



Annual Report
2011

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Introduction

Pax Christi International emerged from 2011 with clarity and renewed organisational vigor, thanks to a major and fruitful organisational development process that has occupied significant time and attention all year.

Made possible by the generous support of a donor, the process involved Member Organisations and the Executive Committee/Board, as well as the entire staff, working with consultants - first to clarify the role of Pax Christi International and the International Secretariat in relation to Member Organisations; second, to consider the level of staffing and the budget needed by Pax Christi International to do the work expected; third, to reflect on Pax Christi's membership structure; and fourth, to do a thorough analysis of Pax Christi International's fundraising history and possibilities for the future.

The results of the organisational development process have been substantial:

- a self-understanding of Pax Christi as a seasoned Catholic global movement for peace in which a diversity of Member Organisations have significant autonomy but common purpose;
- a sense of the importance of the growth and coherence of our global movement;
- clarity about the role of the International Secretariat and about the staff composition, including locally-based regional coordinators, needed to do that vital work;
- an adjustment of the membership structure to ensure participation in decision-making from the global South and global "ownership" of Pax Christi, including of financial needs;
- clarification of the role of the Executive Committee/Board;
- a long range plan for 2012-2015;
- awareness of the need to make Pax Christi International more visible through improved communications;
- and a thorough analysis of fundraising possibilities.

As we entered 2012, Pax Christi International had initiated a worldwide search for a new Secretary General. We were also preparing to bring on board a professional fund development staff person to design and implement a strategy for the long range financial health of the movement - and a communications professional to help us tell Pax Christi's story and engage more people in the important and life-giving work for peace that is outlined in the following pages.

Letter

from the staff of the International Secretariat

Dear Reader

I am pleased to present our annual report for the year 2011. The International Secretariat has further strengthened the movement's global presence and growth through its partnerships with more than 100 Member Organisations who are active on all continents. At the end of this report is included a list of all our Member Organisations.

We have focused this year on clarifying the role of the International Secretariat in the area of networking. In particular, we made significant progress towards the establishment of an effective Regional Pax Christi Network in Latin America, based on a well-articulated programme of common action, peace education and capacity-building in the area of active nonviolence.

On several occasions we brought together our members in a given region to study and analyse topics such as "Remembering, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation." Particularly significant was the Central and Eastern European Regional Consultation that we organised in Vukovar, Croatia, for our members from the Balkans and Russia. Vukovar has become a symbol for "remembering," however this "remembering" is not simply retrospective and historic. The town remains divided; its wounds from the war in the Balkans have yet to heal. However, both citizens and local governments are making efforts towards building inter-ethnic trust, inspiring hope for the future. In Latin America, members reflected on forgiveness as a step towards sustainable, positive peace and reconciled societies and in the Great Lakes of Africa we created safe spaces for ex-combatants, meeting at least monthly, to share experiences and explore psycho-social and socio-economic solutions for reintegration into civilian life.

Toward the end of 2011, an International Advisory Group of Religious Leaders was formed to share practical approaches and methods for dealing with violent extremism in a non-violent way. Its membership is diverse in terms of both religion (Jewish, Christian and Muslim) and geographic representation.

We have invited Pax Christi members around the world to share stories about their work for peace. These stories have been recorded in various forms and will be published in 2012 on our new website. Stories from former combatants about reintegration into local community life, as well as stories about the spiritual journey of our members living in situations of conflict, highlight the rich spirituality and deep commitment of our members.

Influencing public opinion and political decision-makers remains a daily task of the International Secretariat. Drawing from our experience and key position in the international arena, advocacy work is a valuable service the International Secretariat offers its members. On our own and as an active member of international coalitions we have advocated, for example, for a robust Arms Trade Treaty, nuclear disarmament, and a ban on uranium weapons. Letters of protest, joint statements or solidarity actions, for instance, on human rights violations in Ivory Coast, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan and Lebanon, are just a few of the many ways members can become directly involved in our peace work. 2011 was particularly marked by the Arab popular uprisings. Pax Christi is planning to bring civil society actors and peace professionals together in 2012 to dialogue about best practices, and to continue to invent new strategies for peace.

We are very thankful to those foundations and organisations that have made our work possible this year. In particular, our gratitude goes out to the religious congregations for their generous support.

Greet Vanaerschot
Acting Secretary General

Networking and Communications:

Linking a Global Movement

In 2011 Pax Christi International clarified the priority of our work at a regional level as well as our identity as a global movement. With the addition of a Colombia-based coordinator for the Americas, we greatly strengthened our presence and activities in Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, a series of events in the Balkans; staff visits to Member Organisations in Russia and the Middle East; cooperation with Pax Christi Flanders on a program in Africa's Great Lakes region; and efforts to make Pax Christi more visible through storytelling and better use of communications technology have helped strengthen the Pax Christi network worldwide.

Latin America:

building and sharing expertise on issues of deep concern to Member Organisations in the region

Workshop in the Dominican Republic

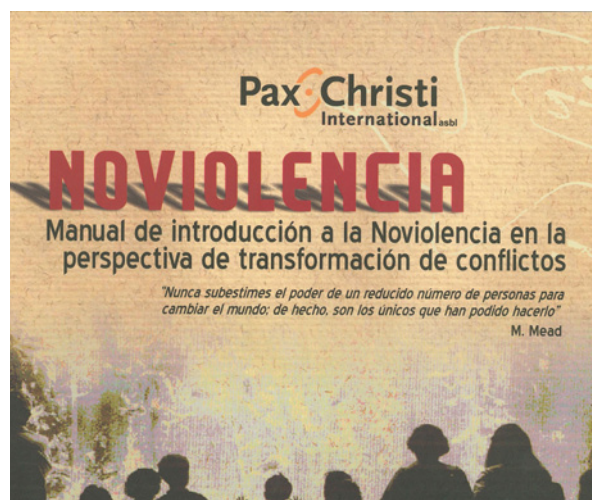
In March, Pax Christi International representatives joined the Centro Dominicano de Asesoría e Investigaciones Legales (CEDAIL), a Pax Christi Member Organisation in the Dominican Republic, in organising a workshop on peace and justice for about 50 participants from different Diocesan Justice and Peace Commissions. They also participated in meetings with the Episcopal Conference, the media, and CEDAIL staff and in a field visit to San Pedro de Macoris – Bateys (sugar farms).

Peace Meetings in Haiti

In Haiti, also in March, we held a series of meetings on peace building and trauma healing with Pax Christi Member Organisations in Haiti - the National Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace and Pax Christi Port au Prince. On the first anniversary of the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Pax Christi International sent them a message of solidarity and expressed concern about the lack of response to the humanitarian needs of the Haitian people.

Human Trafficking Seminar in Panama

A Pax Christi seminar in June addressed the role of civil society organisations in response to the phenomenon of human trafficking with emphasis on the dignity of trafficking victims and the potential for advocacy at a national and international level. Pax Christi Member Organisations and partners from Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Panama and Peru participated. The seminar addressed the multi-causality of human trafficking; criticized the reduction of migration to a national security issue; and helped inform Pax Christi International's commitment to promote international mechanisms for the prevention of human trafficking and for the protection of and assistance to victims.



Publication: **Non-Violence Handbook**

A handbook on non-violence in Latin America, written this year for Pax Christi International by Colombians Carlos H. Fernandez and Luisa Fernanda Trujillo, is available on the Pax Christi International website in English and is printed in Spanish. This regionally specific resource is intended as a contribution to non-violent processes of transformation in Latin America.

Central and Eastern Europe:

to enhance cooperation among Member Organisations and build the Pax Christi regional network

In April, Pax Christi and Member Organisation, the Center for Peace, Nonviolence, and Human Rights, convened the Central/Eastern European Regional Pax Christi Consultation in Vukovar, Croatia. Participants from the Russian Federation (including Chechnya), Lithuania, Croatia, Serbia, Kosovo, and Bosnia & Herzegovina took steps to strengthen the Pax Christi network in their region through a variety of activities designed to build trust and channels of communication.

Worldwide:

by sharing Pax Christi stories, to become a visible source of hope

The face of the Pax Christi movement worldwide became much more visible this year as our collection of short video interviews grew. Ultimately, over 100 people of different cultures and ages, who approach the work for peace in very different ways, will be interviewed. They have been invited to tell their stories about peace work in its various forms -- to share their hopes for peace and their belief in the possibility of peace. These will be posted on Pax Christi's new website in 2012 and used in other ways to tell our collective story.

Growth of the Pax Christi Movement:

to remain a vibrant movement, Pax Christi welcomes new Member Organisations that share our vision and celebrates the growth of some that are already part of our family

Joining Pax Christi's global movement this year were:

- The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Desk of the Association of Major Superiors in Taiwan (JPIC-AMRS Taiwan), representing 100 religious congregations of men and women.
- Servicio Paz y Justicia (Serpaj), a civil society organisation in Chile inspired by the movements of Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., with regional membership in 11 Latin American countries.

At the same time, Pax Christi Luxembourg and Pax Christi Port au Prince (Haiti) brought good new energy to our movement. In Luxembourg, a renewed Pax Christi group is partnering with the Archdiocese to address the rights of immigrants. In Haiti, a stronger, post-earthquake Pax Christi Port au Prince is working with Pax Christi USA to greatly expand their program for youth in Cité Soleil.



Supporting a Global Movement:

to connect with, support and learn from each other worldwide

Palestine

In January, Pax Christi International participated as a guest in the Holy Land Coordination, which brings to Jerusalem each year bishops from Canada, England and Wales, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and the United States. Later in the year, in support of our Member Organisations in Palestine, we joined the World Council of Churches to sponsor a peace walk from Palestine into Jerusalem. When the walk was stopped by the separation wall being built between Israel and Palestine, stories of peace and reconciliation were shared outside the wall.

Russia

In October, International Secretariat staff visited Pax Christi Member Organisations and potential partners in Russia, including the House of Peace and Non-Violence; Interchurch Partnership Apostolic City-Nevskaya Perspective; Soldiers' Mothers St. Petersburg in St. Petersburg and the Regional Civic Initiative – Right to Life and Human Dignity in Moscow.

Colombia

In April, Pax Christi's Latin America and Caribbean coordinator participated in a humanitarian mission to Cordoba and Uraba, Colombia, at the request of the Bishop of Monteria. The delegation, which also included representatives of the United Nations and other diplomats, interviewed peasants, local authorities and company managers and produced a report on the situation of poverty and violence.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Pax Christi members participated in a joint international electoral observation mission organised by EurAC and AETA, a Congolese civil society platform for transparent and peaceful elections. The EurAC/AETA mission was composed of 90 observers from 10 European and three African countries.

Capacity Building: Strengthening a Global Movement

Croatia:

Three Approaches to Restorative Justice

In April, a Pax Christi Consultation in Vukovar, Croatia, provided a safe space for discussion about restorative justice and reconciliation among representatives of churches, church-related initiatives, faith based organisations, independent intellectuals, and representatives of regional civil society organisations from Croatia, Serbia, Kosovo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, the Russian Federation (including Chechnya), and Lithuania. The eighty-one participants also included people from Belgium, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, the UK, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, the United States, Austria and Japan.

The discussions, which took place in a town still bitterly divided well over a decade after war in the former Yugoslavia ended, highlighted three complimentary approaches to restorative justice:

(1) impartial trials for war crimes; (2) pursuit of the truth about what happened, including to those who disappeared; (3) expressions of solidarity and prayer for all victims in places where they were detained, tortured, or killed.

Outreach to the local population was accomplished through public performances by Pontanima, an interfaith choir based in Sarajevo and winner of the 2011 Pax Christi International Peace Award.



Africa's Great Lakes:

Reintegrating former combatants into local communities

In 2011, Pax Christi International and Pax Christi Flanders cooperated in a joint project to facilitate the reintegration of former combatants in Burundi and the DR Congo. Locally based "Listening Communities" met regularly in several locations to tell their stories and support one another in their efforts to return to civilian life.

Trained moderators guided group discussions and created links to local services. During recent elections, football matches in Bukavu and Uvira (DRC) between former members of armed groups helped local Member Organisations demonstrate that competition does not necessarily entail violence.



El Salvador:

Healing of Memories

On March 24, the anniversary of the death of Archbishop Oscar Romero, participants from Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Canada participated in a commemorative liturgy in the Chapel of the *Divina Providencia* Hospital, where Archbishop Romero was assassinated and in a seminar on Restorative Justice and Reconciliation. The seminar was sponsored jointly by Pax Christi International and Member Organisation in El Salvador, Tutela Legal, and International Christian Service of Solidarity with the Peoples of Latin America (SICSAL).

Participants shared concepts, useful tools and methodologies on transitional justice, retributive justice and restorative justice and reflected on forgiveness as a step toward sustainable, positive peace and reconciled societies. They made a field visit to a local community, *Sitio del Nino*, that had been affected by industrial contamination. The conclusions of the seminar were brought to a Pax Christi International workshop during the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation in Kingston, Jamaica in May.

Workshops for the Member Organisations: *Sharing Expertise on Critical Issues of Common Concern*

In June, Pax Christi International hosted two days of workshops after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Brussels, covering a variety of international issues and providing a moment for reflection, debate, and inspiration for present and future campaigns.

The topics discussed varied, but linked the traditional themes of the Peace Movement to current events and future challenges. The workshops highlighted critical aspects of the Spring Revolutions in North-Africa and the Middle East; provided insight into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's (NATO) nuclear deterrence policy; clarified the intentions and agendas of NATO member states; and provided details that refined and renewed Pax Christi's position on the Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention.

One workshop focused on the consequences of drone use in warfare and provided details on an ongoing campaign to universalize the ban on Cluster Munitions (2010) and for a comprehensive Arms Trade Treaty (2012).

The last session focused on the European Union, Conflict Prevention, and Peace Building and explored the roles of civil society in conflict prevention and peace building in post-Lisbon.

The fruitful exchange among the Member Organisations helped sharpen Pax Christi's positions and work in each of these areas.



Living our Differences: *Confronting violence in a diverse world*

Throughout 2011, Pax Christi International worked on a three year programme that will focus on Violent Extremism. Wider consultations took place with the Executive Committee and Pax Christi network leadership, setting the stage for deeper engagement in 2012-2015. The programme will examine the culturally specific narratives that are used to justify violent acts and by strengthening processes that favour a common narrative for peace.

Asia Pacific: *Cooperation on Pacific Regional peace issues*

Pax Christi Member Organisations in the Asia-Pacific region are preparing for an Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation to promote more cohesive and effective regional work around specific themes and issues of common concern. The consultation invites analysis and discussion of relevant policy issues affecting the region as a whole, further development of peace spiritualities relevant in Asia-Pacific, and the sharing of best practices in terms of action. Participants will develop strategies for confronting a wide array of issues facing the Asia-Pacific region: climate change, cultural and religious differences, diversity and youth, changing power dynamics, indigenous conflicts, neo- and post-colonial conflicts migration, the proliferation of arms and militarisation. While many Pax Christi International Member Organisations address these issues on a local scale, the International Secretariat is responsible for fostering unity and promoting coherent, collective action on a broader level. The gathering will also allow for contemplative time to consider the actual and potential contributions of peace spirituality and indigenous perspectives to peace in the region.

In 2011 Pax Christi Aotearoa-New Zealand and Pax Christi Australia already strengthened their cooperation to enhance the effectiveness of their peace work. They identified points for joint action specifically on the situation in Fiji and West Papua. Representatives from Pax Christi Australia, Fiji, West Papua and Bougainville assembled on the occasion of the Pax Christi Aotearoa-New Zealand Assembly which was scheduled to coincide with the timing of the Pacific Island Forum held in Auckland in September, when Pacific Island leaders gathered to consider regional issues with focus on West Papua.

Peace Spirituality and Theology:

Nourishing a Global Movement

Stepping Stones:

An emerging framework for Pax Christi spirituality

Woven into the fabric of Pax Christi's work for peace is a rich spirituality and a commitment to respond to complex and destructive human behavior out of a deep well of moral and ethical principles, including nonviolence. But our experience of God's presence or absence, our encounters with good and evil and inspiring moments are rarely articulated. For the past few years, Pax Christi has been inviting people in our movement around the world to share their spiritual journeys in whatever ways they can.

Bringing together the stories of grassroots people and their communities, we have begun to capture the complexity of human experiences which take place in a world of war, conflict and violence but also hope, peace and reconciliation – to understand how people acted in a given situation, but also their reflections on the use of violence and the option of employing methods of active nonviolence in a given situation.

Drawing from sessions on peace spirituality around the world, a collection of stories and reflections were gathered and prepared for publication as a framework for a Pax Christi Spirituality of Peace.

Latin America and the Caribbean:

A spirituality of nonviolence

A series of nine workshops in Latin America and the Caribbean invited 183 participants to reflect on and articulate their spirituality in the midst of violence and conflict. The results were published by Pax Christi International in a document entitled "We are God's Hands of Solidarity: How Pax Christi Partner Organisations in Latin America and the Caribbean Live their Peace Spirituality."

Historical Memory:

A spirituality of solidarity and accompaniment

Completely destroyed by Serbian forces 20 years ago, the wounds of Vukovar are not healed, but many citizens and the local government are promoting inter-ethnic trust. To accompany their move toward reconciliation, participants in the Pax Christi events in Vukovar in April visited the Memorial Center Ovčara, which served as a concentration camp for non-Serbian prisoners during the war. Two hundred civilians and soldiers imprisoned in this camp were killed and buried in mass graves; 62 people disappeared. To honor their memory, the Pax Christi group held a prayer service at the place of execution.

Catholic Peacebuilding:

Contributions from theology, ethics and praxis

From South Sudan to Central America, from the DR Congo to Colombia, the Catholic Church is a powerful source for peace and reconciliation. This often untold and unheralded dimension of the Church's mission has not been systematically examined by scholars and is often ignored or misunderstood by policymakers. In June, Pax Christi International co-sponsored with the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, a seminar in Rome on Catholic peacebuilding. In a panel presentation, we presented the many different facets of Pax Christi Member Organisations' work for peace in Sudan (now South Sudan) as a good example of Catholic peacebuilding.

Peace Stories:

Sharing signs of hope

2011 brought new prospects for freedom in the Arab world. Mass movements in Tunisia and Egypt were cries for democracy. In Tahrir Square, Muslims and Christians prayed together for change. Despite cruel repression, the impetus for change seemed unstoppable. As people in many countries showed enormous courage in using nonviolent means to peace and justice, Pax Christi International invited members around the world to share the new climate of hope by exchanging stories of peace. The stories were used in Bethlehem and in other locations in educational and religious settings.

Interfaith and Intercultural Cooperation:

The gift of diversity

With a spirituality that also celebrates the gift of diversity, Pax Christi often works for peace in interfaith and intercultural settings:

International Ecumenical Peace Convocation, Jamaica

Pax Christi members from Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, the United States and the Latin America/Caribbean region participated in the World Council of Churches' May event to mark the end of the Decade to Overcome Violence. We organised three workshops during the convocation – one on peace spirituality and theology; another on restorative justice and reconciliation; and a third on religion and violent extremism. Together with the International Peace Bureau, we organized a fourth workshop on Military Spending (including nuclear arms) versus Development Aid.

International Day of Prayers for Peace

Each year Pax Christi International encourages Member Organisations to join thousands of other organisations worldwide to mark the United Nations' International Day of Peace on the 21st of September. Several begin their annual Peace Week events on that date.

Summit of Youth Religious Leaders, Warsaw

Also in September, Pax Christi Portugal represented Pax Christi International at a three-day summit and training in Warsaw, Poland, during which 22 young religious leaders representing the biggest European youth organisations of Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Zoroastrian faiths pledged themselves to multi-religious cooperation.



Pax Christi International presented this year's Peace Award to Pontanima, the interreligious choir from Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, during a concert given in Vukovar on 29 April 2011. It is widely acclaimed as an innovative peacemaking project, a shining representation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a major contributor to the country's cultural life, interreligious dialogue, and coexistence. Pontanima's creative work towards peace and reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the Balkans, and in other places of pain shows the positive peacebuilding potential of music, which heals suffering people, directs them to the future, and reveals the authenticity of faith.

Advocacy:

Bringing Experience to Influence Public Opinion and Political Decision

Arab Spring

In a context changed by the Arab Spring protests and revolutions in 2011, Pax Christi supported the efforts of our Member Organisations in the Arab world to provide a more just and peaceful future. Between February and June, we issued or signed joint statements that:

- supported the peaceful protests in Egypt
- called for UN and international action to stop atrocities by the Libyan government against its own people
- called for the UN Human Rights Council to respond to the repression of protests in North Africa and the Arab states and for the suspension of Libya and Bahrain from the UN Human Rights Council
- called for the immediate implementation of reforms in Syria
- urged the European Union and Turkey to act swiftly to avoid further bloodshed and promote a political process for transition in Syria
- expressed deep concern before the UN Human Rights Council over the severe repression by the Syrian government of peaceful protests in that country

The Human Right to Peace

In February, Pax Christi International made a joint statement before the UN Human Rights Council on “The Human Right to Peace and Religious Intolerance.” The statement recommends that the human right to peace include the right to education, as well as the construction of democratic, egalitarian and multicultural societies. In September, Pax Christi, with 1795 other nongovernmental organisations supporting the International Observatory on Human Right to Peace, submitted suggestions for the draft declaration to the Human Rights Council.



Conventional Arms Control

Arms Trade Treaty

For decades, Pax Christi has been advocating for a robust Arms Trade Treaty that would end illegal arms trade and save lives. We participated actively in the Control Arms Interfaith Campaign and the Ecumenical Campaign for a Strong and Robust Arms Trade Treaty and called for a treaty that would: apply criteria of human rights and international humanitarian law; cover small arms, light weapons, ammunition and parts; deny arms transfers that put sustainable development at risk; deny arms transfers that may perpetuate gender-based violence; and address the need for assistance to survivors.



Global Week of Action on Small Arms

As a member of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), Pax Christi supported the Global week of Action on Small Arms in June to raise global awareness about the proliferation and dangers of small arms.

Banning Uranium Weapons

Pax Christi was represented at the Fourth Review Conference to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), which took place in Geneva in November through the International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons, in which we are members. We urged our members worldwide to mark the International Day of Action Against Depleted Uranium Weapons on November 6.

Responding to Militarism

Convention on Article 9

For several years, Pax Christi has participated in the Article 9 Campaign, which urges civil society to support the principles of Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution, which renounces war as a sovereign right and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes. A Pax Christi Executive Committee member, our Member Organisation in Japan and a representative of Pax Christi USA attended this year the 3rd Asia Inter-Religious Conference on Article 9 hosted by Okinawa Christian University. The gathering in particular drew attention to the continual presence of US military bases stationed in Okinawa, Japan, a clear violation of Article 9 and called for the immediate removal of all bases from the island and the reallocation of the controversial “sympathy payments” that the Japanese government has been paying to US troops.

Global Day of Action on Military Spending

In April Pax Christi again supported the Global Day of Action on Military Spending, coordinated by the International Peace Bureau and the Institute for Policy Studies and focused on the costs of military spending and the need for a renewal of priorities. Many Pax Christi groups around the world sponsored related activities.

Biosecurity

“Through Biosecurity to Peace: Pax Christi International’s Contribution to an Ethical Approach to the Life Sciences,” published this year, advocates for responsible governance of life sciences and other modern technologies that can potentially be misused as biological weapons. The report and a verbal intervention were Pax Christi’s contribution to the 7th Review Conference of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention that took place in Geneva in December.

Nuclear Disarmament

Pax Christi International is committed to abolishing nuclear weapons. Our network on nuclear disarmament brings together several major Pax Christi sections, including IKV Pax Christi Netherlands, Pax Christi UK, Pax Christi USA, Pax Christi Germany and other Member Organisations to coordinate our efforts toward nuclear zero. Many Pax Christi members play key roles in international nuclear disarmament networks; Pax Christi advocates before the EU, NATO, the US government, the UN and other political decision-makers for nuclear disarmament; and we work closely with the World Council of Churches in their No-Nukes Network.

De-alerting US Nuclear Weapons

In June, representatives of Pax Christi International and Pax Christi USA met at the White House with Ambassador Brooke Anderson to discuss the urgent need to de-alert US nuclear weapons. Ambassador Anderson focuses on UN Security Council matters, including UN peacekeeping missions and non-proliferation.

World Council of Churches No-Nukes Network

Pax Christi had four representatives at a November seminar on nuclear strategy organised by the World Council of Churches’ Ecumenical No-Nukes Network. The seminar intended to reframe the main themes from a “just peace” perspective and look at complementary roles of activists in different countries and from different churches in support of nuclear disarmament.

Commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Pax Christi International sent a message to the Viennese Peace Movement and the Hiroshima Group Vienna that includes members of Pax Christi Austria. The message, which emphasized our common endeavor for the abolition of nuclear weapons, was read at their peace vigil on August 6.



Ten Years War in Afghanistan

On the tenth anniversary of the war in Afghanistan, Pax Christi International issued a statement that underscored the fact that the war, which was opposed by Pax Christi in 2001, has led to horrific violence and intensified insecurity. In December, on the occasion of the Bonn International Afghanistan Conference, Pax Christi International urged the government delegates and international institutions present to “create the necessary framework for a negotiated peace and to prioritize the reinforcement of Afghan civilian structures. A secure future will only be reached when all stakeholders within Afghan society, freed from mistrust and fear, will be able and willing to join inclusive peace negotiations.”

A New Nation: South Sudan

Pax Christi highlighted the long-lasting engagement and work of Pax Christi Member Organisations in accompanying and supporting different grassroots-level efforts for peace and the Catholic community’s many contributions to peace in countries like Sudan during decades of war and violence.

The international community welcomed its newest nation, as South Sudan seceded from the northern Sudanese government of President Omar al Bashir. At the same time, both countries face many new troubles with a collapsing economy in the Sudan, military confrontations on-going and severe humanitarian crises throughout.

Pax Christi continues its engagement in and for these countries. The restoration of trust and the rebuilding of relations remain critical needs, as these processes are often exacerbated by shattered physical infrastructure and impoverished economies. Committing efforts and resources in these societies remains relevant.

In 2011, we published web-based updates on the situation in Sudan, from the referendum to independence and post-independence in South Sudan, including policy statements of Pax Christi International and the Sudan Ecumenical Forum; statements from bishops of the Catholic Church and the Episcopal Church of Sudan; and analyses of the Sudan crisis in relation to oil resources in the country published by IKV Pax Christi Netherlands.

Sustainable Peace and Human Security

Pax Christi believes that sustainable peace requires social justice, human security and respect for the integrity of creation. This year, we

- joined an appeal supporting the role of the UN in global economic governance
- supported a statement promoting creation of a social protection floor by the UN
- were part of a call for attention at the UN Human Rights Council to the responsibilities of states for persons displaced due to increasing natural disasters
- signed the CoNGO Committee on Sustainable Development’s discussion paper for Rio+20 that, among other things, highlighted the multiple links between war and climate change
- endorsed statements submitted to the UN Commission on Social Development by several NGOs on poverty eradication and on the links between climate change, agriculture and poverty
- promoted among Pax Christi Member Organisations the World Week of Action on the Right to Food



Human Rights Advocacy

Pax Christi continued regular advocacy on critical human rights issues:

- **Ivory Coast** – Pax Christi International sent a letter to Lady Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, drawing her urgent attention to the spiral of violence and deteriorating human rights situation in Ivory Coast. Pax Christi International urgently appealed to the EU to take strong measures to assure the security of the civilian population there.
- **South Korea** – Pax Christi International urged support for Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea (SPARK), a Pax Christi Member Organisation in South Korea, as they protested the intentions of the government in Seoul to destroy the Jeju Island to make way for an Aegis destroyer base aimed at China.
- **DR Congo** – Following the Pax Christi International advocacy tour in September 2010 by Justine Masika Bihamba, Pax Christi Peace Prize winner in 2009, we wrote letters to US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on mining operations in the DRC and a letter to US Security and Exchange Commission chair Mary Shapiro on the impact of mining in conflict areas.
- **Lebanon** - Pax Christi International with a Pax Christi partner in Lebanon, Act for Human Rights, and IKV Pax Christi Netherlands made an oral statement on Lebanon and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), item 6, at the 16th Session of the Human Rights Council. The statement welcomed the significant number of recommendations with regard to torture made by states during Lebanon's review under the UPR; it commends the government of Lebanon on accepting these recommendations and announcing a number of key reforms it is committed to for the eradication and prevention of torture.
- **Pakistan** – Following the assassination in Islamabad of Shahbaz Bhatti, Federal Minister for Religious Minorities, Pax Christi International wrote a letter calling for Pakistani authorities to respect religious freedom and expressing sympathy to the family of the victim and support for minority communities in the country.
- **Camp New Iraq** - Pax Christi addressed several letters of protest to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon; to Lady Catherine Ashton; and to Navanethem Pillay, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, drawing their attention to the plight of hundred of refugees stationed in the camp. We received a written response from Lady Catherine Ashton acknowledging Europe's awareness of the situation in the camp.
- **India and Indonesia** – Pax Christi researched and submitted stakeholder reports for the Universal Periodic Review of Indonesia and India, focusing on the rise of violent acts and discriminatory policies against minority religious groups.



Financial Results

2011

Balance sheet 2011

Assets

Equipment, Furniture, Software	16.635,30 €
Guarantees	5.426,47 €
Committed Grants Receivable	50.026,21 €
Cash & Bank	106.098,75 €
Accrued Income & Deferred Charges	32.359,09 €
Total Assets	210.545,82 €

Liabilities

Own Reserves and provisions	80.554,66 €
Outstanding Debts within One Year	42.027,96 €
Accrued Charges and approved grants	87.963,20 €
Total Liabilities	210.545,82 €

Income and Expenditure Accounts 2011

Income

Membership Fees, Contributions Member Organisations & Donations	294.009,89 €
Grants	238.663,38 €
Recuperations of Costs	19.934,47 €
Total Income	552.607,74 €

Expenditure

Rent and Utilities	35.793,23 €
Administration	148.289,41 €
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Re-integration of Former Combatants in the Great Lakes	34.377,60 €
Strengthening Justice and Peace Capacities in Latin America	109.917,61 €
Towards Reconciliation and Cooperation, Conflict Transformation and Peace Building	31.590,77 €
Living Our Differences: Confronting Violence in a Diverse World	31.325,00 €
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