



September, 2008

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- **Event:** *Pursuing Just Peace*, Book Launch and Panel Discussion, Catholic Relief Service, Washington, DC, October 21, 2008
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- **Conference:** *Religion, Politics and Society: Maritain and Beyond*, Nov. 7-8, 2008, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- **Resources:** Peacebuilding Manuals from Caritas Internationalis
- **Book:** *Caminar en la Esperanza*, Msgr. Hector Fabio Henao Gaviria
- **Book:** *Just Policing, Not War: An Alternative Response to World Violence*, Gerald W. Schlabach (Ed.)
- **Article:** "Religion and Peacebuilding: An Ambivalent yet Vital Relationship", Heather Dubois, *Journal of Religion, Conflict and Peace*
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Peacebuilding: A Role for Religion, October 7, 2008, 1:15-2:45 p.m., United Nations

The Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the UN and its co-sponsor, the Catholic

Peacebuilding Network, are collaborating on this panel on Catholic peacebuilding at UN headquarters, conference room 3. RSVPs required by Oct. 2 by e-mail (office@holyseemission.org) or phone (212-370-7885). For more information: <http://cpn.nd.edu/2008UNevent.shtml>.

***Pursuing Just Peace*, Book Launch and Panel Discussion, Catholic Relief Service, Washington, DC, October 21, 2008**

This book is a practical resource for a wide community of peacebuilding practitioners and those grappling with injustice and conflict. Seven case studies describe concrete initiatives within highly diverse contexts and with a variety of organizations, approaches and entry points in peacebuilding. The book launch is October 21, 10:00 a.m., United States Institute of Peace, 1200 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. For more information: <http://cpn.nd.edu/CRS%20-%20PursuingJustpeace.shtml>.

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA-Executive Director

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, a unit of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego, is currently seeking to fill the position of Executive Director. See: http://www.sandiego.edu/administration/financeadmin/humanresources/jobopportunities/job_detail.php?oid=a6ad66680b0a2b635b79a7d4d90256f5.

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN-Faculty Position

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame invites applications for a tenured or tenure-track faculty position in Peace Studies. For application information go to: <http://kroc.nd.edu/currentopenings/08profofpeacestudies.shtml>.

Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington, DC-Faculty Positions

The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University invites applications for two, full-time faculty positions at the rank of associate or full professor. Application information is available at: <http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000568896-01&pg=s&cc=>.

The Life & Peace Institute, Uppsala, Sweden-Programme Director

The Life & Peace Institute (LPI), an international and ecumenical centre for peace research and action, is looking for a Programme Director. See: <http://www.life-peace.org/default2.asp?xid=592>.

Conference on Religion, Politics and Society: Maritain and Beyond, Nov. 7-8, 2008, Ottawa, ON, Canada

This conference will deal with the complex interactions between religion and its surrounding culture. It will investigate two main questions: what are the effects of religion and what should be the effects? Visit the website at: <http://www.geocities.com/cjma4acjm/>.

Peacebuilding Manuals from Caritas Internationalis

Caritas Internationalis has two widely-used resource manuals: *Working for Reconciliation: A Caritas Handbook* and *Peacebuilding: a Caritas Training Manual* are now available in CD Rom and as easily downloadable files on the CI website: http://www.caritas.org/activities/peace_reconciliation/index.html . A CI web-based resource kit will be available, with new modules on issues such as negotiation, mediation, non-violence and integration by November 2008.

***Caminar en la Esperanza*, by Msgr. Hector Fabio Henao Gaviria**

This new book (in Spanish) by the director of Caritas Colombia reflects on lessons learned from years of experience of Catholic peacebuilding in Colombia. For more information: <http://www.cec.org.co/index.shtml?s=e&apc=I1-;;-&x=22731>.

***Just Policing, Not War: An Alternative Response to World Violence*, Gerald W. Schlabach, (Ed.)**

This book emerges from a five-year dialogue between Catholic and Mennonite scholars who are seeking a model for international conflict that stops short of traditional war. For more information: <http://www.christiancentury.org/article.lasso?id=5038>.

“Religion and Peacebuilding: An Ambivalent yet Vital Relationship,” Heather Dubois, *Journal of Religion, Conflict and Peace*

This article focuses on the contributions religion can offer to peacebuilding efforts. See: http://www.plowsharesproject.org/journal/php/article.php?issu_list_id=10&article_list_id=32.

Certificate Course in Interfaith Conflict Resolution, United States Institute of Peace

This course is designed to enhance the peacemaking capacities of individuals and faith-based organizations by focusing on objectives, methods, and best practices of interfaith dialogue, a form of religious peacemaking increasingly recognized for its relevance to 21st Century conflict. For more information: <http://www.usip.org/training/online/interfaith.html>.

Gathering of U.S. Christian peace & reconciliation leaders, Duke Divinity School

Convened by the Duke Divinity School, Center for Reconciliation, the aim of the gathering was to provide opportunity for reflection, renewal, community, and deeper conversation for a unique intersection of leaders working at multiple levels of Christian ministry. A critical goal was to situate the gathering within a theological, contextual and practical framework. For more information about the conference visit the Duke Divinity website:

<http://www.divinity.duke.edu/reconciliation/pages/programs/usleaders200805.html>.

Sharing Truth in Kosovo

Together with their partner organization in Kosovo, “Integra,” IKV/Pax Christi in the Netherlands has been developing a project concerning getting the truth about what happened in the country. The title of the project is “tell them your truth, respect theirs.” It is hoped that in the long term, telling and sharing stories about what happened in the past might help to stimulate a process of reconciliation in Kosovo. For more information please contact Linda Schevers at: schevers@ikvpaxchristi.nl.

IKV Pax Christi, Netherlands, New Report on Kidnapping

IKV/Pax Christi in the Netherlands issued a new report on “Kidnapping a Booming Business: A Lucrative Political Instrument for Armed groups Operating in Conflict Zones.” The emphasis of this investigation is on kidnapping and extortion in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. The final chapter investigates the kidnapping-related policies of the EU member states. For the full report go to: <http://www.ikvpaxchristi.nl/UK/>.

If you have information on Catholic peacebuilding initiatives, announcements, opportunities, or calls for papers for our next newsletter please send to cpn@ND.EDU for consideration. CPN is dedicated to members informing members about Catholic peacebuilding efforts and initiatives.

The Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN) is a voluntary network of practitioners, academics, clergy and laity from around the world which seeks to enhance the study and practice of

Catholic peacebuilding, especially at the local level. The CPN aims to deepen bonds of solidarity among Catholic peacebuilders, share and analyze “best practices,” expand the peacebuilding capacity of the Church in areas of conflict, and encourage the further development of a theology of a just peace. While it is a Catholic network, the CPN believes that authentic and effective Catholic peacebuilding involves dialogue and collaboration with those of other religious traditions and all those committed to building a more just and peaceful world.

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