



# Justice Coalition of Religious:

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Women & Men Religious Working for Global Transformation  
at the United Nations **and** Around the World

# JCoR: The Justice Coalition of Religious

A Coalition of 23 Roman Catholic Religious organizations that

- are accredited by the United Nations (UN)
- have representatives at UN Headquarters in New York
- are committed to improving well-being of people living in poverty and of the natural environment
- are collectively present in over 100 countries

# GOVERNING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:

- Claretian Missionaries
- Company of the Daughters of Charity
- Congregation of the Mission
- Congregation of Notre Dame de Montreal
- Congregations of St. Joseph
- Dominican Leadership Conference
- Edmund Rice International
- Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate
- International Presentation Association
- Loretto Community
- Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers
- Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
- Medical Mission Sisters
- Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- Passionists International
- Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
- Salesian Missions
- School Sisters of Notre Dame
- Sisters of Charity Federation
- Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
- Society of the Sacred Heart
- UNANIMA International
- VIVAT International

# OUR SHARED MISSION:

To facilitate **collaboration among** members and partners of Catholic Religious **congregations** working **at the grassroots and at the United Nations** in order to:

- **strengthen** one another's **capacity for advocacy** and
- **advocate collectively**

for **social, economic, and environmental justice and peace** in international, regional, and national fora.



WHAT DO WE  
MEAN WHEN  
WE SAY  
“**ADVOCACY**”?

¿QUÉ QUEREMOS  
DECIR CUANDO  
HABLAMOS DE  
“**INCIDENCIA  
POLÍTICA**”?

QU'ENTENDONS-  
NOUS PAR  
“**PLAIDOYER**” ?

Public *and/or* private **actions that promote** movement toward **justice in our** society's social, economic, and environmental **systems and structures**

(e.g. speaking to/informing a community or their political leaders, writing letters/statements, joining or organizing rallies/demonstrations to address an injustice)

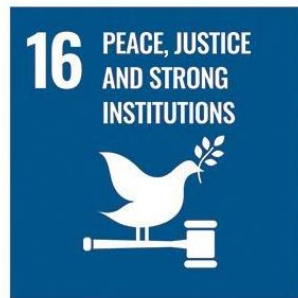
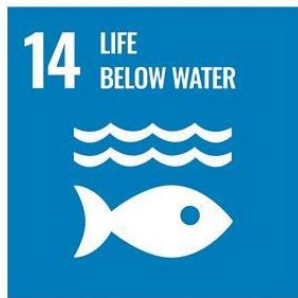
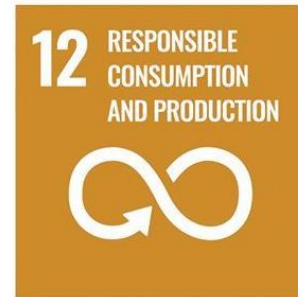
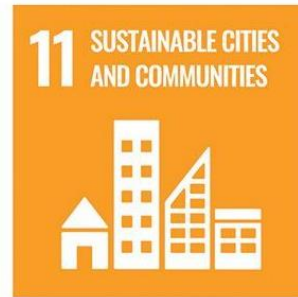
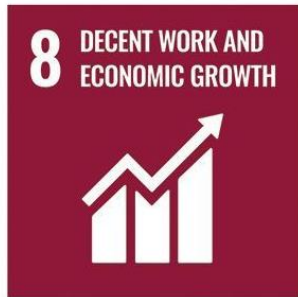
# **Why We Have Come Together at this Moment in History**



# SIGNS OF THE TIMES: a CALL to COALITION

- Trend of **smaller numbers of vocations to Religious life** requires us:
  - To adopt creative approaches to ministry that allow us to retain the wisdoms of our unique charisms *while* drawing strength from the greater numbers of all who hold our mission in common
  - To confront questions of justice *beneath* the question of sustainability: *How will the dignity of those we serve be upheld on the day we can no longer provide this charitable ministry? What system will fulfill their rights?*
- **Political spaces are becoming more closed** and less receptive to the voices of civil society, especially voices from the most marginalised groups. Speaking with an organized and unified voice allows us to use—and protect—the available spaces more effectively.

# SDGs: a CALL to PARTICIPATION



In 2015, governments of the UN unanimously adopted the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, a their 15-year agenda for the alleviation of human and environmental suffering.



# SDGs: a CALL to PARTICIPATION

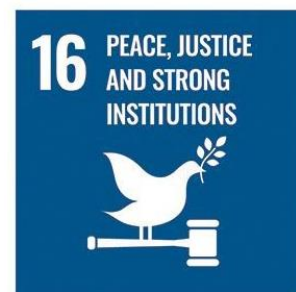
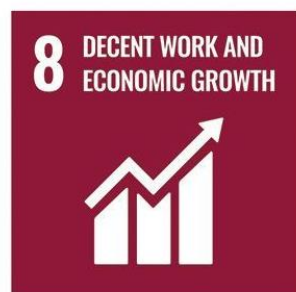
In order for the SDGs to be achieved in a just manner (one that includes everyone and prioritises the poorest among us), **all sectors of society must actively participate in:**

- **implementing** them and
- **monitoring** progress toward their achievement within every nation as well as at the UN.






# SDGs: a CALL to PARTICIPATION



Women and men Religious have been working toward the SDGs for centuries and are well positioned to guide global and local leaders in fulfilling the promises of this agenda.

# OUR APPROACH





Coordinate efforts of Religious and their ministry partners to allow us to make a stronger, more unified call for a justice, equity, sustainability, and respect for rights on the local, national, and global levels.

We have begun our efforts in:

- Latin America and the Caribbean
- East & Southern African (Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe)
- India
- United Nations Headquarters (New York City, USA)

# REGIONAL WORKSHOPS → NETWORKS

- **Initial workshops:**
  - being held in each of the selected regions from 2019 to 2025
  - multiple days of dialogue, advocacy learning, and planning among members of different congregations and partner organisations
- **Regional network formation:**
  - Ongoing collaboration to design and realise advocacy initiatives that respond to need for systemic change in each region
  - Support and additional training organized locally by Regional Coordinator
  - Advocacy initiatives reinforced by advocacy of JCoR team at UN

Participation is **open to all Catholic Religious** (from any congregation or diocese) **and their ministry partners** in the selected region

# NETWORKS ESTABLISHED THUS FAR

## Latin America & Caribbean:

- Mesoamerica (Guatemala & Mexico)
- Andes-Amazon (Ecuador)
- Caribbean (Dominican Republic)
- Southern Cone (Chile)
- Brazil
- Cuba
- Venezuela

## East & Southern Africa:

- Uganda (2)
- Zimbabwe
- Zambia

## India:

- Karnataka
- Kerala
- Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana
- Maharashtra (2)
- Goa (2)
- Madhya Pradesh (2)
- Odisha
- Delhi/UP/Punjab/ Haryana
- Gujarat



# MESOAMERICA WORKSHOP: GUATEMALA, FEBRUARY 2020





# ANDES-AMAZON WORKSHOP:

MARCH 2022



**Taller Presencial JCoR - Región Andino/Amazónica  
Quito - Ecuador, 7 a 13 de marzo de 2022**

***"Urge comprometernos con la inclusión y el desarrollo  
integral, por medio de una -economía con alma-"***





**Taller Presencial JCoR - Región Caribe/Antillas  
Santo Domingo - República Dominicana  
28 de marzo a 2 de abril de 2022**

**“Una Iglesia y una Vida Consagrada en  
sinodalidad, hacía una justicia estructural”**

# CARIBBEAN WORKSHOP:

MARCH/APRIL 2022



# SOUTHERN CONE WORKSHOP:

APRIL 2022



Región AL-C



**Taller Presencial JCoR - Región Cono Sur  
Santiago de Chile - 24 a 30 de abril de 2022**

**Una Iglesia en salida, "sin demora,  
sin asco y sin miedo"**





# MESOAMERICA WORKSHOP: MEXICO

MAY 2022

**Taller Presencial JCoR - Región Mesoamérica  
Ciudad de México - 22 a 28 de mayo de 2022**

*“Hacia una conversión personal, comunitaria  
y pastoral, que efectivamente nos identifique  
con la ciudadanía teológica de los pobres”*





# **CUBA WORKSHOP: MAY 2023**



# VENEZUELA WORKSHOP: MARCH 2024



## TALLER PRESENCIAL JCoR - Venezuela

"Hacia el cambio sistémico y la incidencia política"

Caracas - 18 al 22 de marzo de 2024



# AFRICA REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT


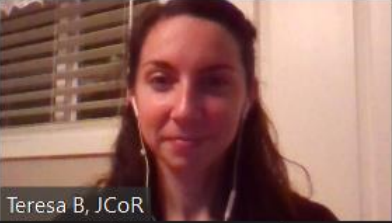















FEBRUARY  
2020





# UGANDA WORKSHOP:

OCTOBER  
2021

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 Sr Lydia	 Jose Ubaldino Andrade Hernandez	 Mbambu Semerita & Celestine	 Mary Lilly Driciru	 Elizabeth N.N & Rebecca Loukae
 Germina Keneema	 Ayaa Hellen Sr	 Vincentina Achora	 Srs. Gloria Nakusi & Claire Beatric...	 Joseane Cabral Soares
 Robert Lukwiya Ochola MCCJ	<b>Jane Aluku Jane</b> Jane Aluku Jane	<b>Lillian Nyakaisiki</b> Lillian Nyakaisiki	<b>IRENE M</b> IRENE M	<b>Roger, sdb.</b> Roger, sdb.
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# ZIMBABWE WORKSHOPS: OCT 2022, JUNE 2023, MAY/JUNE 2024





# ZAMBIA WORKSHOPS



Dec 2022 &  
June 2024





# SOUTH INDIA WORKSHOPS: AUG 2019 – JAN 2019

KARNATAKA

KERALA

TAMIL NADU

AP/TELANGANA





# MAHARASHTRA WORKSHOPS: JAN/FEB 2020





# GOA WORKSHOPS: MARCH & AUG 2022





# MADHYA PRADESH WORKSHOPS:

OCT 2022, SEP 2023, NOV 2024





# ODISHA WORKSHOP: NOV 2022





# DELHI/PUNJAB/ UP/HARYANA WORKSHOP:

NOV 2022





# GUJARAT WORKSHOP:



NOV  
2024





# **Spiritual Leadership & the United Nations**

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Why & How Religious Congregations Engage with the UN System



# ***Why* Religious Congregations Engage with the UN System**





# CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



# THE UN CHARTER:

## WE, THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DETERMINED

- to **save succeeding generations from the scourge of war**, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and
- to **reaffirm faith** in fundamental human rights, in the **dignity and worth of the human person**, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and
- to **establish** conditions under which **justice** and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and
- to promote **social progress and better standards of life** in larger freedom,

# THE UN CHARTER:

## AND FOR THESE ENDS

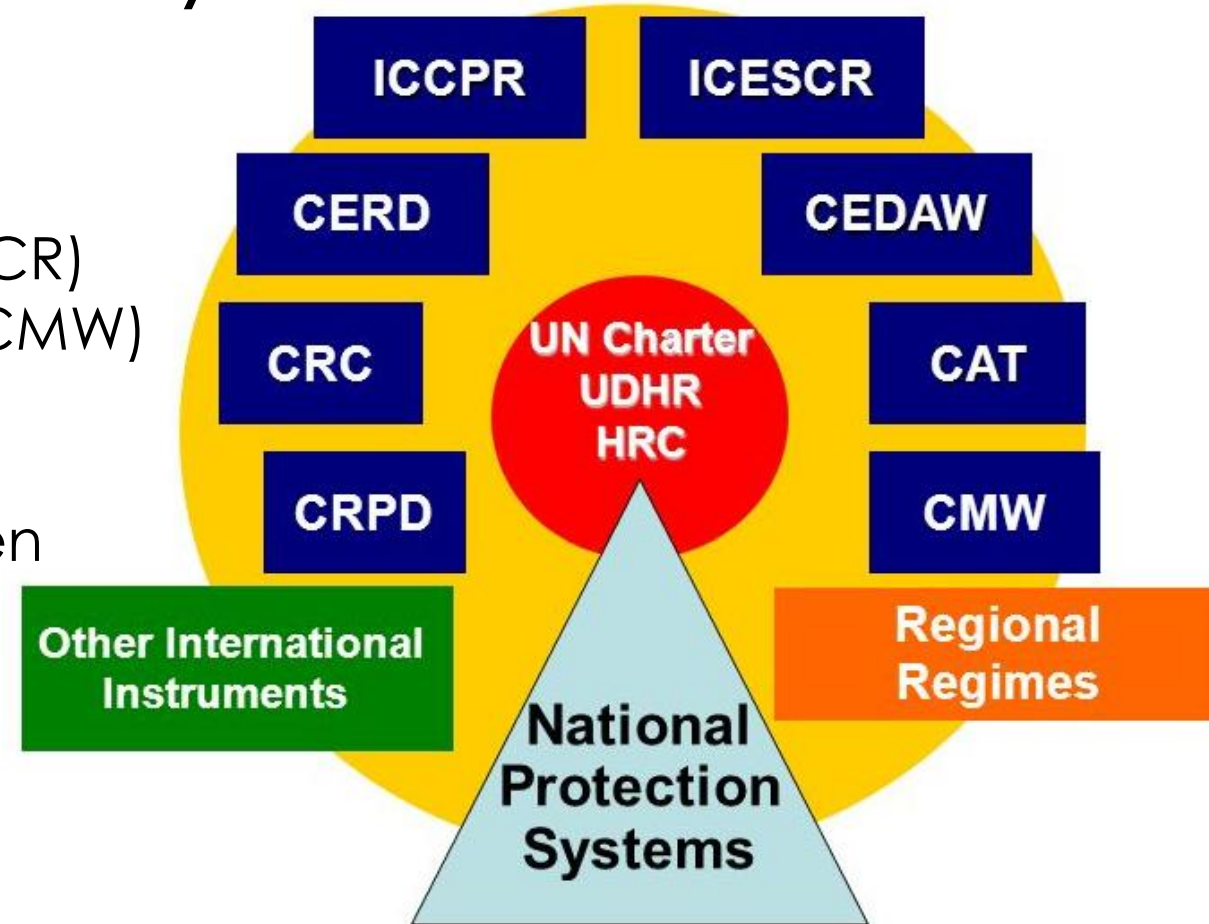
- to practice tolerance and **live together in peace with one another as good neighbours**, and
- to unite our strength to **maintain international peace** and security, and
- to **ensure**, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, **that armed force shall not be used**, save in the common interest, and
- to employ international machinery for the **promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples...**



# THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK:

**Aims to establish global consensus & accountability toward realization of:**

- Universal human rights (UDHR)
- Civil & political rights (ICCPR)
- Economic, social, and cultural rights (ICESCR)
- Rights of migrant workers & their families (CMW)
- Rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD)
- Rights of children (CRC)
- Elimination of discrimination against women (CEDAW)
- Elimination of torture (CAT)
- Elimination of racial discrimination (CERD)



**...principles of Catholic Social Teaching in secular language**

# SDGs:

the UN's AGENDA for 2015-2030:



**SECULAR ROAD MAP to the REIGN or CITY of GOD**

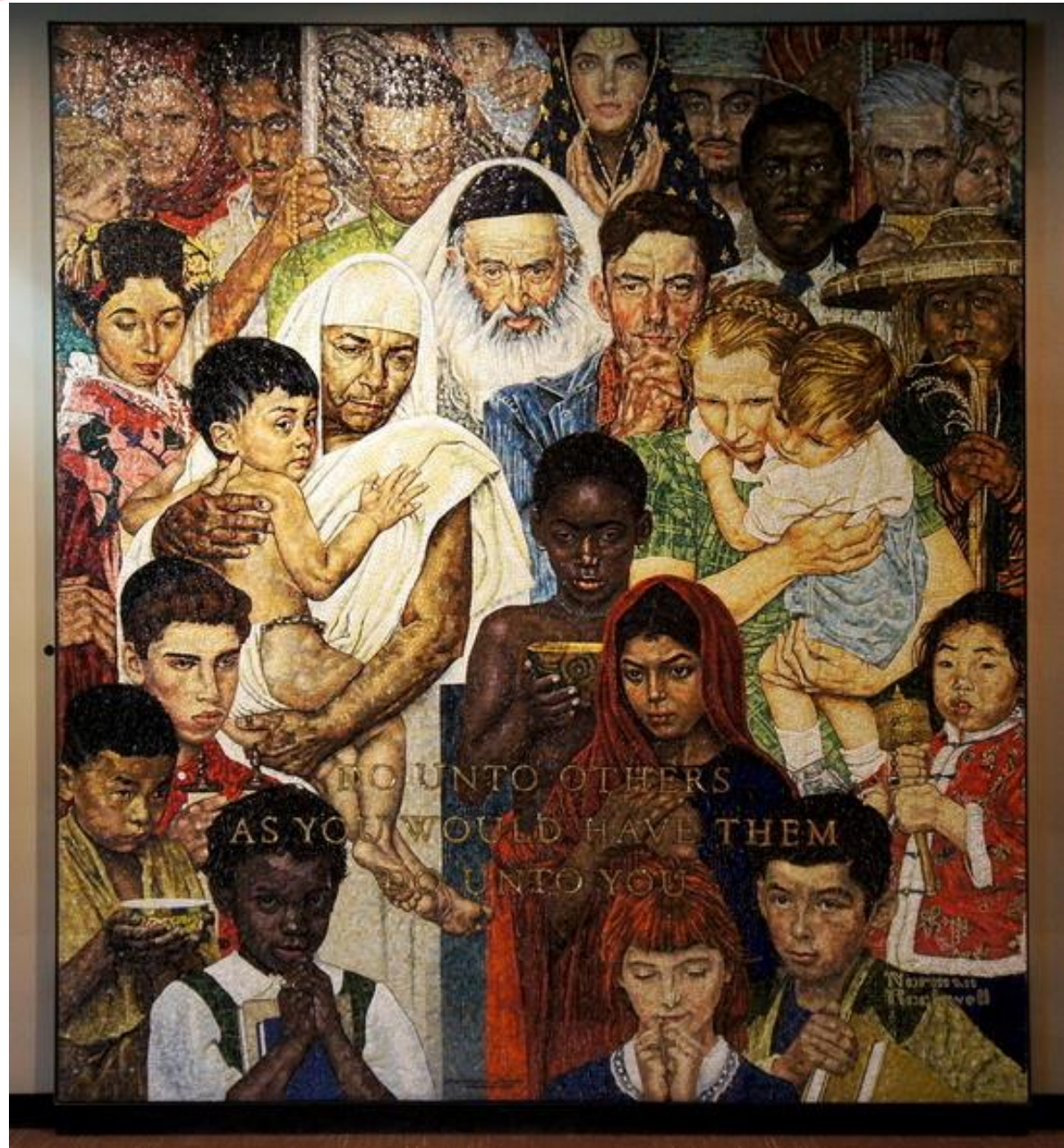




## **UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S RULE #62:**

Requires one minute of silence  
for personal prayer or meditation  
at the opening and closing of each session

“DO UNTO  
OTHERS AS  
YOU WOULD  
HAVE THEM  
DO UNTO  
YOU.”





# ST. GEORGE SLAYS THE “DRAGON” OF THE MISSILE...





# MEDITATION ROOM at UN HEADQUARTERS

"We all have within us a center of stillness surrounded by silence. **This house, dedicated to work and debate in the service of peace, should have one room dedicated to silence in the outward sense and stillness in the inner sense.** It has been the aim to create in this small room **a place where the doors may be open to the infinite lands of thought and prayer.**"

Because people of many faiths meet here, UN leaders sought to adorn this space with "simple things which speak to us all with the same language," namely a **shaft of light** striking the shimmering surface of solid rock.

### **Shaft of light:**

"Symbol of how, daily, the light of the skies gives life to the earth on which we stand, a symbol to many of us of how the **light of the spirit gives life to matter.**"

### **Stone in the middle of the room:**

"We may see it as an altar, empty not because there is no God, not because it is an altar to an unknown god, but because it is **dedicated to the God whom man worships under many names and in many forms.**"

Sign of **firmness and permanence** in a world of movement and change

"Reminder of that **cornerstone of endurance and faith on which all human endeavour must be based.**"

### **Material of the stone: iron ore**

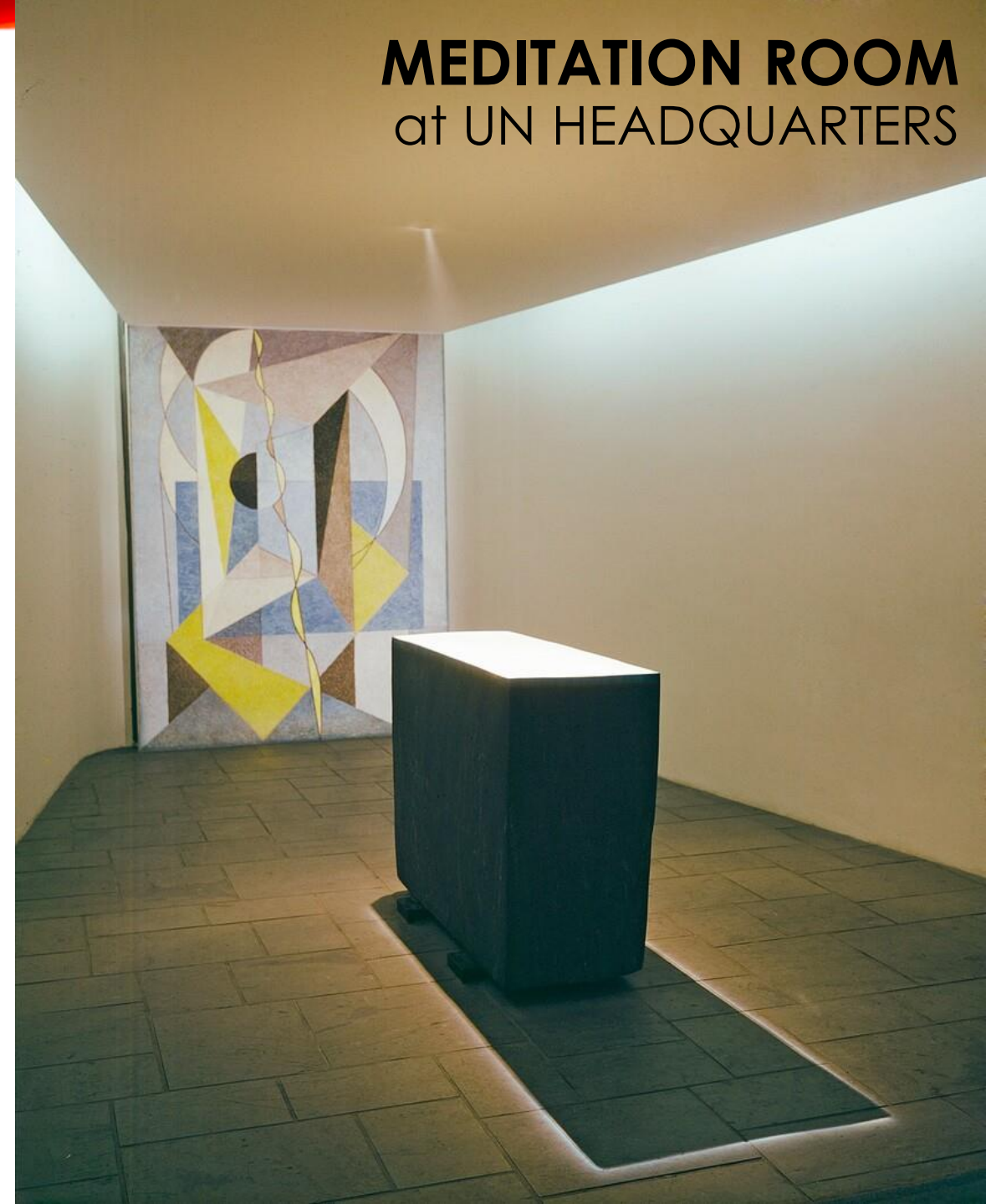
"Leads our thoughts to the necessity for **choice between destruction and construction, between war and peace.** Of iron man has forged his **swords**, of iron he has also made his **ploughshares**. Of iron he has constructed **tanks**, but of iron he has likewise built **homes** for man. The block of iron ore is part of the wealth we have inherited on this earth of ours. How are we to use it?"

### **Room of utter simplicity:**

No other symbols, only a simple pattern on the front wall  
Opens the room to the "harmony, freedom and balance of space"

"There is an ancient saying that the sense of a vessel is not in its shell but in the void. So it is with this room. **It is for those who come here to fill the void with what they find in their center of stillness.**"

-Dag Hammarskjöld,  
UN Secretary General (1953-1961)







**“ISAIAH WALL”**  
a meeting place for  
public  
demonstrations  
across the street from  
the UN (**ISAIAH 2:4**)





# The POLITICAL is SPIRITUAL

“In today’s world we don’t need more hatred, we don’t need more fear. **We need more hope and realization that we live together.** The most important word in today’s world is, in fact, ‘together... **That is** the most basic message that translates itself into **how we, in the future, deal with migration and refugees, how we deal with development, how we deal with root causes to end conflicts earlier...**”

“**I would hope to have revived** Dag Hammarskjöld’s tradition of pointing to culture, and music in this case, and **the spiritual dimension of the work at the UN,** and to realize that **there is an element of spirituality needed in what we do.**”

-H.E. Jan Eliasson

former UN Deputy Secretary General



# The POLITICAL is SPIRITUAL

**“The United Nations and its agencies deal with a comprehensive range of issues affecting global communities, including human rights, population, food, agriculture, health, trade and children. For each of these issues, religion often plays a powerful, complementary moral, social, economic and political role for disenfranchised communities.**

**Every religious tradition has leaders and networks providing food distribution, health care, education and conflict mediation. Religious social service networks, which preceded the UN and governmental entities, reach more people and are more deeply entrenched than any other organization.”**

-Dr. Azza Karam (former Senior Advisor of UN Population Fund) &  
Dr. Matt Weiner (Associate Dean of Princeton University's Office of Religious Life)

# The POLITICAL is SPIRITUAL

“The spiritual dimensions of the work of the United Nations tend to be overlooked and underappreciated. Yet, the tenets set out in the Charter – peace, justice, equality, the dignity and worth of the human person – echo the teachings of the world’s religious traditions and summon us all to reduce human suffering

...As we reflect on [*Laudato Si'*] in 2021, the state of our common home is broken...This is an epic policy test. But ultimately this is a **moral** test.”

**-H.E. António Guterres,**

UN Secretary General

in foreword for the [\*Laudato si' Reader\*](#)



# The SPIRITUAL is POLITICAL

“**Politics**, though often denigrated, **remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good.** We need to be convinced that **charity ‘is the principle not only of micro-relationships (with friends, with family members or within small groups) but also of macro-relationships (social, economic and political ones)’**”

... I am firmly convinced that **openness to the transcendent can bring about a new political and economic mindset** which would help to break down the wall of separation between the economy and the common good of society.”

**-Pope Francis**

*Evangelii Gaudium, 2013*

# The SPIRITUAL is POLITICAL

“**[The Church]** cannot and must not replace the State. Yet at the same time she **cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice. She has to play her part through rational argument** and she has **to reawaken the spiritual energy without which justice**, which always demands sacrifice, **cannot prevail and prosper**. A just society must be the achievement of politics, not of the Church. Yet the promotion of justice through **efforts to bring about openness of mind and will to the demands of the common good** is something which **concerns the Church deeply.**”

**-Pope Benedict XVI**

*Deus Caritas Est, 2005*

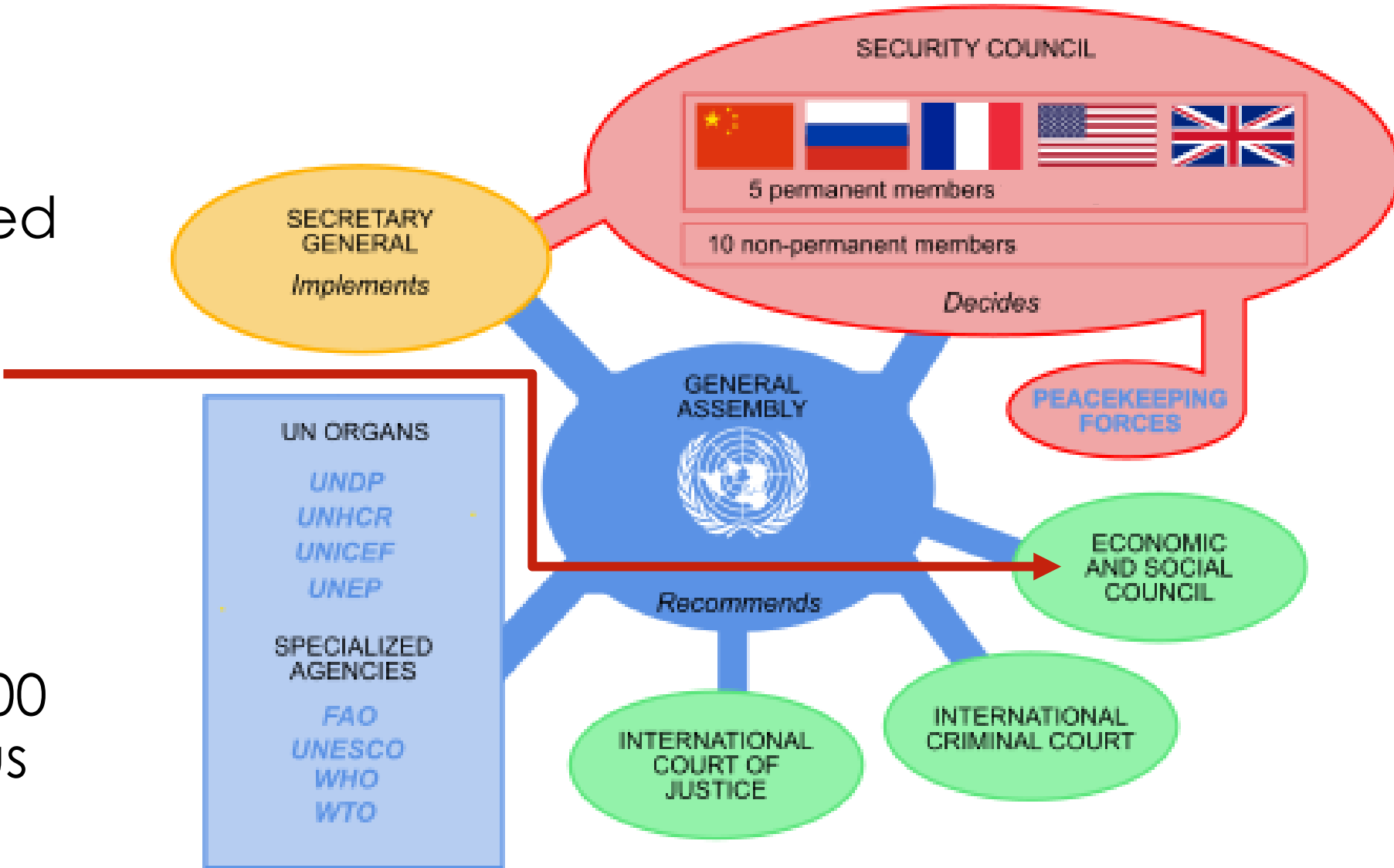


# ***How Religious Congregations Engage with the UN System***



# Catholic Religious NGO Presence at the UN

- In the UN system, we are considered NGOs (non-governmental organizations)
- ~30 NGOs accredited to represent over 200 Catholic Religious congregations





# Religious Voice at the UN

- **Expert:** provide insights from members' work ministering to most vulnerable and excluded populations
- **Impartial:** represent communities that span many nations and have no national identity
- **Credible:** known to *practice* values of care for human dignity of all and for the natural environment through lives of intentionality and dedicated service
- **Consistent:** maintain positions based on constitutions and principles older than UN and many nations; bring continuity and stability to global conversation that governments with frequently changing leaders/politics cannot
- **Collaborative:** speak and work through coalitions and committees that model for governments how to prioritise common goals and common good ahead of individual glory, achievement, or control

# ***Religious NGOs in the UN System:*** What Advocacy Looks Like in Practice





# ROLE of NGOs in the UN SYSTEM

- “Get **in** the way”
- “Get **out of** the way”
- Model **a new** “way”

# “GETTING *IN* THE WAY”

**Occupying space in places of power on behalf of those who can't be present** in order to raise awareness of an injustice in progress and to infuse the global conversation with the perspectives, experiences, and needs that would otherwise be absent

- Speaking from the floor of the UN or submitting written statements and recommendations (literally termed "interventions") during major meetings or negotiations
- Writing letters to and seeking meetings with governments' representatives to the UN
- Participating in the political systems of our respective nations (via voting, lobbying, etc.)
- Physically protesting or demonstrating near UN Headquarters or Member States' missions to the UN



# “GETTING IN THE WAY”





# INTERVENTION FOR FR. STAN SWAMY, SJ

- Jesuit priest held as political prisoner on false charges related to his ministry to Tribal Peoples in India
- Religious in India demonstrated publicly to call for his release
- JCoR petition for his release:
  - Collected 8,864 signatures from individuals, 466 from organizations representing 100 countries and independent territories
  - Sent with letter to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- OHCHR spoke publicly against the imprisonment and called on Indian government for his release





# ADVOCACY FOR HAITI

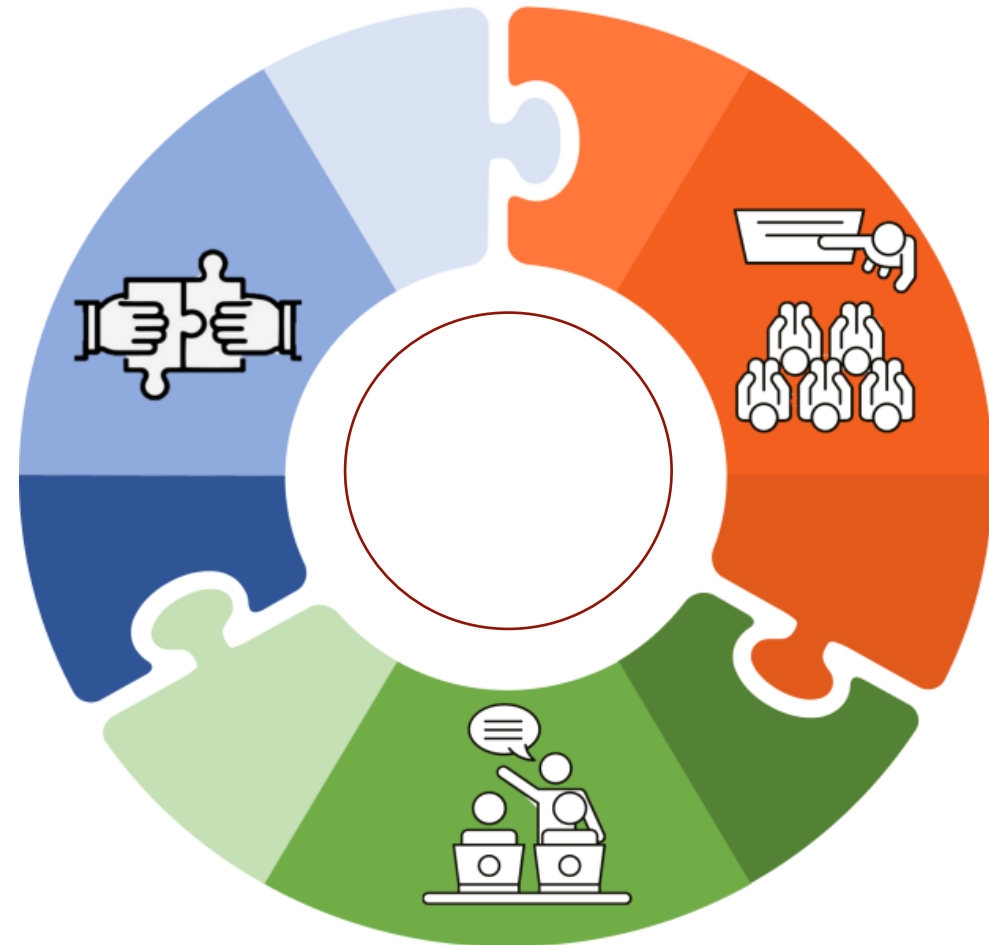
- Initiated by a letter from CLAR leadership expressing serious concern about the increase in violence and political unrest in early 2021
- JCoR representatives at the UN:
  - Developed messages through conversations with our members and partners in Haiti
  - Met with representatives of the governments of Canada, Mexico and Ireland
  - Wrote three letters to the Security Council and the members of the General Assembly Group dedicated to Haiti
  - Joined a public march in New York City calling for support for Haiti
  - Submitted a 17-page report to the Human Rights Council's "Universal Periodic Review" on Haiti
- JCoR network members in Latin America & the USA petitioned their own governments for policies that protect Haitian immigrants from discrimination and deportation and to stop the illegal trafficking of weapons into Haiti



# UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

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- Each nation's human rights record is reviewed every 4 years by the Human Rights Council
- Civil society has the opportunity to submit reports on our own experiences and observations of human rights violations
- The government receives recommendations; it must report on the measures taken to improve during the next review (4 years later)
- JCoR members have collaborated on reports about Haiti, Brazil, and the United States



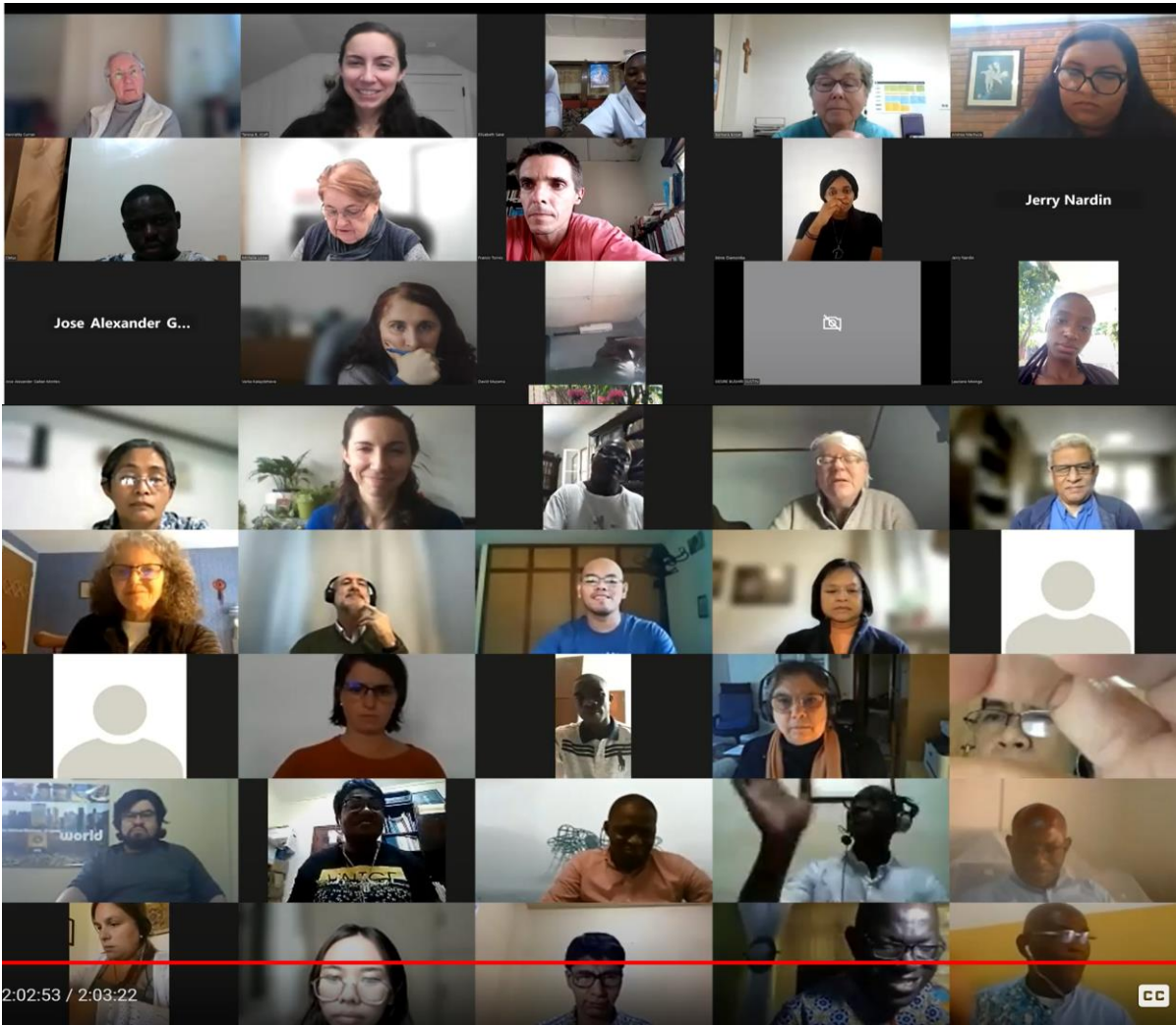


# “GETTING *OUT OF* THE WAY”

**Creating and giving space within places of power for those who face the greatest barriers to that space so that they can assert their own voices, perspectives, and experiences**

- Organizing events and opportunities for marginalized individuals to speak at the UN
- Providing financial or technological support and training to facilitate marginalized individuals' participation in UN meetings
- Collecting testimony of marginalized groups and submitting it to UN processes and Member States
- Ensuring marginalized groups are aware of the UN's open calls for input through which they can express their concerns and ideas directly
- Amplifying statements of marginalized groups by sharing them with our networks via social media, newsletters, or other platforms

# “DIGITAL DELEGATES’ TRAINING PROGRAMME” FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



- Prepares JCoR network members around the world to follow or attend the UN’s annual forum for review of progress toward SDG achievement
- Includes 8 months of virtual training for our members in countries who are submitting SDG progress reports that year (~40 countries per year)
- Supports participants’ participation in their own country’s civil-society review of SDG progress
- Sponsors events during Forum for members to share their perspectives on progress and good practices
- Has enabled two participants to deliver oral statements on behalf of their entire nation’s civil society at UN during HLPF conference



# MODELING *A NEW* “WAY”

Continually **evaluating our role in unjust systems and modifying our behavior** to  
(a) lessen the burden our actions place on other's ability to access their basic needs and  
(b) demonstrate to political leaders that responsibility *can* be taken for past harms,  
genuine collaboration for the common good *can* be realized, and institutional changes  
*can* be made in favor of justice

This work includes assessing:

- What we buy, wear, and eat
- What we consider “trash” and how we dispose of it
- How we travel and how often
- Where we invest our money & whose money we accept (personally and institutionally)
- How responsibly we communicate or use media
- How willing and adept we are at working with others for a common goal

\*Best **evidence that a new world is feasible—not fantasy!**

# MODELING A "NEW WAY"





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United Nations

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## **Commission on the Status of Women**

Sixty-sixth session

14-25 March 2022

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”

**Statement submitted by Casa Generalizia della Societa del Sacro Cuore, Congregation of the Mission, Congregations of St. Joseph, Dominican Leadership Conference, Edmund Rice International Ltd., Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Loreto Generalate, International Presentation Association, Loretto Community (Sisters of Loretto), Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Passionists International, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Salesian Missions Inc., Sisters of Charity Federation, Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries, UNANIMA International, and VIVAT International, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council\***

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/21.

*“As members and partners of the Justice Coalition of Religious, a global community of Catholic Sisters, Brothers, priests, and their partners in mission, we uphold a commitment to the care of the natural environment as a foundational principle of our social teaching, our responsibility to one another and to future generations.*

*We also hold firm to our vision of a world in which the equal dignity of all people, women, men, girls, and boys is reflected in the reality governing every nation, community, and family...”*

# MODELING A NEW “WAY”

**“Acknowledging that our own faith communities have played our role in the entrenchment of both patriarchy and colonization, we are now making efforts—on scales large and small—to deconstruct our contributions to a culture of sexism and objectification of human and non-human beings and to build, in its place, a culture of equity, reciprocity, and sustainability.**

*Under this common mission, our congregations have undertaken many ministries dedicated to supporting the human rights of women and girls in tandem with the pursuit of environmental sustainability.*

*Among our good practices in this vein are...”*





# MODELING A NEW “WAY”

- *The Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame de Montreal in Cameroon are working with local partners to organize local awareness campaigns on the harmful effects of the use of chemical fertilizers and deforestation; training farmers on the use of ecological fertilizers; setting up tree nurseries that facilitate recharge of local water tables; and popularizing the use of ecological building materials and reduction of the use of plastic. They also work with OK Clean Water to convene women and girls by neighbourhood and lead them in reflection on their daily experiences in the light of the outlook of the natural environment. From these exchanges, the participants' sustainability awareness and motivation to take a leadership role in the transformation of their community emerges.*
- The Don Bosco Green Alliance, which is active in 79 countries, oversees 474 institutional interventions to promote environmental education and campaign against use of plastic; work against deforestation; and encourage tree plantation. The Alliance employs a focus on the role of youth in addressing the climate crisis. They also promote use of alternate, sustainable energy and campaign against the use of fossil fuel. Women and girls comprise half of the global leadership team and more than half of participants worldwide.



# MODELING A NEW “WAY”

- *The Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy and the Canossian Daughters of Charity Servants of the Poor in India have provided housing and economic support to poor, migrant, and tribal women and girls who had been displaced by cyclones and other environmental disasters. The Canossian Daughters also partnered with other local organisations to assist in the rebuilding of homes destroyed by environmental disasters. In their schools, the Sisters of St. Joseph also encourage girls' leadership and engage men and boys in programmes raising awareness about the harm and falsehood of gender stereotypes.*
- *The Society of the Sacred Heart in Mexico has integrated environmental sustainability into the curriculum and culture of their schools. Educators in these schools offer sustainability training and work with students from early childhood to youth in the design, leadership, and realization of concrete environmental sustainability projects. Through this curriculum, girls are trained to lead the projects according to a participatory methodology of citizen action. Teaching staff are also engaged in these processes, so that the entire educational community is committing itself to sustainability leadership within their families, schools, and nation. In the municipality of Zapopan, the Society also leads the organisation Comunidad Crece, A.C., which facilitates forest fire safety training for women and girls and offers a women-led programme called Farmacia Viviente, which trains women to organically cultivate and utilize herbal medicines.*







# **HOW CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP CAN SUPPORT THIS MISSION**

# HELPFUL FORMS OF SUPPORT FROM CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Promote congregation-wide understanding of *advocacy as an essential component of every ministry* because it is integral to addressing the root cause of any suffering we see at the community level
- Integrate updates from your UN office across all your congregation's communication platforms
- Champion continued fund allocation to maintain the presence of a congregational representative at the UN
- Allow each new UN representative to receive multiple weeks of in-person training with the outgoing representative (circumstances permitting)
- Make a visit to your UN office & create opportunities for members of your congregation to participate in UN conferences
- **Encourage ongoing engagement of your members (especially JPIC persons) with your UN office and with JCoR...**





# **WAYS FOR LEADERS & MEMBERS TO ENGAGE WITH JCOR**

# CONTACT YOUR CONGREGATION'S UN OFFICE



Find links to  
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  - Jabhua region
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8-month virtual training & support for participation in the UN’s annual forum for review of SDG progress

## 2025 Programme Dates:

- 27 January 2025 (13:00-15:00 UTC)
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- 31 March 2025 (13:00-15:00 UTC)
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- 2 June 2025 (13:00-15:00 UTC)
- 7 July 2025 (13:00-15:00 UTC)
- 11 August 2025 (13:00-15:00 UTC)

**2025 programme open to all with personal experience of:** Angola, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lesotho, Malaysia, Malta, Micronesia, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Seychelles, South Africa, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, or Thailand.



Programme for “Digital Delegates”  
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2025





## 63RD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

10-14 FEBRUARY 2025

Strengthening solidarity, social inclusion, and social cohesion



# READ & SHARE JCoR'S GUIDES TO MAJOR UN CONFERENCES

Published in **English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese**, in advance of UN conferences on:

- social inequalities
- gender equality
- rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Climate change
- SDG progress review

A promotional graphic for the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. It features a woman in a blue sweater and a hat on the left, and a circular inset showing three young girls smiling. The background is a light blue world map. Text includes the JCoR logo, the session title, a subtitle about accelerating gender equality, and the dates 11-22 March 2024 with a C5W68 button.

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68TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective

11-22 March 2024 C5W68

A promotional graphic for the 23rd Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. It features a close-up of a young Indigenous girl with face paint. The background is a textured, light brown color. Text includes the JCoR logo, the session title, a subtitle about enhancing Indigenous Peoples' rights, and the dates 15-26 April 2024 with a green arrow icon.

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23RD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON Indigenous ISSUES

Enhancing Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination in the context of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: emphasizing the voices of Indigenous youth

15-26 APRIL 2024

A promotional graphic for the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. It features a white background with a blue and green vertical bar on the left. Text includes the JCoR logo, the forum title, and a subtitle. At the bottom, there are five icons representing Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 13, 16, and 17.

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## High-Level Political Forum

On Sustainable Development

1 NO POVERTY 2 ZERO HUNGER 13 CLIMATE ACTION 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

A promotional graphic for the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. It features a scenic background of a mountain range and a turquoise lake. Text includes the JCoR logo, the conference title, and the dates 11-22 November 2024.

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29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

11-22 November 2024

8-17 July 2024

# ATTEND JCoR'S GLOBAL COMMUNITY HOUR


- One-hour virtual gathering
- second Friday of each month (13:00-14:00 Universal Coordinated Time)
- Prayer on a justice-related theme
- Updates from JCoR at the UN and regional networks
- Sharing of concerns, good practices, and news from individual network members





***When spider webs unite,  
they can tie up a lion.***

***-Ethiopian proverb***



***Thank you for uniting your  
congregation with JCoR's  
web of webs!***