



THE CENTER OF CONCERN
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE IN GRATITUDE AND HOPE...

ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006



35 YEARS OF

...COMMITMENT TO A MORE JUST AND PEACE-FILLED WORLD

...DEDICATED AND CREATIVE COLLEAGUES

...FAITHFUL PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

...GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

OUR MISSION

GROUNDING IN SHARED RELIGIOUS VALUES AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING, THE CENTER OF CONCERN WORKS IN SOLIDARITY WITH SISTERS AND BROTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND MARGINALIZATION.

BY FOCUSING ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF INEQUITABLE STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS, THE CENTER PROMOTES ALTERNATIVE INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES TO ACHIEVE AUTHENTICALLY HUMAN AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS, GENDER AND RACIAL EQUALITY AND PEACE.

RESEARCH, ADVOCACY, THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION, EDUCATION, COALITION BUILDING AND NETWORKING SHAPE THE CENTER'S APPROACH.

“AN ICON IMAGING THE POWER OF INSTITUTIONALIZED JUSTICE,
THE CENTER OF CONCERN HAS SERVED AS AN INDEFATIGABLE
CONSCIENCE AWAKENING THE U.S. COMMUNITY TO THE
IMPERATIVES OF OUR TIMES THAT CRY OUT FOR JUSTICE.

FOR OVER 35 YEARS THE CENTER OF CONCERN HAS DEMONSTRATED
THAT INDEED IT IS A MOST SAGACIOUS MIDWIFE: IT HAS
BIRTHED STRATEGIES, COALITIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS THAT
EMBODY THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF SOCIAL GOODNESS.”

– Mary Daniel Turner, snc de n
Past Executive Director of Leadership
Conference of Women Religious, retired.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Center,

WE CELEBRATE YOU as we celebrate another milestone: 35 years of hard work and significant achievements. PLEASE CELEBRATE WITH US!

Think back for a moment: 35 years ago there was little awareness in the Catholic community that work for justice is essential to our faith. There was little knowledge of the rich tradition of Catholic social thought. There were no networks of peace and justice commissions and centers such as we have now in dioceses and religious communities in the U.S. and around the world. Faith communities paid little or no attention to gender injustice or to the structural and systemic causes of racism and poverty. The U.S. church was just beginning to reach out across borders to discover what life was like for our sisters and brothers – and to discover the impact of our nation’s policies on them. There was little international collaboration by faith communities for policy advocacy in international institutions.

The Center of Concern has played a significant role in every one of these developments over the last 35 years – as a leader and innovator, convening our friends and colleagues and coordinating our efforts, educating and organizing in pioneering ways. All the while, you, our friends and supporters, have been standing with us. Without your faith in us and our vision, and without your generous support, we would not be standing on the Center’s great record of achievement as we face the challenges obvious before us.

And the challenges are great – but, precisely because they are so great, they hold promise of a turn toward justice. More and more people and governments are recognizing that the current approaches to economic liberalization and democracy are failing tragically to achieve their promised results. It is a time of disillusion, calling for the type of vision and leadership, innovation and critical analysis, education and collaboration that marked the Center of Concern’s first 35 years.

Thank you for helping to make the accomplishments of the last 35 years possible. We hope you will reflect on them and celebrate them with us gratefully. As the future opens before us, we hope you know how much we need you and are counting on you to stand with us as we embrace its new challenges.

Thank you!



James E. Hug, SJ
President



OUR RICH PAST HIGHLIGHTS 1971 - 2006

IN THE FIRST YEARS THE CENTER OF CONCERN:

- Held hundreds of workshops and published popular resources on the links between faith, spirituality and justice which laid the foundations for networks of justice and peace commissions across the nation in response to the 1971 Bishops' Synod on Justice in the World.
- Introduced the voices of developing countries on justice issues to the U.S. public.

1974-76

- Performed groundbreaking work on population issues in preparation for the World Population Conference in Bucharest.
- Drafted the Appalachian Pastoral: *This Land is Home to Me*.
- Participated in developing the content and process for the Catholic Bishops' Bicentennial "A Call to Action" conference in Detroit.

1977-1980

- Coordinated the Interreligious Peace Colloquium; sponsored two international inter-faith seminars, and published two volumes entitled: *World Faiths and the New World Order* and *Food/Energy and the Major Faiths*.
- Developed the pastoral circle process of experience/social analysis/theological reflection/corporate planning which led to the publication of *Social Analysis: Linking Faith and Justice* in 1980.

1981-85

- Sponsored a number of conferences and publications on Religion and Labor and on Women in the Church.
- Took a shared sabbatical that led the Center to greater attention to social and cultural issues including creation-centered theology and spirituality, liberation theology, and feminist critique.
- Responded to the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Peace by publishing commentaries on the Pastoral drafts and participating in UN processes on Development and Disarmament.



“THE WASHINGTON DC PHONE
BOOK LISTS 68 ‘CENTERS FOR,’
FROM THE ‘CENTER FOR APPLIED
LINGUISTICS’ ... TO THE ‘CENTER
FOR WOMEN AND WORK,’
FOLLOWED BY THE ‘CENTER OF
CONCERN,’ WHICH IS PRESUMABLY
THE FOCAL POINT OF
WORRY IN AMERICA.”

William Safire
NY Times Magazine
August 12, 1979

- Began a decade of work on the justice dimensions of Health Care Ministry that resulted in the publication by the Center and the Catholic Health Association of *Dimensions of the Healing Ministry* in 1989.
- Embarked on a series of Summer Institutes for religious professionals on contemporary issues of faith and justice.
- Launched the **American Catholic Lay Network (ACLN)**.
- Originated a church center for hospitality and worship, the *Karibu Center*, at the World Conference on Women in Nairobi in collaboration with the World Council of Churches.
- Published popular education materials: *In God's Image, The Supper Table, I am Because We Are*, and the first edition of *Our Best Kept Secret*.
- Was acknowledged as the single most influential group outside the Bishops' conference doing education and advocacy work on the U.S. Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter on the U.S. economy.

1986-90

- Led the critiques of "Debt Swaps" as a new form of structural subordination and control of poor countries and provided leadership in the NGO efforts to end the Debt Crisis.
- Focused attention on the challenges facing the nations of the Horn of Africa through multiple books, articles, op ed pieces and media appearances.
- Sponsored and ran Training for Transformation workshops to train grassroots leaders across the U.S. and around the world in the work for social justice.
- Provided a critical look at the welfare reform debate from the perspective of Catholic social thought in our writings.
- Participated actively in the national Catholic debate on the role of women in the church; contributed to the dialogue between Catholicism and feminism.

1991-1995

- Sponsored a series of four international dialogues – Catholic Social Teaching and Liberation Theology; Catholic Social Teaching and African Theology; Catholic Social Teaching and Asian Theology; and Catholic Social Teaching and Feminist Theology – as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of modern Catholic Social Teaching.

“DURING THESE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS, THE CENTER OF CONCERN HAS MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH’S WORK ON BEHALF OF JUSTICE AND PEACE, BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE. IT HAS CONSTANTLY REMINDED PEOPLE OF FAITH THAT THEY MUST ALSO BE PEOPLE OF CONCERN. I OFFER THE CENTER MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY. I ALSO CHALLENGE IT TO CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR A FAITH-FILLED SOCIAL RESPONSE TO THE HUMAN FAMILY’S MANY CRITICAL NEEDS AS WE APPROACH THE THIRD CHRISTIAN MILLENNIUM. I PRAY THAT TOGETHER WE MAY HELP TO BUILD A WORLD WHICH WILL BE SHAPED BY JUSTICE AND MARKED BY PEACE.”

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin†
On Center of Concern’s 15th Anniversary



- Sponsored and convened the **Rethinking Bretton Woods Conference (RBW)** to promote institutional reform in the international financial institutions; published an influential Conference Report and five volumes of conference papers.
- Led a new international Catholic advocacy effort at UN global conferences on Social Development and Women.

1996-2000

- Developed a Center research agenda on trade policy issues following the founding of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- Initiated an international Strategic Planning Seminar through the Center's Gender and Trade Project which launched the **International Gender and Trade Network (IGTN)**.
- Assumed the Chair of the Executive Committee of **Jubilee 2000-USA** and provided leadership for the movement.
- Produced two popular adult education resources entitled *Catholic Social Teaching and Human Rights* and *Celebrate Jubilee Justice*.
- Co-initiated and chaired the Interfaith Working Group on Trade and Investment (IWG).

2001-06

- Convened a meeting of New York and Washington, D.C.-based NGOs to facilitate more effective collaboration among the groups in order to influence policies being addressed at the UN Conference on Financing for Development.
- Co-sponsored the **Agribusiness Accountability Initiative (AAI)** to address the disproportionate and negative impact of transnational agri-food corporations on consumers and producers; launched www.agribusinessaccountability.org as a clearing house for relevant research and policy information.
- Launched the **Education for Justice (EfJ)** website to provide high-quality, popular education materials on social justice issues for teachers, diocesan and parish social ministers, religious communities, and more.
- Participated in the inauguration of the **International Jesuit Network for Development (IJND)** and assumed direction of its Communications Center for a three year period.



“FOR MYSELF, I CONTINUE TO THINK OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CENTER IN 1971 AS THE MOST DIFFICULT AND ENJOYABLE MISSION OF MY JESUIT LIFE. I KNOW FROM MY LAST VISITS WITH FATHER PEDRO ARRUPE, THE GREAT CHARISMATIC JESUIT GENERAL WHO LAUNCHED THE CENTER, THAT IT REMAINED CLOSE TO HIS HEART EVEN ON HIS DEATH BED. IT IS WITH GREAT JOY AND GRATITUDE THAT I CONGRATULATE THE CENTER OF CONCERN ON ITS 35TH BIRTHDAY FOR CONTINUING TO HOLD ITS CHALLENGING TORCH HIGH.”

William F. Ryan, SJ
 Founding Director of the Center of Concern
 Ottawa, Canada

- Provided significant leadership in documenting the counterproductive effects on developing nations resulting from “trade liberalization as the only path to development” approach by international financial institutions and the WTO.
- Published *World Food Security: A Catholic View of Food Policy in the New Millennium*.
- Received InterAction’s **Mildred Leet Award for the Advancement of Women**.
- Opened the IGTN/Center of Concern office in Geneva, Switzerland, to monitor the WTO and serve the IGTN Network and its allies.
- Participated in the WTO Ministerial Meetings in Cancun, Mexico and Hong Kong, and published educational and advocacy materials related to its work.
- Served on the Trade Advisory Group of the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance of the World Council of Churches (EAA).
- Expanded AAI to Europe, Latin America, and Asia; held international meetings to coordinate research and campaign activities.
- Elected to Associate Membership in **CIDSE**, an alliance of 15 Catholic Development organizations from Europe and North America, with partners in more than 100 nations.
- Initiated consultations in four regions of the U.S. on gender, privatization, deregulation and trade to examine the impact of U.S. economic policies on women, families and communities in poverty at the local level.
- Formed a research group of feminist economists to analyze gender and trade and the U.S. economy.
- Sponsored several multi-stakeholder consultations on systemic issues of debt and the debt-trade linkage.

“ ‘TO EFFECT A CHANGE IN SOCIETY ONE MUST HAVE PERSEVERANCE’ – SO SAID ONE OF THE OLD CAPUCHIN FRIARS TO ME WHEN I ARRIVED IN MILWAUKEE IN 1977. THAT FRIAR HAD SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE WORKING IN THE CITY’S POOREST NEIGHBORHOODS. THE CENTER OF CONCERN CONTINUES TO TEACH US THIS SAME TRUTH AS IT CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL.”

Rembert Weakland, OSB
Archbishop of Milwaukee, retired
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



THE TRADITION CONTINUES HIGHLIGHTS 2005 - 2006

THE CENTER PROJECT

PRESIDENT:

James E. Hug, SJ

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION:

*Candy Warner, Anne Dougherty, Beth Shainin, OCD,
and Sharmaine Chamberlain*

DEVELOPMENT:

Nilufar Choudhury, Bob Lyon

LEADER

Has effectively offered its prophetic voice for social and economic justice for 35 years in ecumenical and interfaith collaboration.

Is a recognized and respected leader and partner among progressive faith-based and secular organizations and social movements for its structural and systemic analysis, education, and advocacy agenda.

Brings the richness of the Center's work to national and international networks: including CIDSE, the International Jesuit Network for Development (IJND), the Ignatian Solidarity Network and Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good.

Promotes Center of Concern, its mission and resources to dioceses, parishes, faith groups, religious communities and organizations throughout the U.S.

INNOVATOR

Guided the Center reorganization and renewal through staff transitions and a difficult financial time for non-profit organizations in the U.S.

Continued its pioneering use of the internet. The Center's new web site design allows for better integration of all its web sites and for further integration of the Center's policy work with its promotion of Catholic Social Teaching.



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BEEN A SOURCE OF TRUTH,
A BEACON OF HOPE AND A
CATALYST FOR JUSTICE IN
POST-CONCILIAR CATHOLICISM.
BEST WISHES IN A NEW AND
CHALLENGING CENTURY.”

J. Bryan Hehir
President of Catholic Charities
and Cabinet Secretary for Social
Services, Archdiocese of Boston
Boston, Massachusetts

Instituted a monthly donor program for individual donors to contribute to the Center's work and to facilitate a dependable monthly income for the Center.

Expanded the Center of Concern's Partners' Campaign to include our many lay colleagues who, along with religious communities, form a solid core of supporters committed to the long-term needs of the Center to ensure the quality of its work for justice and peace.

COORDINATOR AND COLLABORATOR

Serves the Board of Directors by facilitating the committee structures and supporting Board engagement in fund raising, good governance for the Center, and marketing.

COMMUNICATOR

Expanded the Center online presence through a redesigned and reorganized web site. The site includes an expanded online subscription center giving subscribers control over the information they receive. A new subscriber contact program provides immediate connection to the Center as well. Changes in *Center Focus*, the Center's newsletter online, make it easier for subscribers to help spread Center messages.

EDUCATOR

Presented workshops to a wide variety of audiences, including Catholic Charities USA Annual Conference; the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX; American Catholic Colleges and Universities Peace and Justice Division; Ecumenical Advocacy Days; Jesuit Tertiaries; St. John's Parish in Naples, FL; the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, FL; LCWR Region VI; Efj Solidarity Retreat; and Cordaid, in the Hague, the Netherlands.

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UNIQUE TREASURE OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH. DRIVEN
BY DEEP COMPASSION FOR THE
POOR AND GUIDED BY A VISION
EMBEDDED IN THE RICH
TRADITION AND EXPERIENCE
OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING,
IT PROVIDES CUTTING EDGE
ANALYSIS AND TRUE LEADERSHIP
ON GLOBAL JUSTICE ISSUES
THAT ARE KEY TO OUR CATHOLIC
FAITH. CIDSE IS PROUD TO
HAVE CENTER OF CONCERN
AS A MEMBER.”

Christiane Overkamp
Secretary General, CIDSE
Brussels, Belgium





EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE PROJECT (EFJ)

STAFF:

Jane Deren and Jill Rauh

LEADER

Efj has been a trail blazer in developing varied and creative resources to lead everyday Catholics, educators, parish ministers and community leaders in the process of faith-based reflection and analysis on the many justice issues facing the world today.

CONVENER

Gathered Efj members from around the U.S. for a Spirituality of Solidarity Seminar/Retreat to provide an effective renewal and formation experience. In addition to lectures and meeting with social justice groups, Efj members had an opportunity to create materials for their respective ministries and to contribute feedback to the Efj staff for improving their materials.

INNOVATOR

Utilizes the internet to realize Pope John Paul II's call for "Catholics involved in social communication to preach the truth of Jesus ever more boldly using all new technologies available." Offers a marketplace for the best in new social justice popular education resources as well as a library of outstanding resources created during the past five years (www.educationforjustice.org).

COORDINATOR AND COLLABORATOR

Initially convened, and continues to coordinate, the Catholic Collaborative for Justice Education, a group of Catholic organizations who develop materials on justice and peace work. The Collaborative includes the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Department of Social Justice and World Peace, Catholic Relief Services, Center of Concern, Georgetown Center for Liturgy,



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THE CENTER OF CONCERN HAS
BEEN WORKING TO DEMONSTRATE
THAT FAITH AND JUSTICE ARE
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EVER DEEPENING ADMIRATION
FOR THIS ORGANIZATION AND
ITS INSPIRING WITNESS TO
THE JUSTICE VISION OF
THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL.”

Robert F. Drinan, SJ
Professor, Georgetown Law Center
Washington, DC

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, National Catholic Education Association, and NETWORK, a Catholic Social Justice Lobby.

EDUCATOR

Presented workshops on education for justice across the U.S., including a presence at the East Coast Religious Education Conference; the Social Ministry Convocation in Baltimore, MD; the National Catholic Education Conference training days for religious educators in Florida; and the Ignatian Solidarity Network's Social Justice and Social Change day in Washington, DC.

COMMUNICATOR

Provides thousands of pages of resources on more than fifty justice topics through the EfJ website. These are available for downloading and replication.

Produces a bi-weekly newsletter for subscribers announcing new postings on the EfJ website.

Reaches some 2700+ educators across the country and increasingly, across the globe, who use EfJ materials to inspire the people they serve in churches, schools and communities.

“ . . . THE MOST USEFUL SITE ON
THE INTERNET, AND A READY
RESOURCE FOR PRAYERS,
LECTIONARY READINGS, CATHOLIC
SOCIAL TEACHING, BACKGROUND
REPORTS AND MANY OTHER
DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE
PROVEN THEIR VALUE.”

Robert Walz, EfJ Subscriber





AGRIBUSINESS ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE PROJECT (AAI)

STAFF:

Peter O'Driscoll, Kathy McNeely, and Martin McLaughlin (Adjunct)

LEADER

The Agribusiness Accountability Initiative is a truly global and valued network of farm, labor, environmental, consumer, faith-based and development organizations.

CONVENER

Organized existing regional networks on agriculture into the Asia-Pacific Forum including the Asia-Pacific Network for Food Sovereignty, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, International Federation of Catholic Rural Movements, Asia Gender and Trade Network, Rice Watch and Action Network, and TNC Watch. The Forum agreed to support Asia-Pacific AAI as an open forum for communications and information, and as a resource for linking initiatives and struggles in confronting agri-food corporations and monopolistic systems.

COORDINATOR

Supported and coordinated "The Global Food System: A Research Agenda" developed by researchers gathered in Paris in January 2005 and in Hertfordshire, UK, May 2005 (www.agribusinessaccountability.org/page/374/1). Supported the development of *Market Share Matrix* (www.marketsharematrix.org).

COMMUNICATOR

Launched the Revolving Door Working Group (RDWG), a network of 18 organizations promoting ethics in public service. RDWG released a report proposing an aggressive set of lobbying and ethics reforms to challenge U.S. corporate influence on public policy. The report was endorsed by Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Representative Marty Meehan (D-MA) and read into the *Congressional Record*, February 1, 2006 (www.revolvingdoor.info).



“THE CENTER OF CONCERN,
THROUGH ITS DEDICATED
AND UNFALTERING FIGHT
FOR JUSTICE AND PROMOTION
OF AN ETHICS-BASED APPROACH
TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
ISSUES, HAS CONTRIBUTED
ENORMOUSLY TO ESTABLISHING
SOLIDLY GROUNDED, TRULY
EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
EFFORTS. WE MUST ALL BE
EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO IT.”

Oscar de Rojas
Director of the Financing for
Development Office
United Nations Department of
Economic and Social Affairs
New York, NY

Participated in the preparations for and conduct of a three-hour teleconference of the U.S. Committee on World Food Day. World Food Day is an annual event which highlights the issues of hunger in the world. Over 450 organizations and a number of international dignitaries participated in the teleconference.

Hosted over 7,000 visits a month on average to its website during 2006 (www.agribusinessaccountability.org), and sent its electronic bulletin on a regular basis to over 1100 recipients.

“Ordinary Farmers Blameless,” Letter to the Editor, *Washington Post*, August 1, 2005.

“How the Food System Works,” Letter to the Editor, *National Catholic Reporter*, July 14, 2006.

EDUCATOR

Conducted a workshop on “Corporate Control of the Food System” with AAI Latin American Partners at the World Social Forum in Caracas, Venezuela (January 2006).

Presented a workshop on “How Big Business Benefits from the Agriculture and GATS Agreements” at the World Trade Organization 6th Ministerial in Hong Kong (December 2005).

Postscript: In April 2006, AAI moved its Secretariat to the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, the co-sponsor of the Initiative.

“THE CENTER OF CONCERN IS
A REMARKABLE INSTITUTION
THAT SPARKS IN EACH OF US
THE URGE TO SEEK JUSTICE
AND PEACE THROUGH OUR
BELIEFS AND ACTIONS.”

Mary Robinson
Executive Director
Ethical Globalization Initiative
New York, NY





RETHINKING BRETTON WOODS PROJECT (RBW)

STAFF:

Aldo Caliarì

LEADER

The Rethinking Bretton Woods Project is recognized as a trusted resource on the issues of debt, global governance, human rights in international economic policy, and trade-finance linkages by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as governments, foundations and media.

COORDINATOR AND COLLABORATOR

Initiated and coordinates the International Working Group on Trade-Finance Linkages which engages participants from over 250 organizations and networks.

Organized two Regional Strategy Seminars on Trade-Finance Linkages in Peru (October 2005) and Malaysia (June 2006) to establish a sustained input of Southern voices in the agenda-setting and priorities of the International Working Group.

Convenes the CIDSE/CI Working Group on Global Governance with the mandate to promote the reform of institutions and to ensure that venues for international policy-making have human rights as a central imperative. The Working Group organized a Consultation Workshop in Zambia which brought together strategic partners from the North and the South (June 2006).

Co-moderates the Working Group on Trade, Finance and Investment of the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network.

EDUCATOR AND EXPERT

Invited to present its research and analysis in a variety of settings including:

- Wilton Park and Finnish Institute of International Affairs Roundtable
- Helsinki Process on Globalization and Democracy



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Kamal Malhotra
United Nations Development Program
Personal Testimony
New York, NY

- UBUNTU World Campaign for In-Depth Reform of the System of International Institutions
- UNCTAD Expert Meeting on Debt Sustainability and Development Strategies
- Spanish Parliamentarians Study Commission on Reform and Democratization of the International Financial Institutions
- German Parliamentarians of the Green Party
- Jubilee USA Network: Coordinating Committee Member
- International Financial Institutions – Latin American Monitor: Advisory Board Member

Organized and participated in panel discussions on debt, trade, sustainability, and human rights during the annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (September 2005 and April 2006).

Arranged for and was one of the speakers on a panel on “Human Development Approach to Debt Sustainability” at the Spring Meetings of the World Bank in Washington, DC. This approach gained the cooperation and co-sponsorship of AFRODAD, LATINDAD, EED, EURODAD, Jubilee USA, and CIDSE/CI, key debt relief networks.

COMMUNICATOR

Sends out bi-weekly e-bulletins alerting the International Working Group on Trade-Finance Linkages of new resources and new developments in the field.

“If trade openness is not an automatic good then World Bank reports can be assessed in a novel way,” Letter to the Editor, *Financial Times*, March 28, 2006.

“Self-insurance by poorer nations is not a positive sign,” Letter to the Editor, *Financial Times*, January 12, 2006.

“Developing countries are right to be cynical,” Letter to the Editor, *Financial Times*, October 24, 2005.

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WORKS LIKE A BEAVER, DIGGING
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INSTANCES OF INJUSTICE IN
MATTERS OF GLOBAL
GOVERNANCE. ITS COMMITMENT
TO JUSTICE BACKED BY ANALYSIS
AND NETWORKING SKILLS HAVE
BEEN OF GREAT VALUE TO
THE SOUTH CENTRE.”

Yash Tandon
Executive Director, South Centre
Geneva, Switzerland





GLOBAL WOMEN'S PROJECT: GENDER, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (GTD)

STAFF:

Maria Riley, OP, Alexandra Spielloch, and Kristin Sampson

LEADER

The Global Women's Project, Gender, Trade and Development (GTD) was a pioneer in initiating the International Gender and Trade Network (IGTN) in 1999 and a pioneer in handing over the leadership to the Latin American Gender and Trade Region in 2006.

INNOVATOR

With the movement of the IGTN Secretariat to Rio, GTD, in continuity with its past, is in the process of reinventing itself by developing strategic partnerships with local and regional community-based groups working on local issues. These partnerships will analyze local issues through the lens of national and global economic policy with the goal of creating economic and social change that brings greater economic opportunity and enhanced civic participation for all at the community, national and global levels.

COORDINATOR AND COLLABORATOR

Organized IGTN activities at the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial, published the IGTN advocacy document, developed and distributed over 500 media kits, sent out periodic reports to our constituencies, produced press releases, ran daily briefings on the process of the Ministerial, and facilitated and collaborated in a series of workshops during the Ministerial (December 2006).

Co-Chairs the Interfaith Working Group on Trade and Investment. Collaborated in its activities including the Ecumenical Advocacy Days, a congressional prayer breakfast in the lead-up to the vote on the DR-Central American Free Trade Agreement, as well as in developing reflection materials for distribution during Trade Justice Week (April 2006).



“IT IS NOT OFTEN THAT A U.S. ORGANIZATION FINDS A WAY OF WORKING WITH PEOPLE FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS THE RESPECT AND COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE REQUIRED IF ELEMENTS OF DOMINATION AND CONDESCENSION ARE TO BE AVOIDED. THE CENTER HAS FOUND THAT WAY AND I FEEL PRIVILEGED TO BE PART OF THIS TEAM.”

Peggy Antrobus
DAWN
Board Member, Center of Concern
Barbados

Participates in the CIDSE/CI Trade and Food Security Working Group and collaborated on its paper on Gender Advocacy.

Coordinates the U.S. Gender and Trade Region and facilitated the work of the Research Associates who produced two papers:

- “*Gender and Trade in North America: Building a Research Agenda*”
by Smriti Rao, Bates College
- “*State Level Gender Trends in Exports, Imports and Employment Changes*”
by Ramya M. Vijaya, Stockton University.

EDUCATOR

Challenged assumptions and spurred new thinking in presentations by staff members to a wide variety of settings nationally and internationally. In addition to collaborating in the workshops at the Hong Kong WTO Ministerial, GTD participated in workshops at the AWID (Association for Women’s Rights in Development) Conference in Bangkok (November 2005), as well as a conference on gender and trade sponsored by the City University of Hong Kong (August 2005). Audiences in the U.S. ranged from college students in Baltimore, MD and South Bend, IN to educators and activists in Adrian, MI; Seattle, WA; Portland, OR; and Newark, NJ; and justice activists in Naples, FL and Washington, DC.

COMMUNICATOR

Increased the distribution of the monthly IGTN e-bulletin to over 900 recipients.

Had its press releases during the Hong Kong WTO Ministerial picked up and used by several news services, including *Forbes on Line*.

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THE CENTER OF CONCERN’S
35 YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO
IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR
POOR AND MARGINALIZED PEOPLE
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THE WORK ON PEACE AND
JUSTICE, WHICH COMBINES
RELIGIOUS FAITH WITH A SOLID
ANALYSIS OF GLOBALIZATION
AND ITS STRUCTURAL
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CENTER A HIGH DEGREE OF
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TO OPEN DOORS TO POLICY CIRCLES
FOR THOSE WORKING TO PROMOTE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE,
BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.”

Noleen Heyzer
Executive Director
United Nations Development
Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
New York, NY





THE FUTURE HOLDS PROMISE
OUR WORK CONTINUES

SIGNS OF OUR TIMES

CHALLENGES

- The continuing struggle for just global systems and structures against vested interests.
- Global and national security – political, economic, social, cultural, and personal.
- Diminished role of government – the privatization of the public sector and the loss of accountability to citizens.
- Breakdown of social contracts between governments and their people; loss of cultural identity and values.
- Corporate concentration of resources and power.

OPPORTUNITIES

- UN Reform Process.
- International Financial Institutions searching for their mission.
- Growing disillusionment with the neo-liberal global trade agenda.
- Subtle shifting of power balances within institutions.
- Global Social Movements.
- Reassertion of the essential role of government.
- A Catholic public eager for information about the Church's social mission.

NEW QUESTIONS AND DEBATES

- How are international relations, institutions and systems to be governed in this globalizing world?
- What kind of global trading system will promote a global community supported by pro-development market systems, economic justice, social development and ecological sustainability?
- What should be the ethical framework for U.S. international policy?
- What is in the best national interest of the U.S.? How should the “national interest” of the U.S. be defined?
- How can the issues of immigration, civil rights and security in the context of the “war on terrorism” be addressed?



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THOSE WHO GIVE HOPE TO
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THE FUTURE. MAY THE CENTER
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Peter Henriot, SJ
Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection
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Catalyst

- Critical analysis of the “signs of our times” relative to trade, finance, gender and racial equality, poverty, corporate abuse, and global governance.
- Advocacy tools for alternative structures and policies.
- Eff resources for schools, parishes, religious communities and others.
- Mechanisms for greater connectivity among peoples through technology.

Conduit

- Connecting progressive people of faith to share ideas and resources.
- Building networks of diverse stakeholders to tackle complex issues and powerful institutions.
- Fostering change from the base of our communities.
- Expanding the leadership and voice of the progressive faith community, especially on global economic justice issues.
- Facilitating an educated and active Catholic public committed to the Church’s social mission for justice and peace.
- Mentoring the new generation of leaders for these changing times.
- Influencing the new generation of thinkers.
- Being a source of hope for our constituencies.
- Participating in and strengthening social movements and coalitions with shared vision and values.

Focusing Agendas

- Foreign Policy, in particular trade, debt, peace and security
- Immigration
- Human Rights
- Environment
- Food Sovereignty
- Social Contracts
- Health Care
- Living Wage
- Budget and Fiscal Responsibility

Tools for our Work

- Networking and coalition building
- Strategic partnering
- Technology including websites, e-mails, blogging, and podcasts
- Education for Justice web-based resources
- Media outreach
- On-line Center of Concern store

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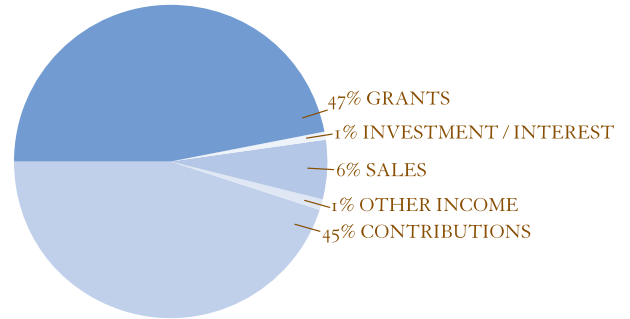
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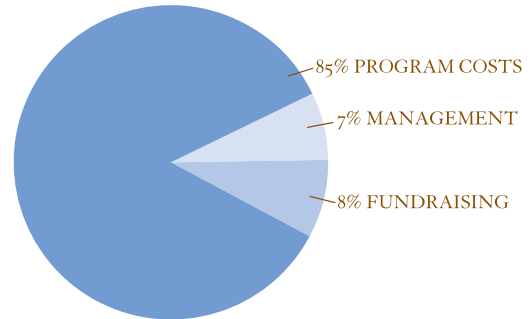
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Contributions	493,776
Grants	504,222
Sales	65,530
Investment / Interest	14,347
Other Income	13,209
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,091,084



EXPENSES

Management	77,765
Fundraising	81,050
Program Cost	912,280
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,071,095
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