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**“Peace be with you.”** These were the first words Jesus said to the disciples after His Resurrection. They were hiding, afraid and uncertain of the future. His presence brought them comfort and relief from their fears of persecution and death.

Today, the world is awash in fear and uncertainty. In parts of the Global South, peace remains elusive. War, poverty and violence continue to displace millions. Repression and violation of human rights has marginalized and excluded people and communities.

Easter is a reminder that justice and peace are attainable. The peace Jesus offered His disciples came with a challenge: “As my Father had sent me, so I send you.” Jesus offers us that same peace and challenge today.

This year, we are featuring two projects that take up this challenge: building peace with people displaced by conflict in Syria; defending the human rights of Indigenous communities in Mexico. Through your support of CJJ, you too, are rising to the challenge of bringing peace and justice to the world.

**Thank you for your generosity. Have a blessed Easter!**

## **SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES** **Jesuit Refugee Service Middle East and North Africa (JRS MENA)**

CJJ supports the work of JRS MENA among forcibly displaced people in the Middle East. Since the conflict in Syria began in 2011, JRS has provided emergency and humanitarian assistance to some of the most vulnerable civilians. They are also supporting the social and psychological needs of children and their families. Educational programs, including vocational training and livelihood skills, are a major cornerstone of their work.

Mohammad, a 13 year old boy in Damascus, being attended to by a health practitioner.



Ouwais Sadik

## **HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTERS** **Diocese of San Cristóbal de las Casas**

The Jesuits in Chiapas, Mexico, work with Indigenous people in the Diocese of San Cristóbal de las Casas. Their work focuses on training human rights promoters on conflict resolution, land protection, self-governance, and building leadership capacity. CJJ supports this initiative which also aims to build relationships among organizations, communities, institutions and social movements that defend Indigenous land.



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The newly elected council members of the Indigenous Community Government of Chilón, Mexico, are introduced to their constituents.