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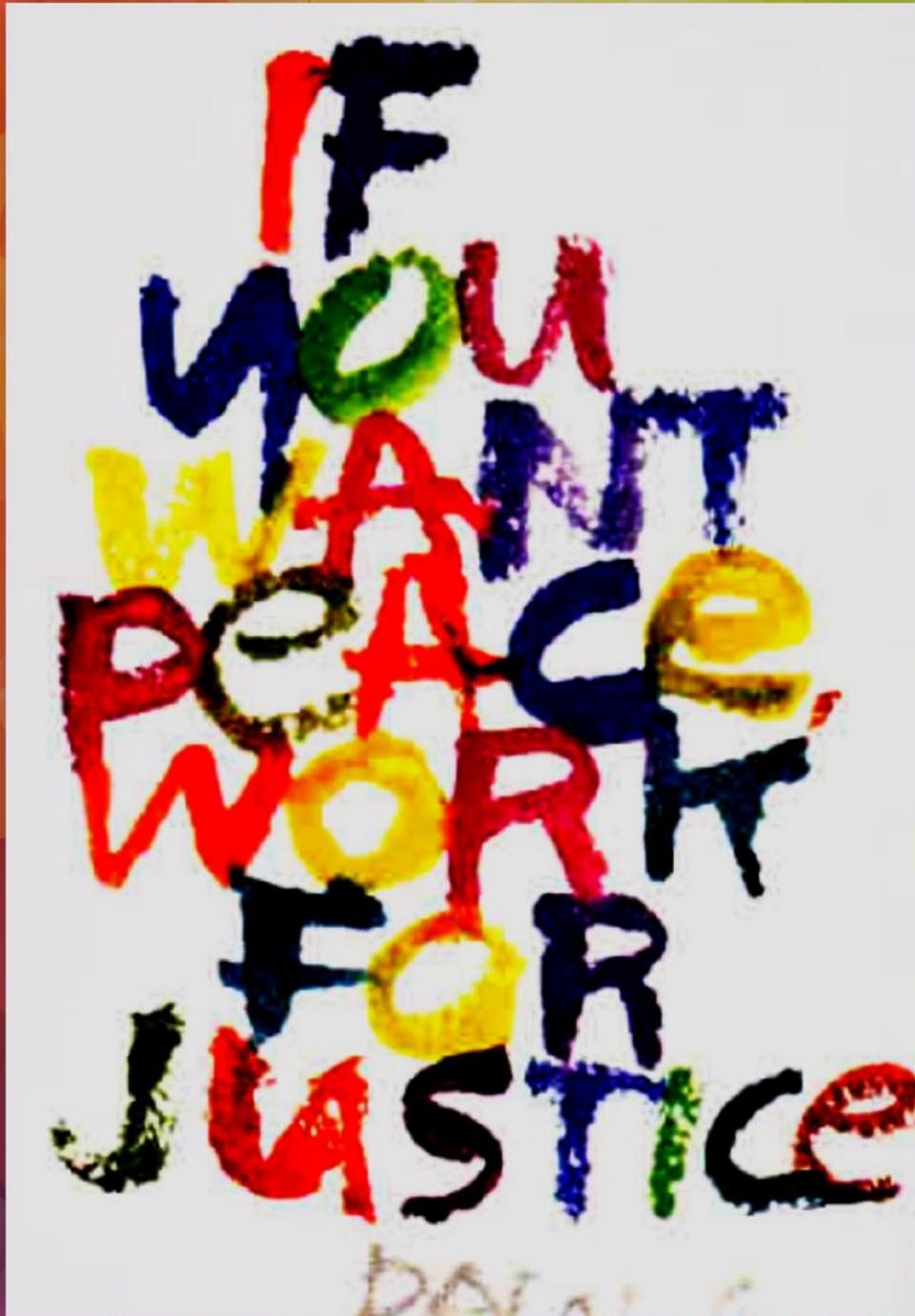
OCTOBER 2022

COMBONI JPIC NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Justice and peace-related news, actions, and resources from the
Comboni Missionaries, North American Province

SELECTED GLOBAL TOPICS

Pope Francis: Justice and peace must
overcome political and economic
contradictions



The Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development is hosting a two-day online conference for Justice and Peace Commissions of national Catholic Bishops' Conferences.

Running November 17-18, the event focuses on the challenges and possibilities facing humanity in the post-pandemic world.

Pope Francis kicked off the conference with a message to encourage participants in their mission to foster human development in their home countries.

The Pope recalled that Pope St. Paul VI set up the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace in 1967, and entrusted it with the mission of promoting integral human development as the “new name of peace.”

Many national Bishops’ Conferences then set up their own local Justice and Peace Commissions to operate at the national level.

Read more [here](#).

US Bishops Urge Caution in Ukraine Crisis



Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace condemned threats made during the current 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly to use nuclear weapons in the Russia-Ukraine war.

“As tensions grow at the UN General Assembly, growing rhetorical gestures threatening the use of nuclear weapons must be condemned. A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought. Any threat made to use nuclear weapons reminds us of their heinous nature and disastrous consequences for all of humanity. Let us continue to pray for the leaders of the world — that the hopes and dreams we share in common for our peoples will triumph over the tempers and injustice wrought by this war in Ukraine.”

Read more [here](#).

EU Investigates Violence in Mozambique



The European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, visited Mozambique in September. Thousands of people are fleeing attacks in the country's north as the conflict between armed groups and Mozambique's government spreads.

The armed group linked to the Islamic State (ISIS), often locally called Al-Shabab or Mashababos, claimed responsibility for attacks on several villages, including two in Nampula province. Several witnesses told Human Rights Watch that this week armed men burned homes, a school, and a church in the Catholic Comboni Mission in the town of Chipene in Nampula. Many civilians were killed, including Comboni Missionary Sister Maria de Coppi.

Read more [here](#).

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More Topics to Explore

[Security forces in Chad restricting speech and assembly rights](#)

[Budget cuts threaten shelter for US citizens in public housing](#)

[Environmental activists targets of violence](#)

CALL TO ACTION

Stop Economic Exploitation

Pax Christi USA is offering a webinar in celebration of its 50th anniversary. Register today for the "Stopping Economic Exploitation: Building a World of Peace and an Economy for All" webinar, offered in support of their Bread Not Stones campaign. The event will be on Thursday,



Stopping Economic Exploitation:

Building a World of Peace and Economy for All

Zoom panel includes:

Tom Cordaro,
PCUSA Ambassador of Peace and member of the Bread Not Stones planning committee

Eric LeCompte,
Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network & Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace

Tamika McGhee,
Outreach & Policy Manager, Faith Affairs, Center for Responsible Lending

Rev. Frederick Thelen,
D.Min., Pax Christi USA National Council member

A Bread Not Stones Campaign & 50th Anniversary Webinar



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October
7:30-9:00 PM (ET)

Register today:

bit.ly/StoppingEconomicExploitation

This event is co-sponsored with Jubilee USA Network and the Center for Responsible Lending.



October 6, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. ET.

Panelists include:

- Tom Cordaro, Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace and Bread Not Stones committee member
- Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network
- Tamika McGhee, Outreach and Policy Manager, Faith Affairs, Center for Responsible Lending
- Fr. Fred Thelen, D.Min., Pax Christi

USA National Council member and 50th-anniversary working group member

Join this discussion on the economic effects on people in the United States and the global South and how to take action with the Bread Not Stones campaign!

Learn how you can take action [here](#).

GLOBAL GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Goal 13: Climate Action



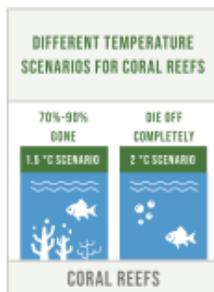
TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS



CLIMATE CHANGE

IS HUMANITY'S **"CODE RED" WARNING**

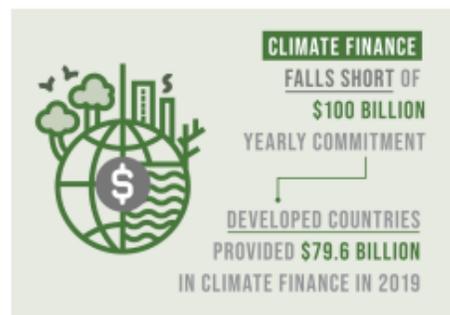
OUR WINDOW TO AVOID CLIMATE CATASTROPHE IS CLOSING RAPIDLY



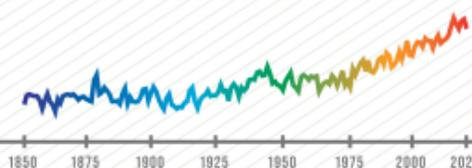
ENERGY-RELATED CO₂ EMISSIONS INCREASED

6% IN 2021

REACHING HIGHEST LEVEL EVER



RISING GLOBAL TEMPERATURES CONTINUE UNABATED, LEADING TO MORE EXTREME WEATHER



THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS REPORT 2022: [UNSTATS.UN.ORG/SDGS/REPORT/2022/](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/)

The world is on the brink of a climate catastrophe, and the window to avert it is closing rapidly. Increased heatwaves, droughts, and floods caused by climate change are already affecting billions of people around the world and causing potentially irreversible changes in global ecosystems. To limit warming to 1.5° Celsius above pre-industrial levels, as set out in the Paris Agreement, global greenhouse gas emissions will need to peak before 2025. Then they must decline by 43 percent by 2030, falling to net zero by 2050, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the United Nations body responsible for assessing the science related to climate change.

In response, countries are articulating climate action plans to cut emissions and adapt to climate impacts through nationally determined contributions. However, current national commitments are not sufficient to meet the 1.5 °C target. Under these commitments, greenhouse gas emissions are projected to increase by almost 14 percent over the next decade. Immediate and deep reductions in emissions are needed across all sectors to move from a tipping point headed to climate calamity to a turning point for a sustainable future.

U.N. INTERNATIONAL DAYS

2022

October 2

International Day of Nonviolence

The International Day of Nonviolence is observed on October 2, the birthday of Mohandas Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of nonviolence. According to the General Assembly resolution of June 15, 2007, which established the commemoration, the day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness." The resolution reaffirms "the universal relevance of the principle of nonviolence" and the desire "to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and nonviolence." [Learn more.](#)

October 3

World Habitat Day

In 2022, World Habitat Day (WHD 2022) has the theme "Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind" which looks at the problem of growing inequality and challenges in cities and human settlements. World Habitat Day 2022 seeks to draw attention to the growing inequalities and vulnerabilities that have been exacerbated by the triple 'C' crises — COVID-19, climate, and conflict. [Learn more.](#)

October 5

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is held annually on October 5 to celebrate all teachers around the globe. It commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, which sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers, and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching and learning conditions. [Learn more.](#)

October 9

World Post Day

World Post Day is celebrated each year on October 9, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss capital, Bern. It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969. Since then, countries across the world participate annually in the celebrations. The Posts in many countries use the event to introduce or promote new postal products and services. [Learn more.](#)

October 10

World Mental Health Day

The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health. The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide. [Learn more.](#)

October 11

International Day of the Girl Child

In 2022, we commemorate the tenth anniversary of the International Day of the Girl (IDG). In these last ten years, there has been increased attention on issues that matter to girls amongst governments, policymakers, and the general public, and more opportunities for girls to have their voices heard on the global stage. [Learn More.](#)

October 16

World Food Day

2022 finds us with an ongoing pandemic, conflict, a climate that won't stop warming, rising prices, and international tensions. This is affecting global food security. We need to build a sustainable world where everyone, everywhere has regular access to enough nutritious food. No one should be left behind. [Learn more.](#)

October 17

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Dignity for all in practice is the umbrella theme of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty for 2022 — 2023. The dignity of the human being is not only a fundamental right in itself but constitutes the basis of all other fundamental rights. Therefore, “Dignity” is not an abstract concept: it belongs to each and every one. Today, many people living in persistent poverty experience their dignity being denied and disrespected. [Learn more.](#)

October 24

United Nations Day

United Nations Day, on October 24, marks the anniversary of the day in 1945 when the UN Charter entered into force. UN Day, celebrated every year, offers the opportunity to amplify our common agenda and reaffirm the purposes and principles of the UN Charter that have guided us for the past seventy-six years. [Learn more.](#)

October 31

World Cities Day

World Cities Day brings Urban October to an end on October 31 each year and was first celebrated in 2014. As with World Habitat Day, a global observance is held in a different city each year and the day focuses on a specific theme. [Learn More.](#)



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