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URC Church and Society update for synods

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# JPIT Conference, 11 June 2022

What does social justice look like where you are? This conference from the Joint Public Issues Team will explore what we learn about change-making when we start ‘local’. With inspiring speakers and practical workshops, it will be a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow changemakers and be re-energised to work and pray for peace and justice.

Join the event on site at Oasis Hub Waterloo in London, or online as an individual or group. Find out more and book at jointpublicissues.org.uk/conference

# The Nationality and Borders Bill

Currently going through Parliament, this Bill will make life more difficult for people seeking asylum in the UK. Find out how you can raise your voice for change: [jointpublicissues.org.uk/nationalityandbordersbill](http://jointpublicissues.org.uk/nationalityandbordersbill)

# Life on the Breadline Lent Course

Thursday 3, 10, 17, 24 March, 7-8:30pm on Zoom  
In 2018 an estimated 14.2 million people were living in poverty in the UK, including more than 25% of children. What does poverty look like in the UK today, and how can the Church respond? These four sessions will explore the Lent resources from Life on the Breadline, a three-year project studying how austerity has affected Christian engagement with poverty in the UK. We’ll hear from experts by experience, dig deeper into the causes of poverty and be empowered to act for a world where everyone is able to flourish. [bit.ly/lentcourse2022](file:///Users/urc/Desktop/bit.ly/lentcourse2022)

# Politics in the Pulpit

A great weekly resource for preachers and worship leaders, and anyone interested in the Bible, highlighting how issues of peace and justice can be informed by careful examination of scripture. Each week, a different guest chats with presenter Rev Dr Raj Patta about the following Sunday’s lectionary readings. Out on Tuesdays. [jointpublicissues.org.uk/politicsinthepulpit](http://jointpublicissues.org.uk/politicsinthepulpit)

# Stay and Pray

Released every day of the year, find a short prayer in response to current issues. Produced by the Joint Public Issues Team, you can find the prayers on our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, or by email. You can also download intercessions on Fridays for the week to come. [jointpublicissues.org.uk/stay-and-pray/](http://jointpublicissues.org.uk/stay-and-pray/)

# Faith in Politics Podcast

Subscribe to JPIT’s podcast for inspiring monthly interviews with political and civic leaders and occasional ‘10 minutes on…’ features bringing you informed commentary from JPIT team members on topics in the news. Find it in your podcast app or listen online at [jointpublicissues.org.uk/podcast](http://jointpublicissues.org.uk/podcast)

# Invite us to speak

If you have an upcoming event, we can help. Simeon and Roo can offer up-to-the-minute information, resources and suggestions for action on social justice issues in an engaging way, in person or online. We frequently communicate on topics such as climate and caring for the environment, poverty, refugees and the asylum system, peacemaking, campaigning and politics. Email [church.society@urc.org.uk](mailto:church.society@urc.org.uk)