCR aims to respond to all communications received on this from members, as well as keeping members informed of continuing work on this issue.

Executive pay

Executive pay has been an emerging issue this AGM season, with votes against remuneration reports at both the Shell and BP AGMs. ECCR voted against Shell's remuneration report, following the recommendation of PIRC and the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum - see <http://www.pirc.co.uk/press/press30.html>. For ECCR member Fr Patrick Gerard's letter to the *Financial Times* on executive pay: http://www.eccr.org.uk/docs/070510_letter_ft.rtf.

Meeting with Shell Social Responsibility Committee

ECCR, CSCR Nigeria (www.cscronline.org), Cordaid (Netherlands) and Trócaire (Ireland) met with Shell's Social Responsibility Committee on 6 June. Notes of the meeting should be available shortly

and will be emailed to all full members and donor partners as a matter of course. Other members and partners interested in receiving the meeting notes are invited to contact Miles Litvinoff.

ECCR workshop at Justice & Peace Conference

Sr Daphne Norden and Miles Litvinoff will lead an ECCR workshop on faith-based engagement with multinational companies at the 29th Annual National Justice & Peace Network Conference, Swanwick, Derbyshire, on 21 July (<http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/pages/conference/index.html>).

ECCR *Bulletin*

The June issue of ECCR's *Bulletin* focuses on water stewardship. Selected articles are available at http://www.eccr.org.uk/news_main.html. The September issue will feature presentations from the JustShare debate on 'The Church and Her Money' (http://www.stmarylebow.co.uk/justshare/?Recent_News).

Membership renewal

ECCR members should by now have received their membership renewal invitation for 2007/8. We would be grateful to receive renewals promptly, and in any event before September, to save us the time and expense of sending reminders.

With all good wishes

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