



FAMILY OF THE SACRED HEART

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JPIC Learning Hub

Being Artisans of Hope in Our Blessed and Broken World

International Migrants Day

On 18th December 2020, International Migrants Day, the Transformative Community of Practice (TCoP) of the European and African regions of the Society of the Sacred Heart, organized an online conference in collaboration with Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR), Mercy International Association, and the NGO Committee on Migration.

Sheila Smith RSCJ, UN-NGO Representative of the Society of the Sacred Heart, shared our experience of growing a TCoP focused on “People on the Move.” She highlighted the contribution of vertical consciousness for the transformation that we seek in order to achieve the Global Compact on Migration. Vertical consciousness refers to the deep growth that enhances our capacity to be transformed in order to lead transformation.

Yolanda Jiménez, JPIC Assistant of the Society of the Sacred Heart, presented three case studies of on-the-ground experiences of the Family of the Sacred Heart in “Welcoming People on the Move” in Italy, Spain, and Poland. She presented concrete data, highlighting the countries’ approach to migration, their best practices, the agents of transformation, and emerging key issues.

Cecilie Kern, of the Mercy International Association - Global Action and the NGO Committee on Migration, shared the perspective of those who have been entrusted by their organizations to be the bridge between the local and global level, to translate the outcomes and the recommendations that emerge from deep listening and conversations, and to turn these into advocacy at the United Nations.



SHEILA SMITH RSCJ

“People on the Move”

<https://bit.ly/364Lwrv>



YOLANDA JIMÉNEZ

“Welcoming People on the Move”

<https://bit.ly/3qHcdU7>



CECILIE KERN

“Building Bridges for Migration Advocacy”

<https://bit.ly/3sPANLd>

Joint Interfaith Statement

“At a time when the world desperately needs fresh hope, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons inspires us to continue to work to fully eliminate the threat of nuclear weapons, and to create conditions for peace, justice, and well-being.”

The Society of the Sacred Heart (Casa Generalizia della Societa del Sacro Cuore) endorses the Joint Interfaith Statement on the Entry into Force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Click [here](#) see the list of endorsing organizations.

Joint Interfaith Statement on the Entry into Force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

22 January 2021

As a wide coalition of faith-based communities from around the world, we speak with one voice to reject the existential threat to humanity that nuclear weapons pose. We wholeheartedly welcome the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), the first international treaty to comprehensively ban nuclear weapons. The Treaty addresses the disproportionate impact of nuclear weapons on women and indigenous peoples and the importance of victim assistance and healing environmental harms in a groundbreaking way. We congratulate, celebrate and appreciate the countries that have ratified and signed this important Treaty, as well as all who have worked for nuclear disarmament and abolition for many decades.

As people of faith, we believe that the possession, development and threat to use nuclear weapons is immoral. There are no safe hands for these weapons. The accidental or deliberate detonation of a nuclear weapon would cause severe, long-lasting and far-reaching harm on all aspects of our lives and our environment throughout the world. Further, these technologies are part of structures and systems that bring about great suffering and destruction. We commit, therefore, to the ethical and strategic necessity of working together for economic and social justice, right relationship with the Earth, and accountability and restoration where there is violence and harm. We rejoice at the possibilities of a new world that this Treaty ushers in. At a time when the world desperately needs fresh hope, the TPNW inspires us to continue to work to fully eliminate the threat of nuclear weapons, and to create conditions for peace, justice, and well-being.

We recognize the legacy of the global hibakusha, survivors whose courage and perseverance serve as our inspiration, guidance, and moral foundation in the quest for a world free from nuclear weapons. This quest will continue until all nuclear weapons are eliminated from our planet. We invite everyone, especially those in communities of faith, to join us in this work for peace, justice, and respect for life—against which nuclear weapons stand in complete opposition—in ways that are meaningful and authentic to your traditions and how you are inspired to participate. We urge all States to join the growing community of States which have rejected nuclear weapons and to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, or work toward that end by joining the First Meeting of the States Parties planned to take place this year.

At this historic moment, we must act decisively to strengthen the power of the TPNW upon its entry into force, and to work for peace, cooperation, and common security.

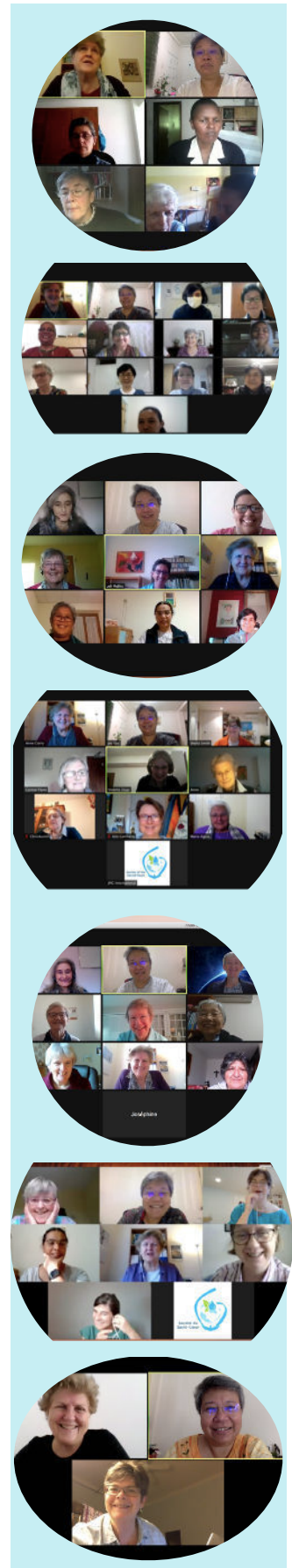
JPIC International Update

The Central Team's approval of the JPIC Strategic Plan was a major step in the evolution of JPIC in the Society. We immediately planned Zoom meetings to communicate with those who would be most involved in its implementation, that is, the JPIC Link persons and teams throughout the provinces. Many had attended the international JPIC meeting in the Philippines and were familiar with the process that produced the content of *Being Artisans of Hope in our Blessed and Broken World* from which the strategic plan emerged.

'Roll-Out' meetings began by Zoom in September 2020 with RSCJ and family of the Sacred Heart. The international JPIC team leadership structure, consisting of the three roles of International JPIC Coordinator, UN-NGO Representative, and Coordinator of the JPIC Learning Hub meets weekly by Zoom. We have made virtual "visits" to JPIC in provinces with much interest and encouragement of local planning. We have also had Zoom meetings in language groups to develop the JPIC Link roles and to explain and promote participation in the JPIC Learning Hub. Zoom meetings have also taken place with every international service and Commission so as to identify connections between their focus and that of the JPIC Learning Hub.

One element in the Strategic Plan is the piloting of regional Transformative Communities of Practice. This has involved Zoom discussions with JPIC representatives in ASIANZ provinces around the first imperative of *'Washing One Another's Feet'* but much grassroots information has emerged as well; The EUROPE and AFRICA regions are exploring the JPIC Imperative of *'Welcoming People on the Move'* which meant many Zoom meetings with those in projects related to migration and which culminated in an international webinar on this topic using the experience of these regions; the PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE region already has a robust JPIC-Popular Education coordinating structure and they are working together on a process to be shared by the whole region.

In all, approximately 40 – 50 Zoom dialogues have taken place in relation to the new phase of JPIC. It is an exciting journey which is taking place with great support from so many RSCJ and members of the Family of the Sacred Heart.

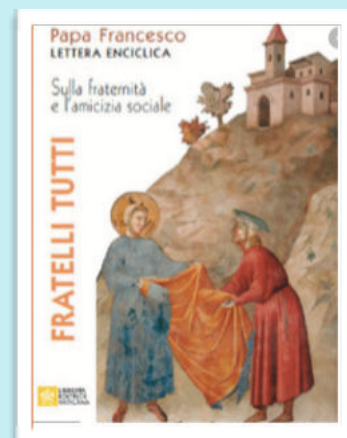


JPIC WEBINARS

UISG: Building Bridges & Reconciliation

February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 2021

A webinar series of five sessions from 2 pm to 4 pm (Rome time) in EN, ES and FR. The sessions will consider the culture of encounter and dialogue in Catholic educational institutions, in creative initiatives, in nonviolence conflict resolutions, in the family and communities, in men-women relationships. Inspiration and guidance will come from *Fratelli Tutti*.



Download the flyer in **EN – FR – ESP**
Click [here](#) to register



JPIC Roma: *Laudato Si'* Training Course

February 5, 2021

2 pm to 4 pm (Rome time)

The webinar will provide women and men religious with the tools needed to raise awareness among their members and communities about the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.

Click [here](#) to register

*Of all virtues that we can least afford to lose hold of in our time,
that of hope seems to be the most needed.*

Janet Stuart

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<https://www.facebook.com/rscjpinternational>

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