

## **Partnership for Global Justice Annual Report, 2010**

The Partnership for Global Justice celebrated our seventh full year as an independent organization. The Partnership continues to address global justice by collaborating with other groups who are committed to systemic change, participating in committees and activities at the United Nations, and offering educational programs, advocacy and participation on behalf of our members as we become more informed and engaged in creating a just world.

### **United Nations**

The Partnership participates in the NGO (non-governmental organization) Disarmament Committee, the Subcommittee on the Eradication of Poverty and the Committee on Social Development, the Working Group on Girls, Financing for Development, and the Committee on Sustainable Development.

We have focused this year on important disarmament discussions in preparation for the our Annual Meeting, April 30 through May 2<sup>nd</sup> and presentation of our Justice Award to Dan and Philip Berrigan. We followed up by participation in the International Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) conference at Riverside Church and some members stayed to participate in the UN/NPT Conference which followed during the first two weeks of May.

We participated in a number of UN briefings for example those on poverty and the Millennium Development Goals and those related to the Climate Change Meetings which followed up the Copenhagen UN Conference held in December, 2009 as well as preparation for the UN Conference held in Cancun, Mexico in December, 2010. . We invited many of our members to help advance these issues through our monthly Action Alerts.

### **Programs**

The Partnership now sponsors two major educational programs, the UN Orientation Days and the Global Economics Workshops. This year, we had high school, college students and young adults participate in our programs in addition to our membership from the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa and Latin America.

Our UN Orientation Days Workshop offers an overview of the UN system, introduces eight current global issues, and provides a theoretical grounding for topics under consideration at the UN.

The Consortium of nine Catholic colleges and universities in the New York Lower Hudson Valley met twice, hosting about 100 college students, focusing on Disarmament and Water respectively.

The Global Economics Workshop offers an overview of the current market economy, as well as developing a basic groundwork for sustainable economics. Our two economics

specialists, Dr. Marci McCarthy and Sr. Amata Miller, with Sr. Marie Elena Dio and Sr. Ana Martinez deLuco, CCV, offer us an excellent picture of the current economic situation as well as a vision of what could happen if alternative economics were developed with the poor and vulnerable in mind. We brought the Global Economics Workshop to Villa Maria, PA and were hosted by the Humility of Mary Sisters this past April.

### **Staff and Volunteer Support**

Sylvia Picard Schmitt has worked part time this past year offering much needed energy and support to the ministry of the Partnership. Our office continues to be served by special volunteers and interns, Janet McLaughlin, SC, Marie Elena Dio, SC, Steve Rufe, Cathy Artale, ICJ, Daphne Vanessa Pierre, Maureen Jerkowski, OSF, Barbara Swietkowski. Our volunteers continue to provide services that are invaluable to us.

### **Rest in Peace**

This past year, Sr. Patricia Morris, OP, one of our volunteers passed away in June. Pat worked very hard as executive secretary for the NGO Disarmament Committee.

Our former board member, Sr. Melanie Persche, OLVM, passed away in July. Both Pat and Melanie were wonderful supporters of the Partnership and we miss them.

**Upcoming Partnership Workshops:** March 4-6, Global Economics Workshop, River's Edge, Cleveland, OH; June 21-23, UN Orientation Days; August 23-25, UN Orientation Days for Teachers. Our website has registration materials and other possible ways that you can participate in UN programs. Go to: [www.partnershipforglobaljustice.com](http://www.partnershipforglobaljustice.com) and also check out our blog at: [partnershipforglobaljustice.wordpress.com](http://partnershipforglobaljustice.wordpress.com).

The Partnership for Global Justice Annual Meeting is at St. Paul's Church, New York City, **Sunday, May 1, 2011 Climate Change and Building a Sustainable Future**. We will present our Justice Award to Rev. Sean McDonagh, SSC, a Columban priest of Ireland, who after years working with the tribal people in the Philippines as their forest habitat was destroyed by logging, has given his most recent years of his priesthood to working for global environmental change. He is a lecturer and prolific writer and a leading thinker in the field of Eco-Theology. His recent books include: *The Death of Life: The Horror of Extinction* (2005) and *Climate Change: The Challenge to All of Us* (2007). The program from 1 PM to 6 PM will include a luncheon, the award presentation, keynote by Father McDonagh and incorporate an orientation to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development which will be held **May 2 -14**. The theme of the Commission is Transport; Chemicals; Mining; the 10-Year Framework of Programs on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns. For more information go to: [www.partnershipforglobaljustice.com](http://www.partnershipforglobaljustice.com) or call: 212-682-6481.

### **United Nations NGO Representation**

Our office will continue to serve on UN/NGO committees. Through continued consultation with our members, especially with those for whom the Partnership serves as the sole connection to the United Nations, we continue to grow in our understanding of

how best to represent our partners on the issues of greatest concern. Currently these issues are: the Eradication of Poverty, Social Development, Sustainable Development, Disarmament and Financing for Development.

### **Financial Support**

As with most non-profits, we have found this year's financial situation to be challenging. However, we have increased our programs and continue to grow as an organization. We are 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 do our Alternative Investments. Even with all this support, the income generated from our membership, programs and investments this past year has not matched our budget.

With the decrease in interest from our investments and the increase in staff, we realize that we need to find other sources of support. We recognize the need to develop a solid financial grounding. Our board is committed to increasing membership and to finding grants that support our programs. We would also like to increase our number of Alternative Investors.

### **Summary of Fiscal Year for Partnership for Global Justice July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

#### **Assets:**

Partner Organizations	\$32,840.00
Program Grants	24,185.00
Program income	40,758.00
Investment Income	11,813.00

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Total Assets	\$109,596.00
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#### **Expenditures:**

Stipends and Professional fees	\$62,110.00
Programs/conference	32,945.00
Office Expenses	2,767.00
Rent and utilities	13,025.00

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Total Expenditures	\$110,847.00
Excess for the year	(1,251.00)
Net fund balance	279.00

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Alternative Investments	\$208,799.00
In Kind Donations:	12,000.00

*(Partnership Board Members  
And Volunteers)*

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**We are grateful to our Alternative Investors and our Board of Directors for the presence and support:**

**Alternative Investors**

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