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A world on the move

The Centre for Equality and Diversity is urging all churches across the Black Country to participate in Racial Justice Sunday on 9th September 2007. Every year on the 2nd Sunday in September – Racial Justice Sunday gives an opportunity for all Christians in Britain to focus their worship, prayer and action on racial justice.

This year's theme "Go to a land I will show you" will look at a past and contemporary mass movement of people from several different angles, the Slave Trade, Christians who have come to the UK from other countries, asylum seekers, refugees and economic migrants.

Andy Bruce – Manager of the Churches Commission for Racial Justice said "The emphasis is on migration and in racial justice terms this turns our attention beyond simple skin colour to people who have relocated for all sorts of reasons. It also changes the geographical location for our concerns. For ages it has been a struggle to get many churches to acknowledge that racial justice is an issue in their areas".

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The Centre for Equality and Diversity very much welcomes the continuing effort by churches to promote racial justice within their respective congregations and will encourage all Christians to tackle injustice, not ignore it.

Kenneth Rodney chief Executive of CfED said

“We look forward to hearing of an increase in the number of congregations participating in Racial Justice Sunday across the Black Country”

Materials to provoke thought, learning and debate are still available from the website of the Churches’ Commission for Racial Justice.

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---NOTES FOR EDITORS---

- (i) CfED is a company limited by guarantee (5745005) and a registered charity 91114821)
- (ii) An organisation at the heart of the Borough of Dudley and dedicated to:
 - (a) promoting the interest of all Black and Minority Ethnic communities
 - (b) building effective partnerships
 - (c) creating an environment in which all people in the Borough support equality and diversity, understand and appreciate the differences between individuals and communities.
 - (d) raising the profile of all six equality strands.