



Mandate of IPA: Addressing the root causes of poverty by confronting personal and corporate greed which exploit Earth, her peoples and the whole community of life, committing ourselves to:

Create-

- *space for contemplation*
- *new ways of expressing evolving consciousness of our interconnectedness with all creation, especially with those made poor.*

Prayerful Reflection: At the JPIC Committee's March meeting our reflection was led by Angela McGrath using the third segment of the video **Painting with the Stars** entitled *Getting Genesis Wrong*. We explored the first section of this segment which discussed the various interpretations of Genesis, the misinterpretations which we had grown up with, and the implications for better owning the great gift of the New Story where we are called to protect, foster and defend all creation.

Events and Actions of our JPIC committee:

Interfaith Dialogue

Angela and Clo and attended an Interfaith Dialogue in the *Bruneau Centre* at Memorial University on March 11. This event was sponsored by the St. John's and Area Council of Churches on which Angela is the Congregational representative. There were Jewish, Muslim, and Christian presenters on the topic of *God, Dignity and Human Rights*.

Newsletter

The JPIC Newsletter is composed and sent after each meeting to all Sisters and Associates, JPIC representatives of the North American Conference and to Elsa Muttathu, NGO Representative at the UN and Elena Hoye, IPA Justice Networker.

Conference of Presentation Sisters

Emma and Clo will represent the Justice Contacts at their annual meeting in May. JPIC representatives from each congregation will meet in advance of the Leaders' meeting with Elena Hoye, IPA Justice Networker and will meet with the leaders on the first day of their assembly to discuss implementation of the implementation of the 2012 IPA commitments.

International Women's Day

We reflected on International Women's Day and the ways that the *Bread and Roses* lunch has become more and more commercialized and unavailable to those made poor. Hopefully when *The Lantern* returns to the full use of its space we can initiate a meal similar to the one we hosted for the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day.



Articles of Interest

Course in Sustainable Development

The Earth Institute of Columbia University and Jeffrey Sachs are offering a free course on **sustainable development**. This looks like a wonderful opportunity. An introductory video and course outline can be found here <https://www.coursera.org/course/susdev>

Taxing the Rich

In case you were wondering, does taxing the rich hurt the economy?

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/taxing-the-rich-is-good-for-the-economy-imf-says-1.2552141>

Not-So-Good News

We are encouraged to acquaint ourselves with the issues around **Bill C23** which has been introduced in the House of Commons. This deals with the *Fair Elections Act*. Also see in March 22nd weekend edition of *The Telegram* a critical and informative article on the topic by Lana Payne.

"Energy East is industry's desperate attempt to get landlocked Alberta tar sands to international markets for higher profits, not to help Canadians," said Andrea Harden-Donahue of the Council of Canadians. "You could say the only oil we are going to get in Canada is that which will leak out, a major concern given the pipeline route crosses numerous significant sources of drinking water."

Good News

Pancake Breakfast

A pancake breakfast was held on Shrove Tuesday in the Motherhouse for Sisters, staff and service providers. This breakfast was held in solidarity with the many breakfasts hosted throughout the city on that day for other entities responding to those who are homeless or in danger of homelessness. \$765 was sent to *Xavier House* and was gratefully acknowledged by Sister Rosalie Carey and the staff.

Human Trafficking Workshop

A reminder of the workshop to be held at the Capital Hotel from April 7 - 9, 2014 on *Human Trafficking*. Sister Emma sits on the organizing committee which is a multi-disciplinary group. The keynote speaker for this conference is Joyce Smith, MP from Manitoba who has wide experience and is working with a national group to change laws which further re-victimize trafficked persons who are fearful of any law officers as often they are illegal immigrants and have no passports or other necessary documentation. Registration is now \$175.

Concluding Challenges/Actions:

Make extra space for contemplation. Create new ways of expressing evolving consciousness of our interconnectedness with all creation, especially with those made poor. (IPA commitment 2012)

Read at least one of the articles listed above, or another on a Justice Issue, which you have found, and share with another person.

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