

## **Religious Orders Partnership/Partnership for Global Justice Annual Report, 2005-2006**

The Partnership for Global Justice, formerly Religious Orders Partnership, celebrated our third full year as an independent organization. The Partnership continues to be engaged in addressing global justice, we partner with other groups who are committed to systemic change; participate in committees and activities at the United Nations; and, offer education programs inviting our members to become engaged in the efforts toward a just world order.

### **United Nations**

The Partnership is a member of the NGO (non-governmental organization) Working Group on Iraq which reports from our contacts in Iraq to UN officials and to the U.S. Mission. We participate in the NGO Committee on HIV/AIDS which focuses on the increasing pandemic especially in Africa and Asia. We are an active voice in the NGO Committee on Financing for Development (FfD) which gives voice to the Global South particularly regarding the issues of debt and trade. We continue to network with our NGO colleagues present at the United Nations.

### **Programs**

Our programs, *UN Orientation Days* and the *Global Economics Workshops* continue to grow. To date, we have had 334 participants. The orientation program offers an overview of the UN system, gives focus on eight issues and provides a theoretical grounding for the issues developed at the UN. *The Global Economics Workshop* offers an overview of the current market economy, as well as developing a basis for sustainable economics. Our two economics specialists Dr. Marci McCarthy and Sr. Amata Miller offer us an excellent picture of the current economic situation and what could happen if alternative economics would focus the poor and vulnerable.

Our new programs are beginning to take off. *Poverty: Impasse of Dollars and Sense* provides a basic understanding of the roots of economic poverty and of the conditions which perpetuate poverty as it impacts every aspect of social development; health, education, human rights, employment and sustainable environments. *Spirituality in the Global Village: In a time of Paradox*, develops ways in which one can respond in a rapidly new world and what form of spirituality can motivate, sustain and refresh global citizens as we labor for global justice.

### **Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting which was held in New York, April 27-29, "Water, Thirsting for Justice", was a huge success. Tony Clarke spoke with urgency about water as a vulnerable resource. Sara Leeland invited us to deepen our understanding of our relationship with water and how it nurtures both our body and spirit. Suzanne Golas, CSJP led us on a voyage up and down the Hudson River giving us the history, science and perspective of a mighty water system. Our panelists and participants were engaged in a great challenge to protect and maintain one of our most valuable resources.

### **Volunteer Support**

Our office is served by three special volunteers, Janet McLaughlin, SC, Janetta McAlevey, OP and Marie Elena Dio, SC. Janet, a Sister of Charity of Convent Station, continues to keep our membership logs and communication with our members up to date. Janetta, an Amityville Dominican, manages our finances and handles program registrations. Marie Elena, recently retired Director of the Elizabeth Seton Federation attends the NGO Committee on Financing for Development and has developed and executes our two new workshops on Poverty and Spirituality. We are grateful to Janet, Janetta and Marie Elena for their contributions to the Partnership. They are invaluable to our ministry.

## **Our Vision for the Future**

### **Programs**

Our Orientation Days will be held four times each year, our Global Economics Workshop will be held two times each year in New York. Our two new workshops on Poverty and Global Spirituality as well as the Global Economics Workshop can be held at locations outside of the New York area. Groups such as social justice committees, congregations and regional leadership gatherings are now able to host our workshops without the major expenses of travel.

### **Communication**

This past year, the Partnership developed two new ways to communicate with our members. We now provide a monthly action alert which highlights a current crisis or need in the world that becomes our focus for prayer, a postcard and further study. Our e-newsletter published quarterly, provides updated information about the Partnership, issues that are related to the United Nations and ways in which our members can continue to participate in global issues.

### **United Nations NGO Representation**

Our office will continue to serve on UN/NGO committees which foster our commitment to our Platform for Action. Through continued consultation with our members, especially with those for whom the Partnership serves as the sole connection to the United Nations, we want to learn to understand and appropriately represent our networks in regions throughout the world and the issues that are of greatest concern. These issues are: the Status of Women, HIV/AIDS, Financing for Development including Debt and Trade, and Iraq.

### **Annual Meeting**

Our upcoming Annual Meeting, at the Center for Spiritual Development, Orange, CA on April 26 to 28, 2007, *Migration: The Movement of Peoples Throughout the World*. We will examine the economic, ecological, social/justice and spiritual dimensions of the issue of migration. Distinguished speakers include: Rabbi Michael Lerner of the Tikkun Movement, Amata Miller, IHM, Economist; Nellie McLaughlin, RSM, Ecologist, Ruben Garcia of Annunciation House, El Paso TX; and optional video by Beatrice Bruteau. It is our hope to further our understanding and action toward the world crisis of the crossing borders of our brothers and sisters.

### **Financial Support**

We continue to be blessed by the generous support of our members. Our financial report indicates that we have consistent and stable partners. Our programs serve to provide a substantial source of income for us as does our Alternative Investments. The income generated supports the operating budget.

We recognize the need to develop a solid financial grounding. Our Board of Directors is committed to increasing membership and to finding grants that support our programs. We would like to increase the number of Alternative Investors to fifteen. These low interest loans provide a resource for our operating expenses at little cost to the investors.

As the Partnership continues to grow and understand our role as a voice in the global conversation, it is our hope to serve our partners with a clear and honest voice committed to calling for justice on behalf of the most vulnerable people of our world.

Lucianne Siers, OP  
Director

**Summary of Fiscal Year for Partnership for Global Justice  
July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006**

**Assets:**

Partner Organizations	\$33,995.00
Program Grants	15,000.00
Program income	20,604.00
Sale of Books and other materials	2,589.31
Stipends, honoraria	100.00
Investment interest	9,986.71
Donations	11,970.00

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Total Unrestricted Assets	\$94,245.02
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**Expenditures**

Stipends (for one sister ft)	36,000.00
Supplies	1,691.93
Telephone	706.71
Postage	1,281.86
Office equipment	1,133.85
Website	987.37
Rent and utilities	8,660.29
Printing	3,649.28
Books and materials	263.41
Meetings/memberships	3,840.21
Travel	297.00
Wholesale purchase of earthfl/coffee	933.70
Program expenses	20,776.50
Office Activities	430.15
Insurance	1,680.00

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Total Expenditures	\$82,332.26
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<b>Alternative Investments</b>	\$172,500.00
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<b>In Kind Donations:</b>	\$9019.00
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(Partnership Board Members)

**Partnership for Global Justice  
Board of Directors (2006-07)**

Justine Church, MMS  
Medical Mission Sisters

Marie Elena Dio, SC  
Sisters of Charity, Halifax

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We are grateful to our Alternative Investors:

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Bernardine Franciscans

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Springfield Dominicans

Blauvelt Dominicans

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Oldenburg Franciscans

Ancilla Domini Sisters

Adorers of the Precious Blood (St. Louis)

Sisters of St. Martha

# Save the Date!!!!!!

## **Partnership for Global Justice**

*Formerly Religious Orders Partnership*

**Annual Meeting, April 26-28, 2007**

Center for Spiritual Development  
Orange, CA

Theme:

Migration: The Movement of Peoples throughout the World.

Examining the Social, Economic, Ecological and Spiritual Dimensions of our Brothers and Sisters who are Crossing Borders

Featuring:

Rabbi Michael Lerner, Tikkun Movement

Amata Miller, IHM, Economist

Nellie McLaughlin, RSM, Ecologist

Ruben Garcia, Director of Annunciation House, El Paso, TX

with an optional video by Beatrice Bruteau, Philosopher

Check our website: [www.partnershipforglobaljustice.org](http://www.partnershipforglobaljustice.org)