

CCMJ FOR PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING

Researching the causes of financial injustice, and engaging in dialogue with others in seeking solutions

CHRISTIAN – an indication of an endeavour to witness to the need for inclusive justice, as the way to planetary peace and replenishment. It is sought in love; often as costly attention to others in the particularities of their circumstances, but with ambition for us all to feel that we are citizens of a harmonious world. By discerning, tentatively interpreting and re-applying the examples of how Jesus set every situation in the context of the Kin[g]dom of God, a Christian seeks her- or him-self to be ‘In Christ’ as a witness to the rich potential of this abundant life, this community, this common-wealth.

COUNCIL – implies association with others in the discernment and application of enduring wisdom in and for our day. Exercised in good faith, such association means we all can benefit from each other’s insights, talents and encouragement in the task of being custodians of the gift of life and stewards within the world’s cohesive political-economy: an economy and a way of governance in which everyone can feel they play a significant and humble part. Modern communication allows this ‘council’ to be open and inclusive in, seeking universal principles that can be practised locally. The word is a deliberate attempt to set our lives beyond our nurturing denominations and free from the drive and drag of institutions, which so quickly become self-preserving bases of dependency, just when boundaries are being for ever permeated, for good or ill, throughout the world.

MONETARY – implies that we seek to confront the idol that money has become leading to the commodification at an exponential rate of most aspects of private and public life. This utilisation of people and the given commons is usury. That is; the practice of exalting money values over human and environmental values; of creating money at no cost and lending at rates of interest intended not to foster and maintain humanity or the ecosystem; but to

- a) accumulate reserves of unearned income;
- b) extract wealth from the productive sector in a manner that is parasitic:
- c) extract wealth from those from those who lack wealth (the asset-less); and
- d) make a claim on the future.

JUSTICE – the deep theme running through the bible record of the human search for sanity, namely a purpose in each life and the integrity of the patterns of our existence with and within the renewable energies of planet earth. Because of the three aspects above, justice is an inclusive concept approached in love; itself a costly commitment needing the encouragement of strong association with others such as the open Council seeks to provide, unhindered by membership conditions and avoiding the narrowed drive and the consequent drag of institutionalising our efforts. We are therefore each free to pursue justice independently but with a common bonding in communion.

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