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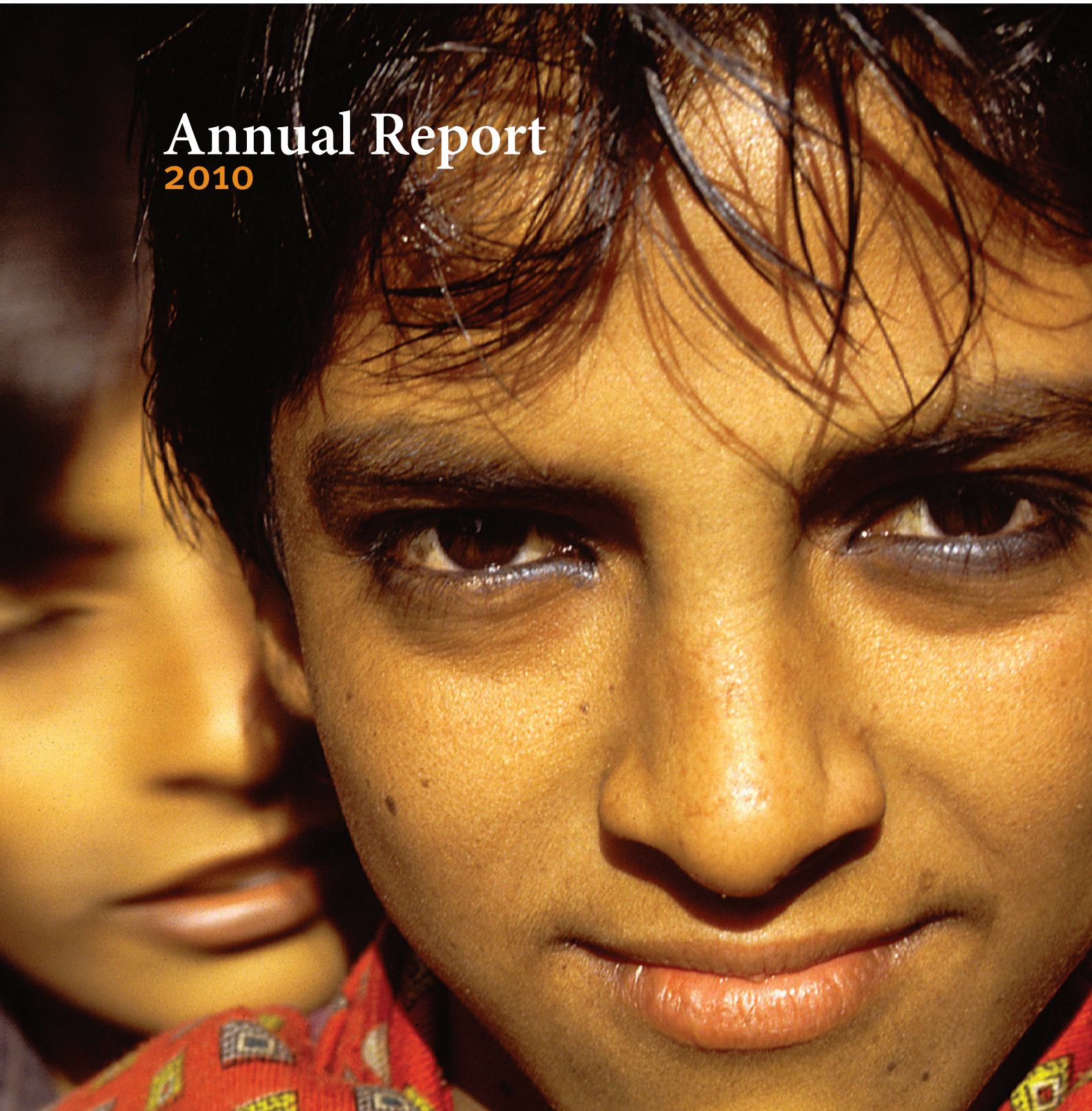


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Introduction



2010 has been challenging and nurturing for the Pax Christi International movement.

This annual report will guide you through the major programmes undertaken in 2010. It is in no means meant to be an exhaustive overview of our work, but rather a tour through the year's highlights. Of course, the International Secretariat functions to support Pax Christi Member Organisations across the world and, therefore, many of our efforts are directly and indirectly multiplied by local programming at the grass-roots level.

The Pax Christi International Global Framework has identified five major concerns and eight strategies undertaken by the movement as a whole. The five major concerns designate the issues that are particularly relevant to our mission and are a common thread throughout our work.

The eight strategies are the specific methodologies the Pax Christi Global Network uses to address these issues. In order to provide a holistic overview of our work, we have organised the 2010 report around these eight strategies.

The Five Major Concerns

- Human Rights, The Rule Of Law, and Violent Conflict
- Human Security and Violence
- Disarmament and Demilitarisation
- Just World Order
- Religion and Violent Conflict

The Eight Strategies

- Conflict Transformation
- Peacebuilding
- Education and Youth Work for Peace
- Interfaith and Intercultural Work for Peace
- Nonviolent Social Change
- Developing Peace Spirituality and Theology
- Advocacy and Campaigning
- Networking

Message

from the staff of the International Secretariat

Our work for peace continues!

Dear Reader

On behalf of Pax Christi International, we are happy to present our annual report for the year 2010. It recounts the International Secretariat's work and the dynamics we developed in the many continents our Member Organisations operate in.

The International Secretariat closely follows and supports the activities of its Member Organisations. Through our website and monthly newsletter in English, French, and Spanish, we inform the public about our members' work and, through our calendar, we offer the prospect to unite with our movement in joint celebrations and ventures. We provide input, coordination, and supervision of the advocacy work executed by our representatives in Geneva, New York, Paris, and Vienna. We also present the concerns of our Member Organisations to the European Union in Brussels and to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. In particular, the International Secretariat always makes it its duty to bring violations of human rights to the attention of the relevant authorities. We also stimulate networking and facilitate skills and knowledge exchanges between our members during regional, continental, and international meetings, such as the 2010 Triennial World Assembly in Strasbourg, France.

When conflicts break out, members come together to facilitate dialogue, meditate, and work towards conflict transformation and resolution. Our movement advocates on behalf of conscientious objectors and raises awareness about diverse and obscure aspects of war, such as the use of child soldiers and sexual aggression against women. Working for peace has led us to undertake work on denuclearisation and the production, commercialisation, proliferation, and utilisation of small arms and light weapons.

Truth, Justice, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation are themes and concerns that we address and reflect on almost every day. We pray and work towards the end to all conflict and war, whether it is in Afghanistan, DR Congo, Iraq, Sudan or elsewhere in the world.

With such a broad agenda and limited staff, it has been a challenge to carry out all of our tasks. Nevertheless, we are very proud of our Member Organisations' and the International Secretariat's achievements.

Allow us to thank the organisations that have provided us with the support necessary to carry out our work. Our gratitude also goes out to the many religious congregations for their generous and greatly appreciated contributions. To all of you, thank you.

Greet Vanaerschot
Acting Secretary General
On behalf of the staff of the International Secretariat

Conflict Transformation

Pax Christi International is involved in conflict transformation, including early warning systems, conflict prevention and resolution, disarmament and reintegration of former combatants and community-based demobilisation. It promotes alternative solutions to violent conflict by identifying, studying, and addressing the root causes of violence and social injustice.

Pax Christi International enjoys a longstanding reputation for its conflict transformation work. This is one of our oldest methods of working towards a just peace. The movement originally emerged from post-war reconciliation efforts. While the global landscape has changed since Pax Christi International's inception, our conflict transformation programmes remain as strong as ever.

Two major conflict transformation efforts in 2010 included the production of a *Faith Sensitive Training Toolkit* and the *Listening Communities for Ex-Combatants* programme in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

A Faith Sensitive Training Toolkit: Violent Actors, Peaceful Alternatives

In recent times, an increase in violent radicalisation has afflicted different regions in the world. It is no surprise that this violent radicalisation is a major cause of conflict, both within and outside of the regions. With this in mind, Pax Christi International developed a toolkit, which seeks to increase understanding and awareness about the causes and dynamics of violent radicalisation, addressing the topic in a practical faith-sensitive manner. The toolkit provides a theoretical overview of radicalisation processes, effective strategies and approaches for addressing the issue at the group and individual level, and ends with a training kit for trainers. A special 2010 focus in the toolkit was the case study in Lebanon on *Extremism: Between Perceptions and Attitudes: Towards A Policy of Prevention*. The case study was conducted by the *Lebanese Member Organisation, Association Justice et Miséricorde*. The content was prepared by an interdisciplinary team with expertise in advocacy training and violent radicalisation and based on their extensive qualitative and quantitative research.

English and French editions of the toolkit were printed, and are also available on the Pax Christi International website.

Pax Christi International is planning in the coming years training of trainers and continuous updates through other case studies so that the toolkit will become a solid base on which civil society can build and expand their capacity to operate effectively on the ground.

Listening Communities for Ex-Combatants in the Great Lakes region

Continuing a tradition of strong programming in the Great Lakes Region of Africa, Pax Christi International worked in 2010 to strengthen local Member Organisations' capacity to actively engage in the Disarmament, Demobilisation, Reintegration Process (DDR), in particular the reintegration of former combatants into the regular army and/or civilian life. We focused extensively on preparations for our Listening Communities Programme, which is designed to create time and space for ex-combatants to tell their stories, listen to one another, and find critical resources for a successful reintegration into their host community.

In 2010, Pax Christi International set the groundwork for Listening Communities in 4 communities in the DR Congo - Bukavu, Goma, Uvira, Butembo- and one community in Burundi - Bujumbura. Six project leaders have gathered for programme planning and began recruiting ex-combatant community moderators. Later in December, the project leaders and community moderators gathered in Goma for the first training session. This project is done in close collaboration with Pax Christi Flanders and will continue throughout 2011 and 2012.



Peacebuilding

Pax Christi International facilitates and supports reconciliation and peacebuilding processes, which help communities to look at the past and develop a future with lasting peace rooted in truth and justice. Pax Christi promotes peacemaking skills of dialogue, mediation and conflict resolution.

An aim of Pax Christi International is to establish mentalities and processes that maintain lasting peace. Peacebuilding works towards long-term peace by giving communities tools to address conflict in healthy ways and build a mentality of interrelationship. While peacebuilding is integrated throughout all of our programmes, Pax Christi International also makes sustained and direct efforts to this end. Two such efforts during 2010 were the Sudan Integrated Peacebuilding Programme and Reconciliation and Trust-Building in West Africa.

The Sudan Integrated Peacebuilding Programme

The Sudan Integrated Peacebuilding Programme (SIPP) works to strengthen church and civil society actors and reinforce efforts towards disarmament in the country. It has three pillars: peace building in post-conflict situations, disarmament and international advocacy.

A major facet of supporting the SIPP entailed monitoring its progress and evaluating its effectiveness. Pax Christi International led expeditions to Sudan in August and September to gather the necessary information and research. Delegations included Executive Committee members, International Secretariat staff, and local network partners, such as IKV Pax Christi, whose close collaboration helped to streamline our work. A visit by International Secretariat staff and the Ethiopian network partner to Khartoum in August gathered

information for the upcoming referendum period. The results of the SIPP evaluation have been integrated into a substantial report. Findings of this report have already begun to influence advocacy efforts and have led to increased awareness of the situation in Sudan among European policy-makers, particularly in the period leading to the January 2011 referendum. Promotion of international campaigns such as *101 Days for Peace in Sudan*, were set up.

Reconciliation and Trust-Building in West Africa

Too many communities in West Africa have been battered by years of political tension, power struggles, and violent conflict. The Reconciliation and Trust Building Programme works to promote reconciliation and inter-communal trust through dialogue, communication, and attitudinal change in West Africa's war-torn societies.

In February, International Secretariat staff visited sites in Lofa County, Liberia, where the Member Organisation *Development Education Network of Liberia* (DEN-L) was leading community-based dialogue. Our staff assisted DEN-L to assess the then present phase of the dialogue process and meet with community chiefs. During our visit, we oversaw five rotational dialogue meetings, several interventions to mitigate inter-communal conflicts, and a celebration of the good work being done.



Education

and Youth Work for Peace

Pax Christi International contributes to a culture of peace by encouraging models of education that use youth exchanges, alternative peace service, voluntary peace work, and peace weeks.

Educating for peace helps build a sustainable mentality of nonviolence that is inherited by generations. In the Pax Christi Movement, we are all active learners and active listeners. We acknowledge education as a dynamic process by which we incorporate concern for others and the greater good into our own lives and act on what we have learned.

There are many facets to Pax Christi International's Education and Youth Work for Peace. The most direct efforts include efforts to ensure youth have an empowered voice within the movement.

Interactive Transnational Youth Seminar

In May 2010, 33 young people from Christian, Catholic, Sikh, and Muslim faith traditions across the EU took part in a Youth Seminar focused on *military spending versus development aid*. Participants discussed the budgetary expenditures of each of their governments in light of international commitments member states had made in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Highlights of the seminar included a conference call with one of the Liberian women peacemakers following a film chronicling the struggle under President Charles Taylor; a dynamic question and answer session with the former mayor of Strasbourg (and current MEP for Strasbourg); the presentation of an outcome advocacy statement to the Directorate General of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe and viewing and reading statements of support for the seminar from five Members of the European Parliament.

In follow up, participants will continue to carry out letter writing, media outreach, direct action and continued structured dialogue with policy makers in their own national contexts.

Peace Weeks

Peace Weeks, a signature programme of Pax Christi International, are weeklong educational celebrations of peace and non-violence. While specific programming varies from country to country, Peace Weeks often consist of awareness-raising seminars, sports events, theatrical performances, radio programs and cultural festivities for youth and adults with engagement of civil society and local leadership. This year, Peace Weeks occurred throughout Latin America and in 12 communities in the Great Lakes Region of Africa on the theme 'Build Peace – Abandon Hate'.

Exchange of Education Models

Pax Christi International led two workshops at 2010's World Social Forum in Brazil, encouraging the use of models that we have successfully employed in the field. The first workshop, *Peace Building and Advocacy in Latin America*, showcased two expert presenters on grassroots methodology in the region. The second, *A Spirituality of Advocacy, Networking, and Campaigning*, gave attendees a sense of Pax Christi International's unique approach to peace building through a culture and faith-sensitive lens.

Citizen Education and Youth Empowerment in Guinea

The West Africa Programme implemented citizen education seminars for youth in Guinea. In total, 83 youth in six groups received training throughout the year. The seminars led to the formation of the Guinean youth association, *Ensemble Pour La Paix*, and the production of a full-length film on ethnic and religious tolerance, which was shown multiple times on Guinean national television.



Interfaith and Intercultural Cooperation for Peace

Pax Christi International creates opportunities for inter-faith dialogue and cooperation in order to promote peace and social justice.

Pax Christi is a Catholic-inspired movement that has grown to a large diverse and multi-religious body. Member Organisations from many different creeds and backgrounds have embraced our approach. Building interreligious and cross-cultural relationships is a mainstay of our work. Though this approach is integrated across our global work, we also have region specific programming. Here you will find a few examples of our work promoting interfaith and intercultural cooperation for peace in 2010.

Ecumenical Network on Zimbabwe

The International Secretariat works closely with the Ecumenical Network on Zimbabwe (ENZ). This has led to closer collaboration with the Zimbabwe Council of Churches. Results are improved communication channels with various actors in the region, a broader scope of Zimbabwe advocacy, including letters and campaigns on blood diamonds, monitoring of the Global Political Agreement and solidarity with the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe. Pax Christi International and organisations that constitute the ENZ have gone on to create joint action plans and to sync efforts to build peace in Zimbabwe.

Sudan and Somalia

Work in Sudan and Somalia during 2010 promoted a culture of peace through interfaith and intercultural dialogue and cooperation.

In August, Pax Christi International staff visited Muslim leaders in Khartoum. This visit served as the foundation for growing stronger relations and producing future joint actions.



Communications and meetings with Somali group members provided a forum for sharing views and perspectives on peace across confessional lines.

Both efforts resulted in increased trust with Muslim leaders and have spurred enthusiasm for continued meetings and dialogue. Continued involvement of the Somali advocacy group indicate acceptance of the Pax Christi involvement.

Workshop for Islamic-Christian Dialogue Secretariat in Guinea

Pax Christi International supported a workshop that was led by Member Organisation *Centre de Recherche et d'Action pour la Paix*. The workshop evaluated the Islamic-Christian Dialogue Project in Guinea. 22 participants assessed the impact of their past and future work within the context of the political crisis in Guinea. By increasing the efficacy of the Islamic-Christian Dialogue Secretariat, Pax Christi International wants to promote stronger dialogue efforts throughout the country.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Programmes in Palestine and Israel

Pax Christi International works very closely together with the World Council of Churches on different awareness raising programmes with regard to Israel and Palestine. The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme supports Palestinians and Israelis working for peace by monitoring and reporting violations of human rights and international humanitarian law and offering protection by accompanying local communities in daily activities. We also collaborate with a group of theologians, church and ecumenical leaders, tourism activists and political analysts to develop a study guide for pilgrims. The World Week for Peace is one of the major advocacy initiatives. Through prayer, advocacy and public action, members raise awareness in churches and civil society and impress upon governments the need for new efforts to end the conflict and negotiate a settlement.

Pax Christi International promotes interfaith peace pilgrimages to the Holy Land. The pilgrims believe in the sanctity of all human life as it is expressed in the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths and in the vocation of all humans to overcome violence through the power of truth, love and forgiveness.

Nonviolent Social Change

Pax Christi International's dedication to peace is translated into the countless nonviolent actions of its members around the world. This includes, for example, organising conferences and debates, defending the rights of conscientious objectors, efforts to heal ethnic or religious division, solidarity delegations and missions to areas of conflict, and public witness for peace.

Pax Christi International encourages Member Organisations to enact social change through nonviolence. From protests for disarmament in Washington D.C. to vigils for dialogue in the Middle East, Member Organisations advocate nonviolence in many different contexts and ways.

While the majority of nonviolent activism emerges from the grassroots level, the International Secretariat works hard to ensure Member Organisations and also our partners have the proper resources for training and strategising.

The Africa Manual on Nonviolence

Pax Christi International's Africa Programme produced a dynamic and colourful nonviolence manual titled *Conflits et Action Non-Violente*. The manual, currently available in French and soon to be produced in English, interactively educates individuals and groups about structural violence, the causes of conflict, nonviolent direct action strategy, and sustaining peaceful and nonviolent communities. *Conflits et Action Non-Violente* was widely distributed to Member Organisations and strategic partners working in the Great Lakes region. Initial reports on the manual's distribution indicate a positive reception and extensive use.

Solidarity Visits to Honduras and Haiti

Pax Christi International's approach to nonviolence not only entails using it as a methodology, but also integrating it into the very fabric of society. With this in mind, we set out on a solidarity visit to Honduras during March and April, working to enhance post-coup understanding and the nonviolent ethos. The delegation sought to collect information about the country's current post-coup trauma, learn about social and economic realities, build connections with local civil societies, collect firsthand accounts of conflict, lend protection against human rights violations, and develop an atmosphere of solidarity. Research from the visit became an integral part of our report, which was distributed to Member Organisations with programmes in the region and used as the basis for our policy recommendations to the United Nations and relevant governmental officials. Pax Christi subsequently called the United Nations to establish a truth commission and dispatch a Special Human Rights Rapporteur.

In support of our two Member Organisations in the region, Pax Christi sent delegations to Haiti immediately after the earthquake, knowing that such devastation can lead to greater conflict. Delegation members conducted research and solidarity meetings with Member Organisations and other local contacts. The visits led to the Haitian focus page on our website and calls for prayers, solidarity actions and support in relief efforts.

Peace and Nonviolence training

The Pax Christi International Secretariat organised a week of training on peace and non-violent action in March for Franciscan missionaries in Brussels. Topics included conflict and violence, the non-violent resolution of conflicts and developing a theology and spirituality of non-violence. The group also pondered over the question of violence and the exercise of power, viewed through the life and witness of Msgr. Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador who was assassinated 30 years ago on that day by members of a government-sponsored death squads.

Commemorating a Conscientious Objector

Pax Christi Member Organisations each year recall the life and witness of Franz Jägerstätter, an Austrian conscientious objector during World War II. Annual memorial services take place on 9 August on the anniversary of his execution, and many publications and articles on his life are being published. He was beatified in 2007.



Peace Spirituality and Theology

By developing a spirituality and theology of peace, Pax Christi International works to insert moral and ethical principles on issues of war and peace into the public and political arenas.

In 2010, a major peace spirituality and theology project unfolded.

Over the next few years, Pax Christi International will be conducting research, collecting narratives, sponsoring workshops, and encouraging Member Organisation participation in the effort to articulate the multifaceted and dynamic role of faith and spirituality in peacebuilding. Few other nongovernmental organisations are in such an ideal position to support and encourage the link between spirituality and peace. The peace spirituality and theology project is a unique contribution the movement brings to international and local forums.

The Peace Spirituality project commenced in conjunction with the Triennial World Assembly (TWA) in May. The overarching theme of the TWA stressed attention to peace spirituality and theology: *The House of Peace*. Over 100 TWA attendees gathered to reflect on the relationship between spirituality and peacemaking, shaping the direction of the project as a whole. Participants agreed the project would take the form of lived spirituality, gathering diverse narratives about spirituality's relationship with violence and peace as it has been experienced on the ground.

A Peace Spirituality and Theology Workshop occurred in Brussels, Belgium in November. Five presenters led attendees from 15 countries through a process of a reflection on their

experiences on conflict and spirituality. The gathering revealed a broad survey of peace spirituality experiences from various regions, cultures, and faith perspectives.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, workshops were held on 'Spirituality in the Path to Peace and Justice' with local Member Organisations and several community leaders. One of the topics addressed was 'Supporting the Supporters', a methodology with a psycho-social approach that is aimed at reducing the emotional impact of conflictive and violent contexts and thus promoting community resilience in overcoming trauma. As part of this work, therapeutic community activities are promoted as well as the reconstruction of the social fabric from positions of solidarity and reciprocity. Similar type of workshops will be held in the coming years in the regions where we work.



Advocacy and Campaigning

Through its representative status with international bodies such as the United Nations, UNESCO, the European Union, and the Council of Europe, Pax Christi International brings the experiences and concerns of its members in the Global Network to the international arena. On a national level, Pax Christi Member Organisations engage in advocacy appropriate to their own unique social and political context.

Pax Christi International is the highly visible nucleus of a dynamic global movement. The International Secretariat is responsible for ensuring grassroots issues make their way to global awareness. Notably, Pax Christi International has had Special Consultative Status at the United Nations since 1979. Pax Christi International uses this status and these relationships as channels to bring Member Organisations' concerns to high-level meetings, submit interventions on human rights violations and advocate on behalf of organisations that promote just peace. Any given year sees a broad range of advocacy and campaigning. While by no means an exhaustive list, you will find here some of the most notable initiatives taken by the International Secretariat in 2010.

Sexual Violence on Women

Pax Christi International arranged for an intensive advocacy tour of the 2009 Pax Christi Peace Award laureate Justine Masika Bihamba of the DR Congo and EurAC staff analyst Donatella Rostagno to Geneva, Washington and New York in September 2010, in support of lobby efforts on UNSCR 1325 and sexual violence against women. This resulted in heightened attention given by policy makers and media on challenges to peace in the region, especially in respect to gender mainstreaming and sexual violence perpetrated against women in the eastern DR Congo. EurAC is the European network of active NGO's in Central Africa with whom we work very closely.

Israel and Palestine

Together with Israeli and Palestinian peace and human rights groups, Pax Christi International is greatly involved in advocacy and solidarity activities aimed at bringing an end to the tragic conflict. Numerous documents on the situation in Israel and Palestine were collected and made available to the Pax Christi Network via the newsletter and posted to the online resource intranet. Letters of protest have been written for instance on the military occupation of Beit Sahoun, the "deportation order" of Palestinians in the West Bank and the Freedom Flotilla Raid .

Pax Christi International also joined the Holy Land Co-ordination which met in Jerusalem and the West Bank bringing Bishops from Europe and North America together with the local Church leaders in Jerusalem for an annual exchange of analysis and action on the conflict in Israel & Palestine

Written and Oral Submissions to Inter-Governmental Organisations

• *A Plea to Protect Iraq's Endangered Minorities*

13th Session of the Human Rights Council

- A written intervention calling attention to the dire situation of the Iraq's minority groups. Based on research detailing gross systematic human rights violations. Pax Christi International appealed for swift action.

• *Codification of the Human Right to Peace*

13th Session of the Human Rights Council

- An appeal for the United Nations to recognise the human right to peace. The appeal was submitted in partnership with several other peace-focused NGO's.

• *Meeting of Experts and States Parties Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention (BTWC)*

United Nations New York

- Statement presented by a delegate from Pax Christi International to the Meeting of Experts and States Parties of the BTWC.

• *Statement on the Situation in Jerusalem*

15th Session of the Human Rights Council

- A written intervention urging the Human Rights Council to focus on the increasing political tension and numerous violations of human rights in Jerusalem.

• *Statement on Land Rights of the Bedouin Minority in Israel*

15th Session of the Human Rights Council

- A written intervention calling the Human Rights Council's attention to the widespread violation of the Bedouin minority's land rights in Israel, an issue protected by international law.

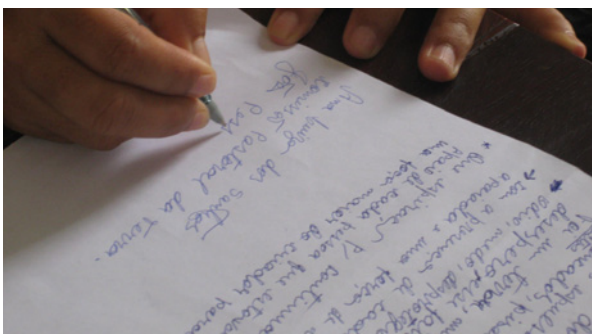
- **Statement on the Papuan Provinces of Indonesia**
15th Session of the Human Rights Council
- Addressing human rights issues stemming originally from the 1960s transfer of the western half of New Guinea from the Netherlands to Indonesia. This issue could potentially re-emerge without meaningful negotiations between the Indonesian Government and the leadership of the Papuan bodies.
- **Statement on the Democratisation Process in Guinea**
15th Session of the Human Rights Council
- A written intervention specifying six recommendations for continuing the process of democratisation in Guinea, with a particular focus on the need to reverse the deteriorating political and social conditions sparked by the coup d'état.
- **Statement on the LTTE and the Sri Lankan Army**
- Statement submitted to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon regarding Pax Christi's deep concern for civilians caught in the violence between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and the Sri Lankan Army
- **Statement on the Children of Imprisoned Parents**
UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
- A request, co-signed by Pax Christi International, for the committee to discuss the question of children of imprisoned parents and work toward addressing their living conditions.
- **Declaration on Children's Right to Violence-Free Education**
UNESCO General Conference
- As a member of the International Coalition for the Promotion of a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World, Pax Christi International supports this campaign. UNESCO subsequently launched the campaign.

- **Poverty Education through Debt Relief**
UN Commission for Social Development
- A written intervention supporting poverty education through debt relief. This was submitted jointly with the International Association of the Sisters of the Presentation and the Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

Campaigns Sponsored and Supported

Pax Christi International provided its Member Organisations with tools and resources, encouraging them to approach global issues through a local lens.

- **Red Hand Day** - February 12th
- **World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel** - May 29th to June 4th
- **Global Week of Action on Small Arms** - May 29th to June 4th
- **Global Week of Action on Cluster Bombs** - May 29th to June 4th
- **Commemoration of Franz Jägerstätter** - August 9th
- **Time for Creation** - September 1st to October 4th
- **The International Day of Prayer for Peace** - September 21st
- **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict** - November 6th
- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** - November 25th
- **Human Rights Day** - December 10th
- **Advent and Christmas Prayers and Wishes for Bethlehem** - December
- **Child Soldiers** - continuous
- **International Day of Nonviolence** - October 2nd



Networking

Pax Christi increases the capacity and effectiveness of the Pax Christi movement and global network. Frequent continental and regional gatherings play a key role in facilitating consultation and exchange among Pax Christi Member Organisations around the world.

As the International Secretariat of a worldwide movement, networking is one of our highest priorities. Not only a Catholic-inspired movement, Pax Christi is also catholic, as it is a complete body composed of many diverse parts. While the Pax Christi Movement is decentralised and individual Member Organisations exercise autonomy, they are never alone in their efforts. Our networking efforts ensure solidarity among the Member Organisation, support their effectiveness, and solidify the Pax Christi Movement as a whole. In 2010, our efforts included network-building initiatives such as regional meetings, on-site visits to Member Organisations around the globe, information-sharing efforts such as newsletters and focus web pages, and our signature Triennial World Assembly.

Triennial World Assembly

The Triennial World Assembly (TWA) boasted over 100 representatives from 35 Member Organisations and five continents. Focused on the theme *Building the House of Peace*, the TWA was held in Strasbourg, France, from the 9th to the 15th of May. Member Organisations shared experiences, built best-practices, and developed the direction of the movement. Positive outcomes of the TWA included movement-wide advocacy initiatives, the adoption of a strategic plan for 2010-2013, and the identification of six major focuses: Denuclearisation - Violent Radicalisation - Youth and Societal Violence - Climate Change and Violent Conflicts / Climate Refugees - Migration and Impunity and Transitional Justice.

High-level letters were approved and made public

- A letter of support to H.E. Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, Secretary for Relations with States, about the position taken by the Holy See at the NPT Review Conference in New York (that nuclear weapons cannot be morally justified and that deterrence is driving weapon modernisation programs and impeding genuine disarmament)
- A letter of concern to the Brazilian President, Lula da Silva, regarding the construction of the Belomonte hydro-electric dam project on the Xingu River that will affect local communities and the ecology in the area
- A letter to Mr. Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of Iraq to strongly urge his government to take the appropriate measures to protect the endangered Christian community in Mosul and in the whole of Iraq
- A letter of solidarity and concern to human rights activist Fr. Javier Giraldo in Colombia regarding the death threats issued against him



Consultations and Meetings

Pax Christi International organises region-specific and issue-specific gatherings that help ensure effective strategic organisation and information sharing across the Pax Christi Global Network. These serve to centre, re-energize, strengthen, and direct the international movement's work through proven exchange methodologies.

- The West African Network Regional Consultation occurred in Abidjan 21-24 November. This is a new regional network for Pax Christi and the consultation helped build the foundations of a unified presence in the region and strong partnerships.
- In July, August and September, a regional consultation meeting and evaluation of the Horn of Africa network structures and activities took place in Nairobi. Pax Christi International provided accompaniment of local discussion groups on the implementation of recommendations and on successful formulating strategies for the way forward.
- The Latin America Regional Consultation in El Salvador was held from 22-24 March and resulted in a joint *Action Plan for the Americas 2010-2013* developed using the Appreciative Inquiry methodology. It addresses regional issues of poverty, migration, natural resources, violence and reconciliation
- Supplementing this regional consultation, the Pax Christi Latin America Coordinator conducted site visits to Meso-America, Brazil, Peru, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Chiapas (Mexico). These site visits served to collect first hand conflict experiences of hundreds of people and disseminate peacebuilding best-practices.



It resulted in new agreements on mutual understanding and cooperation in advocacy and solidarity between the International Secretariat and the Latin America Member Organisations. During workshops, participants discovered the best models of faith-based advocacy on "Spirituality and Non Violence".

New Member Organisations

The success of our networking efforts can be seen across the globe. Pax Christi International added several new names to its ranks:

- Pax Christi Peru
- Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolomé de las Casas – Chiapas, Mexico
- Centro Dominicano de Asesoría e Investigación Legal – CEDAIL, Dominican Republic
- Comisión Justicia solidaridad y Pax de la Conferencia de Religiosos/as de Colombia – CRC, Colombia

Newsletters and Focus web pages

Monthly newsletters continue to keep Member Organisations well-informed and connected throughout the year. The newsletters, offered in English, French, and Spanish, saw 2,500 monthly subscribers and highlighted activities throughout the network, best-practices, and the latest research. Newsletters focusing exclusively on the Asia-Pacific region continued for the third year.

Pax Christi developed web site pages on the following focus areas, allowing public access to the most recent information and reports : Bethlehem – Haiti – Gaza - The Missile Defence System - Nuclear Disarmament- Cluster Munitions.



Financial Results

2010

Balance sheet 2010

Assets

Equipment, Furniture, Software	5,160.25 €
Guarantees	5,426.47 €
Committed Grants Receivable	97,907.77 €
Cash & Bank	167,100.77 €
Accrued Income & Deferred Charges	27,885.71 €
Total Assets	303,480.97 €

Liabilities

Own Reserves and provisions	80,861.41 €
Outstanding Debts within One Year	154,500.59 €
Accrued Charges and approved grants	68,118.97 €
Total Liabilities	303,480.97 €

Income and Expenditure Accounts 2010

Income

Membership Fees, Contributions Member Organisations & Donations	380,772.43 €
Grants	449,889.42 €
Recuperations of Costs	15,480.85 €
Total Income	846,142.70 €

Expenditure

Rent and Utilities	34,627.53 €
Administration	150,444.55 €
Networking Member Organisations, World Assembly & Fundraising	79,304.15 €
Development of the network	41,170.83 €

Programmes and Activities

Africa	191,491.32 €
Latin America	127,865.28 €
Youth activities	28,281.78 €
Enhancing Interfaith Knowledge Project	34,893.78 €
Advocacy & Work in Coalitions	158,014.31 €
Total Expenditure	846,093.53 €

Result for the Year 2010:

49,17 €

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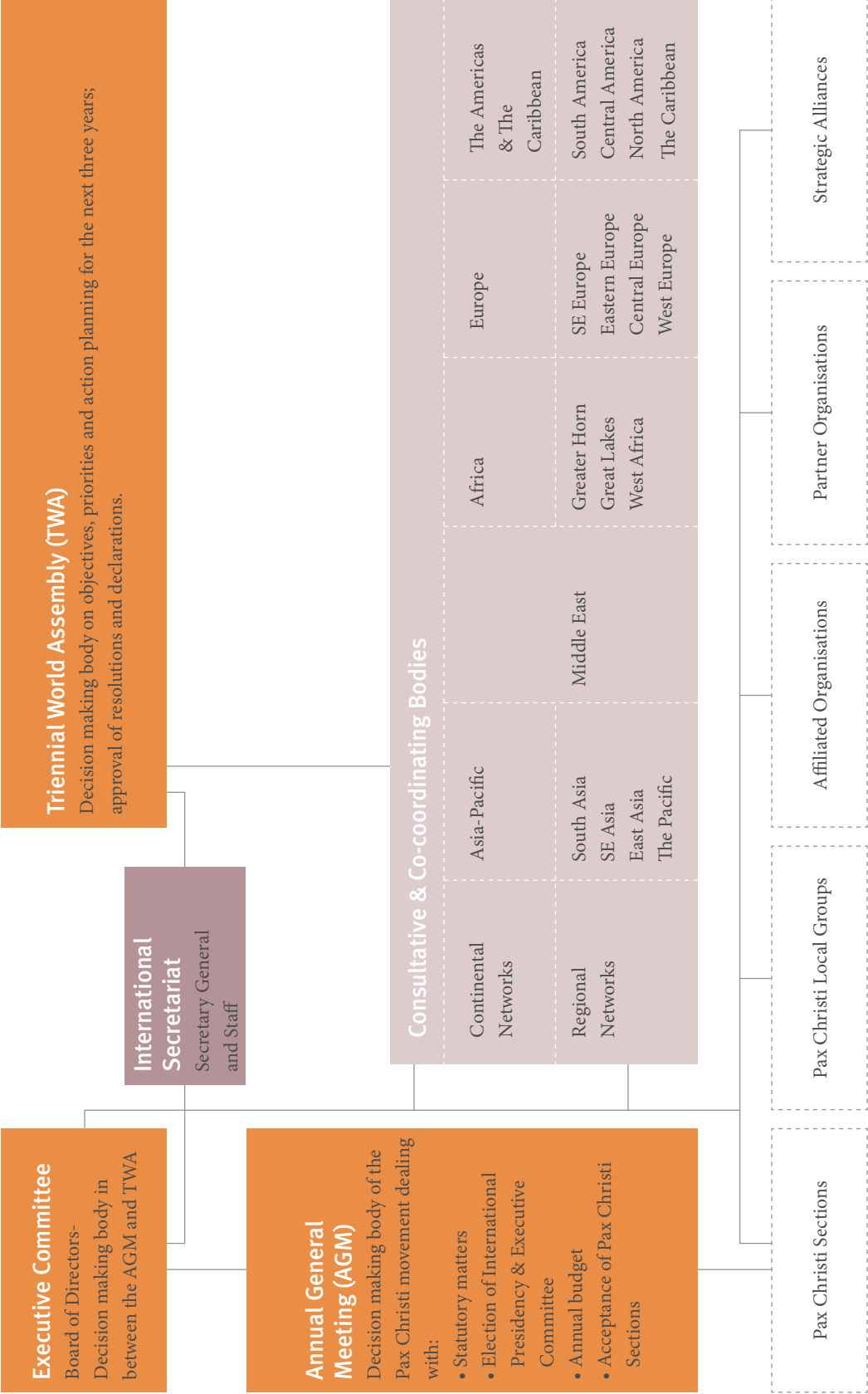
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