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*I am very happy to inform and invite you for a 2 day conference on 'Christian Responsibility to Dalits and Caste Discrimination'. This is a follow-up of 2014 conference on the same theme. It will be held at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd. SE1 on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017.*

*Cardinal Peter Turkson, Pontifical Chair of Justice and Peace, Vatican has expressed his willingness to provide the Key-note address. The theme is based on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 2013 – 'Dalits and Caste discrimination'. Further to the challenge of Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis, the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) has published a 'Policy of Dalit Empowerment in the Catholic Church in India'. This adds to the commitment of Christians to Dalits, who form a sizable part of the Christian community in South Asia, particularly India, and 110 countries where Asians have migrated to, including the UK. A small team of Bishops from CBCI who worked on the 'Policy of Dalit Empowerment' will also be present and speaking in the conference.*

*As you may be aware, the UK legislation against caste discrimination was passed by the British Parliament [Equality Act 2010/2013 – Section 9 (5)], and yet awaits implementation. Hence the subject also needs the support of UK and international Christian communities' churches.*

*I am sure; you will find the conference speakers inspiring and informative and hope you will be able to join with us. You can also depute representatives from your organisation.*

*With very good wishes and blessing.*

*Bishop Patrick Lynch S.S.C.C.*

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