

# TIME TO ACT FOR JUSTICE, PEACE & ECOLOGY

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A passion for justice, a desire for peace and a concern for the integrity of God's creation are all essential to the living out of the Gospel. They are not optional extras, but core components of Christian faith.

Refugees abandon their homes to escape persecution. They have to seek safety elsewhere. The right to do so, set out in the 1951 Refugee Convention of the United Nations, has protected millions worldwide for decades. Yet, today in the UK the anti-refugee laws are putting that basic right to a safe haven in the UK under threat. Since 2000 the Columbans committed to “continue accompanying and defending the rights of migrants,” and to address the underlying causes of the migration of peoples. More than 250 organisations, including the Columbans and refugee groups, have joined to defend the right to seek safety in the UK.

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## **FIGHT THE ANTI-REFUGEE LAWS**

In April 2022 the Nationality and Borders Bill passed in Parliament. The Government chose to punish refugees rather than protect them. A new coalition, including the Columbans, is campaigning for the repeal of the new legislation. We encourage you to join and support the campaign.

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## **CALL FOR FINANCE TO ADDRESS BIODIVERSITY LOSS**

Join leading environment groups in their call for wealthy countries, including the UK, to support a target of at least \$60 billion annually of international finance for biodiversity in developing countries. There should also be initiatives to eliminate public and private investments that are harmful to biodiversity.

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## **JUSTICE AND PEACE CONFERENCE: BOOK YOUR PLACE!**

The July 2022 annual conference of the National Justice and Peace Network of England and Wales (NJPN) has the theme: ‘Hope is a verb with its sleeves rolled up’. Consider registering at: <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/cms/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WEB-Booking-Form-2022.pdf>

Loving God,  
We thank and praise you for the gift of Easter joy, bringing hope in despair.  
May we carry this hope into our efforts to reveal your kingdom of justice and peace.  
Amen

