

Mercy Young Adult Network Gathering

Friday 15th – Sunday 17th October, 2010



*Mercy and Justice Shall Meet:
With Head, Heart and Hands!*

This Gathering is an Initiative of the Mercy Young Adult Network

(A Ministry of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy)

DAY 1: Friday 15th October, 2010

Our World....Our Story

Growing a Just & Compassionate Community

3pm	Gather and Registration
3.30pm to 5 pm	Who are You? Who are We? Connecting time and building community
5pm to 6.30pm	Welcome to Place: Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Opening Ritual
6.30pm to 7.30pm	DINNER
7.30pm to 9pm	Engaging Our Stories: Growing Just & Compassionate Communities

DAY 2: Saturday 16th October, 2010

Experiencing Mercy in Action

8.45am to 9am	Morning reflection – led by Young Mercy Links from Melbourne
9am to 10am	Justice and Mercy Shall Meet: with head, heart and hands. Annemarie Devereux is a Human Rights lawyer, who brings 'on-the-ground' experience from working in Australia, Timor L'este, Nepal and the USA. She went to All Hallows Mercy College in Brisbane and began her social justice work in a Mercy/Jesuit initiative for young adults through the CVC program. She has spent over 7 years working in human rights internationally – in particular focusing on institutional change to protect victims of human rights violations. The majority of her work has been with the UN, but she has also worked in the community sector, including undertaking work for the Jesuit Refugee Service, and for Government.
10am to 10.30am	Reflection and dialogue time
10.30am to 11am	MORNING TEA
11am to 1.30pm	Workshops: Key focus areas of Mercy How do <u>WE</u> Welcome the Stranger???? This workshop highlights the treatment of Asylum Seekers on Christmas Island. How can we as Mercy people make a difference to their lives and their treatment? How can we work towards a change of heart and mind in our own communities, for our politicians, and press. Lizzie Finnerty is a Sister of Mercy, a nurse/midwife worked in refugee camps in the Philippines and then with displaced people in Ethiopia and in a war zone in Angola. Women and Poverty – From Isolation to Empowerment. The Olympic Village Exodus Community in West Heidelberg began in 1998 in an area of social and economic disadvantage in Melbourne. This is a live-in community which now has evolved to include many homes across West Heidelberg. Sally Bradley, a Sister of Mercy, is one of the founding members of the Community. In this workshop, Sally and two local women will share stories and experiences of women who have found their voice and moved from isolation to empowerment through being involved with Exodus.

DAY 2: Saturday 16th October, 2010

Experiencing Mercy in Action (Continued)

11am to 1.30pm	<p>Workshops: Key focus areas of Mercy</p> <p>Using a UN treaty to bring about REAL Change!</p> <p>Want to make a difference? Want to use the UN to make real change? Come and hear a real life example on Human Trafficking and how to use the system to campaign for change. This workshop will be facilitated by Christine Carolan, the current Program Manager for Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH). Christine brings years of experience and expertise in working to address social disadvantage. From 2001 to 2009 she was Executive Officer of the Good Shepherd Social Justice Network; she has held teaching positions at secondary and tertiary levels; and she is a current member of the Mercy Work Board.</p> <p>Mercy and the Plight of Women in Our World.</p> <p>Millions of women and girls suffer numerous deprivations and are forced to endure very difficult situations. We will explore the plight of some of these women and girls and the responses being made by Sisters of Mercy in different parts of our world and in the light of the UN Millennium Development Goals. We will also examine a process of social justice action described by Denise Coghlin RSM to successfully address the global problems of landmines. Where this leads us will be determined by the members present at the workshop!</p> <p>Cathy is a teacher and teacher trainer who has worked in a wide variety of settings – from city to rural Australia, in Pakistan, and in Uganda. In 2002 Cathy was Project Director for Jesuit Refugee Service in Adjumani, Uganda and in 2005 she was Education Co-ordinator for the Diocese of El Obeid in Sudan. In 2008 Cathy served a ten-week internship at Mercy Global Concern with Deirdre Mullan RSM at the United Nations in New York. Currently Cathy works as the Community Education Officer for Mercy Works Inc. and travels around Australia promoting the overseas and national projects of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and PNG.</p>
1.30pm to 2.30pm	LUNCH
2.30pm to 3.30pm	<p>Engaging head, heart and hands!</p> <p>Panel of young adults sharing how they engage their head, heart and hands in their work and life.</p>
3.30pm to 4pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4pm to 5pm	<p>Standing on the shoulders of the Pioneering Mercy Women</p> <p>Many of the Pioneering Mercy Women were young adults themselves who took incredible risks, journeyed far and achieved incredible things. Come and meet them and learn about their stories!</p>
5pm to 6pm	<p>Gathering the Wisdom of the Day</p> <p>Space for Personal reflection</p>
6pm to 7pm	<p>Gathering the Wisdom of the Day</p> <p>Wine and nibbles and share with someone</p>
7pm on	<p>DINNER AND CELEBRATION</p> <p>Dinner catered by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and live music.</p>

DAY 3: Sunday 17th October, 2010

How Do We Want to Change the World? Networking for Mission

8.30 am to 8.45am	Morning Reflection – led by Ballarat
8.45am to 9am	Networking for Justice and Compassion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What sort of networking is happening?• What people are currently engaged in?
9am to 10.30am	How do We Want to Change the World? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring the Core Purpose of the Mercy Young Adult Network
10.30 am to 11.00am	MORNING TEA
11am to 12.30pm	How Will We Change the World? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naming our key focus areas• Action Planning for the next 12 months
12.30pm to 1.00pm	Thanks and Missioning
1.00pm to 2pm	LUNCH
3pm	Leave venue

“Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of
a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability,
the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace and the joyful celebration of life.”

Earth Charter

We recognise and respect the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Peoples,
on whose land this symposium is being held.

Venue:
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Centre
7 Amberley Way
Lower Plenty VIC

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