



Dear Friends of the Center of Concern,

As we begin our 37th year, we stand at a new and exciting threshold. Our work for the past year has been guided by a new strategic plan which provides vision and focus to direct our work and guide our efforts into the future. We have a new look which includes a redesigned dynamic logo, the return of our newsletter, and a new web presence. And we have new staff, who bring fresh perspectives and energy for leadership. It has been a busy, productive, and exciting year.

In our new logo you will notice vibrant new colors: a deep purple, representing our passion and commitment for economic and social justice, and a spring green, representing hope, new life, and environmental stewardship.

Our new tag line identifies us as a “catalyst for economic and social justice.” A catalyst makes it easier for the elements that exist to work together for change. You know this about us already: we work closely with partners here and around the world to spark change in order to bring greater justice for everyone, most especially for the poor and excluded. Through our networks and collaborations we are able to catalyze much greater and more fruitful action than we ever could bring about by ourselves.

While there is much that is new, our mission and our dedication to justice have not changed. We continue to build on the solid, competent, professional commitment that you have come to trust and rely on in your own work for a better world. We stand firm in our commitment to “promoting global justice and peace,” the hallmark of the Center since its founding. We remain dedicated to the objectivity and reliability that come from a faith committed to truth. We are maintaining our high quality structural analysis of the barriers to global justice for all. And we remain unwavering in our commitment to promoting social and cultural, political and economic justice for all.

Your support and partnership through the years have made it possible for the Center of Concern to deliver on its promises and to renew them now. Please celebrate with us the achievements of this past year and the inspiration, vision, and energy we bring to the new one opening before us all. Together with you in the Spirit, we can chart new pathways to realize the vision of justice and peace needed by all who dwell on this earth. Thank you for partnering with us in this work so generously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Hug". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James E. Hug, S.J.
President