

Our Vision

As an agency of the churches through the four nations of Britain and Ireland we aim to:

- Work in partnership with the four National Ecumenical Instruments
- Facilitate effective collaborative working
- Create appropriate ecumenical space
- Be an expression of the churches' shared commitment to four nations ecumenism
- Work with the widest range of partners
- Listen closely, and respond to the shared needs and aspirations of the churches
- Resource the work of the churches, agencies, networks and bodies in association with CTBI
- Recognise and work with complexity
- Offer theological reflection across the shared areas of work

We value:

- Every church's contribution
- Respectful relationships at all levels across our member organisations
- Recognition of diversity and difference within the churches and nations

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

Following the outcome of the Swanwick Declaration in 1987, the British Council of Churches emerged as the Council of Churches in Britain and Ireland, developing alongside ecumenical instruments – Action for Churches Together in Scotland, Cytûn (Churches Together in Wales), Churches Together in England and the Irish Council of Churches – to help embrace other Christian churches in smaller communities. The Council of Churches in Britain and Ireland subsequently became Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

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Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)

Serving the churches of Britain and
Ireland on the shared journey
towards full visible unity in Christ



Working together, ecumenically

Acting as an 'instrument' by which the churches can journey together towards full visible unity, CTBI provides information and guidance to bridge understanding of issues in today's society. CTBI develops publications and free resources with other organisations and members to offer reflection, prayer and study materials to celebrate Christian events, as well as opportunities to learn and address key issues.

www.ctbi.org.uk



Resources

CTBI produces books, reports and studies, both paid and free of charge as downloads which offer deeper understanding of various topics.

A list of all available resources and details of how to purchase or download can be found online:

www.ctbi.org.uk/category/resources

Acting Together

CTBI is involved in bringing together a number of partnerships and forums including:

- China Forum
- CTBI Churches' Refugee Network
- Inter Faith Theological Advisory Group
- 'Invest in Peace' with The Board of Deputies of British Jews
- Mission Theology Advisory Group
- The UK Bossey Network

CTBI Work Programme covers:

- Social issues
- Peace and conflict
- Spirituality and reflection: –
 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 - Lent Courses
 - Advent
 - Creation Time
 - Remembrance Sunday
- Mission and Unity
- Theology



CTBI project dedicated websites

- **Focus on Refugees** – a one-stop source of information covering news, policy, practical action and resources for those in the faith community interested in refugee and asylum issues. www.focusonrefugees.org
- **The Centre for Theology and Justice** – connecting faith and action by exploring the intersection of theology and justice for the churches of Britain and Ireland. www.theologyjustice.org
- **CTBI Elections** – a dedicated website which allows you to register and find local hustings meetings and updated resources during the General Election. www.churcheselection.org.uk
- **A Good Society** – explores the foundations of a 'Good Society'. www.agoodsociety.org
- **Lent Pilgrimage** – resources for the Lent Study 2016 which are still very much relevant today. www.lentpilgrimage.org.uk
- **Dispossession Project** – resources on facing the challenges of mission and justice in our world today. www.dispossessionproject.org
- **China Online Study Centre** – provides information on the Church in China. www.chinaonlinecentre.org
- **Churches Together Directory** www.churchestogether.org