



JPIC Voices

Being Artisans of Hope in Our Blessed and Broken World

Thank you from Anne Corry!

Anne Corry rscj ends her seven-year term as JPIC International Coordinator. What follows is her message of gratitude, which also outlines significant developments in our JPIC journey.

JPIC has always been part of the charism of the Society of the Sacred Heart. St Madeleine Sophie expressed it in her vision in the turbulent years after the French Revolution and it has been part of our philosophy of education ever since. We have seen the development of JPIC through our General Chapters. For decades our sisters and colleagues have worked towards justice, peace and integrity of creation. More recently, several developments have moved JPIC forward. In response to the recommendation of the 2016 General Chapter, the international JPIC meeting took place in the Philippines in 2018. As an outcome of that meeting, the JPIC document, *'Being Artisans of Hope in this Blessed and Broken World'* was written. The JPIC Database is underway and most recently a new strategic plan and an international structure have been developed and were approved by the Central Team in July 2020.



Many people have contributed to dreaming this contemporary JPIC vision into being. *Ad Hoc* committees were formed between 2010 and 2012 which included RSCJs Carmen Margarita Fagot, Eloisa Gomez, Elizabeth Nakayiza, Daphne Sequeira, Montse Prats, Joy Luz and Sheila Smith.

They consulted among those who had

experience of JPIC and incorporated their analyses and reflections into the next stage. After my appointment as coordinator of international JPIC, an advisory committee was established and eventually a JPIC coordinating committee consisting of Rosario Sanchez (PER), Solome Najjuka (UGK), Miren Lumbreras (ESP) Sheila Smith (USC), Joy Luz (PHI) and in her ex-officio UN-NGO role, Cecile Meijer. Soco Rubio was the supportive link on the General Council. The current configuration is now the JPIC International Team which consists of Joy Luz (International Coordinator), Sheila Smith (UN-NGO Representative) and Rachel Guillien (Coordinator of the JPIC Learning Hub) with Daphne Sequeira as General Council Link. Our mission of promoting JPIC has been greatly enhanced by the leadership of Pope Francis and a Church that is ever more deeply aware of our blessed and broken world.

It has been a privilege to be part of this journey over the past 7½ years as international JPIC coordinator. I am deeply grateful to all those above and to the JPIC Links and JPIC teams in each Province and District who provide grassroots input from their local experience. Over these years, I have been able to visit many of our provinces and share presentations about JPIC. My eyes have been opened to JPIC in all its diversity. I am grateful to my province of Australia-New Zealand who have supported me in this international service. I know that the deeply committed international JPIC team and the local JPIC teams around the Society will carry the vision of JPIC even further and I pray with them for the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit.

2021 UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

The High Level Political Forum for Social Development (HLPF) took place from 6th to 15th July 2021. Forty-four UN States discussed their achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially in relation to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of civil society, the Sacred Heart Family participated virtually with a delegation of 11 persons.

Colombia: Gloria Diaz Brochet rscj and María del Carmen Jamaica rscj

Japan: Chiaki Hatanaka rscj and Yasuko Taguchi rscj

Mexico: Noemi Escobar (Educator of the Sacred Heart), and Maricruz Trigueros rscj

Spain: Miren Lumbreras rscj and Pilar Pavia rscj

UN-NGO Office New York: Sheila Smith (UN-NGO Representative), Graciela Heymann (volunteer), and Sasha Amelang (Sacred Heart Alumna, Duchesne Houston 2020)

with *Interpreter:* Ana Blazquez Ubach



Our goal for participating in the HLPF was to live our Sacred Heart mission *to know and make known the love of the heart of God* at the international level. This was realized by bringing the voices and concerns of our peoples to discussions at HLPF. Concretely, we did this by:

- forming a Sacred Heart delegation and working as One Body with RSCJ, members of the Sacred Heart Family and our Partners in Mission
- collaborating with other civil society organizations at the UN such as
 - JCoR (Justice Coalition of Religious), of which the Society of the Sacred Heart is a member
 - REDES (Network of Entities for Solidarity Development, Spain)
 - ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World, international)
- collaborating with the Permanent Observer Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the UN

We also participated in the following Side Events:

Organized by Sacred Heart at the UN	Co-organized with JCoR
Holistic and Intersectional Approaches to Peace at the Heart of Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a Post-COVID Era. https://youtu.be/iO9nVChplKI	Faith Without Borders: Partnerships of Governments and Catholic Organizations to Reduce Inequalities for the Post-COVID Era in Spain and Beyond https://youtu.be/tP76BqW0sKg
Dignity at the Heart of the SDGs in a Post-COVID Era: Listening to Youth, Older Persons, Refugees, and Indigenous Peoples (SDG 1, 2, 3, 10, 16, 17). https://youtu.be/g-d8w7BhjeU	

As soon as these are ready, we will share the outcome documents from HLPF, what we learnt as a delegation, and our next steps.

Action for Haiti:

As a member of JCoR (Justice Coalition of Religious) Sacred Heart at the UN has endorsed the following actions for Haiti:

- 1) In March, a meeting with some religious congregations on the ground in Haiti and some members of the Confederación Latinoamericana de Religiosos (CLAR).
- 2) In April, a letter to open conversations with the Permanent Missions to the UN of Canada, the Dominican Republic, France, Mexico, the United States, and the Holy See. The letter demanded that these countries intervene generously and quickly in appropriate ways.
- 3) In May, reaching out to every UN Member State sitting on the UN Security Council and each member of the ECOSOC ad hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, to express our grave concerns and invite them to meet with us and our partners to get a more nuanced sense of the everyday realities of life in Haiti.
- 4) In June, a public, online hearing for UN Member States and civil society partners to hear Haitian voices and perspectives during a time of extreme political and economic upheaval.

The recording of the hearing in English: <https://youtu.be/MH92QZK7HfI>

- 5) In July, the Society of the Sacred Heart endorsed the UN *Joint Statement and Call to Action on the Crisis in Haiti*, which was coordinated through the Haiti Response Coalition. The letter will be shared with all members of the UN Security Council. Here is the link to letter in English and Creole: <https://www.quixote.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Joint-Statement-and-Call-to-Action-on-the-Crisis-in-Haiti-english-and-kreyol.pdf>
- 6) Also in July, the Society has endorsed a Shadow Report prepared by JCoR. The Report responds to Haiti's Universal Periodic Review to the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights in Geneva. The Shadow Report is prepared to help ensure that the experiences and hopes of the Haitian people be at the heart of all efforts for the long-term realization of human rights in Haiti. It will be shared once the document becomes public.



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New JPIC International Team

We welcome the new JPIC International Team. Transition between the outgoing and incoming teams is ongoing. The new team begins its mandate on 1st September 2021. Daphne Sequeira RSCJ continues to be their General Council Link.



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JPIC International Coordinator



Sheila Smith rscj (USC)
UN-NGO Representative



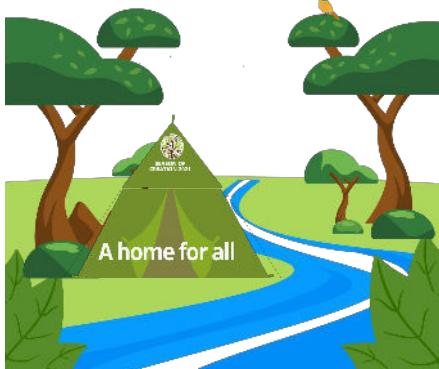
Rachel Guillien rscj (BFN)
JPIC Learning Hub Coordinator

Each of their three offices (JPIC International, UN-NGO Office, JPIC Learning Hub) is ably supported by RSCJ and lay staff, as well as volunteers for specific programs. They work with JPIC Links in the provinces and collaborate with commissions and networks within the Society, in the Church and civil society.

Resources



2021 Celebration Guide
A Home for All?
Renewing the *Oikos* of God



We celebrate the Season of Creation on 1st September to 4th October 2021 with the theme: *“A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God”*.

The 2021 Celebration Guide is now available on the Season of Creation website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/2021/05/10/season-of-creation-2021-celebration-guide-en-news/>

Each week, beginning on September 1, the JPIC Learning Hub will be sending prayer-reflection guides to accompany us during this Season of Creation.

We invite you to share your news, events, resources with the rest of the Family of the Sacred Heart. Please send these to:

jpiclearninghub@gmail.com