

JUSTICE AND PEACE LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGNS

GREETINGS CARD CAMPAIGN WINTER 2020

We are invited once again to remember a handful of the many people who are being persecuted today in our world. Each winter Action by Christians against Torture (ACAT) selects a few cases of individuals, groups and communities. These people have all either been subjected to human rights abuses or are living under the threat of them. Throughout the winter, cards are sent with greetings and messages of support. This parish can be proud of the numbers of greetings cards sent to the persecuted over the last 23 years!

Thank-you for this invaluable support which is deeply appreciated.

If you have not managed to send cards in previous winters, why not make a special effort this winter? Please do follow the guidelines carefully **and please check the postage.**

POSTAGE RATES (correct at the time of going to print)

Weight up to and including ...	Europe	Rest of the world
10g	£1.45	£1.45
20g	£1.45	£1.70

Simple messages of goodwill are enough. Please never include political comments

When a non-religious card is advised, please avoid referring to religion in your message.

(For example, rather than writing 'you are in our prayers', write 'you are in our thoughts')

Please put your name and address (including country) on your card (or your name and just your town)

BISHOP DONALD LIPPERT AND SR LORENA JENA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Together with Sr Lorena Jena, a Swiss-born Franciscan missionary, Bishop Lippert has conducted a long campaign against accusations of sorcery and witchcraft in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea. Belief in witchcraft is widespread in this area and the poor and defenceless are often blamed for a death. Those accused face beatings, banishment, limb amputation, torture and murder. On Easter Sunday three women, accused of killing a man with a history of asthma and kidney failure, were severely tortured and burned; six others were also accused. Women, children, the elderly and the disabled are particularly at risk.

Please send a message (religious or non-religious). You can mention ACAT.

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SHIVA MAHBOBI, IRAN/UK

Shiva Mahbobi is an Iranian political activist currently residing in the UK and best known as the spokesperson of the CAMPAIGN TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRAN (CFPPI). As a student human rights activist in Iran she was condemned as 'an enemy of God', arrested, tortured and imprisoned for more than three years at the age of 16. She continued her political activities after her release from prison before fleeing the country, fearing arrest and execution. She sought asylum in Turkey, where she lived for more than two years before moving to Canada in 1994 and then to the UK in 2001. She is also public relations officer of the International Committee Against Stoning (ICAS), which campaigns against stoning throughout the world.

Please send a (non-religious) message to:

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There is no postal address for this group. See website for online contacts.

Please let the office know if you would prefer to have the complete set of ACAT details.