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Pax Christi International

Pax Christi is an international Catholic peace network founded in France in 1945 to promote reconciliation between the French and the Germans following World War II. Now Pax Christi is present in more than 50 countries on five continents with over a hundred Member Organisations worldwide.

The work of Pax Christi is inspired by Gospel values and by the rich history of Catholic social teaching. We have a deep commitment to active nonviolence and a growing tradition of sharing our spiritual journeys and articulating the theological perspective that enable a nonviolent response even in the most complex, violent and destructive situations.

In our network, members of the Catholic hierarchy, clergy and lay people work together as equals for peace and reconciliation in situations of violence and war around the world. Our International Co-Presidency is shared by a bishop, Bishop Kevin Dowling from South Africa, and a lay woman, Marie Dennis, from the United States, both of whom were elected by our Member Organisations.

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Message from our International Co-Presidents

Dear Member Organisations and friends of Pax Christi International,

Woven into the fabric of the Jesus story from beginning to end is an identification of his mission with peace on earth – deep peace, peace rooted in justice, shalom, and a call to the task of peacemaking for those who would be disciples.

One great privilege of serving as co-presidents of Pax Christi International is the view of our movement that it affords us. In 2012, we witnessed once again the deep commitment of Pax Christi people working for peace and reconciliation in extremely difficult situations. We saw again the commitment of our dedicated volunteers engaged in international advocacy at the United Nations, the European Union and in other centers of power.

We welcomed our new Secretary General, José Henríquez, and celebrated the generous commitment to Pax Christi International of Greet Vanaerschot, who capably served since January 2011 as interim Secretary General. Greet and Fr. Paul Lansu, both on staff for over 30 years, carry the history of Pax Christi and bring wisdom and indispensable stability to the International Secretariat.

Faith grounds and shapes the work of Pax Christi. As Pax Christi Member Organisations accompany communities torn apart by violence and promote nonviolent alternatives to prevent or stop war, work to eliminate trafficking in small arms, minimise trade in weapons, end the production and stockpiling of weapons of mass destruction, shift budget priorities from preparations for war to support for life, build peace after violent conflict, encourage reconciliation, and on and on, the challenge of faith to our work is very real.

This theological/spiritual task is deep and wide and multifaceted. It includes theological reflection on the values of our faith tradition in specific situations of violent conflict and war; presence, accompaniment and the nurturing of relationships across boundaries; creating and applying moral/ethical frameworks as we respond to violent conflict; tapping spiritual energies and appropriating religious ritual and symbol as we wage peace.

Pax Christi International encourages both of us and gives us hope. May you too find inspiration in this 2012 annual report.

In peace,

Marie Dennis

Bishop Kevin Dowling

Pax Christi International New Logo



One of our core dynamics in the last few years has been to listen to the signs of the times and to revitalise our mission accordingly, and as an expression of that process we adopted a new logo for our global network: a dove in the shape of a flame with a star in the centre. The peace at the heart of Pax Christi International is rooted in the Gospel and nurtured within the Catholic tradition. From this identity, the promotion of dialogue and close collaboration with other religious traditions takes shape as well as with non-religious protagonists from civil society around the world. In this way, Pax Christi shares its light like a beacon. The dove sits above the "I" to form the shape of a candle. The peace at the heart of the network also acknowledges diversity and addresses multidimensional challenges. The variations of colours within the dove represent the different ways in which Pax Christi works toward peace in a multicultural world and advocates interconnectedness and fluidity. The typography – strong and contemporary – also reflects Pax Christi's commitment to peace in the present.

Message from our Secretary General



Dear Members and friends of Pax Christi International,

Pax Christi's vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Based on the Gospel message and inspired by faith, Pax Christi believes that peace is possible and that vicious cycles of violence and injustice can be broken.

One of the most valuable strengths of our network is its grassroots nature. Most of Pax Christi Member Organisations are formed by and serve ordinary people. They work in marginalised neighbourhoods – in communities where poverty fuels social conflict and despair, in schools and universities as well as in non formal-education environments, in churches, in urban and rural settings, demonstrating on the streets but also engaging in processes within International Organisations; in countries immersed in armed conflict as well as in countries producing arms which fuel conflicts beyond their borders.

In recent years a joint process of reflection shed new light on how the Secretariat serves our international network, and highlighted four areas: facilitating growth and integration; coordinating and representing the network; building capacity of Member Organisations for nonviolent peace work; and nurturing and articulating a vibrant spirituality and theology of peace. The annual report has been structured around those four areas.

2012 was certainly not a year in which human security ended in good shape. Indeed - and just to mention a few of the better-known conflicts - the situation in Syria kept deteriorating, tensions in East Asia escalated, and armed confrontations in Central and West Africa continued to multiply. However, in that context, through the commitment of every one of you, many people and their communities were able to build hope.

Msgr. Oscar Romero said in his last homily: "[It is] hope that inspires Christians. We know that every effort for a better society, especially when injustice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God demands of us". The commitment of Pax Christi members around the world strengthens our hope and dedication at the International Secretariat.

Wishing you a continuously renewed motivation in your work for peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'José Henríquez', enclosed within a simple, hand-drawn oval.

José Henríquez

Networking

"The responsibility to foster peace and justice is not limited to governments; it must start with each human heart. (...) Tolerance should be a real concern for Christians, Muslims, and others who wish to live in peace and dignity."

Participant in the Pax Christi International Middle East Workshop, Jordan, December 2012

Interconnectedness within a Global Network

The International Secretariat of Pax Christi facilitates structured connections and exchanges of knowledge and experiences between members. It also facilitates regular analysis of relevant issues which members take to the international arena. In 2012 particular attention was given to networks in Latin America and the Caribbean and in the Middle East. The focus was on enhancing dialogue and strengthening regional coordination.

Pax Christi's regional network in the Middle East

Representatives of Member Organisations and partners from the Middle East (Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and Iraq) as well as from Europe and India supporting Middle East processes came together in Amman, Jordan, in December 2012 to discuss lessons learned from the different expressions of the so called Arab Awakening or "Arab Spring". Sessions on international advocacy enabled participants to deepen partnerships and to strategise for action and advocacy. Participants also visited refugees from Syria and Iraq in Zarqa and met with religious leaders in Amman.

Prior to the workshop, preparatory meetings took place in Egypt with the Coptic Evangelical Organisation for Social Services (CEOSS), as well as with the Coptic Catholic Seminary, the Nuncio - Msgr. Michael Fitzgerald and the Coptic Catholic Patriarchate - Bishop Kyrollos William of Assiut.

All our partners are committed in different ways to promote nonviolence and just long-lasting solutions to the conflicts they live in. The network is now engaged in:

- ▲ the development of new coordination dynamics within the regional network;
- ▲ setting up short-term advocacy initiatives on Syria and Palestine-Israel plus the development of a broader reflection on regional joint advocacy efforts;
- ▲ the consideration of new efforts to promote and facilitate peace education and dialogue among Palestinian-Israeli civil society actors.

After the workshop, a Pax Christi International delegation travelled to Jerusalem and Bethlehem to meet with H.B. Michel Sabbah, former International President of Pax Christi, as well as with Palestinian peace networks and Israeli peace and human rights activists.

Pax Christi's Regional Network in Latin America and the Caribbean

In 2012, Pax Christi International held meetings in Haiti, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico. Those gatherings hosted workshops on active nonviolence and created safe spaces for sharing experiences of work and faith among Pax Christi members.

The Pax Christi Latin America and Caribbean Network has also been addressing issues of restorative justice, peace spirituality, trauma healing and human trafficking, exploring different ways of networking on those issues, and connecting protagonists in a proactive manner.

Some highlights of the dynamics within the Pax Christi regional network include:

- In Puerto Rico: a Task Force composed of members of CORFUR, the Diocese of Caguas and the Archdiocese of San Juan will further develop the Pax Christi network in the country. The group is planning a workshop in 2013 to develop a national action plan;
- In Colombia: • Pax Christi was one of presenters during the 4th International Seminar on Nonviolence, where communities from various regions in Colombia shared lessons learned and sought ways to strengthen the Colombian Movement for Nonviolence; • it actively participated in the meetings of the Ecumenical Peace Table to reflect, analyse and support the contributions of civil society organisations - including religious groups - to the peace process in Colombia; • it engaged in conversations preparing collaboration with the Program for Ecumenical Accompaniment in Colombia (PEAC); • it joined the Eco-Theological and Inter-religious Table, hosted by the Javeriana University in Bogota; • it held strategy meetings with the Service of Peace and Justice (SERPAJ) and

with the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR); • it spoke out asking for more protection for indigenous communities in the Cauca Department;

- In Brazil: • Pax Christi set up an agreement with the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT) aimed at coordinating action on human trafficking, ecology, the right to land and extractive industries' projects; • it joined a delegation to Brasilia (including CPT representatives and indigenous persons from the Guarani-Kaiowa group) to support the indigenous community's claim against threats of eviction from their land; • it participated in the celebration of the 90th anniversary of Dom Tomás Balduino, one of the founders of CPT;
- In Mexico: • Pax Christi set up strategy conversations with representatives of the Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity; • it joined the board of the International Peace Service (SIPAZ);
- In Chile: Pax Christi joined the campaign "A Christmas without war, toys for children", launched by SERPAJ Chile.

Regional Blog on Human Trafficking

Following the June 2011 workshop in Panama entitled, "Trafficking: An expression of slavery in the modern world", Pax Christi Member Organisations in the region started a blog aiming at connecting regional networks such as Red Tamar in Colombia, Red Kawsay in Perú, Red No a la Trata in Ecuador. The blog disseminates activities and promotes reflections about the issue, including lessons learned and challenges. The blog has become a tool for regional advocacy on human trafficking.



Capacity Building

"Poor conditions and a constant fear of getting killed: that is the life of a combatant. It is you against the world: everyone is your enemy, especially those fighting on the opposite side. It is a life fractured by extreme hostility, cruelty and inhumanity."

From a young ex-combatant from Bujumbura, Burundi

Strengthening a Global Network

The International Secretariat of Pax Christi collaborates with Pax Christi Member Organisations and other partners to implement programmes that (1) develop the capacity to achieve the goals of the Pax Christi Global Strategic Framework and (2) are of an interregional and/or cross-border nature.

Community-based reintegration programme for ex-combatants in the Great Lakes of Africa

The International Secretariat with Pax Christi Flanders and African Member Organisations launched a programme aimed at achieving genuine integration of ex-combatants into their local communities. The programme also strengthened the capacities of local Member Organisations as they work for peace in a region immersed in several conflicts.

Member Organisations in the Great Lakes region implemented a community-based approach to the reintegration processes of ex-combatants in five different locations of two countries: Bujumbura (Burundi), Goma and Butembo in North Kivu (Democratic Republic of Congo), and Uvira and Bukavu in South Kivu (Democratic Republic of Congo). The two main components of the approach were the so called *Listening Communities* and the *Welcoming Communities*. The Listening Communities were spaces for real dialogue and mutual support and they provided the ex-combatants with a privileged space and opportunity to tell their stories, to learn to listen to others, to reflect on factors behind violence, and to find the necessary resources for social reintegration into their local community. The Welcoming Communities, on the other hand, were made up of prominent members of society (such as local authorities, traditional leaders and religious leaders) who were invited to play an active and crucial role in supporting the reintegration process by liaising between ex-combatants and their communities.

Given the psychological impact of war - not only on its victims but also on those actively participating in the hostilities - the ex-combatants received personalised support when necessary. Although many ex-combatants were still tempted to return to military life, their choice to participate in a reintegration

programme with no promise of financial benefits demonstrated how strongly they desired to break the circle of violence that has blighted their lives. However, an important aspect of reintroducing ex-combatants into society is the launch of revenue-generating initiatives, and some economic activities have been implemented on a small scale such as collective farm work, the gathering of fire wood, and goods carriers at the market. The programme participants have in this way started organising themselves into small cooperative associations, further integrating themselves into the local economy.

The International Secretariat and Pax Christi Flanders published a booklet, presenting the accounts of twelve men and women who, after fighting in Burundi and in the Democratic Republic of Congo, freely joined the reintegration programme with the desire and determination to rebuild their lives.

Workshops on active nonviolence in Latin America

Pax Christi International was involved in accompanying Member Organisations in Latin America and the Caribbean as they strengthen their capacity to operate on active nonviolence, peace spirituality and advocacy.

In 2012, Pax Christi facilitated eight workshops in which around 200 participants from our Member Organisations and partners went through different aspects connected to active nonviolence as a way of transforming conflicts. Pax Christi also produced a Handbook on Nonviolence which is now available in Spanish, English and French, and is being translated into Creole and Portuguese. Participants in the workshops were:

- ▲ *Colombia*: Redepaz and the Justice, Solidarity and Peace Commission;
- ▲ *Dominican Republic*: CEDAIL (Centro Dominicano de Asesoría e Investigaciones Legales) and members from different dioceses and grassroots communities;
- ▲ *Haiti*: Pax Christi Port-au-Prince and JILAP; Commission Justice et Paix Haiti);
- ▲ *Mexico*: The Human Rights Committee from Oralia Morales, FRAYBA (Centro de Derechos Humanos "Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas"), SEPARAZ (Servicios

y Asesoría para la Paz), SIPAZ (Servicio Internacional para la Paz, CORECO (Comisión de Apoyo a la Unidad y Reconciliación Comunitaria), and community leaders from Ocosingo, San Francisco and San Cristóbal de las Casas;

- ▲ *Guatemala*: Representatives from human rights, youth and women's platforms as well as representatives from the Guatemalan Conference of Religious Women and Men;
- ▲ *El Salvador*: Tutela Legal from the Archdiocese of San Salvador;
- ▲ *Puerto Rico*: Pax Christi Puerto Rico and representatives of the Conference of Religious Congregations;
- ▲ *Brazil*: Representatives of the Pastoral Land Commission;
- ▲ *Peru*: Pax Christi Peru.

Capacity development for campaigning and advocacy

Representatives from Pax Christi sections held a workshop in June 2012 in Luxembourg to exchange and build strategies on disarmament advocacy and human rights issues.

Mgr. Jean-Claude Hollerich, Bishop President of Pax Christi Luxembourg and David Foka, Secretary General, hosted the event. The workshop covered different topics, including the Arms Trade Treaty, nuclear disarmament, the rights of asylum seekers in Europe, and human rights in the Middle East, especially in Syria and Egypt. Pax Christi looked at the role of the International Community, and the specific role of church organisations.

Based on the manual *Strategic Lobby and Advocacy Planning* produced by IKV Pax Christi, participants discussed effective strategies for national and international advocacy towards political and church authorities.



Advocacy

“Our faith tells us that every human life is sacred. Pax Christi International is committed to countering violence that destroys life and human dignity. We believe that a strong Arms Trade Treaty based on human rights and International Humanitarian Law will save lives and reduce human suffering.”

From Pax Christi International's *Swallowing the bullet – An ethical approach to an Arms Trade Treaty*

Bringing Local Voices to the Global Arena

The International Secretariat of Pax Christi works to articulate a clear and coherent message to international institutions and decision-makers on policies that shape peace processes and that affect the lives of people who live in situations of violent conflict; ensure competent representation of the global network at international decision-making centres; address international bodies of Church and other religious leaders in view of stimulating greater action for peace with justice; and expand global relationships by linking with international campaigns, coalitions and other NGO's.

Sustainable Peace

UN Conference on Sustainable Development

A delegation of Pax Christi International participated at the Rio+20 conference in Rio de Janeiro and hosted an event to reflect on climate change, mining, water resources and the care of creation, illustrated by theological reflections from the Bible and Catholic Social Teaching. A common position of the Pax Christi regional network on the implications of climate change and the environmental degradation of the most vulnerable communities, as well as the situation of climate refugees was presented and reflected on during the conference.

Mining and the Right to Water in Peru

Pax Christi International accompanied efforts of Pax Christi Peru as they are developing their capacities for national advocacy. Given the significant tensions created by extractive projects in different regions, a case study was sponsored in order to gather evidence of the sources of conflict and to identify opportunities for people-centred advocacy. The case study was developed in San Mateo de Huanchur, north of Lima, in an area where serious contamination has been discovered in the Rimac river which is the main source of water for the communities in the region. The communities of San Mateo are increasingly concerned and are developing an advocacy strategy which will see the involvement of Pax Christi Peru.

Disarmament

Arms Trade Treaty

Pax Christi International was actively involved in advocacy activities calling for a strong Arms Trade Treaty in the run up to negotiations at the Diplomatic Conference in July 2012 in which a Pax Christi delegation was present. Our team of representatives in New York organised public events to emphasize the moral imperative of a strong treaty, and assisted in co-organising briefings, hearings, and meetings with key missions.

Worldwide, Pax Christi Member Organisations were active through participation in specific campaigns and letter writing to make governments aware of the concerns churches and related organisations have and their desire for a strong and effective Arms Trade Treaty.

Pax Christi issued a document entitled *“Swallowing the Bullet – An Ethical Approach to an Arms Trade Treaty,”* which offered a faith and ethics-based analysis of the arms trade. It included a campaign guide with an overview of important activities and resources. Pax Christi Member Organisations, coalitions such as the Ecumenical Working Group on the Arms Trade Treaty, the Control Arms Coalition, the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), as well as Justice and Peace Commissions in different countries published it on their website, distributed it among their members and used it as an advocacy tool.

The Reduction of Armed Violence

Pax Christi International was involved in different initiatives promoting disarmament:

- ▲ A strong delegation attended meetings of the First Committee of the UN General Assembly on Disarmament and International Security and co-signed civil society statements on: Disarmament Machinery; Preventing a Humanitarian Catastrophe; and Outer Space Security;
- ▲ Pax Christi was a member of the Steering Committee that prepared the second Global Day of Action on Military Spending, in April, in collaboration with the International Peace Bureau and the Institute for Policy Studies. The Day of Action was politically linked to the Rio +20 Earth Summit;
- ▲ Pax Christi issued a statement on the grave moral and legal questions raised by the use of unmanned aerial vehicles or lethal drones for targeted assassinations and urged the United Nations to develop

binding legal standards based on the principles of international law for the production, use and proliferation of drones and to prohibit the use of fully autonomous “killer robot” drones;

- ▲ It was involved in planning the Annual International Conference of the Council on Christian Approaches to Defence and Disarmament, which took place from August 31 to September 4. The theme of the conference was “Just War, Humanitarian Intervention and Current International Conflicts”.

Biological Toxic Weapons Convention

Pax Christi presented a statement “Biosecurity for Everyone” at the Meeting of Experts on the Biological Toxic Weapons Convention in Geneva, in July 2012. A second statement called “Ensuring Biosecurity” was delivered to the Meeting of Experts and the Meeting of States Parties to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention in December 2012.

Nuclear Disarmament

Concerns and consequent actions on nuclear disarmament related issues have been significantly present in the history of Pax Christi International. With regard to this, Pax Christi:

- ▲ Issued a statement on nuclear disarmament which was featured in the colloquium “Le désarmement nucléaire demain?” organised by the Catholic Institute of Paris, Justice and Peace, and Pax Christi France. The International Secretariat also delivered a presentation entitled “Christians and nuclear disarmament”;
- ▲ Issued a statement unequivocally rejecting the possibility of military action against Iran as immoral, dangerous, and counter-productive. In June, our International Co-Presidents addressed a letter to the European Union concerning the role of the negotiations partners and Iran on nuclear issues, firmly rejecting the possibility of military action;
- ▲ Participated in the First Preparatory Committee Meeting for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons which took place in Vienna. Pax Christi co-signed the NGO statement calling on national governments to turn away from nuclear arms and avoid the real risk of a nuclear catastrophe;
- ▲ Issued a joint statement, with the World Council of Churches, appealing to NATO not to delay the withdrawal of US tactical weapons from Europe. The statement urged NATO to end nuclear sharing with five non-nuclear NATO allies in Europe where US nuclear weapons are stored;



- ▲ Issued a statement supporting the creation of a Weapons of Mass Destruction Free Zone in the Middle East and urging stakeholders to encourage negotiations towards a binding international treaty to abolish such weapons indefinitely;
- ▲ Attended the World Council of Churches Consultation on International Nuclear Advocacy held in Seoul, South Korea;
- ▲ Attended the Inter-religious Conference on Nuclear Issues in Aizuwakamatsu, Japan.

Human Rights

Pax Christi International firmly believes there is no peace if Human Rights are not fully respected and that the dignity of individuals and peoples is fully acknowledged, along with their opportunity to enjoy a human life and all the conditions necessary for that to be achieved. Pax Christi International:

- ▲ Actively supported the process of elaboration of the Declaration of the Right to Peace and endorsed the amendments put to the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee at its 8th session. These amendments included the recognition of minority groups and humankind as stakeholders of the right to peace;
- ▲ Issued a statement on Indigenous Peoples signed by our International Co-Presidents. The statement was an endorsement of the document of the World Council of Churches: "The Doctrine of Discovery and its Enduring Impact on Indigenous Peoples";
- ▲ Participated in a meeting at the White House in Washington D.C. with 22 religious leaders to urge the United States government to sign the Optional Protocol against Torture.

Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration in the Great Lakes of Africa

Pax Christi's Reintegration Programme for ex-combatants in the Great Lakes issued eight specific recommendations on this sensitive issue:

- ▲ *To strengthen the psychosocial dimension of the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) processes:* changed attitudes in local communities strengthen the psychosocial dimension of those processes;
- ▲ *To fully support social and economic reintegration*

in the DDR process: there is a great need for a more comprehensive approach that takes both the psycho-social and socio-economic aspects into account in order to foster the sustainable development of entire communities;

- ▲ *To acquire in-depth knowledge and act in a way that is respectful of the social and cultural context:* if local realities are not taken into account when designing and executing DDR programmes, there is a risk of promoting interventions that are not suitable to the context;
- ▲ *To integrate permanent civic education in the DDR process:* civic education has proven to be essential in fostering a population of well-informed, educated and active citizens but should not be limited to the election period;
- ▲ *To act in strict cooperation with civil society and community leaders:* by acting as agents of change in the environments where they operate, civil associations have a special role to play in the reintegration of ex-combatants;
- ▲ *To inform and raise the public's awareness about DDR programmes:* in order to end the vicious circle of violent conflicts in any society the starting point needs to be an analysis of that society itself;
- ▲ *To closely support reform of the security sector:* building a functional and well-developed state must go hand in hand with developing a security sector that is better suited to the needs of the population. The emphasis for any training in this sector must be on the respect of human rights;
- ▲ *To closely monitor Arms Control:* it is crucial that control mechanisms are strengthened in order to put an end to the illicit trafficking of small calibre light arms between and within countries.

Pax Christi also expressed grave concern for the renewed outbreak of violence and insecurity in the Democratic Republic of Congo through a joint statement with other members of the European Network for Central Africa. The statement called on the European Union and its Member States to urge the Congolese government to renew its commitment to a genuine reform of the security sector and to address the causes of insecurity in the region, including the role of neighbouring Rwanda.

The ongoing Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

- ▲ The International Secretariat and many Member Organisations were involved in the annual World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel;
- ▲ Pax Christi International supported the call of the UN Special Rapporteur Richard Falk to limit trade from Israeli settlement products, as well as that of international businesses that profit from settlements on Palestinian lands, until the enterprises bring their operations up to par with international human rights standards and humanitarian law;
- ▲ Pax Christi International and the World Council of Churches submitted a joint written intervention before the September session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. The intervention called for an urgent resolution to the issues destabilising Jerusalem and applauded the Human Rights Council's attention to the numerous and disastrous violations of human rights in Jerusalem;
- ▲ In November, Pax Christi International, the APRODEV network of development organisations related to the World Council of Churches, and the CIDSE alliance of Catholic development agencies called on the EU and its Member States to use their influence for a ceasefire in Gaza and Southern Israel, where escalating violence was once again putting civilians at risk. A letter was addressed to H.E. Catherine Ashton, European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

Solidarity with Minorities in Iraq and Syria

In March, Pax Christi International issued a statement urging the International Community to increase its support to civil society bodies and to take all possible measures to ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid into all areas of Syria.

In May, prior to the meeting of the European Council for Foreign Relations of the European Union, the International Co-Presidents addressed a letter to Catherine Ashton, expressing the view that continued militarisation of the conflict in Syria had to be avoided.

In September, the International Co-Presidents and the Secretary General addressed an urgent letter on Syria to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on the occasion of the General Assembly meeting in New York. Pax Christi International reiterated its rejection of violence, regardless of its origin. In his response, the Secretary General highlighted the plight of civilians in Syria and mentioned the urgent need to find a political solution to this crisis.

The International Co-Presidents also wrote several letters of concern to Ban Ki-moon about the humanitarian situation both in Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty in Iraq.



Peace Spirituality

"I experienced the Presence of God in the stories of conversion that were shared. One was the story about the Israeli father who had lost his daughter and came to see that his suffering was no different from the Palestinian woman who had lost her loved one. He experienced a common humanity that opened the flood of compassion into his heart. God is surely present in the nonviolent efforts of both Palestinians and Israelis."

*From Pax Christi's publication on **Peace Spirituality***



Nourishing a Global Network

The International Secretariat promotes reflection throughout the entire network in order to articulate a vibrant spirituality and theology of peace.

Pax Christi International is engaged in inviting members around the world to share their spiritual journeys in different ways. Bringing together grassroots stories of people and their communities, it has begun to capture the complexity of human experiences that take place in a world where war, conflict and violence exist alongside hope, peace and reconciliation. Understanding how people committed to nonviolence act in a given situation of violence, as well as their reflections on the experience afterwards, is of particular interest and importance.

In 2012 Pax Christi International published a new resource in English entitled "How Pax Christi Member Organisations worldwide live their Spirituality for Peace as source of inspiration for a journey towards a peaceful future". The stories, voices and insights included were gathered from Pax Christi Members around the world.

In May, Pax Christi brought together superiors from religious congregations in Rome to reflect on and share their stories and spiritual journeys.

In November Pax Christi International participated in a dialogue between Confucianism and Christianity on the necessity of a global ethic. Pax Christi proposed a global ethic of nonviolence.

Living Our Differences

In April, the International Advisory Group of Religious Leaders for the Living Our Differences project met in Cairo to review elements of the programme, establish structures for its functioning, and make recommendations. This group is charged with ensuring overall guidance for the programme, monitoring and evaluation and providing a forum for reflection on peace spirituality. Catholic and Muslim representatives from the Netherlands, Bosnia and Herzegovina, India and the USA decided that elements of the Living Our Differences project will be incorporated into other programmes organised by Pax Christi International. Strategic linkages were also made for future engagement on this topic in several regions, especially in the Balkans, Africa, Asia and Europe.

In December, Pax Christi International participated in the annual meeting of the International Conference of NGOs at UNESCO on "Culture and Cultures: Reconciling Universality and Diversity".

Pax Christi International Peace Award

In Mechelen, Belgium on 31 October 2012, Pax Christi International awarded its Annual Peace Award to Cardinal John Onaiyekan for his efforts in promoting understanding between people of different faiths through dialogue in Africa, especially in Nigeria.

Cardinal Onaiyekan has been the Catholic Archbishop of Abuja since 1994, and he co-chairs the African Council of Religious Leaders – Religions for Peace. He is a former president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria, and a former Co-Chair of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council. Cardinal Onaiyekan has tirelessly advocated for peace, justice, inter-religious dialogue and action.

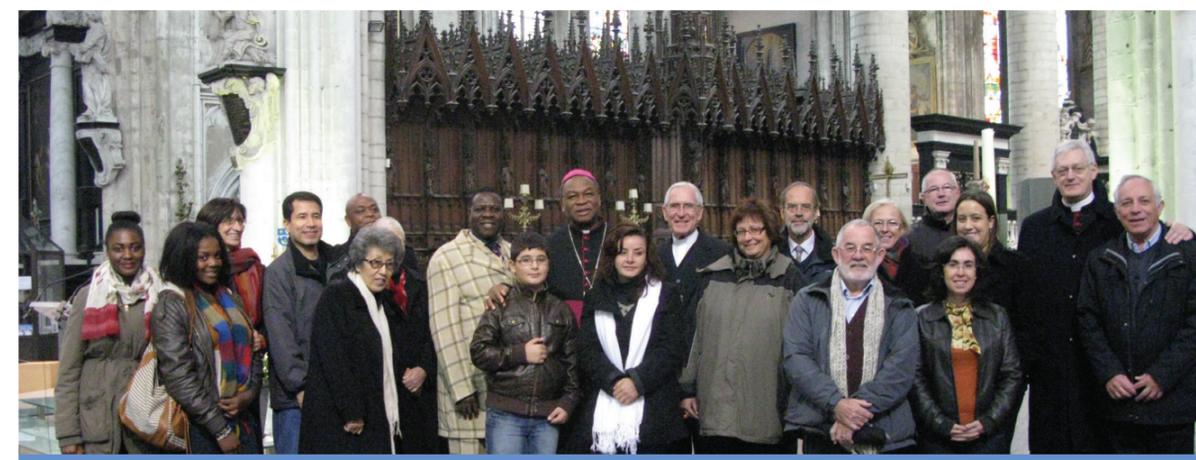
The Co-Presidents of Pax Christi International stated that "the notion of reconciliation lies at the heart of the peace work of Pax Christi International". Reconciliation is sorely needed in many parts of our world today. At the heart of all the major religions lies the message of peace and the need to establishing right relationships and just dealings with one's neighbour. "It is certainly in the interest of all Nigerians to remain united in their resolve to rid their country of all extremist violence that threatens to divide them".

Pax Christi International is grateful for the strong leadership of Cardinal Onaiyekan on behalf of peace, not only in his own country but also throughout Africa and indeed in many countries throughout the world, even though his commitment to the gospel of peace and nonviolence has been costly to him personally. Pax Christi International thanks Cardinal Onaiyekan for his resolve that violence will not have the final word.

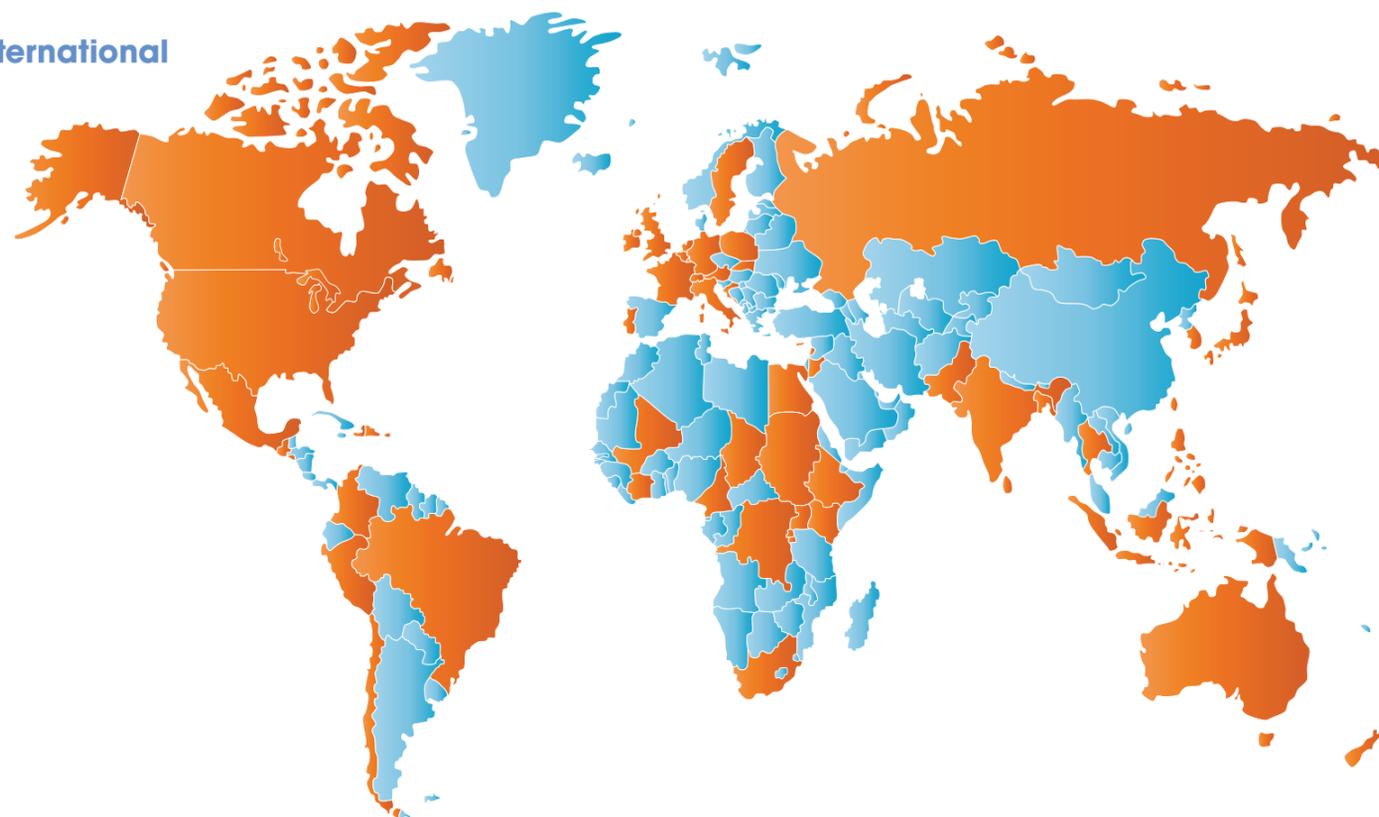


"I have received not a few recognitions and honours in my rather fortunate space of life. But a 'Pax Christi' award is for me most valuable precisely because of its name which recalls and confirms our faith in Jesus Christ, who is our Peace and Reconciliation."

Cardinal Onaiyekan



Member Organisations of Pax Christi International



Africa							
Burundi	Centre Jeunes Kamenge	South Africa	SA Catholic Bishops' Conference Justice and Peace Department	India	Save Green Vasai Movement (Harit Vasai Saurakshan Samiti)	Russian Federation	Regional Civic Initiative – Right to Life and Human Dignity
Burundi	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale Burundi	Sudan	Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron	Indonesia	Forum Masyarakat Katolik Indonesia	Russian Federation	Soldiers' Mothers St. Petersburg
Burundi	Nduwamahoro Non-Violent Actif	Uganda	Acholi Religious Leaders' Peace Initiative	Indonesia	Jarigan Mufla Perempuan (Women Partnership Networking)	Slovakia	Pax Christi Bratislava – Pezinok
Cameroon	ACERAC-Justice et Paix	Uganda	Justice and Peace Commission, Archdiocese of Gulu		Japan Catholic Council for Justice and Peace	Sweden	Life and Peace Institute
Cameroon	Cercle International pour la Promotion de la Création	Uganda	Kotido Peace Initiative	Japan	Pax Christi Aofearoa New Zealand	Switzerland	Pax Christi Switzerland
Chad	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale Tchad			Aofearoa/New Zealand	National Commission for Justice and Peace of Pakistan	United Kingdom	Pax Christi UK
DR Congo	Centre d'Information et d'Animation Missionnaire Afrique	America & Caribbean		Pakistan			
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Brazil	Comissão Pastoral da Terra	Philippines	Pax Christi Philippines	Middle East	Egypt
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Canada	Pax Christi Montréal	South Korea	Solidarity for Peace And Reunification of Korea	Jordan	Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Canada	Pax Christi Toronto	Sri Lanka	Human Rights and Media Resource Centre	Lebanon	Arab Women Media Center
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Chile	Servicio Paz y Justicia	Taiwan	Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Desk, Association of Major Superiors	Lebanon	Association Justice et Miséricorde
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Colombia	Comisión de Justicia; Solidaridad y Paz de la Conferencia de Religiosos Mayores	Thailand	Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace of Thailand	Lebanon	Lebanese Association for Civil Rights
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Colombia	Red Nacional de Inicativas Ciudadanas por la Paz y contra la Guerra	Thailand	Jesuit Refugee Service Asia Pacific	Palestine	Arab Educational Institute
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Dominican Republic	Centro Dominicano de Asesoría e Investigaciones Legales			Palestine	Centre for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	El Salvador	Tutela Legal del Arzobispado - Comisión Arquidiocesana de Justicia y Paz	Europe			Library on Wheels for Non-Violence and Peace
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Guatemala	Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo	Austria	Pax Christi Austria	Global	
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Haiti	Commission Episcopale Nationale Justice et Paix d'Haiti	Belgium	Pax Christi Flanders	Italy	Franciscan Sisters Daughters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Haiti	Pax Christi Port-au-Prince	Belgium	Pax Christi Wallonie-Bruxelles	Italy	Marist Fathers
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Mexico	Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolome de las Casas	Croatia	Association of Citizens of the Peace School	Italy	Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Peru	Pax Christi Perú	Croatia	Udruga Gradjana Skole Mire	Italy	Order of Saint Augustine
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	Puerto Rico	Pax Christi Puerto Rico	Cyprus	Centre for Peace, Non-Violence and Human Rights	Italy	Sisters of Christian Charity
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	United States of America	Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns	France	Maronite Youth of Cyprus	Italy	Society of the Sacred Heart
DR Congo	Commission Justice et Paix Episcopale DR Congo	United States of America	Pax Christi USA	France	Centre de Recherche sur la Paix	Italy	Brothers of Charity
Ethiopia	Interfaith Peace Building Initiative			Germany	Pax Christi France	Italy	Missionaries of the Company of Mary (Montfort Missionaries)
Ethiopia	Research Centre for Development and Education	Asia & Pacific		Ireland	Pax Christi Germany	Italy	Sisters of Marie Reparatrice
Ivory Coast	Centre de Recherche et d'Action pour la Paix	Australia	Pax Christi Australia	Ireland	Kerry Diocesan Justice, Peace and Creation Committee	Italy	Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
Kenya	Amani Communities Africa	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Inter-Religious Council for Peace and Justice	Italy	Pax Christi Ireland	Italy	Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions
Kenya	Chemchemi Ya Ukweli			Luxemburg	Pax Christi Italy	Italy	Sisters Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters of Saint John Bosco)
Kenya	Peace Tree Network	Bangladesh	Hotline Human Rights Bangladesh	Netherlands	Pax Christi Luxembourg	Italy	School Sisters of Notre Dame
Kenya	People for Peace in Africa	India	Documentation, Research and Training Centre	Poland	IKV Pax Christi	Italy	Comboni Missionary Sisters
Liberia	Development Education Network	India	Initiatives in Development, Empowerment and Awareness Society	Portugal	Klub Inteligencji Katolickiej Warszawa		
Mali	Initiative Malienne Pax Christi pour le Développement	India	National Commission for Justice, Peace and Development of India	Russian Federation	Pax Christi Portugal		
Rwanda	Association Modeste et Innocent			Russian Federation	House of Peace and Non-violence		
Rwanda	Pax Christi Groupe de Paroisse Busogo				Interchurch Partnership Apostolic City – Nevskaya Perspective		
South Africa	Denis Hurley Peace Institute						

Financial Results 2012

BALANCE SHEET 2012

Assets

Equipment, Furniture, Software	27,711.55 €
Guarantees	5,426.47 €
Committed Grants Receivable	35,200.77 €
Cash & Bank	136,640.50 €
Accrued Income and Deferred Charges	21,887.62 €
Total Assets	226,866.91 €

Liabilities

Own Reserves and Provisions	78,490.93 €
Outstanding Debts within One Year	111,275.08 €
Accrued Charges and Approved Grants	37,100.90 €
Total Liabilities	226,866.91 €

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS 2012

Income

Membership Fees and Donations	280,332.17 €
Grants	294,819.85 €
Recuperations of Costs	6,721.76 €

Total Income **581,873.78 €**

Expenditure

Rent and Utilities	36,741.88 €
Administration - organisational and personnel expenses	222,128.19 €

Networking and Capacity Building

Strengthening the Global Pax Christi Network with Members, Partners and Supporters	115,717.39 €
Re-integration of Former Combatants in the Great Lakes	28,438.27 €
Strengthening Capacities and Advocating for Justice and Peace in Latin America	83,831.16 €
Deepening Partnerships for Peace in the Middle East	21,637.82 €

Advocacy, Work with Coalitions and International Representation 75,442.80 €

Total Expenditure **583,937.51 €**

Result for the Year 2012 **-2,063.73 €**

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