



Edmund Rice Network News

NSW/ACT December 2011

Dear friends,

As the year winds down, we invite you to gather for a special celebration – the 15th anniversary of the Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education. All who are connected to the Edmund Rice Centre and the Edmund Rice Network are welcome to come along to this special Christmas celebration on December 7th, details below.

As we journey through advent I wish you blessings for a meaningful time of peace, reflection and joy in the spirit of the refugee child, Jesus, who came with a message of love.

Edmund Rice Centre – Christmas Part & 15th Anniversary Celebration

A warm welcome to family, friends and colleagues of the Edmund Rice Centre and Edmund Rice Network, to join in a celebration of the centre's 15th Anniversary and Christmas Party at the Edmund Rice Centre

When: Wednesday December 7, 2011, 5.30pm for 6pm,

Where: Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd Homebush West,

RSVP: to Carmel on 87624200 or carmelc@erc.org.au

SeeChange Program

The Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre at Mulgoa is host an Oceania-wide formation program called 'See Change' focused on the link between social justice and spirituality. Three great speakers will give presentations, and on those days the retreat will be opened up to day participants as a day program.

On **Monday December 12**, Sr Anne Boyd from Earth Song in Melbourne will speak on ecology and spirituality and the Universe Story

Tuesday December 13, Br Mark O'Loughlin will share on the need for new language and new conceptual frameworks to facilitate growth in spirituality.

Wednesday December 14, Dr Maryanne Confoy rfc, will explore a mission centred response for both educational and ministry contexts in light of the Universe story and our search for the Transcendent.

Day Programs will run from 8.30am to 3pm, to register, (Be quick, registrations will close early next week!) contact Donna Mulhearn, Edmund Rice Networking Coordinator dmulhearn@edmundrice.org ph 8762 4200

Pacific Calling Partnership's Post - Durban event

COP17: Was it Worth It? Outcomes from Durban. Come and hear about the experiences and outcomes of the Pacific Calling Partnership's delegation to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban. Be part of a conversation on the impact of climate change on low-lying Pacific Islands and learn about the progress being made. Hear from speakers including: Claire Anterea, Representative from Kiribati, Phil Glendenning, Director, Edmund Rice Centre, Tom Zubrycki; film-maker (Tom will be discussing the impact of his new film The Hungry Tide), Sr Geraldine Kearney, Advocate for Social Responsibility, Good Samaritan Sisters

When: 5.30 for 6pm start, 12th December

Where: University of Technology Sydney Level 4 Building 10, 235 Jones St Broadway
RSVP: Jill Finnane on 8762 4200 or jillf@erc.org.au

Volunteer Opportunity for Pre-school Teachers in East Timor

Pre-school teachers are required as volunteers to assist Comunidade Edmund Rice's (CER) work of supporting and mentoring Timorese staff for a placement for 3, 6 or 10 months in 2012. Are you available? 8 pre-schools are currently operating with 3 Timorese staff at each. Each school operates for 3 days a week and all staff come together each Friday for training, planning and some wider networking.

Drawing on the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, CER expresses its solidarity with the people of Timor Leste in their mission of transformation. Working with the people of Timor Leste, CER aims to promote the integral and sustainable development of the people of Timor Leste, and the land and culture, through empowerment and building right relationships. For Further Information Contact: Br Gerard Brady: Oceania Support Centre, Volunteers & Immersions : 02 98103922 gjbrady@edmundrice.org

A new approach: Breaking the Stalemate on refugees and asylum seekers

Seminar with Speaker: Dr John Menadue, AO.

6.00 pm, December 6 at the Australian Graduate School of Management, UNSW, Botany Street, Randwick. Contact: jeannienevman@unsw.edu.au, RSVP essential.
Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/seminar-refugees-and-asylum-seekers>.

Interfaith retreat for Muslims and Christians

Led by Fr Herman Roborgh SJ, who has lived for more than 30 years in Indonesia and Pakistan, and has been committed to Christian-Muslim dialogue for many years. Time for reflection, meditation, prayer and discussion on Scriptures from the Bible and the Qur'an. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. Cost: gold coin donation, proceeds to Christian-Muslim school in Pakistan.

10 December from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm, St Francis Xavier Church Hall, Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay. Contact: rsbrad99@bigpond.net.au. Web: <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/news---events/events/events.aspx/one-day-interfaithretreat-for-muslims---christians.aspx>.

Australian Campaign to Ban Uranium Weapons – Strategy Meeting

Following the launch last month of the Australian Campaign to Ban Uranium Weapons a planning meeting will be held this month to map a campaign strategy for next year. If you have ideas or skills to offer, please come along.

When: 2pm, Saturday December 10, 2011

Where: Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd, Homebush West, (near Flemington Station)

For more information, please email acbuw@hotmail.com or phone Donna Mulhearn, 0422 74 9319, see www.acbuw.org

Christmas blessings of peace and joy to you, wishing you happy and restful holidays. See you in the new year!

Donna

“The time is Now, the place is Here, We are the people!” Munnar Chapter, 2008