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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SETTLE & DISTRICT JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

AIMS

To recognise the implications of the command of Jesus to love our neighbour as ourselves.
To be aware of our neighbours who are suffering injustice and its consequences, and are in need of our loving support.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To ensure that our efforts are informed by a deeper understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 2 To give ourselves opportunities to reflect on the blessedness of those who hunger and thirst for what is right, and of those who are peacemakers.
- 3 To inform ourselves by networking with others – relevant agencies and groups.
- 4 To analyse the root causes of injustice.
- 5 To seek out, name and raise awareness of particular injustices wherever they occur.
- 6 To listen, where possible, to those who suffer injustice.
- 7 To inform regularly the representative members of Churches Together in Settle and District of issues that concern us, and – with their agreement – to speak out on their behalf.
- 8 To engage in collective action by campaigning against and challenging injustice and working for peace.
- 9 To encourage and enable each other and others to involve themselves in such action.

Our appointed Committee writes:

We seek approval for these terms of reference by the reps at our next meeting in July.

If the Terms are approved we would then need authority from CT to set up the Committee and recruit members. We envisage that members of it would be drawn from the members of any of our church families - not restricted just to church reps on CT.