

# Christian Lifestyle Conference

Charles McMullen, Convener of the Global Concerns Committee of the General Assembly, led a church-wide conference on Christian lifestyle at West Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

At the moment there is unprecedented concern about the future of our environment and as a society we are caught in an endless cycle of rampant consumerism and spiralling debt, cheap flights and disposable goods. There is ever widening disparity between the rich and the poor.

Living in such a global economy we may feel absolutely paralysed. How can our choices make a difference? How and why should we settle for less than our neighbour? Should our children not be able to enjoy an ever increasing standard of living? What kind of prophetic voice do we have as individual Christians and as a Church? How can we respond in practical ways?

Speakers addressing these issues at the conference included Setri Nyomi, General Secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches based in Switzerland, who articulated some of the cries of the poor in other parts of the world. Professor Drew Gibson, recently appointed to the department of Practical Theology in the Presbyterian College, provided some theological background. The conference concluded with a workshop as we attempted to root some of the theological challenges in practical ways which can be brought back to our congregations.

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