



We believe Earth is in crisis. We are called to live simply and to practice sustainability. Therefore we will work on the following:

Global Warming

Educate about global warming and international agreements concerning global warming;
Network with Dominican Ecological Centers, and collaborate with environmental groups;
Lobby legislators to sponsor bills limiting pollution and greenhouse gasses;
Foster investments in environmentally sound companies and consider refusing to patronize the worse offenders;
Encourage our congregations/provinces to conduct an energy audit and implement the recommendations;
Encourage local alternative sources of energy, i.e. solar panels, windmills, geothermal;
Examine transportation alternatives, e.g. hybrid cars, public transportation, car pooling; utilize conference calls and other technologies, when appropriate.
Re-emphasize our commitment to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

FRAMEWORK

Care of creation is the framework upon which we build as Dominican Justice Promoters.

As Dominicans we:

- ◇ *study the interrelatedness of all;*
- ◇ *challenge systems that dominate and oppress our world;*
- ◇ *encourage a life style that fosters equality and mutuality;*
- ◇ *preach truth that liberates all;*
- ◇ *pray to sustain hope;*
- ◇ *enhance life for Earth community.*

NORTH AMERICAN

DOMINICAN FAMILY

**Call to Justice
2006**

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NADJPCC MEETING

We believe that peace is wholeness created by right relationship with God, self, others, and creation. We respond to the call from our Dominican family and the people they accompany in times of injustice. **Therefore**, we will work on the following:

Death Penalty



Everyone is created in the image of God, and our respect for all life is at the root of our opposition to the death penalty. **We pledge to:**

- Work** for abolition of the death penalty;
- Participate** in the campaign *For Whom The Bells Toll*;
- Participate** in state wide anti-death penalty campaigns;
- Encourage** congregations/provinces to create a corporate stance on the death penalty.

Disarmament



Our country and our world will be safer by the reduction and eventual elimination of all weapons including nuclear, chemical, biological, and conventional. **We pledge to:**

- Call** upon the U.S. government to support the global abolition of nuclear weapons, all weapons of mass destruction and small arms as well as honor the international agreements they have signed;
- Use** the *Nuclear Disarmament Packet 2008* of the Federation Committee and adopt the Corporate Stance;
- Urge** Legislators to oppose trade of conventional weapons.

Iraq



The invasion of Iraq by the U.S.-led coalitions was unjust and immoral and we call for the U.S. government to honor their commitment to humanitarian aid and reconstruction.

We pledge to:

- Encourage** the Iraq Coordinating Committee (ICC) to continue the development of activities and to implement strategies for the Dominican family in North America;
- Encourage** the Dominican family to participate in the annual International Day of Peace on September 21, with a special focus on Iraq;
- Endorse** the ICC's January 2006 statement on Iraq and connecting with national and international organizations focused on peace in Iraq.

Israel / Palestine



The economic, humanitarian and violent crisis in the Middle East continues to prevent peace in a region where peoples have been longing for peace. We will stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the region and call for international efforts to bring peace. **We pledge to:**

- Incorporate** the Israel/Palestine conflict into the Iraq Coordinating Committee's work;
- Develop** background and advocacy resources;
- Continue** to support the Palestinian solidarity project.

Africa



Violence has shattered countries of Africa, their peoples and their lands. This violence has caused the destruction of resources and has led to famine, disease (HIV/AIDS), and genocide. **We pledge to:**

- Give** a voice to the experiences and needs of our Dominican family in Africa;
- Foster** responsible investment in Africa which promotes peace and the welfare of peoples and the land;
- Maintain** a link with the Dominican Alliance Africa Committee to disseminate resources to the rest of the family.

Colombia



Colombia continues to suffer the consequences of an armed conflict that has lasted more than 50-years. We stand in solidarity with more than 3,000 Dominicans living and ministering in Colombia.

We pledge to:

- Raise** awareness of U.S. military policies and their consequences on the people of Colombia;
- Lobby** legislators to increase humanitarian aid, eliminate U.S. military aid, and stop aerial fumigation;
- Urge** the Colombian government to fulfill the recommendations of the 2006 report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the situation in Colombia;
- Support** demonstrations against the School of the Americas/Western Hemispheric Institute for Security Cooperation (SOA/WHINSEC) that are held in the U.S. and Latin America;
- Review** our investments and encourage shareholder advocacy in corporations.

We believe that another world is possible, one built on global solidarity in which all peoples have the right to be fully human. **Therefore** we work on the following:

Migration / Immigration

We recognize that the conditions that compel people to leave their homes out of desperation and lack of opportunities to provide for themselves and their families, must be addressed if an effective and comprehensive response to migration is to be achieved.

We pledge to:

- Support** and utilize the *Justice for Immigrants Campaign* of USCCB;
- Encourage** us to respond to the *Peoples on the Move* Call from Fanjeaux;
- Affirm** the work of the Dominican Immigration Committee;
- Collaborate** with other organizations and Dominican groups from North and South America.



Human Trafficking

The trafficking of persons for sexual exploitation or forced labor is a grievous violation of the dignity of the human person and is a form of modern day slavery. **We pledge to:**

- Utilize** and encourage the work of the Dominican Coordinating Committee to end Human Trafficking;
- Develop** and encourage local educational workshops on trafficking;
- Continue** to work to create and pass state legislation on trafficking;
- Connect** with national and international organizations.



United Nations

Dominican Family is present in Geneva and New York. **We pledge to:**

- Encourage** participation of Dominicans in the UN and connect with our representatives in Geneva and New York;
- Participate** in UN activities and educational opportunities;
- Encourage** the U.S. to honor its international agreements and cooperate in the international community.

