

2014 US Federation JPIC Meeting Reconnects Global to the United Nations and Global Joseph Family

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Wednesday, October 30, 2014, thirty-one US Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) interest group coordinators gathered in St. Paul, MN. To launch the meeting, Meg Gillespie, CSJ, US Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph Leadership Council Liaison to Justice welcomed the group.

This year's theme, "A Global Heart for the 21st Century," guided the group discussion led by Carol Zinn, SSJ. She highlighted and re-established the connection between the US Federation JPIC, its relationship to the Congregations of St. Joseph (CSJ) NGO at the United Nations and the Global Joseph Family. Justine Senapathi, CSJ, the CSJ-NGO representative also attended and had a chance to reaffirm the connectedness of the CSJ NGO and JPIC ministries.



Carol Zinn, SSJ, facilitator, presenter

Carol introduced a concept adopted from the UN, the idea of a "GLOCAL" world. In this world, Carol drew on the inter connectedness, how the local impacts the global and the global impacts the local. She reminded us that it is the mission and charism that gathers us. "Through the lens of the mission and charism, we are able to live out the gospel, doing the ministry of Justice," Carol stressed. As she and Justine reaffirmed

the local and global connection via the CSJ NGO, Carol urged the group to continue their roles as ministers of Justice—transforming the consciousness of the other, especially to those who have yet to see the connectedness of our world and all of creation.

Threads of food and earth justice were woven



JPIC members gather for Food Justice Public Witness

throughout. As much as possible food and beverages came from Minnesota, no bottled water was used and the majority of supplies were purchased from local independent businesses. Those who are hungry were considered in selecting the amount of food available during the meeting. To further emphasize Food Justice, US Federation JPIC members were joined by sisters, consociates, partners in mission and St. Catherine University students to offer a Public Witness during rush hour Thursday.

The meeting concluded on Saturday, November 1st with prayer, a sign of peace, and anticipation for next year's gathering in Brentwood, NY.