



Edmund Rice Network News

NSW/ACT May 2010

Dear friends

Some report-backs this month as well as news of upcoming events...but first an appeal from the Pacific Calling partnership: "It is getting very cold in Mildura especially for people from Pacific Islands. What they need now are lots of blankets and warm clothes for women size medium to extra large. Please bring your contributions to the Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd Homebush West (Flemington) attention Maria Tiimon by 25 May."

Reports

Feast Day celebration: On Wednesday 12th May some 200 Brothers, Associate members of Edmund Rice as well as Network members and a representative group of students and staff from schools came to the Mount Saint Mary Campus of Australian Catholic University to celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice. Mass was celebrated by Bishop David Cremen assisted by Fr Jack Evans, College Chaplain and fellow Columban. It was particularly pleasing to see again this year representatives from St Edward's College, Gosford, St Dominic's College, Penrith, St Patrick's College, Strathfield, and students from Obley. These students and the staff accompanying them went to a good deal of trouble to be with us and the youthful presence of the students was much appreciated as was their assistance in seeing that elderly Brothers were provided with coffee and tea. It must be said that the young representatives were an impressive group and good ambassadors of their respective schools. We wish them well in their studies and their future careers. Hopefully some will in the near future come back to this beautiful campus of ACU as students. - Dan Stewart

Social Justice Discussion and Pizza Evening: On Friday last a group of about 30 young people gathered at the Edmund Rice Centre to discuss what social justice means and how they can be more involved in social justice issues and volunteering. It was a high-energy, fun night, but also reflective with some great discussion. The night was ably led by Catherine and Luke, our two young people working in young adult formation. I'm sure we'll be hearing more from this enthusiastic group!

Upcoming Edmund Rice Network events:

Afternoon Tea For The Future

Next Afternoon Tea For the Future Tuesday 8th June, 2pm-4pm

Topic: Food Wastage, explored from the local perspective: What are the effects of food wastage on the environment? How do we minimise it in our personal lives, and in our community? At the Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd, Homebush West

Other events:

Women's Night of Spirituality – St Mary's North Sydney

Tuesday 25th May 7.30pm - 9.45pm, St. Mary's Church, Miller Street, North Sydney.

To be hosted by Caroline Jones and features 3 speakers who will share their stories,

enhanced by beautiful music from professional musicians and a fine choir that assembles for the occasion. Homemade supper and conversation afterwards. This year's speakers are mature women of faith who are happy to speak about what gives them life and hope, and what sustains them in times of difficulty.

Bonnie Boezeman, Managing Director Business Benefits International Pty Ltd

Belonging: When the Lord calls I will follow. My journey

Elsie Heiss, Aboriginal Elder of the Year in 2009, Knowing your history, gives you identity and Julie Smith, Indigenous Curriculum Adviser Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College Belonging and Walking Between Worlds through lived Experiences

Parking Car parking is available free in the church car park or for a \$4 flat rate in the North Sydney Council car park across the road in Ridge Street.

Sat 30 May 2010, Canberra, Ethical Shopping Tour

Description: Jessica Morthorpe will be leading a tour starting at Kippax Uniting Church after the 10:30 service to help people make more sustainable and ethical grocery choices.

Location: Kippax Uniting Church, cnr Luke St and Hardwick Cresc, Holt

For more details email, fiveleafecoawards@gmail.com.

19-22 Jun 2010, Canberra, Voices for Justice

Micah Challenge has brought together hundreds of Christians each year to lobby Members of Parliament in Canberra to increase Australia's commitment to the Millennium Development Goals. They have successfully advocated for increases in our overseas aid commitment, and to improve the focus on alleviating poverty rather than advancing Australia's strategic interests. Micah has begun lobbying also for action on climate change as this is quickly becoming one of the most critical issues faced by developing countries. Register as a participant in Voices For Justice this year June 19 – 22 and step onto an exciting learning curve!

Location: Canberra, Date/Time: June 19th – 22nd 2010

Costs: Varies. Early bird rego (until 23rd April), waged - \$145, unwaged - \$125

For more information, see the [Voices for Justice webpage](#)

Flaring Forth – Eco Spirituality Retreat

Friday June 18 – Sunday June 20 at Stanwell Park, facilitated by Michael Dyer.

Through storytelling, solitude, contemplative practice, nature walks, creative expression and ritual celebrations you will encounter an expanding spiritual reality and rediscover your relationship to all created beings.

Cost \$250 RSVP and more info Michael at dyerlog@tpg.com.au Ph 0409 654065

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Until next month, blessings

Donna

PS: "I am waiting for you beyond your boundaries, your concepts, your understandings."
Munnar Chapter, 2008