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General Election on 12th December 2019

We are currently asking parliamentary candidates for the South West Herts Constituency where they stand on matters important for justice and peace in the world.

It is intended to advertise the questions and the answers received through churches in Tring.

We know that caring for the planet involves concern for the environment and protecting the livelihoods of the poorest people in the world.

Questions: What is your view on tackling climate change and supporting sustainable development? What will you do to ensure that the UK adheres to its commitments under the Paris COP21 agreement, and under the UK's own Climate Change Act? How will you ensure that environmental protections are kept in place post Brexit?

Brexit could mean big changes in the way the UK trades around the world. Farmers and workers in developing countries could gain – or lose out- from changes to the UK's trade rules.

Questions: What will you do to make sure that the UK's trade policy is fair for farmers and workers in developing countries? Will you make sure that trade policy supports poverty reduction, climate emergency action and human rights?

For more than a decade there has been cross-party support for spending 0.7% of national income on aid. UK aid saves lives every day, and must always be focused on the needs of the most vulnerable.

Questions: Will you back the UK's 0.7% international development spending, and ensure that UK aid supports smallholder farmers and improves workers' rights rather than benefitting UK-based contractors? Will you ensure that DFID maintains its independence?

Inequality between wealthier and poorer nations' citizens has increased in the past 30 years.

Question: What specific tax policies will you promote to reduce inequality between nations?

Christians suffer dreadful persecution in some countries.

Question: What will you do to support persecuted Christians?

And finally,

Question: What will you do to progress the fight to end modern day slavery?

Questions: How would you address the shameful problems of homelessness and reliance on food banks which are increasing across the country? What measures do you believe should be put in place to mitigate the poverty caused by austerity?

Michael Demidecki, Secretary