



Edmund Rice Network News

NSW/ACT August 2010

Dear friends,

There are some extra special events coming up in Aug/Sept, including an Edmund Rice Network Wisdom Day at Stanwell Park and a Retreat day with an international speaker, - so be sure to mark the dates in your diary. There's also a new Asylum Seeker support project emerging in Sydney... more details below.

Upcoming Edmund Rice Network events:

Networking Day:

You are invited to a Network Wisdom Day at beautiful Stanwell Park on Saturday September 18. The day will include exploring who we are as the Edmund Rice Network in NSW/ACT and where we are heading - as well as enjoying social time and meals together and taking in the ocean view! Recently a delegation from the Edmund Rice Network in NSW/ACT participated in an Oceania-wide gathering to explore who we are as the 'network' through the telling of story, the goal was also to move towards a shared consciousness of the network in Oceania. Now our delegates will report back and we'll continue the conversation together. All are welcome! The details are:

What: Edmund Rice Network Wisdom Day NSW/ACT

Where: Doran House, Stanwell Park, 35 Stanwell Ave, Stanwell Park

When: 10am - 5pm, Saturday September 18, drinks at 5pm, dinner 6pm

RSVP: Donna, dmulhearn@edmundrice.org

Retreat Day with special international guest Azim Khamisa:

I'm thrilled to invite you to hear internationally renowned speaker Azim Khamisa at an Edmund Rice Network Retreat day in Sydney on Saturday Sept 25. Azim brings a message of forgiveness, peace, and hope. Following the murder of his only son Tariq in 1995 through a senseless, gang-related incident, and believing that there were "victims at both ends of the gun," Azim chose the path of forgiveness and compassion rather than revenge. This amazing choice led to the establishment of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) and the subsequent forgiveness movement which has reached millions. A renowned international speaker, Azim has spoken to audiences of adults, juveniles and children, ranging from small schools, to large corporations, to audiences into the thousands, including - on the occasion of a rally in Washington DC in 1996 - a crowd of 300,000. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather be inspired and have our spirits nourished! Pencil in your diary:

Retreat Day with Azim Khamisa

Saturday Sept 25, 10am - 3pm Venue to be confirmed.

Asylum Seeker Project - Call for volunteers

Would you like to support asylum seekers in Sydney through the challenges of the visa application and settlement process? The Edmund Rice Network will soon be launching the Edmund Rice Asylum Seeker Support Service. The service aims to accompany and assist asylum seekers in the transition and settlement process and through relationships and practical support. The service might include visiting families, delivering furniture, English conversation, organising recreation and picnics, help with resumes and job-seeking etc. Venues and hours will vary and be flexible. Information sessions will be held in September to outline further

details and provide training and preparation for volunteers. If you would like to attend a session, please notify me at dmulhearn@edmundrice.org

Invitation: Putting a break on Climate Change

You are invited to join with members of the Pacific Calling Partnership to share stories about successful initiatives to raise awareness of what we can do about the effect of climate change on Pacific islands

Saturday 7 August 11am - 4.00pm at the Edmund Rice Centre 15 Henley Rd HomeBush Bay NSW (2 mins from Flemington station) bring something to share for a light lunch entry by donation

Edmund Rice Business Ethics Initiative: 10th August - Business Ethics Breakfast "The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the United Nations and Diversity in Employment"

Come to breakfast with Professor Ron McCallum, hear and his reflections on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and how fair work places are diverse work places. Professor McCallum AO is the foundation Blake Dawson Waldron Professor in Industrial Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Sydney. Ron is the first totally blind person to be appointed to the Deanship of a Law School in Australia or New Zealand.

WHERE: Gilbert + Tobin, 2 Park Street, Sydney.

WHEN: Tuesday 10th August, 2010 - 7.30am start (finish at 9am)

COST: \$40, Members and students \$25.

RSVP: Please contact ERBEI at ERC phone (02) 8762 4200 or email: busethics@erc.org.au

Ecology Spirituality Retreat

DATE: 26th—27th August 2010 arrive 3pm on 26th—Depart 3pm on 27th

VENUE: Doran House, 35 Stanwell Avenue, Stanwell Park (50km south of Sydney)

WHO: The Ecology Spirituality Retreat is open to all members of Edmund Rice Schools and Ministries

COST: \$100 per person (\$80 pp to be covered by EREA & \$20 pp payable by participant)

Program Outline: Gathering, Welcome & orientation, Cosmic Walk, Common Meal...of the Earth, Thomas Barry & Brian Swimme, the Awakening Universe, Born with a Bang, From Lava to Life, Mammals who Morph, Lunch, Creatively moving forward, Walking gently in the Sacred

RSVP: Friday, 13 August 2010 Sr Jenny Scally, ERFs Retreat Team Coordinator, Ph 4735511 or email jenny.scally@winbourne.cfc.edu.au

Other Ways: Growing Alternatives to Violence.

How are we nurturing a culture of peace in these, the best and worst of times? The Edmund Rice Network is part of organising this special event on Friday Sept 24. All who are engaged in peace and justice are invited to share together, build stronger networks for the future, celebrate achievements and mark the end of the Decade to Overcome Violence (2001–2010). The program from 1.00pm to 9.00pm at Santa Sabina College Strathfield, will include local and international speakers, facilitated conversations and a public dinner.

Details: Friday 24th September, Santa Sabina College Hall, 90 The Boulevard, Strathfield. 5 mins from station. Parking available.

Speakers. Stories. Reports of actions for peace. Resource display. Current key issues. Future directions. Entertainment. Evening dinner.

Program: 12 noon Registration (Lunch not provided)

1pm: Afternoon Session: Stories, Reports, Facilitated Groups, plus Claudette Werleigh Secretary General, Pax Christi International, Former Prime Minister of Haiti

5.30pm: Entertainment, pre-dinner drinks

6.30pm: Dinner Session: Sr Susan Connelly, RSJ, Mary Mackillop East Timor Mission , and Azim Khamisa, Teacher of 'Achieving Peace through Forgiveness'.

Organised and supported by: The NSW Ecumenical Council, the Columban Mission Institute, the Edmund Rice Network, Pace Bene Australia, the Franciscan Friars Province of the Holy Spirit and Pax Christi International. Further information and a registration form is attached.

Other Events:

Hiroshima Never Again

The Hiroshima Day Committee is organising a candle-lit procession and rally on Hiroshima Day, Fri Aug 6th at 6pm, at Belmore Park (opposite Central Railway Station). Speakers include: Kate Dewes, Vice-President, International Peace Bureau, Professor Richard Broinowski, Sydney University, Dennis Doherty, Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition

Flaring Forth – Eco Spirituality Retreat

Friday August 13 to Sunday August 15 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

Until next month, blessings

Donna

PS: "Come, follow me to the edge, into the deeper and wider dimensions of Living that you may discover the God who awaits you." Munnar Chapter, 2008