

South Australia's Social Inclusion Initiative

Monsignor David Cappo AO
Commissioner for Social Inclusion
Chair, Social Inclusion Board



www.socialinclusion.sa.gov.au

The
**Social
Mission
Conference**
2010



SOCIAL INCLUSION

- Dignity
- Community
- Participation
- Opportunity
- Access
- Economic, and
- Social networks



SOCIAL INCLUSION - "VEHICLES"

*Structures of
Society*

- Housing
- Essential Services
- Health
- Education
- Skills training
- Employment
- "Joined-up"
government



Charity Social Service

Scriptural Reference:

Good Samaritan Story

The Gospel story does not attempt to survey the causes of highway banditry. The Samaritan provides temporary and immediate relief.

Private, individual acts

Responds to immediate need

Provides direct service:

food, clothing, shelter

Requires repeated actions

Directed at the effects of injustice: symptoms

Homeless shelters, food shelves, clothing drives, emergency services

Justice Social Change

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus Story

Moses does not ask for food and medicine for the Jewish slave-labor force. He challenges the institutional system.

Message: "Let My People Go."

Public, collective actions

Responds to long-term need

Promotes social change in institutions

Resolves structural injustice

Directed at the root causes of social injustice

Examples:

Legislative advocacy, changing corporate policies or practices, congregation-based community organizing.



356

The human person - made in the
image of God ➔ God - Trinity

Human person finds fulfillment
in community



1930

Rights that flow from the
dignity of being a person

1931

And the means to live it with
dignity

The necessary means to live a
truly human life

AA8



2443

It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognise his chosen ones.

MT: 25. 31-46



2443 The law of love MT 22:37-40

...Least of these MT 25:40

By this will everyone know his
disciples JN 13:35



The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift in charity.

The causes of evil and not merely their effects should be eliminated.

AA8 - 415



2446

Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours but theirs.

- St John Chrysostym



When we attend to the needs of those
in want, we give them what is theirs,
not ours. More than performing works
of mercy, we are paying a debt of
justice

- St Gregory the Great



1889 Charity is the

- Greatest social commandment
- It respects others & their rights
- It requires the practice of justice
- and it alone makes us capable of it
- Charity inspires life of self giving



1905 Common Good

Do not live entirely isolated, having retreated into yourselves, as if you were already justified, but gather instead to seek the common good together

Epistle of Barnabus



1905 Common Good

The social conditions that help us reach fulfilment more fully and more easily.



Homelessness

Prevention: Housing trust

Flows: Prisons, hospitals

Movement to sustainable housing



School Retention

Innovative Community Action Networks

Most effective model of increasing
engagement with education.

