IPA Justice Contact Update
November 2020

Mary of the Presentation...Nano Nagle
Women of Heart

Presentation People of Heart
...called
...to ponder all things in their hearts - Lk 2:19

Presentation People of Heart
... called
...to bring good news to the poor
...to proclaim the Good news - Lk 4:18
...that all may have life - Jn 10:10

Presentation People of Heart
...called
...to be contemplative of heart
...to address and prevent violence against women and children - IPA 2020-2022

Take Some Time For Quiet Reflection:

- Allow the wisdom of scripture, poetry or an image to enter your heart.
- How / where are you being called to live as a person of the heart in your place of ministry now?
- Journal and / or share with a friend

United by the Spirit, we pray with Mary,
with Nano and Presentation people,
colleagues and friends, throughout our world:
We pray with Nano who gave birth to justice,
compassion and love for the people of her time –
We pray with women who give birth to solidarity with all people
who suffer unjust systems –
We pray with women who give birth to compassion and love
when wounded humanity waits to be healed –
We pray with women who give birth to hope and capacity
when they hear the cry of those who are violated and voiceless –
We pray with women who give birth to the regeneration of our broken earth
We pray with women
who give birth to new dreams.

Click here for a PDF of the prayer
Update from the Programme Action Leader

“The role of the prophetic community is to enable a group to study the issues, to become proficient in them, to take a specific, a particular stand, for justice.”

Joan Chittister, OSB

As we journey towards the end of 2020, I find myself reflecting on what it means to be a community in such a divisive and unjust world. Joan Chittister, OSB in her newer book “The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage” she describes what it means to be a prophet in today’s world and what it means to be a prophetic community. I believe Presentation People are called to be a prophetic community today. We have and continue to make firm commitments towards our IPA foci of women and children, indigenous and tribal peoples, and care of the Earth.

In Joan Chittister's book, these are also some ways prophetic communities act:

- Pray
- Study
- Teach
- Organise others
- Add something of the things of God to the situation
- Talk and lament about an issues, but also take an action step towards making a change
- Advocate for and with others
- Lobby legislators, leaders, pastors, and public agencies
- Commit to doing something to change their world as well as to talk about it

This month, will be especially focusing on the “Elimination of Violence against Women and Children” with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is celebrated on the 25 of November. I Invite you to reflect on how you and your Presentation community can act as a prophetic community this month.
Despoina offers many ways to participate in this international day in her segment below. The IPA Team also invites you and all Presentation People to our online event on the 24 of November “Empowered in Advocating for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children”.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our online event at the end of the month!

Happy Presentation Day to all and may we continue to carry Nano’s lantern together as a prophetic community in today’s world.

Below are our Justice Contact Friday Features for October!

In peace and gratitude,

Mary Therese Krueger, PBVM
IPA Programme Action Leader

Update from the UN IPA NGO Representative

Dear friends,

The UN has officially designated 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The United Nations official Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women will take place virtually on November 25th, from 10:00-11:30am EST. You can find here the Save the Date flyer. The programme and relevant link for this virtual meeting will be shared with the registered participants in due course.

On that same day, November 25th, also starts the UN 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, an annual international campaign that runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. The 16 Days of Activism campaign started by activists at the inaugural Women’s Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Center for Women’s Global Leadership; It is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call
This year, the campaign will take place under the 2020 global theme: "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!" As the world retreated again inside homes due to the lockdown measures addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, reports showed an alarming increase in the already existing pandemic of violence against women, the Shadow Pandemic (For your reference please review my piece in September JCs Update). You can make a difference during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to support women and girl survivors of violence by taking action during this year's 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence. I encourage you to follow some of the following action ideas:

- On November 25th wear the colour orange and “orange” physical and virtual spaces, including your workplaces, significant monuments in your cities and communities, online spaces such as the websites, e-signatures, social media accounts etc.
- Engage in online and offline awareness raising campaigns: e.g. Join us by following @IPA_UN on Twitter every day during the #16Days #OrangeTheWorld campaign to engage in conversations about survivors’ stories and services for victims, vulnerabilities, governments’ accountability and responsibility; Run your own awareness raising campaign about the three advocacy areas under the theme Orange the world: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect.
- Stimulate public conversations and educate the public on what individuals and organizations can do to raise awareness of the increase in violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Share experiences and stories of how the International Presentation Association is supporting activists and survivor advocates.

- Feature stories from activists and survivor advocates through print and digital platforms.
- Encourage others to take action during this time.

The IPA will commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women with an awareness-raising event pertinent to our UN advocacy focus on November 24th, 2020 (7:00-8:30am (New York Time)). As this year the IPA celebrates 20 years at the UN, we invite you to join us in an online conversation to
Against Women and Children” aims to educate and empower the IPA Members and Presentation People, as well as to reinforce relevant achievements of efficient and effective advocacy tools for ending violence against women and children. See you all then to increase awareness, galvanize advocacy efforts, and share knowledge and experiences!!

Stay safe everyone!!

Respectfully,

Dr. Despoina Afrodit Milaki
IPA NGO Representative at the UN

The IPA Team invites all Presentation People to this online webinar!
Empowered in Advocating for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children

Tuesday, 24 November, 2020
7:00-8:30AM (New York Time)

The IPA team invites you to an online conversation to identify ways to further advocate for ending violence against women and children.

In a vision of oneness and sacred honoring of all life, this informational webinar will be a powerful way to reflect on Nano Nagle's mission to work for justice alongside the people most impoverished.

Register by 22 November: http://bit.ly/1paunfocus

Click here for the webinar concept note

Click here to register for the IPA webinar!

Update from the Grassroots
MEET OUR IPA JUSTICE CONTACTS

Lismore - Society of Presentations

Clare Axman

Location
Dubbo, New South Wales, Australia

Experience
4 years as a Justice Contact

Words that Inspire
"Let your light shine."
Matthew 5:16

"I love working as a JC as I see our Church in our young people! In an increasingly secular society, being able to give our young people the chance to look beyond their own world, and see the face of God in our neighbour is transformative.

I feel each of us are called to be our authentic selves, and, as a candle loses nothing by lighting another candle, why should we ever stop encouraging others to shine.

Thank you Clare!
#FeatureFriday
Zambia & Zimbabwe - Union of Presentations

Annatollia Muzata, PBVM

Location
Marondera, Zimbabwe

Experience
3 years as a Justice

Contact

Words that Inspire
"The spirit of the Lord is upond me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." Luke 4:18

I have the desire to see justice prevailing in our modern day society and my passion is to work with those made poor especially empowering women and children so that their voices maybe heard as leaders and in developmental issues.

Thank you Sister Annatollia!
#FeatureFriday
Newfoundland & Labrador - Union of Presentations
Clo Martin, PBVM

Location
Mount Pearl, Newfoundland, Canada

Experience
20 years as a Justice
Contact

Words that Inspire
"I will show you O People, what the Lord requires of you. Especially to do justice, to cherish compassion, and to walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

Thank you Sister Clo!
#FeatureFriday

Our deepening awareness of "care of Earth and those made poor" being one and the same, and growing awareness of the need to create "the rights of nature" across the Globe, continue to feed my passion and energy for justice work. I am deeply inspired by the number of people, young and old, who are becoming involved in the struggle for climate change and climate justice.
Staten Island - Conference of Presentations

Beth Hassel, PBVM, D.Min

Location
Berwyn, Pennsylvania,
United States of America

Experience
20 years as a Justice

Contact

Words that Inspire
"I tell you the truth: unless a grain of wheat is planted in the ground and dies, it remains a solitary seed. But when it is planted, it produces in death a great harvest" John 12:23

Thank you Sister Beth!
#FeatureFriday

I am passionate about justice because it is the right of every human to be respected and have equal access to what is indispensable to be fully human. Justice is rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus who is model for all Christians and our foundress, Nano Nagle.

FAITH SPEAKS TO UN75

21 October 2020
10:00-11:30am

ONE ORGANISATION 
ON FAITH AND 
ICLASSIC LEADERS ON 
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF 
THE FOUNDING OF THE 
UNITED NATIONS

https://mailchi.mp/cd2f9303b520/march-ipa-update-9405493?e=eefebd3dde
Here is a recording of the panel discussion at the webinar "Faith Speaks to UN75" sponsored by IPA and moderated by Dr. Despoina Afroditi Milaki, our IPA NGO Representative at the United Nations.

Click here for the statement "A Faith-Based Version for UN75 & Beyond"

Faith Speaks to UN75 video presented by Marvie Misolas

Give up to Give Back.
Join us on Tuesdays for Tea

Presentation Partners in Housing (PPiH) in Fargo, North Dakota, USA has launched "Tuesdays for Tea" in October and November on their website and Facebook. They are sharing with the community the many ways PPiH is helping people find homes.
Iona Presentation College's Service Group, the Young Pressies in Western Australia focused their efforts for Term 3 on Human Trafficking. Below are a few of their efforts to "See, Judge, and Act"

The Young Pressies Service Group at Iona Presentation College worked with our Broadcasting Club to put together this brief video to highlight the group’s efforts in working towards helping fight human trafficking.
The girls at Iona Presentation College conducted a Fair Trade Bake Sale and sold the produce to their peers. Whilst many found it difficult to purchase items that were entirely fair trade, some of the girls were quite creative e.g. buying fair trade chocolate and dipping strawberries into it to sell.
Click here to read Ella Sparkman-Brown’s, an Year 11 student at Iona Presentation College, English Composition on the topic of Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking as a result of what she has learnt.

Click here to read an statement signed by Sisters of the Presentation advocating for peace, justice, and human rights at the United Nations.
Click here to watch Brother Pinto's input on the Spirituality of Advocacy at the Edmund Rice International Training's "Acting Justly" on Human Rights

Upcoming Webinars

3 November: COP26 - Ramp Up Ambition (Interfaith Liason Committee to the UNFCCC) - Learn more
6 November: Monthly Laudato Si Prayer Service (Global Catholic Climate Movement) - Learn more
10 November: Faiths Unite: Visions for Transformative Climate Action (Interfaith Liason Committee to the UNFCCC) - Learn more
12-14 November: Rebuild the Global Education Compact: Commission on Education of the Unions of Men and Women General Superiors (USG/UISG) - Learn more
24 November: 7AM New York Time: Empowered in Advocating for Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children (IPA Webinar) - Learn more Register here
4 December: Monthly Laudato Si Prayer Service (Global Catholic Climate Movement) - Learn more
1 January: Monthly Laudato Si Prayer Service (Global Catholic Climate Movement) - Learn more

Upcoming Dates
November IPA Update

- **War and Armed Conflict** - Learn more
- **10 November** - World Science Day for Peace & Development - Learn more
- **14 November** - World Diabetes Day - Learn more
- **15 November** - World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims - Learn more
- **16 November** - International Day for Tolerance - Learn more
- **19 November** - World Philosophy Day - Learn more
- **20 November** - Africa Industrialization Day - Learn more
- **20 November** - World Children's Day - Learn more
- **21 November** - Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple - Presentation Day
- **21 November** - World Television Day - Learn more
- **25 November** - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - Learn more
- **29 November** - International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People - Learn more
- **30 November** - Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare - Learn more

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