

ORIGIN

The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Commission has its roots in the Pastoral Constitution, *Gaudium et Spes*: “The council...regards it as most opportune that an organism of the universal Church be set up in order that both the justice and love of Christ toward the poor might be developed everywhere.” (1965, n. 90) The Synod of Bishops on Justice in the World also states that “Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us...as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel. (1971, n. 6)

In 1982, the commission was jointly formalized by the Union of Superior Generals (USG) and the International Union of Superior Generals (UISG).

VISION

The JPIC Commission promotes and supports the integration of JUSTICE, PEACE & INTEGRITY OF CREATION (JPIC) in the life and mission of the member congregations of the Union of Superior Generals (USG) and the International Union of Superior Generals (UISG). It is responsible for animating men and women religious in justice, peace and integrity of creation according to the evangelical counsels, through experience, social analysis, spiritual reflection and action.

MISSION

The Commission affirms the values of collaboration and sharing, participation and communication, and commits itself to an option for the poor. The Commission serves the USG and the UISG, both as Unions and, each according to its own charism, as individual member-congregations, to achieve a greater awareness, clearer analysis and more effective action in matters of justice, peace and integrity of creation, particularly as it affects the poor and disadvantaged in society.

The Commission fulfills its mission by—

1. analyzing issues and challenges and disseminating information to the USG/UISG and its members and the larger public;
2. providing resources and opportunities for initial and ongoing formation;
3. promoting dialogue and solidarity among religious congregations and others throughout the world in support of valid JPIC concerns;
4. facilitating mutual sharing and assistance among the generalates;
5. serving as a channel for the voices of the poor and oppressed around the world to the generalates and other organizations
6. networking among religious institutes, non-governmental organizations and other entities;
7. supporting advocacy and corporate action by the USG/UISG and individual member institutions.

COMPOSITION

The JPIC Commission consists of—

- Two co-presidents, a man from the USG and a woman from the UISG.
- Eight other members of the USG and UISG.
- Ex-officio members: Secretaries General of the USG and the UISG; Executive co-secretaries of the JPIC Commission; and, by standing invitation, two official liaisons—a representative of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Director of SEDOS.

JPIC COMMISSION SECRETARIAT

The JPIC Secretariat is responsible for coordinating, animating and facilitating the mission of the Commission through networking with grassroots organizations and local/international advocates; providing informed suggestions and reflections; and accompanying JPIC Promoters in their ministry.

Two executive co-secretaries, a man and a woman religious, manage the Secretariat.

JPIC PROMOTERS

All members of the USG and the UISG are invited to designate a JPIC Promoter for their respective congregation/institute to animate their membership in integrating justice, peace and integrity of creation into their spiritual and ministerial lives as men and women religious.

The Promoters are grouped into the two main language groups of the Commission—English and Spanish religious communities.

JPIC GROUPS

Commission Committees

Committees are established and charged to undertake particular tasks related to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Commission. Each year, the Commission reviews the purposes, activities and reports of established committees.

Commission Working Groups

Commission-sponsored Working Groups (WG) address specific JPIC concerns which are fully supported by the USG-UISG. These include:

- Africa WG
- Anti-trafficking WG
- Integrity of Creation WG
- Refugee and Migrant WG

Promoters Working Groups

Working Groups initiated by JPIC Promoters focusing on specific areas of concern include:

- Collaboration of Men and Women in the Church
- ICR at FAO

Monthly Prayer Service

For the “needs of our times” organized by the SP-PT Promoters

NETWORKS

The Commission collaborates with organizations and associations that work on JPIC concerns, which include the following:

- English JPIC Promoters and Spanish JPIC Promoters representing the international community in Rome
- Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- Caritas Internationalis
- Service for Documentation and Study (SEDOS)
- Africa-Europe-Faith-Justice-Network (AEFJN)
- Interfaith Centre for Peace and Justice (CIPAX)
- Catholic-inspired NGOs (Roman Forum)
- Talitha Kum
- Embassies to the Holy See

PUBLICATIONS

- Newsbriefs
- E-news

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