



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

The work of the group in 2006 comprised the following:

1. **Publication of document *Local Partnerships. A theological and pastoral reflection.*** This booklet reflects theologically and pastorally on the Church's place in social care and engagement at the local level. It shows how much is done by partnership between the statutory agencies and voluntary work. It recommends full participation by Church people in this area.
2. **The International Community in Ireland.** The booklet by the Rev Patrick Comerford designed to help parishes in their approach to the "new Irish" is in preparation. The title will be *Welcoming Difference: the Church of Ireland in a Plural Society*. It is intended that publication will be available by May 2007.
3. **Glenstal Ecumenical Conference, 2006.** The Chairperson gave a paper on the group's work. The conference was most useful and productive as a source of inspiration and information.
4. **Child Poverty Initiative.** The group keeps a watching brief on this endeavour.
5. **Rural Ireland after Sugarbeet.** The group is drafting a booklet reflecting upon the implications for Church and society of the radical changes now taking place in rural Ireland. Input has been invited from the Methodist Church in Ireland.

Pastoralia in a Digital World. Work is beginning as regards the significance of the electronic revolution for pastoral and social care.