



Partnership for Global Justice

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Partnership For Global Justice Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the Partnership for Global Justice Monthly – a newsletter about PGJ programs, news from the United Nations and its briefings, and information about the activities of our participating membership. With this Monthly, we invite our members to provide updates of their social justice initiatives and share their related experiences. Please respond to this posting with a comment on our blog or send your thoughts to partnershipforglobaljustice@gmail.com.

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PGJ WELCOMES A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In this issue, we are delighted to report that after the PGJ Directors' review of its original strategic plan; assessment of the Partnership's management, programming and membership development and outreach requirements; and the assessment of potential candidates, the Board unanimously voted to appoint S. JoAnn Mark, ASC, Executive Director.

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JoAnn has experience in higher education, as a faculty member and in administration, and served in leadership positions for her community of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ and in the Archdiocese of Omaha. She has traveled widely for her Community including Guatemala, South Korea, Panama, Romania and Australia. In addition to her teaching at Newman University, JoAnn taught English, Congregational history, spirituality and about the MDGs in Tanzania. She has served on many councils, boards and committees addressing MDG issues including trafficking, immigration, and indigenous peoples.

JoAnn has recently relocated from Wichita, Kansas to begin her leadership role with the Partnership. While she will be attending United Nations' briefings and representing the Partnership at ECOSOC and committee meetings, currently she plans to establish an office in her residence. As some of you know, office space is difficult to find and is expensive in the areas adjacent to the United Nations and its Missions. So for the time being 4108 Hicksville Road, Bethpage, NY will be the office address. The phone number will remain 212 682-6481.



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

We wish to thank all of you for your support of the Partnership for Global Justice. I believe that we have a new beginning with our new Executive Director, our enthusiastic Board Members and our involved and concerned members. We believe in the mission of the Partnership. We want to work in partnership with each other and with other NGO's at the UN. The eight MDGs of the United Nations address our world's poverty and hunger, education, gender equality, child mortality, maternal health, combating AIDS, malaria and other diseases, environmental sustainability and a global partnership for development. They can be achieved when we all work together for the good of the whole. We quote Pope Francis: "You should be real witnesses of a world doing and acting differently. What I expect of you therefore is to give witness. I want this special witness from religious." . Today, we can give that witness of our working with many partners, lay and religious, to alleviate the sufferings of our world. God's peace be with you!

Mary Ellen Loch, CSJ

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OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us for our annual meeting which will feature a meeting with membership and an exciting presentation from Bruce H. Lipton, PHD. Dr. Lipton will be speaking on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at River's Edge in Cleveland, OH.

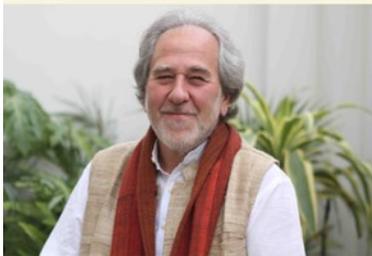
Come hear from cell biologist and bestselling author, Bruce H. Lipton, as he takes us on a fast-passed journey from the microcosm of the cell to the macrocosm of the mind. The new science of how consciousness and spirituality interface biology reveals how our thoughts, attitudes, and beliefs create the conditions of our body and our place in the world. Dr. Lipton's presentation entitled "The 'New' Biology: The Science of Creating Heaven on Earth" will certainly be a fascinating faith and educational journey, so please join us.

To learn more about the event, please visit <http://www.partnershipforglobaljustice.com/annual-meeting.html> to view our flyer with specific details about the event. More information, including registration information, will be forthcoming.

THE "NEW" BIOLOGY: THE SCIENCE OF CREATING HEAVEN ON EARTH

with Bruce H. Lipton, PhD.

Saturday, September 12



8:30am: Registration
9:00am - 4:00pm

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INDIGENOUS ISSUES FORUM: 14TH SESSION

The 14th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues started on April 20th at UN Headquarters in New York, NY and is slated to continue with discussions and side events until May 1st.

The forum is an advisory body to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), with a mandate to discuss indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, and health and human rights .

After many years of discussion and development the form was officially establishment in 2002, the forum was developed in response to demands from indigenous peoples for a high level permanent body at the UN.

According to its mandate, the Permanent Forum will:

- provide expert advice and recommendations on indigenous issues to the Council, as well as to programs, funds and agencies of the United Nations, through the Council
- raise awareness and promote the integration and coordination of activities related to indigenous issues within the UN system
- prepare and disseminate information on indigenous issues

With over 500 different groups in North America alone, native groups are a largely underrepresented population who often find themselves without a voice in national and local government and international forums. The Indigenous Peoples Forum at the United Nations provides groups, both large and small, the chance to have their opinions and challenges shared with the international community. To learn more about this forum, the issues discussed this year, and about how to get involved we urge you to visit www.un.org and search for "Indigenous Peoples Forum".

(Source <http://undesadspd.org/IndigenousPeoples/AboutUsMembers.aspx>)

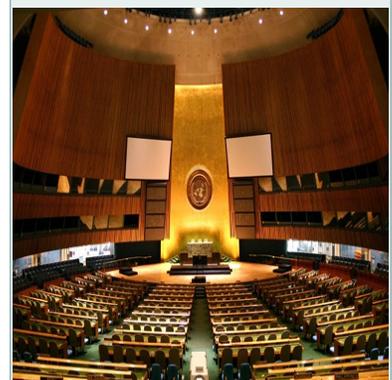
DID YOU KNOW?

In North America alone, there are over 500 native groups that speak over 200 languages (Siebens and Julian, 2011).

According to the U.S. Census Bureau (2010) there are 381 Non-English Languages spoken in the United States.

Of the over 550 recognized tribes in the Untied States, roughly 310 of the tribes live on reservations associated with the tribe. Some tribes have their own reservations, some share reservations, while others do not have a reservation (Siebens and Julian, 2011).

UN General Assembly



PGJ REMEMBERS RITA ARTHUR

The Partnership would like to remember Rita Arthur, who recently ended her earthly journey and joined the Lord. Rita was an active member of the Partnership's Board and was a cornerstone to the Board's work and to PGJ members. Rita's smile, energy, and passion were pillars of strength that she shared with all those she met. Touching many lives, Rita's passion and mission was rooted in education. Her dedication to higher education, as well as colleges and universities, ties directly to the mission and focus of the Partnership. Please join the Partnership for Global Justice in sending our prayers, love, appreciation, and support to Rita and her family.



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WEBSITE SPOTLIGHT

The Partnership for Global Justice has a website filled with information, resources, and connections through our NGO status at the United Nations. To access our website please visit www.partnershipforglobaljustice.com.



One of the most accessed and most used pages on our website is our blog. Our blog has the most up to date information about what's happening at the UN, including reflections on briefings, updates to members, and various news and announcements. Our new Executive Director, JoAnn Mark, as well as PGJ volunteer Doretta Cornell both actively contribute to our blog.

To visit our blog simply go to www.partnershipforglobaljustice.com/blog

In addition, our website has a listing of some of our past and present programs. As an active organization at the United Nations, we are constantly engaging members, religious communities, colleges and universities, as well as elementary and a high school students. Some of our programs include our Annual Meeting, UN Orientation Programs, and programs developed specifically for college and university age students.

