

SACEP DAY - Saturday 9th March 2019

MIGRATION – An issue affecting us all?



Around 60 Million people are, at this moment fleeing violence, hunger and misery. Most of them have been taken in, by what we call 'developing countries.' Meanwhile Europe continues to close borders and deny responsibility.

A problem that is not going away any time soon, and in fact it is likely to increase....

The SACEP meeting on Saturday 9th March 2019 will be led by Rebecca Boardman from USPG (United Society-Partners in the Gospel). After studying Geography Rebecca spent a year on a USPG placement with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, a church embedded within the opportunities and challenges of both domestic and international migration. In 2016 Rebecca held the role of Refugee Response Facilitator for St Paul's Anglican Church in Athens, coordinating the ecumenical network Churches Together for Refugees in Athens, liaising with UN agencies and humanitarian actors and managing the social programme funded by the Diocese in Europe, Church of England and USPG. She has since taken up the post of Programmes Manager at USPG with a thematic focus on the issues of migration and ecological justice and which has included working closely with the Diocese in Europe.

The morning will provide us with the global and European background and context of this issue, alongside a biblical reflection on migration and movement of peoples. The afternoon will be more practical as we look at some case studies and examples of local response and explore how our own churches could develop their response.

Background to USPG:

USPG – United Society-Partners in the Gospel – is the Anglican mission agency that partners churches and communities worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.

Theologically, practically and financially, we encourage and enable churches within the Anglican Communion to act as the hands and feet of Christ.

Together, we are working to improve health, tackle poverty, put children in school, challenge discrimination, nurture leaders, give a voice to women, and much more.

We were founded 1701 by the Revd. Thomas Bray, who also founded SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge). <http://www.uspg.org.uk/aboutuspg/>

Saturday 9th March from 10am (9.30am coffee!) until 4pm at All Saints' Church Vevey.

For practical purposes please register by 4.3.19: by Elizabeth Bussmann at

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Cost pp CHF 20. — includes lunch and refreshments. (payable on day)