

JUSTICE INVITATION



Dominican Community: Santo Domingo
Fourth Sunday of Advent, 1511.

I AM THE VOICE OF CHRIST CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT OF THIS ISLAND.

Therefore, it would do you well to listen with all your heart to this voice which will be the most novel, the sharpest, the toughest, the most shocking and dangerous voice you have ever heard.

With what right and by which justice...?

With what authority do you carry out ...?

Are these not human beings?

Are you not obliged to love them as you love yourselves?

Do you not understand this?

Do you not feel this?

DOMINICAN CALL TO JUSTICE

The ministry of the North American Dominican Justice Promoters is to encourage all members of the Order of Preachers and their associates to embrace a deepening of the Dominican charism to search for and preach TRUTH as it impacts the lives of people and planet. In 2017, the Justice Promoters gathered to reflect on our commitment to promote the call of Gospel justice and help guide the study of and advocacy for human rights and climate justice in our world today.

The Promoters have given priority to the following justice areas for our ministry:

Climate Justice

Peace and Security of All Life

Migration and Immigration

Human Trafficking

Economic Justice

We recognize that each of these areas of injustice are rooted in racism, sexism, poverty, and oppression that give rise to violence. These root causes of injustice inform our study and search for truth. Such study helps guide us to commitments in these areas.

DOMINICAN SISTERS ~ GRAND RAPIDS: RESPONSE TEAMS

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED IN OUR JUSTICE MINISTRIES

Sisters, Associates, and Friends are invited to join us on three different levels of commitment: PRAYER, ALERTS and STUDY, and ACTIVE COMMITTEE WORK. Persons signing up are placed in a distribution list for contact. We ask all who become involved to pray when alerts and study opportunities are sent by email for action or information. Some, as able, will respond to the alerts sent, engage in study opportunities, and join in events to promote advocacy. All are invited to join working committees.

Our Justice Issues (in collaboration with the North American Dominican Justice Call to Action) include **Peace and Non-violence, Immigration, Human Trafficking, Economic Justice, and Care of Earth**. The most frequent activity is to respond to action alerts sent by the Promoter of Justice. These alerts are generated from national and local sources that are trustworthy. It usually takes 5-10 minutes to make a response.

To participate, contact Sister Brigid Clingman mbclingman@grdominicans.org or 616.514.3111

Indicate which group/groups you wish to act with.

These are actions/activities independent of our letter writing mission: WE RAISE OUR VOICES IN JUSTICE. Those requests for response are sent bimonthly to all Sisters, Associates, and former members. As needed, responses may also be requested through articles in Community Ways.



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