



CHURCH of IRELAND GENERAL SYNOD
CHURCH in SOCIETY COMMITTEE
Social Justice and Theology (RI) Sub-Committee

1. 'Alcohol in the Life of Young People'

Report launched on 25th January 2005. Sent to parishes and others concerned February 2005, including a brief user's guide.

2. 'Local Partnerships'

Group formed to draft handbook for church on how it is, and why, that local partnerships between voluntary work and the statutory agencies are fast-growing in all sectors of social care. History, strengths and weaknesses briefly to be surveyed. A theology offered. Recommendations are for church members to support and participate in local partnerships. Acknowledgement that people can be enthused by these things even when not Sunday attenders. Drafting well in hand. A consultative group from a 'typical parish' set up. It is intended that this report will complement our Northern counterparts' 'Go and Do Likewise'.

3. M.E.P.s

Consideration being given to agenda for meeting in May. Possibilities: Ireland losing its 'soul' in commitment to faith; Justice towards the new member states and their peoples, as regards employment in Ireland and speculative investment in those states.