

Statement on the International Jesuit Network for Development (IJND)

The Ignatian social justice centres which have been involved in the umbrella group known as the International Jesuit Network for Development (IJND) have decided to formally bring the initiative to an end, following a period during which there has been little activity in its name. The centres have reaffirmed their commitment to the issues of development and global justice with which IJND was concerned and desire to find the most effective structures for working together on these important matters.

IJND grew out of the successful work on the issue of debt by Jesuits for Debt Relief and Development (JDRAD), which was set up following a meeting of Jesuit social action directors in 1997. It changed its name in 2001 to the International Jesuit Network for Development (IJND), and sought to address a broader range of development and global justice issues.

A new and promising initiative for international Ignatian family collaboration on advocacy has emerged in the form of the Ignatian Advocacy Network. Its proposed eight working groups include Peace and Human Rights, Governance of Natural Resources, and Models of Alternative Development. More information is available at: <http://sjweb.info/sjs/pjnew/PJShow.cfm?pubTextID=7716>.

The issues of global justice are more pressing now than ever, and there is still a need for effective and properly resourced international coordination at the correct level.

A contemporary adaptation of the Ignatian meditation on the Incarnation sets a prayerful, motivational context for the Advocacy Network. It is called: *That all may have Life – and have it to the Full: An Ignatian Family Contemplation for Advocacy in Our Times in Three Movements* and is available at <http://tinyurl.com/lv9jgv>.

Finally, for more information about the networks, contact Uta Sievers at the Social Justice Secretariat (sjs-com@sjcuria.org).

In bringing the work of IJND to a close, our aim is to support these efforts to find the best ways of collaborating internationally to promote the global common good in which there is justice and peace for all peoples and each person, a vision to which the Reign of God calls us.

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