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REPORT

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Herminia Ajata (right), a member of the Aymara nation, and Fr Franz Berajano SJ, a priest in Bolivia, offer a ritual of gratitude to Mother Earth at the start of the meeting of Indigenous women from Latin America. Organized by the Network of Solidarity and Indigenous Apostolate of Latin America, it received support from CJI.



A YEAR OF CREATING HOPE THROUGH ACTION

The past year was another challenging one for many as the world continued to grapple with the devastating ripple effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the emergence of new wars and conflicts, and the intensifying climate crisis.

In the face of these and other challenges, Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) and its Jesuit partners remained steadfast in their commitment to love and serve poor and marginalized communities in Africa, Asia,

the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

From supporting the education of girls in communities where they are often excluded because of their gender, to teaching environmentally sound agriculture methods to rural farmers, CJI has supported projects that helped to advance UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and transform lives.



RIISING TO THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME

Every year is a busy one for CJI and the last fiscal year was no different. As the world continued to hurtle towards climate change last year, I kept thinking about these simple yet powerful words from Br Paul Desmarais SJ, who spent over 40 years as director of the Jesuit-run

Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre in Zambia: “If we say that we love God, then we should respect God’s creation.” Br Paul passed away in August last year, weeks after our boiling Earth registered the hottest month in the global temperature record.

Br Paul believed that organic agriculture, which he introduced at Kasisi in the 1990s, would benefit poor, rural farmers with less than five hectares of land. He also believed that organic agriculture was a way to protect the environment. His transformative legacy lives on at Kasisi, which has been a longtime partner of Canadian Jesuits International (CJI). Our support for Kasisi and for projects in pursuit of ecological justice are in response to climate change, which scientists and experts have called the biggest existential threat of our time. Poor and vulnerable people are already bearing the brunt of this crisis.

In this annual report, we hope that you will see the breadth and depth of the other projects and activities made possible through your generous contributions. These projects range from providing quality education

for poor students to supporting the Jesuit-run radio station ERIC-Radio Progreso, which works to uphold human rights and democracy in Honduras.

Our advocacy campaigns in Canada focused on the passage of human rights and environmental due diligence bills in Parliament Hill and on education as a human right, with a focus on girls’ education. (See related story, page 7)

For the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic, I visited our partners in India and Nepal and witnessed the positive impact of CJI-supported projects on the poorest of the poor. I also saw how the pandemic has dealt an additional blow to already struggling communities.

We have entered “an age of polycrisis,” according to the UN. In addition to climate change, new wars and conflicts have given rise to unprecedented humanitarian crises and human rights violations. The lingering impact of the pandemic has reversed gains in poverty, education, and health outcomes, among others.

An all-hands-on deck approach is necessary to address these multiple, competing global challenges. With your faithful generosity and the steadfast commitment of our partners, CJI will continue to do all that it can to live out the Gospel call to love and serve those most in need and to bring justice and peace in the world.

The **vision & mission** of CJI

The **vision** of Canadian Jesuits International is a world of peace, justice and integrity of creation, transformed through active commitment and finding God in all things.

The **mission** of CJI is to love and to serve by working with people struggling for social justice and dignity in the world. Together with Jesuit and other partners, CJI responds in solidarity, through awareness-raising and advocacy in Canada and supporting partnerships in the Global South.

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HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENCE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

The state of the world’s human rights deteriorated further in the past year, as new, drawn-out wars and conflicts gave way to unprecedented humanitarian crises.

The impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic continued, exacerbating poverty and inequality, aggravating gender-based violence, giving rise to rampant impunity, and “serious deterioration of human rights,” according to the UN Human Rights Report 2023.

In the face of gross human rights violations, Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) and its Jesuit partners continue to advocate for issues such as access to and defense of basic rights, freedom of speech, and Indigenous peoples’ rights.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

In India, 316,500 Dalit, tribal and marginalized people and 6,000 community leaders (50% women) received training on how to use

and protect their rights through **Lok Manch (People’s Forum)**, a network of about 100 Jesuit and secular organizations in 15 Indian states and 15 Jesuit provinces. Lok Manch has empowered 326 leaders who represent their communities in local governments, completed 803 community infrastructure projects, and planted 500,000 trees to mitigate the impacts of climate change.


and political participation. In Zambia, 2,400 members of local communities and policymakers participated in “leadership for the common good” training workshops. Latin American Jesuits designed a virtual course on citizenship and political formation which they shared with directors, coordinators, and training teams of 15 Jesuit social centres. These centres will in turn offer this course to local grassroots communities and groups.

Centro Montalvo helped communities affected by the

“We are that rich and beautiful but abused and mistreated land. Now we have understood that defending our land is also defending our body, our womanhood.” – Excerpt from the final communiqué of the 2023 meeting of Indigenous women of Latin America organized by the Indigenous Solidarity and Apostolate Network, Society of Jesus

Two projects – by the **Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection** (Zambia) and the **Latin American Jesuits Conference** (Latin America, and the Caribbean) – promoted good governance, citizenship,

mining industry in the Dominican Republic to defend their territories. Activities included training sessions on advocacy for environmental justice in seven communities and six community dialogues on the local impacts of mining.

 Women community leaders share how their involvement with CJI partner Lok Manch empowers them to exercise their rights.



Jenny Caffiso/CJI

OUR PARTNERS

- CEDIAC (Mexico)
- Centro Montalvo (Dominican Republic)
- CPAL (Venezuela)
- ERIC-Radio Progreso (Honduras)
- HLDRC (India)
- Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (Zambia)
- Lok Manch (India)
- RSAI Latin American Network of Indigenous Solidarity and Apostolate



EDUCATION AND HEALTH

The number of out-of-school youth worldwide rose by six million since 2021, and now totals 250 million as of September 2023, according to new data from UNESCO and the Global Education Monitoring Report. The Covid-19 pandemic clearly exacerbated the existing global education crisis, leading to what UNICEF has dubbed the “worst education crisis on record.”

As the pandemic’s devastating impacts linger, members of civil society, including Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) and its Jesuit

partners in Africa, Asia, and Latin America have redoubled efforts to help bridge gaps and provide education to the most vulnerable.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Syria offered non-formal education programmes for vulnerable children in Syria, which entered its 11th year of conflict in 2022. With CJI support, it provided learning opportunities to 2,908 children and improved the wellbeing of 2,889 others through access to safe spaces and child protection activities.

CJI support has enabled 452 underprivileged students from **Moran Memorial School** and 381 more from **St Xavier’s School Sadakbari**, both in Nepal, to receive quality education.


In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, CJI partner **Fe y Alegría** provided primary education to 3,263 students (1,763 girls; 1,500 boys) in Kishasa, Kikwit, and Mbanza Ngungu. The CJI-supported program also offers capacity-building workshops for teachers, school principals, and parents.

Fe y Alegría likewise made an impact in the Amazon region through its intercultural and bilingual education project with the **Jesuit Service for the Pan-Amazon Region**, which CJI has been supporting for years. In the past year, 6,710 primary school students and 4,144 high school students enrolled in its program, which also helps to promote awareness about ecological and social justice.

“Some of my relatives and friends say. ‘Why study when you’re just going to get married?’ But it’s my right to get an education.” – Sanju KC, a young woman completing an internship at the Nepal Jesuit Social Centre, a CJI partner

OUR PARTNERS

- Ateneo de Zamboanga School of Medicine (Philippines)
- Centre Maisha (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- CPAL (Pan Amazon Region)
- Eastern Africa Jesuit Province (South Sudan)
- Fe y Alegria (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- Gandhi Ashram (India)
- Hayden Hall (India)
- Jesu Ashram (India)
- Jesu Niketan (India)
- Jesuit Service Cambodia
- JRS MENA (Syria, Lebanon)
- Moran Memorial School (Nepal)
- Rio Manta Fundacion (Ecuador)
- St Xavier’s Sadakbari School (Nepal)

 Jesuit Refugee Service Middle East and North Africa, a CJI partner, provides learning opportunities to forcibly displaced Syrian children who are out of school.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOOD

As poverty and population continue to grow, and climate change escalates worldwide, sustained efforts that will address these major challenges are more crucial than ever.

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) and its partners in Africa, Asia, and Latin America help tackle these issues through innovative projects that promote sustainable agriculture and livelihood. These projects, which CJI supports, help poor and marginalized communities break free from poverty, achieve food security and self-reliance, and care for our common home.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

In Zambia, Jesuit-run **Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre** has successfully launched its agroecology education diploma program, and, with CJI's support, it has been able to provide poor and promising students with bursaries so they can get formal education

in organic agriculture. Kasisi has been promoting organic agriculture since the 1990s. Founded in 1974 by Canadian Jesuit Br Paul Desmarais SJ, who died in 2023, the centre promotes faith and justice by training small-scale rural farmers and offering capacity-building programs.


justice organizations in Bolivia, Brasil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, and Spain. Its aim is to strengthen knowledge sharing among organizations in the continent who have been involved for decades

“As pioneers of the agroecology course at Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre, we will forever remain indebted to Br Paul Desmarais for the firm foundation that he built. His efforts will never go in vain but will bear abundant fruits not only in Zambia, but beyond.”
– Mike Ngulube, KATC Student Union President

CJI partner **Comparte** helped an estimated 49,500 people, many of them small-scale rural farmers and social entrepreneurs from marginalized communities, through the sharing of resources and techniques on alternative socio-economic models. Comparte is a network of the Jesuit Conference of Provincials in Latin America and the Caribbean and includes social

with the local production of organic coffee, cacao, honey, cheese, and other products, with a view to develop strategies for alternative economic development.

The **St. Alphonsus Social and Agricultural Centre** and the **Society of Jesus Agricultural and Social Institute** serve the poorest of the poor in Kurseong and Chimney, India. In the last fiscal year, 150 families benefitted from its programs, including organic agriculture training, workshops on floriculture, small-scale piggery, poultry, and dairy enterprises.

 Comparte members from Bolivia visit the Intenso organic cocoa production facilities of Cooperativa Agraria Approcap, a Comparte member in Peru, as part of the network's “producers’ exchange” program. Intenso has won national and international cocoa competitions.



OUR PARTNERS

- Comparte (Latin America and the Caribbean)
- Eastern Africa province (MAGIS)
- Hayden Hall (India)
- KATC (Zambia)
- SASAC-SOJASI (India)



FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION

In 2023, the world witnessed the “highest level of displacement” of people on record, according to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). A mid-year snapshot by UNHCR recorded 110 million individuals who were forcibly displaced worldwide because of wars and conflicts, persecution, human rights violations, food insecurity, and “climate shocks.”

Amid the burgeoning humanitarian crises, Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) continues to support its Jesuit partners who serve forcibly displaced people through emergency relief and long-term development projects. To maximize impact, CJI works with the Xavier Network, which consists of mission offices and NGOs of Jesuit provinces across Europe, North America, and Australia.

CJI-supported projects in over a dozen countries address the

OUR PARTNERS

- Jesuit Migration Network (Central America and Mexico)
- Jesuit Region of Haiti
- JRS Colombia
- JRS Europe (Hungary, Romania, Ukraine)
- JRS Kenya
- JRS Middle East & North Africa (Iraq, Lebanon, Syria)
- JRS South Sudan

needs of refugees and migrants in areas such as food, health, shelter, psychosocial and spiritual support, child protection, and education.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

CJI raised \$341,666 to help victims of the deadly February 2023 earthquake in northwest Syria. Its local partner, **JRS Syria**, was able to provide emergency food, clothing, medical care, and psychosocial support to 40,000 individuals in the first seven weeks after the disaster; rehabilitation work continues.

Teams from CJI partners **Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)** Chad and South Sudan were among the first NGOs to assist tens of thousands of refugees who fled the April 2023 conflict in Sudan. JRS

Chad’s ongoing response focuses on child protection and education, identifying school-age children and qualified teachers so they can be integrated into public schools. JRS South Sudan offers psychosocial and information support for refugees, and recreational activities for children, and basic physiotherapy.

In response to the Russian invasion in Ukraine in 2022, CJI was one of many Jesuit organizations who channeled donations to **JRS Europe**, which coordinated Jesuit relief efforts in Poland, Hungary, Romania, and other countries receiving refugees. In its first year, the coordinated response raised over €3 million and served 56,000 people, with 20,000 more projected by 2024.

“Everything has been cut off in my life. All the efforts since I was little. I ask for help so that they have not been in vain, [so I can] continue with my education and my life.” – Mousbeliba Orhammat, 19, Sudanese refugee in Chad



Natalia Sepulveda Reina/JRS



BUILDING **SOLIDARITY** TO **CHANGE** THE **WORLD**

By Pieter Niemeyer

Canadian Jesuits International's outreach program, which is an integral part of its mission, continues to grow and engage Canadians. The program includes educational advocacy with students from Catholic secondary schools across Canada, whom we encourage to become responsible global citizens, and to work for social transformation.

This work has borne fruit among students who have decided to work alongside CJI and our Jesuit partners. Baljot Rai, a grade 12 student from St. Paul's Catholic High School in Winnipeg has been a CJI volunteer since he was in grade 10. CJI has been "instrumental in shaping my perspective of the world, opening my eyes to issues we often overlook," he said.


Baljot served on the planning committee for the 2021 Youth Advocacy (Y4O) Symposium and is on the planning committee for the 2024 Symposium. He serves on CJI's Outreach Committee. His involvement with CJI, he said, has "helped me realize that as youth, we can, and certainly will lead change."

Baljot was actively involved in last year's advocacy work, which focused on Green Justice: Human rights and energy transition. The theme highlighted the impact of resource extraction for critical minerals in the development of green energy technology, on communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We were fortunate to have Fr Jacques Nzumbu SJ, a specialist in conflict minerals and energy transition technologies, as our key Jesuit partner in this campaign. His presentations in various cities highlighted the impacts of mineral extraction on the environment and on people, particularly children and women involved in the supply chains of consumer products such as mobile phones, electric vehicles, and solar modules.

In Canada, the lack of mandatory human rights due diligence legislation has created a situation where the extractive industry operates in the Global South with impunity. CJI had a dialogue with several Members of Parliament across party lines on this issue and asked them to support Bill C-262 and Bill C-263 that call for mandatory due diligence and greater power for the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise.

Over the course of the year, CJI engaged over 850 secondary level students with the Green Justice material and advocacy call through 15 events involving 24 schools across Ottawa, Durham, Toronto and Hamilton. One of the events brought together five secondary schools in the Hamilton/Wentworth Catholic Board of Education. The youth planning committee visited their MP, Matthew Green, on green energy justice and encouraged him to support Bills C-262 and Bill C-263.

In 2024, the theme for the Y4O Advocacy Symposium is Education: Her Right, Our Future, and will address the barriers faced by girls in the Global South in exercising their right to education. In the leadup to

 Grade 12 student Baljot Rai (second from right) and his classmates conduct a role play on meeting with their Member of Parliament to advocate for a cause.



the event, CJI Executive Director Jenny Cafiso spoke at a webinar, Empowering a New Generation: Girls' Education as a Path to Global Change, co-organized by CJI and the Jesuits of Canada in May 2023. We are looking forward once more to everyone's active participation in upcoming events.

Pieter Niemeyer has been Canadian Jesuits International's Outreach Coordinator since 2018.

FEATURED PROJECT: HUMAN LIFE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (INDIA)

Tea plantation workers in North Bengal, India, are often deprived of their rights and subjected to exploitation by plantation managers as well as government agencies.

The Human Life Development and Research Centre (HLDRC), a project of the Jesuit Darjeeling Province, addresses these injustices with support from Canadian Jesuits International. Its programs empower workers, especially those from Indigenous, tribal, and scheduled caste groups, so that they can actively participate in the social, economic, and political decision-making process, become self-reliant, and live with dignity.

To help cushion the devastating impact of the COVID pandemic, the HLDRC has launched 37 study centres, a free non-formal education (NFE) for children of Adivasi/ Indigenous tea workers in the Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar districts of West Bengal.



Juan Emilio Hernandez/CJI

Self-help groups provide tea plantation workers with additional income through livelihood projects such as dressmaking.

Here are **some highlights** of **HLDRC's impact** for fiscal year **2022-2023**:



10,000
BENEFICIARIES



5,500 tribal/
Indigenous household
land rights claim
applications submitted
to government
under HLDRC/
Lok Manch initiative



2,300 women in
230 income-generating
self-help groups received
support for livelihood,
entrepreneurship,
and legal training



6,000 educational
materials on labour
rights distributed
to raise awareness
and knowledge in
40 tea gardens



1,100 children
of tea garden workers
received non-formal
education in
study centres



200 community
leaders trained
on land rights and
other legal issues



100 youth benefited
from the Youth
Job Training &
Placement Program

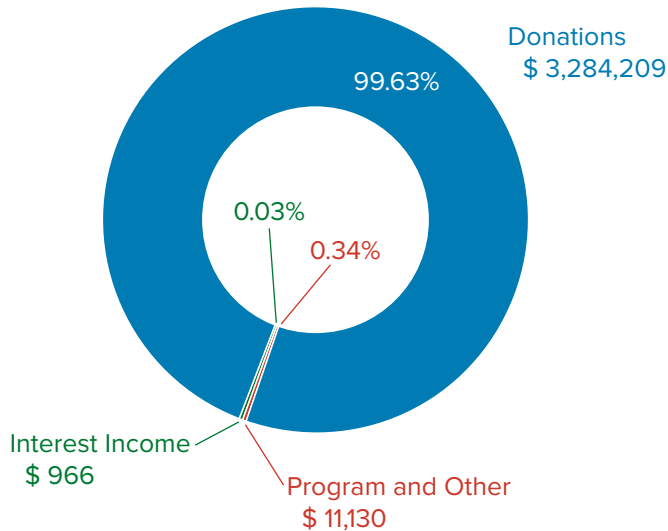


350 workers
benefited from
the Help Desk on
retirement funds,
gratuity, and pension

CJI STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

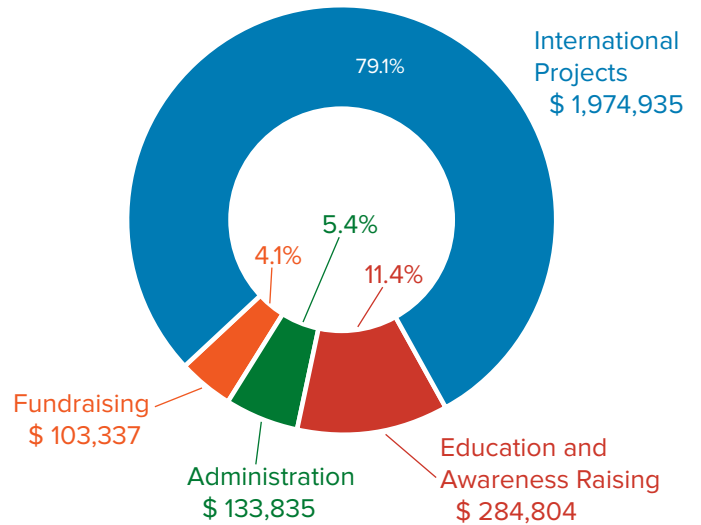
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OPERATING REVENUE



Total **Revenues**: \$ 3,296,305

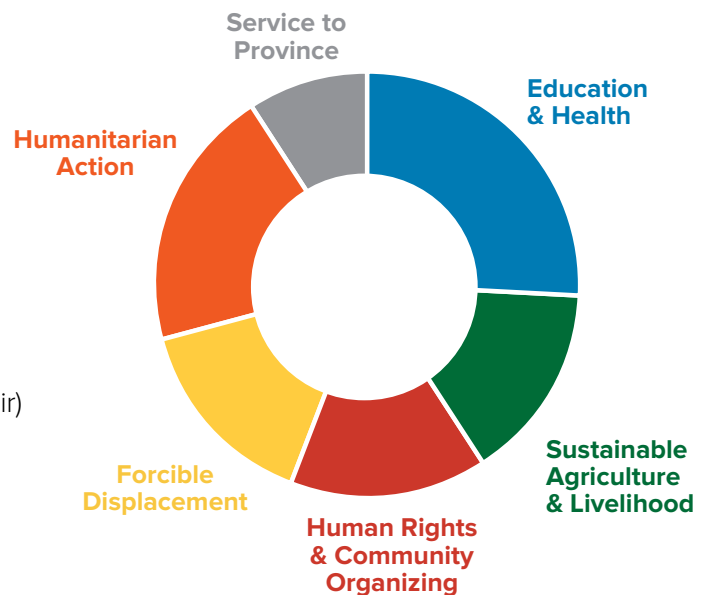
OPERATING EXPENSES



Total **Expenses**: \$ 2,496,911

CJI holds investments, most of which are designated for specific projects. This provides stability for project partners and their ongoing work in the field. The income, including unrealized gains/losses of these investments are not included in the operations shown above.

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➔ A year of creating hope through action

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In Canada, CJI hosted in-person events and webinars to inform Canadians of the challenges faced by communities that our partners serve so that they can act in solidarity with them. (See related story, page 7).

These contributions matter. Halfway to the 2030 deadline set by governments to achieve the SDG goals, a recent UN progress report shows that “we are leaving more than half the world behind.” Progress on more than half of the targets are “weak,” and 30% have either stalled or “gone into reverse,” including key targets on poverty, hunger, and climate.

Individuals living in extreme poverty “increased for the first time in a generation by almost 90 million over previous predictions.” Progress regressed not only because of the pandemic, but a slowing down of efforts. “Unless we act now, the 2030 Agenda could become an epitaph for a world that might have been,” warns the report.

The generosity of CJI supporters has enabled us to support more than 30 projects totalling \$1.97 million that address some of the SDGs. They provide access to education and health; address poverty, human rights

violations, and climate change; promote good governance and political participation; and respond to forcible displacement and humanitarian crises.

We hope that this annual report, though by no means exhaustive, will leave you with indelible images of how your generosity and the dedication of our partners have made a positive impact on the lives of many.

We look forward to another meaningful and productive year, confident of our shared resolve to achieve justice and peace in our world, as Jesus did.

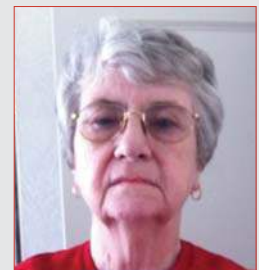
A LEGACY FOR OTHERS: ADDING CJI TO YOUR WILL

Anne Marie Hili of Bolton, Ont. came to Canada from Scotland as a young woman, travelled to India, was blessed by Mother Teresa in Calcutta and visited Jesuit missions throughout India. “The Jesuits changed my life when I came to Canada,” said Anne Marie. “They brought Christ into my life; I owe much to them. My faith became even stronger when I went to India and I saw the lives of the poorest of the poor, those without food and shelter.”

Her visit to India affected her deeply, said Anne Marie. “It was life-changing to see the vital difference the Jesuits made, and the opportunities they offered to improve people’s lives.”

Since those spiritual journeys, Anne Marie has generously donated to Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) to support the work of our Jesuit partners. Contributions from Canadian donors help sustain the work of the Jesuits overseas. Thanks to those contributions, our Jesuit partners run health centres,

provide access to education, train nurses, offer training on organic farming and defend human rights. Today, in addition to those efforts, our partners continue to develop meaningful ways to help marginalized people in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.



📷 Anne Marie Hili

Submitted

That continuity and commitment is important to Anne Marie. In addition to making donations, she has thoughtfully named CJI as a beneficiary in her will. You too can arrange a future gift. Once your family commitments are made, assigning a percentage of the value of your assets or a specific amount in your will to CJI can provide your estate with a tax receipt and help ensure the work of the Jesuits continues for decades to come. If you are in a position to do so, please help. For assistance, or information about tax benefits, contact cji@jesuits.ca or call **1-800-448-2148**.



📷 Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator for ERIC-Radio Progreso, discusses the impact of mining operations in Honduras during an event co-organized by Canadian Jesuits International and Development and Peace in Toronto October 19. Honduras is facing a “tragic situation,” he says, citing the killing and detention of land defenders and hundreds of mining projects with irregularly issued licenses.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Socio-cultural anthropologist Susanna Barnes, and award-winning writer and poet Patria Rivera have joined the Board of Trustees of Canadian Jesuits International.

Barnes is a social anthropologist who currently teaches at the University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon. Her work has focused on customary governance and land tenure, colonial and post-colonial history and international development. She is committed to the work and the mission of the Jesuits, having worked at the Jesuit Refugee Service offices in Rome, in East Timor, and in Phnom Penh. Barnes has also worked as a consultant for the World

Submitted



📷 Susanna Barnes

Health Organization in East Timor, and the International Centre for Transitional Justice in Indonesia.

From 1994 to 2016, Rivera served as editor of Catholic Missions in Canada Magazine, a multi-awarded publication which features work in remote and isolated communities in the North. She was news editor of *The Catholic Register* 1987 to 1994. A member of the Writers' Union of Canada, Rivera's first poetry collection, *Puti/White*, was shortlisted for the 2006 Canadian Trillium Book Award for Poetry. She has also published three other books of poems, and in November, Cormorant Books published a book she co-edited, *Magdaragat: An Anthology of Filipino-Canadian Writing*.

📷 Patria Rivera



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CJI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS NEW XAVIER NETWORK COORDINATOR

Jenny Cafiso, Executive Director of Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) has been elected coordinator of the Xavier Network, the Jesuit network of mission and international development offices. Jenny will continue to lead CJI while she assumes this new role.

Jenny succeeded Fr Klaus Vähröder, SJ, former director of Jesuitenmission Germany, who ended

his tenure at the meeting of the network's directors last week in Zurich. The Xavier Network includes 14 members, which consists of mission offices and NGOs of various Jesuit Provinces across Europe, North America, and Australia.

Members carry out development and aid projects in close cooperation with local partners in 87 countries.

FILL OUT **SURVEY** TO WIN JESUIT FAIR-TRADE **COFFEE**

Dear Friends,
Canadian Jesuits International invites you to take a few minutes to fill out a short online survey and share your opinion on our communications with you. Your responses will help us improve our effectiveness and inform our future communication plans and initiatives. This will help strengthen the relationships between you, our friends and supporters, and our Jesuit partners in the Global South.

As a token of our appreciation, survey participants will get a chance to win a bag of organic coffee beans from Villa Loyola, a Jesuit-owned agroecological farm and CJI partner in Chachagüí, Colombia.

📷 Organic coffee from Villa Loyola, a Jesuit-owned agro-ecological farm in Colombia.



Villa Loyola

Complete this survey online by visiting:

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All your answers will remain confidential.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We would like to thank those who attended our online 2023 Christmas concert, The gift of education. We were delighted by the kind words and appreciation that we received. We are grateful to our partners and performers from Africa, Asia and the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean for spreading joy through song, dance, poetry, and testimony.

Over 260 people signed up and 157 joined us for this special concert, now on its fourth year.



📷 CJI supporters and partners from various parts of the world joined the online concert.

We look forward to more Christmas celebrations with you.

LEAVE A **LEGACY OF LOVE AND SERVICE**

You can **change lives** by leaving a **bequest** in your will, naming Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) as a beneficiary in your insurance policy or giving stocks or bonds to CJI. The **need is great** as the **number of marginalized** men, women and children in the Global South **grows**.

Legacy gifts help fund Jesuit projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America – vital initiatives in **education, ecology, and sustainable development**, strengthening **communities**, forcibly **displaced people** and migration, and **humanitarian action**.

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