Friday October 15, 2010

Noon  Opening Luncheon
  • Greetings: Linda McCauslin, Co-Chair of the NBCFSJ.
  The Vision of John Peters Humphrey
  • an address by Herménégilde Chiasson, former Lieutenant-Governor of N.B.

1:00 p.m.  Official Opening of the Summit

1:30 p.m.  People living in poverty speak out on violations of their human rights.
  Eight to ten people will stand up and talk briefly about a violation of human rights to which they have been subjected.

2:10 p.m.  Panel: Why does our society tolerate poverty?
  • Prejudice as a cause of human rights breaches (TBA)
  • The widening gap between the rich and the poor.
  How solving Poverty would benefit society by Rob Moir, Professor of Economics at University of New Brunswick, Saint John Campus.

3:00 p.m.  Break

3:30 p.m.  Keynote speaker
  What is being done internationally to enforce the human rights of the poor?
  by Martha Jackman, LL.M. (Yale), Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Ottawa Law School. She is a specialist in constitutional law, with a particular focus on issues relating to women and other marginalized groups. She publishes in the areas of socio-economic rights, equality and the Canadian Charter.

5:00 p.m.  Evening meal

7:00 p.m.  Participatory activities
  (selected from the list below, according to interest)
  • Choice of Films: Poor No More by Mary Walsh or La faim d’un pays.
  • Speakers’ Corner: people who want to express themselves on a specific issue.
  • Interviews on specific topics to be selected for placement on CFSJ’s website.
  • Drawings or painting to spontaneously depict the Summit’s theme.

Saturday October 16, 2010

9:00 a.m.  Human Rights: From Ideal to Practice
  by Hector Cormier, retired teacher and President of the Coalition for the Rights of Seniors and Nursing Home Residents.

10:00 a.m.  Break

10:30 a.m.  What can we do in New Brunswick to improve the enforcement of human rights?
  Table discussion co-chaired by Jean-Claude Basque, Provincial Coordinator of the CFSJ and Auréa Cormier, Provincial Councillor.

11:30 a.m.  Closing Luncheon