

## **From : Christians for an Ethical Society – PUBLIC FORUM**

**Who we are:** *The CES (Christians for an Ethical Society) is a local mainstream Christian ecumenical community organization seeking to bring issues of social justice into the public forum. Further information on the CES can be found at [www.ces.org.au](http://www.ces.org.au) <<http://www.ces.org.au/>>*

**The topic is: “POVERTY AND PLENTY... WHERE DO / SHOULD CHRISTIANS STAND?”**

This forum will give theological perspectives on our theme for 2010, “Poverty and Affluence”. We anticipate lively discussion.

**Our speakers:** *Professor Frank Brennan SJ AO and Rev Dr Erica Mathieson.*

Professor Frank Brennan SJ AO is well-known for his work in the Christian and broader community. Amongst other activities, he has been Director of the Uniya Jesuit Social Justice Centre in Sydney, received the Order of Australia for services to Aboriginal Australians, and was awarded the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal for his 18 months in East Timor as Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service. In 2009, Frank led Australian consultations about the protection and promotion of human rights.

Rev Dr Erica Mathieson has been the Rector of Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett, since 2008. She is a visiting lecturer in pastoral studies at St Mark's Theological College, Charles Sturt University; and an Honorary Associate at Macquarie University. She is a member of the Executive of the National Council of Churches in Australia and a member of the Ethics Committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists. Prior to her current appointment she was engaged in research at Macquarie University in the fields of papyrology, early Christianity and women in antiquity.

**Our Chair:** Rev Gregor Henderson: Gregor is newly appointed President of the CES. He is immediate past President of the Uniting Church of Australia and one of the ministers in the Uniting Church's Canberra Central Parish.

**Time and Place:** The forum will be held at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, corner of Blackall St and Kings Avenue, Barton (adjacent to St Marks Theological College) at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17 March.

**Cost:** A donation of \$5 is invited to cover the cost of room hire. Supper is provided.

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