



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

1. **Local Partnerships:** Text of a booklet to inform the Church on partnerships whereby the statutory agencies and the voluntary principle combine to provide social care is being prepared for publication. This will be a companion booklet for the Northern Ireland publication *Go and do likewise*.
2. **International Community:** Work is being done in conjunction with the Dublin & Glendalough Diocesan Committee for the International Community, mainly to enable the latter's output to reach a national audience and to give it authentication by the Church in Society Committee. Submission made to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform on proposed *Immigration and Residency* legislation. A handbook is being prepared for the Church on the whole question of welcoming and integrating with new people from abroad. Use will be made of the November 2005 conference on racism at Dromantine.
3. **Resurgent Nationalism:** The new wave of political and other fundamentalism is a serious challenge to the church across Europe and more widely. Draft information paper under consideration.
4. **Forum on Child Poverty:** The Chairperson attended a conference in Dromantine in December 2005. Work is ongoing to develop the work begun at this meeting.
5. **Glenstal Ecumenical Conference:** The Chairperson invited to give a paper in June 2006.