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THE CHALLENGES OF MISSION AND EVANGELIZATION IN VIETNAM TODAY

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Christian missionaries first set foot on Vietnam soil in 1533. They came from Spain, Portugal and France to introduce Jesus and his message of salvation to a people that had never been exposed to the Gospel. The Jesuits came in the early seventeenth century, and founded the Cochinchina's mission in North Vietnam at Hoi-An. Alexandre de Rhodes, who was appointed head of the mission in 1626, published a catechism book in Latin and Vietnamese. Christianity then began to develop rapidly. Unfortunately, due to its association with Western colonialism, Christianity has often been viewed as an oppressive force rather than a liberating one.



Cecilia Nguyen, OP, and Marie Constance Sam Tran, OP, with children in Tan Hiep

Today, the Roman Catholic Church in Vietnam consists of 28 arch/dioceses that serve over six million people. Comprising a mere 8% of the country's population, the task of preserving and nurturing the faith remains a challenge for religious leaders. The challenges of mission and evangelization in Vietnam are complex. Like other Asian countries, Vietnam does not

have a single unifying culture. Rather, it is a conglomeration of separate cultures and sub-cultures. There is a rich and colorful mosaic of ancient religions throughout the country including Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Caodaism, Hoa Hao and ancestor veneration. There are political and cultural roadblocks to evangelization and mission in Vietnam today.

The culture has been shaped by centuries of religious influences outside the scope of Western experience. Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism have molded the Vietnamese attitudes towards life, death and the "outside" world. These three religions have contributed to the strongly hierarchical social structure present in Vietnam today. A fight for survival tempered with a readiness for cooperation characterizes the people. While the non-Christian religions are tolerant of other faiths, they find Catholicism too strict. They have difficulty with the teaching of Christ as the "absolute Savior." The concept "God is Trinity" is too unwieldy a concept. "God is like a Buddha", however, is more easily understood and accepted. The poverty in Vietnam presents great difficulties for missionaries. How can concepts such as sharing and

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Missioners Unite in Prayer

WE PRAY THAT RESEARCHERS, IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS, MAY WELCOME THE CHURCH'S INCESSANT CALLS TO MAKE WISE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE SUCCESSES THEY HAVE ATTAINED. WE JOIN IN PRAYER WITH CATECHISTS OF THE YOUNG CHURCHES THAT THEY MAY BEAR WITNESS FAITHFULLY TO THEIR ATTACHMENT TO THE GOSPEL.

In Memoria

Our condolences and prayers go out to the family, friends and religious community of Sister Philomena Fogarty. The Franciscan Missionary of Mary was slain in late March after being abducted from her mobile home in Hamilton, GA. A native of Ireland, Sr. Philomena served as a missionary in Japan before coming to the US. She is buried at the Franciscan Missioners of Mary Cemetery, New Providence, Rhode Island.

May God grant her eternal rest.

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From the Director Rosanne Rustemeyer, SSND

As I prepared to write these few words, I found myself reflecting on the Feast of Pentecost. Jesus appears and wishes the disciples peace, life, health and integrity. His ministry is their ministry. The Jesus sent by the Father is now the sending Jesus. It is to this source that they (we) are to always return to find renewing waters. (Gustavo Gutierrez: **Sharing the Word Through the Liturgical Year**. Orbis Books, 1997). We live in a time when missionaries need to be particularly courageous in hearing and proclaiming the Gospel. May that be our prayer for each other in this season.

I recently participated in a two day strategic planning meeting sponsored by the Center of Concern, entitled **All God's Children: One World Against Racism**. COC's Racial Justice Initiative is aimed at contributing to the understanding of racism issues within a global context. For related resources, visit COC's web site: www.educationforjustice.org.

Our USCMA Annual Conference will be held in Milwaukee from October 24-26, 2003. The theme is **Mission and Transformation**. Presentations and workshops in areas of cultural, racial, ecological and economic justice, to name a few, will explore the theme. Please mark your calendars.

The Bishops' Committee on World Mission will issue invitations for the Congress for Mission of the Americas (**CAM II**) to be held in Guatemala in November of this year. Bishop Aymond, the chair of the committee, will be assembling a delegation of 100 members from the United States.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Marie Stelmach, OP, for the gifts and talents she has so graciously shared with USCMA during her time with us. Blessings, Marie, on your studies in your new ministry of healing.

Thanks, too, to Nancy Bernhardt who completed her internship with us and received a Masters Degree in Cross-Cultural Studies. She gave us her two documents on missionary formation and partnering relationships. Nancy is moving to Florida and has plans for an autumn wedding.

A welcome to Kathleen Bullock who has been working with Sr. Marie for a smooth transition into the work of USCMA!

Remember this is the season for summer fun! Be safe!

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Message from USCMA Board Spring Meeting

Thirteen USCMA Board members (including six new members) gathered in Washington, DC on March 28-29, 2003. Staff and experienced members led conversations on current and future areas of development and emphasis, along with the history of the association, as an orientation for our new members. Specific areas of implementation for USCMA include:

- The 2003 Annual Conference to be held in Milwaukee
- Mission Congress of the Americas (CAM II) scheduled for November, 2003
- Mission Consultation through the Continuing Committee on Common Witness, spring, 2004
- Mission Symposium, fall of 2004
- Mission Congress 2005

Nancy Bernhardt shared her work on Missionary Formation and Best Practices for Partnering Relationships. She also presented the material at the Catholic Mission Forum on June 6, 2003.

The Board responded affirmatively to an invitation from John Hurley, CSP, of the USCCB Secretariat on Evangelization for the Association to become part of the US Committee on Evangelization. Betty Scanlon, RSM, will represent the Board.

The Board received financial reports for 2002. They were particularly happy with the Anniversary Endowment Contributions of \$118,210.00 at this point in the campaign which continues through October of this year. USCMA has been accepted into the Combined Federal Campaign for 2003. A grant of \$8,000 has been received from the Committee on Home Missions.

The Board meeting ended on Friday evening with the CMSM Mission Committee joining us for dinner and a presentation by Thomas Ryan, CSP, and discussion on *Formation and Inter-religious Dialogue*. (See page 4.)

Farewell and Welcome

Marie Stelmach, OP, left USCMA on May 23rd to engage in full-time studies at Bon Secours School of Nursing in Richmond, Virginia, in preparation to become a registered nurse. Marie looks forward to caring for the elderly sisters of her Sinsinawa Dominican Motherhouse in Wisconsin. We wish her well and are grateful for her contribution and service to USCMA—done with a missionary's heart.

While Marie is greatly missed, we welcomed Kathleen Bullock on April 23rd. "Katie" comes to USCMA after eleven



Katie with her husband, Albert

years as a stay-at-home mother. A graduate of Washington College in Maryland, she has experience in both parish ministry and the legal field. Katie resides in suburban Washington, DC with her husband and two boys. We welcome Katie and appreciate the gifts and talents that she brings to USCMA.

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sacrifice be discussed with those who have barely enough food to feed themselves?

The Communist regime took power in 1975, restricting Christianity and persecuting Christians. The government exerts absolute control over the Vietnamese people, Catholic clergy and religious included. Government permission is required for any religious organization to: hold training seminars or conferences, build or remodel places of worship, engage in charitable activities, and operate religious schools. Before each candidate for the priesthood is ordained, the government must first make an assessment and then grant permission. While governmental restrictions on Christianity are fairly consistent throughout Vietnam, the level of persecution of Christians varies by region. As of October 2002, fifty-six pastors from the Central Highlands have “disappeared”. Their whereabouts are unknown. In addition, 354 of the 412 churches in Dak Lak province have been forcibly closed. Such persecution can render proclamation impossible. There is a serious lack of philosophical and theological formation of priests and religious in Vietnam. There are only two seminaries in the country. No Catholic colleges or universities exist. The dearth of resources and opportunities for formation is compounded by inadequate funding. There is little money to train catechists and missionaries, let alone to provide social services for the needy.

Successful evangelization in Vietnam incorporates several methods, including: personal contact, rendering social services, patience, genuine dialogue, and inculturation. Living among the people provides the daily, direct contact that is crucial for missionaries in Vietnam. Native Vietnamese evangelizers now proclaim to their own people. The basic needs of the people are not limited to food and health care. Fishing poles and nets are as important as schools, hospitals and bridges. Rendering social services encompasses a wide variety of activities. The Catholic Church is called upon to share its hope by tirelessly proposing a path of dialogue. A confident, constructive dialogue among all members of civil society will enable fresh hope to be given to all the people of Vietnam. Most importantly, the success of evangelization in Vietnam depends upon inculturation. The Church must respond to the pastoral needs of a multicultural society. Inculturation is no longer an option. *It is* the solution.

The inculturation mission will always challenge the present into a possible future. Culture forms the individual. It is not easy for the individual to break away from the tyranny of custom, culture or traditional authority. Cultures and traditions preserved for centuries, like those found throughout Asia, tend to be fiercely opposed to change. The mission of the Church is not to ask the culture to change (excluding practices or moral values that contradict Christian faith). Above all, inculturation must use the mystery of incarnation as the model for mission. The Word, who is God, without ceasing to be God, becomes fully human in Jesus Christ (Jn 1, 1-14; Phi 2, 5-8). God did not come. He became. Inculturation challenges the Church to become multicultural. Although God created cultural diversity, humans are responsible for realizing a unity in diversity, an ideal ultimately rooted in the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Cecilia Nguyen, OP, is a Vietnamese Dominican Sister of St. Catherine of Siena, currently completing her doctoral dissertation at The Catholic University. Sister remains active in her Congregation’s work among the Vietnamese people both here and in Vietnam. Her plans include formation ministry with her Congregation.

Washington Coalitions’ Report

Praying for Peace and Justice

Every Wednesday during Lent, *Catholics for a Peaceful End to War and Terrorism* organized a one hour vigil at noon in Lafayette Park, opposite the White House to pray for peace. USCMA staff prepared the prayers for several of these vigils. On March 26th, after the war had started in Iraq, *Pax Christi* gathered a number of peace activists, including some church leaders and several Nobel Peace Laureates who joined the noon vigil. Because of the numbers present, the police closed Lafayette Park. Sixty-eight people crossed the police lines in an act of civil disobedience and were arrested.

During Holy Week, *Catholics for a Peaceful End to War and Terrorism* issued a letter, **All Life is Sacred**, reminding us of the terrible consequences of the war in Iraq. The letter can be viewed on USCMA’s web site.

On Good Friday, we joined the *Religious Working Group on the IMF and the World Bank* in the Economic Way of the Cross. Walking from the Capitol to the World Bank and IMF headquarters via the White House and other government buildings, the group sang and prayed, linking our faith in Christ’s passion, death and resurrection to current injustices in the world.

Debt Relief

During the spring meetings of the IMF and World Bank, there was no discussion of the woefully inadequate mechanism for debt relief of the world’s poorest countries. Also, a controversial IMF proposal to establish a bankruptcy mechanism for countries in debt was blocked by the US. What was discussed, however, was possible debt relief for Iraq. There is now a question whether Iraqis should be forced to repay debts incurred by Saddam Hussein which were used to prop up his oppressive regime. This discussion may reopen the question of the “odious debts” of other impoverished nations previously ruled by oppressive regimes, such as The Congo (formerly Zaire) and South Africa.

Four Communities Join Hands for More Effective Mission

BY THOMAS RYAN, CSP

ON BEHALF OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

There's a new thing happening in the North American Catholic context. It's a small thing, to be sure, but for those who believe in mustard seeds, "small" can make a difference.

Four religious communities, each of which carries ecumenical and/or interfaith relations as an integral component of its charism, have joined forces for more effective mission. The four communities are the Paulist Fathers, founded by Fr. Isaac Hecker in New York City in 1858; the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, founded by Fr. Theodore Ratisbonne in Paris in 1863; the Friars of the Atonement, founded by Paul Watson and the Sisters of the Atonement, founded by Mother Lurana Mary White, both at Garrison, NY, in 1898.

The Paulists, founded by a group of preachers who sought to interpret Catholic faith and practice for Protestant America, have provided leadership, both nationally and internationally, in the post-Vatican II ecumenical era in the Catholic Church.

The Sisters of Sion, whose founder felt irresistibly attracted to cooperate in God's plan of love for the Jewish people, have earned a reputation for their regional and global educational work in Jewish-Christian relations.

The Friars of the Atonement have long been associated with the promotion of Christian unity through their periodical, *Ecumenical Trends*, through their work of the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute in New York City and the *Centro Pro Unione* in Rome, and through their resource materials for the Christian Unity Week of Prayer which was first begun by Paul Watson as a Church Unity Octave in 1908.

The Sisters of the Atonement have members involved in the ministry of dialogue at local, national, and international levels.

How Did This Joint Effort Come About?

In their General Assemblies of 1994 and 1998, the Paulists were asking themselves how they could leverage more effectively their work in ecumenical and interreligious relations. Fr. Michael McGarry, CSP, now Director of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Israel/Palestine, had contacts with the Graymoor and Sion communities. He initiated a session to brainstorm with them as to how the communities might work together.

McGarry's departure for his Middle East assignment coincided with my transfer from ecumenical work in Canada to New York City in order to open a Paulist North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. As the representatives of the other three communities were all in New York City, we continued to meet and dialogue. This culminated on December 7, 2001, during a prayer service in

the historic chapel shared by the Atonement Friars and Sisters at Graymoor, Garrison, New York, at which we signed a joint statement expressing our intent to collaborate with one another in our ecumenical and interreligious initiatives.

Titled *Together in Witness*, the joint statement declared that "our four communities are joining hands with one another to give clearer and stronger expression to the Church's mission for Christian unity and interreligious collaboration." It also states: "We renew our commitment within the Church through each community's respective charism...to bring mutual understanding and respect, reconciliation and partnership within our Church, with other Christians, with the Jewish people, and with those of other world religions."

Concrete Steps

Whether one's ministry today is in schools or hospitals, social action or hospitality, parishes or prisons, we reasoned that there is no way to avoid the growing importance of relating from a basis of appreciation and positive regard towards those formed in other religious traditions.

In the fall of 2002, the four communities co-sponsored a four-day Colloquium at the Washington Retreat Center in DC entitled *Living And Serving Faithfully in an Ecumenical and Multi-Faith World*. There were twenty-five participants—men and women, laity and religious—from several different religious communities representing the US and Canada.

In March 2003, the steering committee representatives returned to Washington, DC to meet with the Mission Committee of the Major Conference of Superiors of Men and officers from the Leadership Conference of Religious Women to explore interest in a session for those in formation. That same evening we shared our story and our readiness to serve with the US Catholic Mission Association.



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Catholic Relief Services' Humanitarian Efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq

BY JOE CARNEY

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Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is marking its 60th year as the official international humanitarian agency of the US Catholic community, providing assistance in more than 90 countries and territories. The agency, which was established in response to the needs that arose during World War II, has in recent years assisted individuals impacted by conflict in Israel and Palestine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Colombia, Sudan, and in other places. CRS has responded as well to the needs of victims of natural disasters, such as the drought in Central America and the recent earthquake in Mexico, and it continues to work throughout Africa to alleviate the complex food crisis.

The agency is also working in Afghanistan and Iraq, countries where needs long predated the United States' recent military engagements in the region. In Afghanistan, decades of war and years of drought have left a once bountiful agricultural sector widely dysfunctional, with many of the country's withered farmlands only "growing" more landmines. Millions have been driven from their homes, creating an acute emergency for the displaced. Additionally, economic stagnation and a destroyed infrastructure, compounded by the Taliban's oppressive rule, stifled educational efforts.

CRS has worked in Pakistan since the 1950's and for decades responded to the needs of Afghan refugees along the border. While continuing to assist Afghans in Pakistan, CRS has established a main office in the Afghan capital, Kabul, and field offices in Kandahar and Herat. While emergency efforts will continue, the long-term goals in Afghanistan include education, agricultural assistance, reconciliation and reconstruction.

In Kabul, CRS helped rebuild three schools, which serve more than 16,000 students, the majority of whom are girls. CRS worked with local partners to train 700 teachers in child-centered teaching techniques; and, using a curriculum developed by the University of Massachusetts and the Afghan Ministry of Education, initiated an education program for 5,000 out-of-school youths (girls as well as boys—many of whom were child soldiers). Through the intensive teacher preparation, youth leaders emerge who then act as teachers and role models for children not yet in school.

In Iraq, since the end of the first Gulf War, CRS has worked with local counterparts such as *Caritas Iraq* to provide substantial humanitarian assistance throughout the country. The efforts have focused on the undernourished children, the pregnant and nursing mothers, the elderly, the handicapped and the very needy. In the months preceding the recent conflict, CRS increased its support to partner organizations to prepare an emergency response in Iraq and neighboring countries. In Iraq, this preparation enabled *Caritas Iraq* to provide medical assistance and emergency relief items, such as water purification tablets, food and blankets.

In early April, CRS joined the *Caritas Internationalis Confederation* in issuing an \$8.3 million appeal among its members to support 43,000 displaced families (approximately 260,000 people) in Iraq over a three-month period. Funds from this appeal financed an initial supply of 45 tons of relief aid, including supplementary food for 10,000 malnourished children and medicines for those with acute and chronic illnesses. There are 14 medical centers, each of which is comprised of a medical doctor, a health worker and a social worker. Outreach centers in 40 schools and churches serve displaced Iraqis.

Afghanistan and Iraq, at times considered collectively in the context of the "war on terror", face unique challenges requiring distinct approaches, not only for rehabilitating infrastructure and job sectors, but likewise for mending disparate communities. In both countries, CRS is committed for the long-term, to bring people together in pursuit of peace and productivity.



School children in Afghanistan

World Mission Institute Chicago Center for Global Ministers

The 2003 World Mission Institute was held in Chicago on April 24th and 25th at the Lutheran School of Theology. It was sponsored by the Chicago Center for Global Missions, USCMA and other organizations. Workshops and presentations were designed to assist the 120 participants answer the question: "How are we as Christians and people of other religious traditions to live with visions and values that at times are out of step with our national agenda?"

Dr. John Coleman, SJ, a Jesuit priest and professor of Social Values at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles opened the Institute by reviewing the theological and philosophical perspectives of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Buber and Paul Tillich in relationship with the Institute's theme: **Religious Commitment and National Allegiance**.

The much anticipated presentation by Rev. Dr. Ofelia Ortega Suarez was cancelled due to difficulties in obtaining a visa to travel from Cuba to the US. She was replaced at the last minute by Drs. Kenneth Sawyer and Daniel Rodriguez-Diaz who discussed, from a global perspective, religion and national allegiance in the faith communities of Cuba and China.



SENATOR
PAUL SIMON

There were workshops that addressed the Institute's theme from the Puritan, the Catholic, the Jewish and the Muslim perspectives. The Institute concluded with a presentation by former US Senator Paul Simon (D-IL). Senator Simon shared what a personal challenge it is to continually give witness to his religious commitments, while at the same time preserving his loyalty to the nation. He

reflected with the group, that as a Christian, he takes Chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel very seriously and uses this passage as a spiritual assessment.

The theme for the 2004 World Mission Institute will be *The Future of Christianity*. Dr. Philip Jenkins, author of **The Next Christendom**, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker.



ROCCO PUPOLO, SJ, AND
JOHN COLEMAN, SJ

Information on the 2004 Mission Institute will be posted on the USCMA web site at a later date.

"Church in America, Your Life is Mission" The Second American Missionary Congress—CAM II

The second American Missionary Congress, or **Congreso Americano Misionero Dos (CAM II)** will occur November 25-30, 2003, in Guatemala



CAM II BANNER HANGS HIGH
OVER A PLANNING SESSION

City, Guatemala. Central America was the natural choice to host the Conference, as it is a geographic link between North and South America. The Conference strives to provide a bridge for the Church on these continents.

The US and Canada were invited to send delegates or observers to participate in the sixth **COMLA (Congreso Misionero Latino Americano)** in Paraná, Argentina in 1999. **CAM I** marked a realization of the vision of Pope John Paul II that the Church in the Americas relate as "One America" in considering our mission *ad gentes* and its challenges.

The general objective for **CAM II** is to animate the people of the local churches on both continents in order for them to assume, in a spirit of solidarity, a responsibility and commitment to their communities. The Bishop's Committee on World Mission hopes to have a full contingency of 100 delegates. This delegation will be comprised of bishops, priests, religious, lay missionaries and other mission-active persons. The theme, **The Mission: Proclamation of the Gospel of Life, Fundamental Task of People of God who are Pilgrims in America** will be woven through the liturgical celebrations, plenary presentations and breakout discussions, led and facilitated by missiologists and mission animators from all the participating countries. In addition, educational and cultural programs will provide participants with the opportunity to integrate their shared experiences.

Spanish will be the operative language for the **Congreso** and translation services will be available in English, French and Portuguese.

Additional information about COMLA VI - CAM I may be found at www.uscatholicmission.org/n-4-99a2.htm. More information about CAM II can be found at its official web site, www.cam2guatemala.org. Later it will be on the USCMA web site.

RESOURCES & UP-COMING EVENTS

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Peter C. Phan, STD

July 21-25 Crying Out for Justice: The Missionary Response
Diarmuid O'Murchu, MSC

October 20 - 24 The City—For God's Sake!
Dr. Roger Greenway

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Asian and Pacific Pastoral Statement in Asian Languages
The pastoral statement, *Asian and Pacific Presence: Harmony in Faith*, is now available in full text in Vietnamese and Mandarin Chinese. The discussion guide for the pastoral statement, *Rejoicing in the Asian and Pacific Presence*, is also available in Japanese, Indonesian and Malayalam.

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Jacob's Hip: Finding God in an Anxious Age. Kerry Walters, 2003

Jesus in the New Universe Story. Cletus Wessels, 2003

The Moral Vision of César Chávez. Fredrick John Dalton, 2003

Christianity Rediscovered. (25th Anniversary Edition) Vincent J. Donovan, 2003

Contemplation and Compassion: The Victorine Tradition. Steven Chase, 2003

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Catholics, Politics & Public Policy: Beyond Left and Right. Clarke F. Cochran and David Carroll Cochran, 2003

Christianity with an Asian Face. Peter C. Phan, 2003

No God but God: A Path to Muslim-Christian Dialogue on God's Nature. A. Christian van Gorder, 2003

USCMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING

Hyatt Regency Hotel - Milwaukee, WI 53205

October 24 - 26, 2003

**Mission and Transformation:
Our Mission of Solidarity in a Globalized World**

The aim of the Conference is to provide a venue for missionaries to:

- Examine root causes for divisions and to explore possibilities for systemic transformation
- Foster the development of a worldview that seeks solidarity in a global context
- Strategize interventions that address political, economic, ecological, and cultural inequalities
- Assist participants to move toward engagement and action

Keynote Presentations by:

- **GASPER F. LOBIONDO, SJ**, Dir. of Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University
- **MARGARET GUIDER, OSE**, Professor of Theology, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

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Pre-Conference -- October 23 -24, 2003

Themes

- √ Debt Reduction & Development, conducted by the Religious Working Group on the World Bank and IMF
- √ The Cultural Audit, conducted by the Center for Study of Religious Life



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