Energized by the Spirit we risk together for mission...
The Threat of Life - Walter Brueggemann

• “Easter is not just an ancient oddity.

• Easter is an unsettling way in the world that continues to have socio-economic, political and human implications.

• Easter is not a ‘spiritual’ event, but a surging power that touches all of life.

• The Easter question for us is not whether you can get your mind around the resurrection, because you cannot.
Rather the question is whether you can permit in your horizon:

- new healing power;
- new surging possibilities;
- new gestures to the lame;
- new ways of power in an armed, fearful world;
- new risk;
- new life, leaping, dancing, singing, praising the power beyond all our controlled powers.”
Let’s tease it out …

• Easter – an unsettling way in the world that has:
  • Socio-Economic, Political and Human Consequences.
  • What has Easter to do with justice, equality, poverty, politics, inequality, violence?
• Easter - a surging power that touches all of life – War, Conflict, Suffering, the Environment, Gender Inequality, Human Trafficking, Migration, Poverty…

• What are the consequences of ‘an unsettling way,’ ‘the surging power’ of the resurrection touching you, touching me, touching us together, touching all of life?
The Challenge

• Will I permit in my horizon:
  • New healing power …
  • New surging possibilities …
  • New ways of living mission in the 21st Century …
  • New ways of power in an armed and fearful world …
  • New ways of being in the midst of growing inequality …
Energized by the Spirit, will we risk together for Mission? What is it that we are being invited to risk?

- "None of us can think we are exempt from concerns for the poor and for social justice."
  
  Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 2013, Ch.4, #201
2016 – Celebrating 20 years of Justice and Peace Ministry in the Congregation

• The beginnings were in the 1973 Chapter – 42 years ago.

• “Confronted with the cry of the poor in a world hungry and thirsty for justice, we feel constrained to acknowledge that, as a Congregation, we have failed to measure up to the Gospel challenge.”

• Since then, we have made some remarkable advancements responding to the challenges of our times.
• 20 years ago two offices were established: the Justice, Peace and Solidarity in Mission Office in Rome, and the NGO Office in New York.

• In 2007, the two offices merged to become the Good Shepherd International Justice and Peace Office (GSIJP Office) with the objective of

• Supporting the Congregational Directions for Justice and Advocacy work (NGO) at all levels in the Congregation and within all aspects of congregational life, including Mission and Spirituality.
Celebrating the Justice and Peace Network

The JP Contact Network – Web of Growing Strength

Re-organization in process:
Yolanda Sánchez to Geneva
Margaret Lynch, 2012 - 2014

Vacancies: Assistant in NY and part-time Assistant in Geneva

Thank you for the services given to:
Melitta Fragner, Vienna, 2011 – 2012
Nelly León Corera, 2007 – 2010
Myriam McLaughlin, 2008 – 2011
Ferew Lemma, 2012 - 2015
Suwanee Jairuam, 2008 – 2010
Sutisa Utalun, 2011 - 2012
A Journey of Integrating and Learning

- 2009 – 2015  There was a conscious movement towards integration of the international offices of Justice and Peace, Mission Development, Spirituality Center, Communications and Formation, so as to better serve Units and implement grassroots integration of Justice and Peace.

- From 2015 onward
  - Strong directional thrust to continue the journey of integrating and learning together;
  - Our work, the work of every sister and mission partner is to respond and evolve with this journey.
Justice and Peace integrating with Mission, Spirituality and Ministries

6 Position papers

Good Shepherd Position Papers with PowerPoints

- Trafficking of Women and Girls - Page 4
- Economic Justice - Page 6
- Migration - Page 8
- Prostitution of Women and Girls - Page 10
- The Girl Child - Page 12
- Ecology - Page 14
Justice and Peace integrating with the Congregational Leadership Team and the Congregational Offices

• A series of meetings in Bogota and in Rome
Justice and Peace integrating with Formation

- Training Curricula
- Regional Formation Sessions

REAL

RIMOA
Justice and Peace integrating with Contemplative Life

- Formation for Contemplative Sisters in three regional meetings in: India, Costa Rica and Chile and at the Contemplative Assembly
Justice and Peace integrating within Regions, Units and Community Ministries
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• Training Sessions:

South Africa

Lebanon/Syria
Justice and Peace integrating in Leadership Sessions

Asia-Pacific

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Europe

North America
Justice and Peace integrating with Unit national and grassroots concerns

- Human Rights
  Geneva

Fabiola - Colombia

Niluka - Sri Lanka

Juliana – Macau
Justice and Peace integrating with congregational voice at the United Nations
Justice and Peace integrating with Chapter Priority areas 2009 - 2015

UN-Vienna Human Trafficking

Justice and Peace integrating with Congregational Communications
Justice and Peace integrating into the Future

• The United Nations is currently preparing a new development agenda to be adopted in September 2015;

• 17 Goals are going to be proposed bringing together three pillars of sustainable development:
  o the social,
  o the environment and
  o the economic
Sustainable Development Goals: 2015 - 2030

- Goal 1: End Poverty
- Goal 2: End Hunger
- Goal 3: Well-Being
- Goal 4: Quality Education
- Goal 5: Gender Equality
- Goal 6: Water and Sanitation for All
- Goal 7: Affordable and Sustainable Energy
- Goal 8: Decent Work for All
- Goal 9: Technology to Benefit All
- Goal 10: Reduce Inequality
- Goal 11: Safe Cities and Communities
- Goal 12: Responsible Consumption by All
- Goal 13: Stop Climate Change
- Goal 14: Protect the Ocean
- Goal 15: Take Care of the Earth
- Goal 16: Live in Peace
- Goal 17: Mechanisms and Partnerships to Reach the Goals
• Every country is expected to adopt these goals within national plans, as well as to implement, monitor and evaluate them.

• It is essential that Units/ministries know what the sustainable development goals (SDG’s) are and work for their implementation at national and grassroots level.

• Values underpinning sustainable development goals: Redistributive Justice; Economic Justice; Gender Justice; Social Justice; Environmental Justice, and Accountability to people.
Getting the world we want entails:

- Advocacy, namely:
  - Advocating for Sustainable Development Goals and then monitoring their implementation;
- Reviewing:
  - Congregational Justice and Peace policies, ministries, strategic plans and spirituality, in order to integrate and implement the goals.
Recommendations
Towards Chapter Directions
Continue Evolving with Justice and Peace

• By developing capacities at the grassroots level;
• By preparing sisters and mission partners for transition into new roles through:
  • Education – professional and ongoing
  • Training
  • Foreign Languages
  • Other Skills
Continue the journey on the path of integration

- Set common annual goals with the Mission Development Office and the Spirituality Center;
- Enhance communication across all levels;
- Adapt the role of the Congregational Leadership Team for better integration.
Continue to network at regional level

- Regional Circles of leaders to take Justice and Peace, Mission Development and Spirituality as major themes in their ongoing work;
- To collaborate with International Offices as appropriate;
- Justice and Peace contacts and regional NGO designates to have plans for capacity building and appropriate role authority within their Units and/or region.
Continue to strengthen the collaboration with the Mission Development Office at congregational level

• To develop strong congregational mission policies (e.g.: child protection) based on congregational values, human rights and international standards.

• To adopt a congregational policy strategy in relation to the new global agenda for sustainable development.
• To develop an advocacy plan for every ministry and every Unit overseen by the Congregational Leadership Team with the support from Justice and Peace;

• To support the development of good practices in local ministries;

• To ensure that every ministry has a full staff orientation and training program for congregational values and heritage overseen by the Congregational Leadership Team with the support from Justice and Peace
Continue to heighten awareness of the prophetic dimension of the congregational voice and ministries.

- Each Unit/Region to include strategic planning towards addressing structural and systemic roots of oppression and injustice.
Where does the Congregation stand in relation to the world?

- What do we desire?
- What will we risk towards greater solidarity?
- How will we direct resources and engage ourselves towards the transformation of the world?
- Do we believe we can do it?
- Do we believe we will do it?
Thank You!

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