

Toward Justice & Peace: Workshop for Catholic Religious in Zimbabwe

The Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR) is a coalition of Catholic Sisters, Brothers, priests, and their partners in mission who are committed to collaborating on collective advocacy efforts that aim to address the root causes of human and environmental suffering by holding political leaders accountable for defense and promotion of the human rights of all people and for the health and well-being of the planet. It is governed by representatives of 20 organizations that represent Catholic congregations of women and men Religious at the United Nations.



JCoR - Zimbabwe Workshop 2022-2023



Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 commitments made by all 193 governments at the United Nations. The SDGs aim to end extreme poverty, inequality, and climate change by 2030. While the Agenda presents an unprecedented opportunity for all nations to respond to these challenges together, a just and inclusive implementation of the SDGs requires independent action and monitoring by non-governmental leaders and civil society within every nation--and within the halls of the United Nations.



Vocation to Systemic Change

The global body of women and men Religious have been working on missions that are now reflected in the 17 SDGs. Inspired by the Gospel, Catholic Social Teaching, our charisms, and our congregational ministry priorities, we have also established our life and ministries among the most vulnerable and oppressed communities in the world, those who could most easily be excluded from the promises of the SDGs. Called by faith to establish more just economic, social, and environmental systems, we are well positioned to guide global and local leaders in fulfilling the promises of this agenda.



Justice Coalition of Religious

Recognizing the adoption of the SDGs as a call to mission, the Religious NGOs at the UN undertook two years of planning and research to devise a strategy for how they could maximize their contribution to the Goals' implementation and monitoring. We knew we could be more effective if we gathered voices and ministry experiences of Religious and their partners from around the world to speak with a unified voice and take collective action at the UN and wherever we are present. JCoR was launched in 2017 to offer training and support for this global collaboration.

We have begun organizing in Latin America, East & Southern Africa, and India. See reverse for more details about how to get involved in JCoR's programmes and collective advocacy actions!

Zimbabwe Workshop



The Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR) and the Conference of Major Religious Superiors of Zimbabwe (CMRS-ZW) invite Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and priests in Zimbabwe to join a free, in-person workshop on rights-based advocacy in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This workshop will be participatory and action-oriented with an aim of building practical skills for advocacy at the national level as well as within the United Nations system. It will be tailored to the context of Zimbabwe and will culminate in the participants' collaboration in the design and enactment of a joint campaign to advance justice in Zimbabwe on an issue of their choosing. It will be held in two parts.

Topics will include:

- Role of spiritual leaders in the UN system
- SDGs as a global framework for uniting ministries and advocating for justice and peace
- Laudato Si', Catholic Social Teaching, and the SDGs
- Introduction to rights-based advocacy campaigns

JOIN US

FOR PART 1 OF THE WORKSHOP:

Location: Gweru, Zimbabwe

Date: 29 September to 1 October 2022

To register: Inquire with your Major Superior about the invitation sent to them from CMRS-Zimbabwe

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[The workshop] was an eyeopener for all of us who attended the program. The four facilitators challenged us in our understanding on a variety of topics and introduced us to practical skills needed for advocacy at state, national and international level. -Sr. Lisa Pires, PBVM

It was very educative and insightful. There is an urgent need to awaken the consciousness of all, including Religious to issues like migration, human rights, advocacy, and the SDGs. The resource persons were excellent and deeply inspiring. I learned so much from the workshop. - Sr. Meena D'silva, FMA, Provincial

It helped me to realize the issues that need our immediate attention as consecrated persons. Religious in India can come together, under the banner of JCoR, to collectively respond to social and political challenges facing the nation and to attain the SDGs. -Andrew Dantis, CSSR, Social Work Professional

