Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions

The Challenge of Reconciliation

International Workshop
on experiences made in the Peace-process in Northern Ireland
22-24 September 2006 in Belfast

Program

Friday 22

18.00 Opening and welcome by Bishop Leo Schwarz, President of the Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions

18.30 Introduction to the Workshop Jörg Lüer, Secretary General of the Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions

18.45 Session 1: What the conflict in Northern Ireland is about?
Lecture by: Dr. Brian Lennon SJ

19.30 Discussion

20.30 Dinner

Saturday 23

08.00 Holy Eucharist

08.30 Breakfast

09.00 Plenary meeting

09.15 Visiting the quarters of Belfast Division into working groups (15 persons)

11.15 Departure to the meetings with actors in the peace-process (see enclosed program)

Session 2: “Listening to the Stories of Violence”
Meeting with victims of different communities (work groups)
Lunch with the partners we meet.

**Session 3:** “The daily burden of overcoming violence and building peace”
Meeting with community leaders of different denominations (work groups)

16.30  
**Session 4:** Reflection on the experiences in work groups
Preparation of the Presentation in the Plenary

19.00  
Dinner at the Hotel

20.00  
**Session 5:** “Church and Conflict – How to become a part of the solution. Lessons learned from Northern Ireland”

Key note: *Archbishop Sean Brady* (30 min)
Panel: *Reverend Donald Wats*, Presbyterian Church
*Bishop Alan Harper*, Church of Ireland
*Reverend Harold Good*, Former President of the Methodist Church

21.00  
Plenary Discussion

22.00  
End

**Sunday 24**

08.30  
Breakfast

09.00  
**Session 6:** “What could Europe learn from the conflict in Northern Ireland?”
Presentation of the experiences made by the Work groups. Discussion.

11.00  
Departure for the Ecumenical prayer

11.20  
Ecumenical Prayer with the Methodist Community in Forthspring /West Belfast – official closing of the Workshop

13.00  
Lunch

**Place of venue:**
Best Western Wellington Park Hotel – Belfast