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GOOD NEWS

SEASON OF CREATION

For its September meeting the FPCT Justice & Peace Action Group transformed to a playgroup as we used Lego Serious Play to consider how the work of different professions can interact to help reduce environmental impact and global warming. Attempting to model our concepts in Lego by 'letting our hands do the thinking' gave rise to a good deal of hilarity but also thought-provoking ideas and the realisation that, whatever our jobs or circumstances, we all have a part to play, that small actions do count in building a more just and fair society, and that their effect is greatly magnified when we work together – very much emphasising the importance of ecumenical justice and peace work!



Origins of LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY®

LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® is built upon a process which stems from the heart of LEGO bricks and the LEGO system. Looking for a tool to unlock innovation within the company, the LEGO Group realized that a solution might be found in the LEGO System itself: just as the LEGO Group had been telling children to 'build their dreams' for decades, so perhaps adults could be asked to build their visions for future strategy.

Building upon the inclusive and participatory nature of the LEGO System, LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® rejects the idea that external 'experts' must be brought in to identify problems, and to propose solutions; on the contrary, LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® begins with the assumption that the answers are 'already in the room', and invites participants to 'think with their hands' to build their understandings. Every member of the team participates, and everyone has a voice.

LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® went through a number of iterations from 1998 to 2010, and has been successfully used by businesses around the world. Furthermore, the



LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® concept has been developed to meet the needs of teachers and educators, and specially designed 'LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® for Education' products and training are available for this target group.

- *Well, that's the official explanation! In practice it's a lot of fun and highly recommended for helping shed light on difficult topics – why not give it a go sometime?*

A COUNTY-WIDE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP?

Kathy Pope, Churches Together in Cornwall (CTC) Co-ordinator, writes:

CTC liaises with a number of different groups around the county. Examples include Cornwall Bereavement Network, a Sports Liaison Group and Environment Liaison Group. We don't run these directly but greatly value keeping in touch so we can learn and grow together.

*We are also aware that there are projects, and much good work, taking place around the county that could come under the broad heading of 'Justice and Peace' (although this isn't necessarily an exact definition). So this is a request to anyone, or group, that might be interested to come together and form a county **Justice and Peace Liaison Group**. The primary purpose would be to exchange information and ideas, share any events and initiatives, provide support for one another and liaise directly with CTC. I would really appreciate hearing from anyone who might be interested in being part of this group, or even leading it in some capacity. Please, please tell me what you think, get in touch to discuss any aspect further or simply volunteer! I would love to hear from you.*

Please contact me on ctclead@gmail.com – many thanks!

Apologies that computer gremlins this week prevented the compilation of our usual round-up of news and items for prayer and reflection – normal service will, we hope, resume next week!