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MISSIONERS AND MICROCREDIT

“The Church’s mission is to help people develop their self image.” John Rausch (Glenmary), Director of Justice and Peace Commission in the Diocese of Lexington stresses that, “The role of the Catholic Church is to be a catalyst to raise up the values of the person in community.”



BENGI INVESTMENT GROUP BANK IN MOMBASSA

One important way to be this catalyst is through the microcredit and microfinance projects missioners are involved with. Microcredit is not new but has become more visible in recent years. Many microcredit societies have developed in recent years assisting thousands of poor around the globe. Money has been lent, repaid and lent again. Private organizations as well as

church-related programs have been developed.

The U.S. government is finally recognizing the need to make more monies available for microcredit. “Last September, at the behest of microcredit advocates, Congress passed a bill prodding USAID to devote more of its microcredit budget to loans for very poor people, and less to expensive for-profit contractors.”¹

Unlike commercial banks and lending institutions microcredit programs lend money in small amounts with low interest rates, affordable and accessible to people who otherwise are excluded from the financial sector.

One such enterprise is the Bengi Investment Group (BIG) in Mishomoroni, Kenya where Maryknoll Lay Missioner Kris Ozar has been working. BIG is a community-owned and operated cooperative bank which profits the community. Like other microfinance programs the bank “operates in low income communities and provides a number of financial services to the poorest of the poor, such as personal savings, corporate accounts, business accounts, children’s accounts, investments and investment opportunities.” The bank is located more than 4 miles from the closest financial institution. Its presence within easy access of the local people encourages

*We Pray...
That those persecuted
for the sake of faith
and justice may
experience the
consolation and
strength of the Holy
Spirit
-Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions*

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FROM THE DIRECTOR ROSANNE RUSTEMEYER, SSND

Good Morning! It is early morning of the last day of June as I write. June has always seemed like early summer whereas tomorrow the beginning of the July 4th holiday marks a whole different perspective. It would seem that makes today some kind of a watershed moment which truly it is given that my successor as director at USCMA has been named. I am very grateful to the search committee for their work, for the Board's confirmation of their choice and most importantly for Fr. Michael Montoya's "yes" to the offer of the position. A heartfelt welcome to USCMA, Michael!

By now you should have received your invitation brochure to Mission Congress 2005! Many people are working on providing a really special experience and program as we gather in Tucson in October! Register early!

The long promised ecumenical mission consultation in West Africa delayed by the necessary response to the South Asian tsunami and then by preparations for elections to be held in Liberia in October, the event now has a venue, a program and dates. The Continuing Committee on Common Witness (USCMA and Church World Service) working in collaboration with a planning committee in West Africa will host an ecumenical and interfaith mission consultation at the Catholic Retreat Center in Monrovia, Liberia, January 22-25, 2006 around the theme **Consolidating the Peace Gained in the Region: A Mano River Case Study**. We will focus on the Mano River Union countries of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

I want to call your attention to **The Peoples' Peace Initiative**, sponsored by **Pax Christi** and at least 20 participating organizations including USCMA. The aim of the program is to articulate the challenges for Catholic peacemaking in the 21st century. Check our web site, www.uscatholicmission.org for more information. Should you want to lead a small group in your area. Contact the Pax Christi USA office (202-319-5543) or email Jean Stokan at Jean@paxchristiusa.org for materials.

Due to renovations at St. Paul's College where our offices are located, USCMA will be temporarily relocating (for 18 months) to Trinity University just a block away. The move will take place on August 9, 2005.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD - MARY MCGLONE, CSJ

The Executive Committee of the USCMA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that after a long and exhaustive search, the new Director of the Association has been selected. Fr. Michael Montoya, MJ has accepted our offer to become the new Director of the U.S. Catholic Mission Association. He will join the staff November 1, 2005, and take over as Director December 1, 2005.

Michael comes to USCMA most recently from Los Angeles, where he has been the Associate Pastor of Precious Blood Parish. A member of an international missionary community based in the Philippines, Michael holds a Doctorate of Ministry degree from Catholic Theological Union. He has ministered in the U.S. since 1990, serving many of those years in Border Ministry in Texas. As such, Fr. Montoya is fluent in Spanish (as well as Tagalog, Kapampangan and English.)

While Michael brings a wealth of experience, education and training to the position, he also brings the unique perspective as a missionary sent to the United States from his native Philippines. His enthusiasm and creativity will surely help steer USCMA to a bright future.

Our thanks to the Search Committee for all their hard work during this process, and to all the wonderful applicants. We were blessed with an embarrassment of riches from which to choose.

WASHINGTON COALITIONS REPORT



The debt cancellation for 18 countries announced by the G-8 Finance Ministers has been greeted with celebration but more work on debt cancellation remains to be done. Jubilee USA Network has organized a postcard campaign "Wipe Out Debt in 2005" to which thousands have responded, sending postcards that will be presented to President Bush and Secretary of the Treasury Snow urging the G-8 to cancel the debt of additional countries and to eliminate the conditions of debt that harm nations' economies. Members of the Religious Working Group on World Bank and IMF will participate with other groups in handing over the postcards to the White House.

Coalitions are watching the World Bank to see what new directions it may take under the new leadership of Paul Wolfowitz.

The Religious Working Group along with InterAction hosted a day long session, "Trade Capacity Building" the Latest International Trend in Aid, Structural Adjustment, and Trade Policy. This education and strategy event explored the challenges presented by governments of the Global North and the IFIs (International Financial Institutions) to advance their aid, debt and trade agendas. The underlying political motivations as well as the economic, social and environmental justice issues were explored. There will be a follow-up education event in the near future.

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Continued from page 1 them to use the facility. (In North America 90% of all people have bank accounts whereas in Africa only 10% do.)

The member group of BIG with which Kris works directly has opened a café, selling three meals a day. Individual members of the restaurant group may be hired for a day in the café to get the money for savings.

The BIG meetings bring together people from all parts of the community. Young and older women's groups, young and elder men's groups, Christians and Muslims work together.

“The beauty of this project is that it is completely based on community members' participation and leadership. Natural leaders are in the community and this methodology takes advantage of them. This kind of bank is built by the people, managed by the people, benefits the people and profits are for the people.” Every member of the bank must buy one share in the bank. This proves one is a member and gives a voice and a vote at the General Assembly meetings as well as rights within the bank.



RAHA - A MICROCREDIT RECIPIENT

BIG is an example of the type of financial institutions the United Nations International Year of Microcredit hopes to encourage.

The Year “is just a starting point to engage countries to start building inclusive financial systems.”²

Even in the United States there are sections of the country where credit and financial institutions are out of reach for thousands of Americans. Credit unions such as CAPCU in Appalachia are part of the solution. CAPCU serves the working poor, people who also belong to any of a number of non-profit groups.

Staying in business is the real challenge, according to John Rausch. Starting businesses is much easier. Ongoing support for the people who save and borrow is crucial to their success. “If microcredit projects include training in business skills, accounting, guidance and support there is more of a likelihood that the project will succeed.”

Fr. Rausch talks about microcredit projects that worked for some time in Appalachia but then failed. In spite of their failure many people who had participated in these projects report that even though their businesses failed, “their experiences of having access to funds and enterprises was the best thing that ever happened to them in terms of increasing self-esteem.”

In this globalized world where “those who are making it are making it big while the others are struggling, it is crucial that the little people not get ploughed under.” states John.

(Footnotes)

1) www.unCDF.org/english/microfinance/newsletter/pages/2005_04/year_update.php

2) “Teach a Woman to Fish...And everyone eats. Why women are key to fighting global poverty.” Elizabeth Palmberg. *Sojourners*, June 2005, Vol. 34, No. 6. p.32. (pp 29-34).

IN MEMORIAM

Louis Luzbetek, SVD

1918 - 2005

Louis Luzbetek, SVD died of heart failure March 22 at Divine Word Residence, Techny, IL. Louie as he was known was 86 years old and a priest for 60 years. Fr. Luzbetek was an internationally known anthropological missiologist, author and educator. He authored *The Church and Cultures: An Applied Anthropology for the Religious Worker*, published in 1963. This book was widely translated and recognized as a classic mission training handbook. Following Vatican II Louie updated this handbook which was published in 1988 as *The Church and Cultures: New Perspectives in Missiological Anthropology*.

Fr. Luzbetek worked in New Guinea for four years in the 1950's. In addition to his field work in anthropology, Louie actively promoted literacy among the local population and devised phonemic alphabets for unwritten languages. He taught at Divine Word Seminary, Techny and other universities and mission training centers. In 1965 he became the founding Executive Director at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University. He also served as President of Divine Word College, Epworth, IA and served on the Pontifical Council for Culture at the Vatican.

FOLLOW-UP ON US CATHOLIC MISSION ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS

At the annual meeting in October 2004 USCMA members approved three resolutions that focused on Mountain-top removal coal mining, UN Millennium Development Goals and Sudan/Darfur.

These issues impact not only on the lives of millions of people worldwide but they are also an integral part of many members' ministries. It is, therefore, important that all of these issues be kept alive. Members are encouraged to stay informed and to take the agreed-upon actions on all three. What is currently happening with these issues?

"What is key in the issue of mountain-top removal coal mining is how to create a forum for real dialogue in a way that brings people together to explore all the aspects involved," according to Sr. Robbie Pentecost, OSF, Executive Director of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia. "People say the issue is environment vs. jobs. This is not so. This type of mining results in fewer jobs being created for the same amount of coal being produced. The issue is more about profit vs. lives, environment, home values, ecosystems."

2005 marks the first five-year review of the implementation of the UN Millennium Development Goals. As of September 2004 not one of the eight goals had made sufficient progress to indicate it will be fully met by the target year of 2015. Archbishop Celastino Migliore, the Holy See's permanent observer to the UN pointed out that "progress in the accomplishment of the MDGs has been achieved in countries which have been able to set up a significant process of economic growth, allowing them to pay by themselves the economic cost of the MDGs. Having said that, scarce economic aid and international economic conditions have not allowed the poorest countries to achieve the most important targets in education, health and access to water and sanitation."

Rep. Schakowsky has promised that she will reintroduce the Water for the World resolution that she had introduced in the last Congress.

Amidst great celebration in Nairobi, Kenya a peace agreement was signed in January 2005 between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement ending the civil war that had lasted for 20 years. There are still many hurdles that must be achieved before true peace comes to this area. This agreement does not include the Darfur region and the fighting and devastation that continue there. Recently, the UN commission that investigated the atrocities in Darfur concluded that the Government of Sudan did not pursue a policy of genocide. This conclusion has been questioned by some in the international community.

For further information on each of these topics check the following websites.

Mountain-top Removal Coal Mining

www.appvoices.org/mtr/default.asp For current information from Appalachian Voices

www.ohvec.org/galleries/mountaintop_removal/007/ To see photos of the destruction caused by mountain-top removal coal mining.

Millennium Development Goals

www.zenit.org/english . November 24, 2004, The Holy See's U.N. Address on the Struggle Against Poverty, "That the Goals of 2015 Will Not Remain a Simple Wish List."
www.un.org/millenniumgoals/

Sudan/Darfur

www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2005/05-009.shtml For the Bishops' statement

www.catholicrelief.org To follow the work of Catholic Relief Services in the region.

BOOK REVIEW

LIKE GRAINS OF WHEAT: A SPIRITUALITY OF SOLIDARITY



Margaret Swedish and Marie Dennis
Published by Orbis Books, 240pp

The tumultuous years of the '70s brought Latin American culture and politics to the average U.S. household. It awakened in us the realization of how our government policies affected the hearts and lives of our southern neighbors.

In *Like Grains of Wheat*, the authors display the faces of our Guatemalan, Salvadoran, Honduran, Nicaraguan neighbors. But this is not a

book about the horrors of U.S. foreign policy, (although we get a sense of that); it is primarily about the people who felt called to be in solidarity with these neighbors; who felt called to be present to these people and in the process became transformed by the depth of their faith, by the depth of their forgiveness, by the depth of their commitment to justice for themselves and for their oppressors.

Like Grains of Wheat presents, inspires and challenges us to renew our commitment to justice and solidarity with those who continue to struggle for their rights.

Reviewed by Esther Pineda, CSJ. Sr. Esther works at Network.

MISSION CONGRESS 2005

The responsibility of the US Church in mission with the global community

The horizons and possibilities for mission are growing ever wider and we Christians are called to an apostolic courage based upon trust in the Spirit. (Redemptoris Missio, 30)

By now you have received the Mission Congress 2005 registration brochure. We hope you plan to be among the 400 missionaries and those with missionary hearts who will gather in Tucson, Arizona, October 13-16, 2005 to *explore ever-widening horizons and possibilities* as we consider the *responsibility of the US church in mission with the global community*.

The Catholic Mission Forum has developed a Reflection Booklet to assist your preparation for this important mission event. In keeping with the times, the booklet is available through the USCMA web site (www.uscatholicmission.org). Although we encourage you to avail yourself of the innovative features of the electronic version, you may also request a copy of the booklet in print format from the USCMA office.

The Reflection Booklet includes references to and quotations from documents such as *Redemptoris Missio*, *Ecclesia in America*, *Called to Solidarity*, and other appropriate sources on globalization and reconciliation.

The importance of storytelling has been an integral part of Mission Congress 2005. Selected narratives collected as part of the *Voices for Mission: Engaging a Globalized World* project are included in the web version of the Reflection Booklet. These narratives relate the actual experiences of people who encounter the advantages and disadvantages of globalization in their daily lives. They are the essential foundation for the preparation and process of Mission Congress 2005.

The Reflection Booklet contains an article by Mary Ann Smith, MM and Megeen White-Testa "Identifying Common Threads" and Eleanor Doidge, LoB and Roger Schroeder, SVD have provided a "Theological Reflection" on the narratives.

In both versions of the Reflection Booklet, you are invited to let your own story become the integral part of Mission Congress 2005 and the experience of mission in the 21st century that it is.

If *globalization* is the context, *reconciliation* is the model for mission today. Robert Schreiter's article "Globalization and Reconciliation: Challenges to Mission" and "The Response of the Church to the Migration Phenomenon Today" (see Periodic Paper) are among the pieces for your reflection as you prepare to participate in Mission Congress 2005's important discussions.

In our globalized world marked by massive migrations and mingling of peoples, *faith* and *culture* are essential elements in our approach to living and sharing our Gospel lives and missionary hearts. John Coleman's "How Culture and the Gospel Meet and Interact" will stimulate your thoughts.

Our hope is that the Congress's desert setting and retreat-like process will lead us into a contemplative spirit that will enrich our discernment of the *horizons and possibilities for mission* today. Our contemplative prayer and reflection will in turn deepen the dialogue that will take place in listening communities. Various resources on contemplation and dialogue in the Reflection Booklet include excerpts from "Mission as Prophetic Dialogue" from *Constants in Context: A Theology of Mission for Today* by Steve Bevans, SVD and Roger Schroeder, SVD, and "Impasse and Dark Night" by Constance FitzGerald, OCD.

Each section in the Reflection Booklet will offer questions and suggestions for reflection. The web version will provide links to other resources to enrich your preparation for Mission Congress 2005.



SEMINAR ON SHORT-TERM MISSION

Mark your calendars for October 12/13, 2005 for a seminar/consultation on short-term mission to be presented by Julie Lupien, the director of From Mission to Mission and Sr. Kathryn Pierce, director of Maryknoll Cross-Cultural Services prior to Mission Congress 2005.

Held at the same location, the Radisson Hotel City Center in Tucson, prior to the Mission Congress, this seminar will address issues such as mission motivation and theological perspectives on mission and culture, practical preparation for the mission experience as well as pointers for those leading the experience. This resource is being developed by Sr. Katie

Pierce. An annotated resource guide is also in preparation for seminar participants..

Julie Lupien's resource booklet of guidelines for the returning group of short-term missionaries develops concepts needed for those debriefing the journey and bringing the experience to their churches and communities at home. Now available, the booklet is entitled **Remaining Faithful: How Do I Keep My Experience Alive?** This is a reference tool to be used by Parish twinning groups, Medical mission teams, Immersion groups, Alternative Spring Break groups, short-term missionaries and volunteers. To order, contact **From Mission to Mission** at 720-494-7211, or Email missiontomission@qwest.net.

WORLD MISSION INSTITUTE

The essence of peacemaking involves four factors, according to John Paul Lederach's keynote address at the World Mission Institute held in Chicago April 21-22, 2005. These four factors are 1) Capacity to imagine ourselves in relationship with the enemy; 2) Discipline to sustain curiosity, develop a deep caring for each other; 3) Belief in the creative act to move from what is to something new -- What in this world is possible; 4) Risk is the mystery lived - peace is the mystery while violence is the known reality.

The theme of the Institute sponsored by the Chicago Center for Global Ministries was "Peace-Making: Conflict Transformation and Healing." Dr. Lederach is Professor of International Peacebuilding at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Lederach challenged participants as Church to go deeper, to not be satisfied with simple answers. How we relate is stronger than anything we say we believe, he stated. Likewise, the quality of our relationships is more important than the quantity of arms a nation possesses. All peoples and nations are interdependent and humility is needed to acknowledge this need for one another. We need to look at ourselves as others see us and to see God in the other.

Building on Dr. Lederach's challenges, Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S., Bernardin Center and Vatican II Professor of Theology at Catholic Theological Union, spoke about four contributions the Church can make in peacemaking. 1) Practice truth-telling. It is necessary to break the silence, the silence that shrouds the truth and separates people. Stories of violence need to be told to set the story straight. All sides need to tell their versions of the story and be heard. 2) Restorative justice. Justice has to restore people, not separate them forever. The dignity of victims must be restored. The questions, "Why did this happen?" and "What will it take to create a new society?" must be asked and answered. 3) Healing and rebuilding memories. People need to learn what to remember and how to remember it as well as what to forget. 4) Spirituality. The spirituality of reconciliation is more important than the skills of reconciliation. Contemplative prayer is important for people involved in peacemaking – the ability to listen and wait on God.

Fr. Schreiter stressed that the Church is a community of memory and hope – hope that comes from God. Hope is that which allows us to move on.

Additional speakers led workshops that focused on various aspects of peacemaking.

The 2006 Institute will be held April 20-21, 2006 with the theme, "The Challenges and Possibilities of the Multi-Cultural Congregation/Parish."

Mission and Pizza

"Over 3000 women and young girls are 'exported' from Ghana each year. An even higher number of children are trafficked within Ghana." Sr. Connie Gemme, MSOLA talked about her work in Ghana against trafficking of women and children at the last Mission and Pizza held in March at the offices of USCMA. Sr. Connie, who has worked in Ghana for over thirty years, was influenced by the Women Religious Against Trafficking in Women to begin her own work in this field after retiring from teaching.

Sr. Connie recognized the need for an information and education campaign in both the US and Ghana. She reported that trafficking exists in all but three U.S. states. While the focus is usually on female victims, trafficking of men and boys is also prevalent.

Through her efforts Sr. Connie saw three local anti-trafficking NGOs develop in different parts of Ghana. Their work is to sensitize people about the issue. "Too many women do not know their rights." An even larger problem is that many do not know that children have the right to remain with their parents. The message to these parents is "Do not send your children. Know where your children and girls are."

Young Ghanaian girls often use the Internet to find invitations to go overseas for employment or education, not understanding the implications of these invitations. NGOs with connections with the different embassies in Ghana encourage the would-be victims to verify the credentials of prospective foreign employers through the appropriate embassy.

Both men and women are involved as traffickers. Women, "Aunties", often prey on young girls within their own extended families. These distant relations from the more prosperous south, often travel to the impoverished northern regions to find young relatives whom they promise to educate or train in exchange for light, household labor. These children are taken from their parents to be virtually enslaved. Needless to say, the education or training never materializes.

While adults are most often sent overseas, children are usually sent to areas within Ghana or to neighboring countries. In Ghana children are used in the fishing industry while in Côte D'Ivoire they are used in cocoa harvesting.

One of Sr. Connie's beliefs is that not enough is being done. Since 2000 the United States has made more of an effort to prevent and curb trafficking. "It is difficult for victims to get out since they have no papers. So much of the work is done underground."

Sister Connie encourages everyone to report any suspicious behavior in their neighborhoods – strange cars coming and going at all times to a house full of young women, for example - to the FBI. "You know if something isn't correct," she advises.

Migration and Refugee Services at the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has an office dedicated to trafficking. Their website includes valuable information about the issue. www.usccb.org/mrs/traffickingweb.shtml.

RESOURCES & UP-COMING EVENTS

Maryknoll Mission Institute

July 24-29.....Vows
 July 31-Aug 5.....The Kingdom of God
www.maryknoll.org/mmi.htm

Acculturation Workshop

Assisting religious and priests in adjusting to their new environment and missionary life in the USA.

August 7-12, 2005

Maryknoll Cross-Cultural Services
 Email: GEconomico@Maryknoll.org

Maryknoll Cross-Cultural Services Lecture Series

September 22, 2005

Gustavo Gutierrez, O.P.

“Globalization and the Challenges for Mission”

Re-entry Workshops

September 20-30, 2005 – San Antonio

October 27-30, 2005 - Milwaukee

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“Remaining Faithful” is a great new resource for Parish twinning groups, Long-term and Short-term mission groups. It includes what to do when you return from your experience, resources to assist with reflection and integration and much more.

For ordering information contact:

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Delegation to El Salvador

Religious Task Force on Central America and Mexico/
 SHARE

November 30 – December 6, 2005

Telephone Angela Urata 415-239-2595

Email: angela@share-elsalvador.org

ECPAT USA

(End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) recently released an investigative report which is an “Amber Alert” for the 300,000 American children, primarily girls, who are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation and calls for attention, reform and services. American girls are practically ignored when discussing human trafficking.

To order contact:

ECPAT USA, Inc., 157 Montague Street, Brooklyn, NY
 11201

Tel: 718-935-9192

info@ecpatusa.org

www.ecpatusa.org

Price: \$10 including postage and handling.

Global Economics Workshop

October 1-14, 2005

Church Center, 777 Plaza, NY City

Contact Lucianne Siers

Telephone: 201-333-2454

Email: LSiers6720@aol.com

National Conference

Catholic Network of Volunteer Service

November 10-13, 2005, Orlando, FL

www.cnvs.org

ORBIS BOOKS RECEIVED AT USCMA

A SELECTION OF BOOKS PUBLISHED BY ORBIS BOOKS, MARYKNOLL, NEW YORK

Black Elk: Colonialism and Lakota Catholicism, Damian Costello, 2005

Dorothy Day: Selected Writings, Edited and with an Introduction by Robert Ellsberg, 2005

Gandhi's Hope: Learning from Other Religions as a Path to Peace, Jay McDaniel, 2005

Amazing Church: A Catholic Theologian Remembers a Half-Century of Change, Gregory Baum, 2005

New Horizons in Theology (College Theology Society Annual Volume 50), Edited by Terrence W. Tilley, 2005

Romano Guardini: Spiritual Writings, Selected and Translated with an Introduction by Robert A. Krieg, 2005

Jesus in the World's Faiths: Leading Thinkers from Five Religions Reflect on His Meaning, edited by Gregory A. Barker, 2005

The Holy Thursday Revolution, Beatrice Bruteau, 2005

Latin American Liberation Theology: The Next Generation, edited by Ivan Petrella, 2005

A Reader's Guide to Transforming Mission, Stan Nussbaum, 2005

A History of Christianity in Asia, Volume II: 1500-1900, Samuel Hugh Moffett, 2005

Un Solo Mundo, Un Solo Familia: One World, One Family, edited by Linda Unger & David Aquije, 2005

Heirs of Abraham: The Future of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian Relations, edited by Bradford E. Hinze and Irfan A. Omar, 2005

Still Believing: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Women Affirm Their Faith, edited by Victoria Lee Erickson & Susan Farrell

Experiencing Buddhism: Ways of Wisdom and Compassion, Ruben L. F. Habito, 2005



MISSION CONGRESS 2005

Horizons and Possibilities

*The U.S. Church in Mission
with the Global Community*

October 13-16, 2005 • Tucson, AZ

Gather

Gather with other missionaries - and those with missionary hearts - to explore new models for mission in the context of globalization.

Consider

Consider the power of faith and culture as integral to the witness of the Gospel.

Reflect

Reflect on the meaning of solidarity as it calls us to transformative reconciliation and peacemaking.

Envision

Envision a community free of restrictive borders.

Celebrate

Celebrate the gift of Christ's mission at work in the global community.



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