Task Sheet 5. Faith in the Media?

**Suggested Task**
On your own, go through current newspapers (if you want online) noting where religious issues are discussed. Then choose one article and bring it to your tandem meeting to discuss it with your tandem partner.

**Aim**
To explore the role of the media and its portrayal of religion in the public sphere.

**Objectives**
On your own and with your partner define your objectives for this tandem exercise. What do you want to learn?

**Consider asking yourself**
- How does the media represent religion?
- What issues regarding religion are discussed?
- What is the place of religion in the public sphere?
- What is the place of my religion in the public sphere?
- What should the role of religion be in society?
- How should my religion contribute to society?

**Consider asking your tandem partner**
- You may ask all or none of the suggestions above plus:
  - Do you feel that the media representation of your religion fair?
  - How do you respond to ‘bad press’?

**Things to reflect on together**
- What are our similarities? Why?
- Where do we differ? Why?