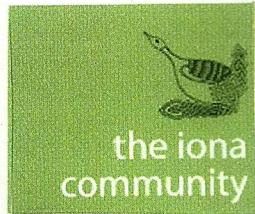


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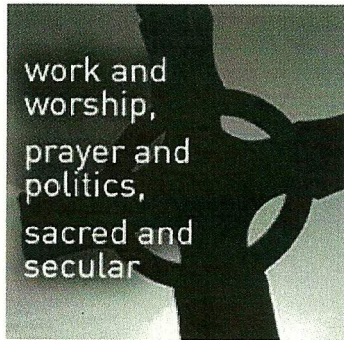
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## About the Iona Community

### Our movement

We are full Members, Associate, Youth and Staff Members, Volunteers and Friends of the Iona Community. What we share, expressed in many different ways, is an experience of the liberating work of Jesus Christ, and a commitment to the personal and social transformation that spring from the vision and values of the gospel.

Members share a common Rule which includes:

- Daily prayer and reading the Bible
- Mutual sharing and accountability for our use of time and money
- Regular meeting together
- Action and reflection for justice, peace and the integrity of creation

Members meet regularly throughout the year in local groups and in 4 plenary gatherings, including a week on Iona.

### Our concerns

As well as serving on the decision and policy-making bodies of the Community's corporate work, members particularly focus on a two-year theme which shapes and informs its programmes and publications. The current theme is **Peace**.

A commitment to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation is an integral part of the Rule of the Iona Community, and a key aspect of our lives both as individuals and as a community. The Peace Working Group is currently conducting an audit of how we live out this part of our rule - as members, as local "Family" groups, and as a whole community. Members' involvement varies according to the area they live in and their individual circumstances, but it is clear that across the community there is an unwavering commitment to peace and justice, reflected in many types of activity, from quiet peacemaking in our neighbourhoods and families, to political lobbying and nonviolent opposition to weapons of mass destruction. There are also member-led groups working on:

- Justice, peace and the integrity of creation (opposing nuclear weapons, campaigning against the arms trade and for ecological justice)
- Political and cultural action to combat racism
- Action on local and global poverty and justice
- Issues in human sexuality
- The deepening of ecumenical dialogue and communion

There is a network of members engaged in inter-religious dialogue, and a Council-appointed group considering theological issues.

### Our organisational work

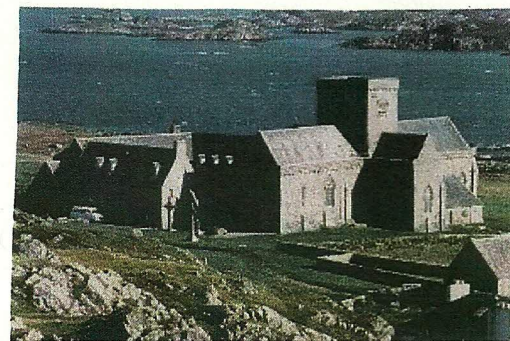
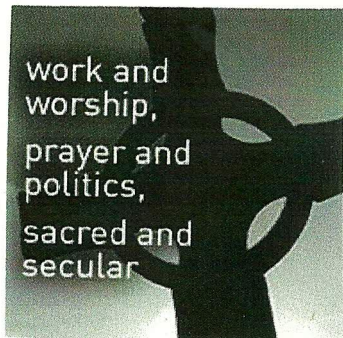
Although it maintains three island centres (Iona Abbey and the MacLeod Centre on Iona, one at Camas on the nearby island of Mull), the Iona Community has its mainland home in Glasgow, the base for:

- its work with young people,
- its publications house Wild Goose Publications, and its magazine, Coracle
- its work revitalising worship through the Wild Goose Resource Group
- its central administration

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- Christian Aid Week is May 9th-15th: Find out more here
- Come and work with us on Iona: Staff vacancies
- The Sanctuary Pledge: convince your political representatives to sign the Sanctuary Pledge at the 2010 General Election
- PLACES OPEN AT THE MACLEOD CENTRE FOR GUESTS: May 22-28. Gather from near or from far for this 'Gathering Place' week in the MacLeod Centre on Iona. Book now for a Spring Discount of 25% off to join us for 22 May.
- The Ecumenical Accompanier Programme is looking for Ecumenical Accompaniers in the West Bank and Israel. Deadline for applications, June 17th. To find out more:
- Edinburgh 1910 and 2010: News of a major ecumenical gathering in June

For further information on the Community and its concerns, please write to the Leader of the Community - **Rev. Peter Macdonald**. at:

# The Rule of the Iona Community



Our five-fold Rule calls us to:

1. Daily Prayer and Bible-reading
2. Sharing and accounting for the use of our money
3. Planning and accounting for the use of our time
4. Action for Justice and Peace in society
5. Meeting with and accounting to each other.

**1. Daily Prayer And Bible Reading** We are asked to pray for each other, for our common concerns, and for the wider work of the church, on a daily basis. We are also asked to read the Bible on a regular and frequent basis. Together with prayer requests and topics in the Members booklet, the use is commended of *This is The Day*, *Gathered and Scattered* or *Growing Hope* (collections of daily readings and meditations from the Iona Community, available from Wild Goose Publications).

### 2. Sharing and Accounting For The Use Of Our Money

- a. We are asked, first, to account to each other for the use of our income.
- b. We are then asked, in Family Groups, to agree our individual baseline commitments and special circumstances and expenses: thus arriving at a personal disposable income figure from which the amount to be given (a tithe - 10% in most cases) can be deducted.
- c. The amount to be given should be divided up as follows:
  - i. To the wider work of the Church, and to bodies concerned with promoting justice and peace, world development, etc - 60%
  - ii. to the work of the Iona Community - 20%
  - iii. to purposes decided by the Family Group - 10%
  - iv. to purposes decided by the Common Fund Trustees on behalf of the Community - 5%
  - v. to the Travel Pool - 5%

The accounting year for each of these amounts is from 1st April to 31st March.

### 3. Planning and Accounting For The Use Of Our Time

This discipline seems to have its origins in the early days of the Community, when craftsmen doubted the ability of ministers to work an eight-hour 'shift'! Through it, we are all asked to plan our time, in such a way that proper 'weighting' is given, not simply to work, but equally to leisure, to time for family, to developing skills or acquiring new ones, to worship and devotion, to voluntary work - and to sleep!

### 4. Action for Justice And Peace In Society

Our act of commitment on justice and peace is, as was also said of the earlier Act of Commitment on Peace, 'a point of departure'. It will remain no more than a pious hope (and a false witness) unless we seek, separately and together, to put it into practice.

#### Justice and Peace Commitment

We believe:

1. that the Gospel commands us to seek peace founded on justice and that costly reconciliation is at the heart of the Gospel;
2. that work for justice, peace and an equitable society is a matter of extreme urgency;
3. that God has given us partnership as stewards of creation and that we have a responsibility to live in a right relationship with the whole of God's creation;
4. that, handled with integrity, creation can provide for the needs of all, but not for the greed which leads to injustice and inequality, and endangers life on earth;
5. that everyone should have the quality and dignity of a full life that requires adequate physical, social and political opportunity, without the oppression of poverty, injustice and fear;
6. that social and political action leading to justice for all people and encouraged by prayer and discussion, is a vital work of the Church at all levels;
7. that the use or threatened use of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction is theologically and morally indefensible and that opposition to their existence is an imperative of the Christian faith.

As Members and Family Groups we will:

8. engage in forms of political witness and action, prayerfully and thoughtfully, to promote just and peaceful social, political and economic structures;
9. work for a British policy of renunciation of all weapons of mass destruction and for the encouragement of other nations, individually or collectively, to do the same;
10. celebrate human diversity and actively work to combat discrimination on grounds of age, colour, disability, mental wellbeing, differing ability, gender, colour, race, ethnic and cultural background, sexual orientation or religion;
11. work for the establishment of the United Nations Organisation as the principal organ of

