

News of Enda McDonagh's death has left me with a profound sadness and sense of loss. A dear friend and renowned theologian, Enda lived his life committed to speaking truth and seeking justice especially for the powerless and excluded. I got to know Enda when he served as theological consultant to CAFOD on HIV. For over a decade from 1993 we travelled together to Burma/Myanmar and to various countries of Africa. We facilitated seminars for church programmes and hierarchy, exploring development issues raised by HIV and a theological framework for formulating a holistic faith-based programme response to the challenges posed by HIV. Together we celebrated successes and bewailed obstacles, trusting that seeds sown in even the toughest ground would bear fruit.

In a seminal publication "Theology in a Time of AIDS" Enda identified four core values he regarded as kingdom values informing theological and programme responses. Truth had to be paramount, even when it is costly. This cost should be born by those most able. Freedom, coming from God's loving covenant, engenders human freedom as choice and task. Justice at personal and social levels must favour the powerless and oppressed. Peace demands a *metanoia* to accept the "other", the excluded, so that we can all flourish together.

Enda's own life was marked by these values, and he knew well the cost they exacted. May he now rest in the love of God whose kingdom he sought to realise throughout his life.

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