



# Global Stewardship

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*Promote Peace Throughout the World*



## *Stewardship as a Way of Life* *Resource Kit for Global Stewardship*

This resource kit can be utilized in any setting, whether you are a couple, a family, with children, a small group or an individual. The directions for each scenario are below.

1. Begin by praying the Stewardship Prayer in this packet;
2. Read the definition, summary statement and key messages that explain the theme for the month;
3. Choose one scripture reading that is suggested, read it and talk about it or reflect upon it;
4. Choose some of the suggested ideas to feed your spirit;
5. Decide on a plan of action and maybe use several of the resources suggested within this packet to help increase your understanding of *Global Stewardship*.
6. Use the prayers to end your session.



## ***PRAYER FOR GLOBAL STEWARDSHIP***

*We all drink from one water, We all breathe from one air  
We rise from one ocean, And we live under one sky  
Remember, We are one*

*The newborn baby cries the same, The laughter of children is univer-  
sal  
Everyone's blood is red, And our hearts beat the same song  
Remember, We are one*

*We are all brothers and sisters, Only one family, only one earth  
Together we live, And together we die  
Remember, We are one*

*Peace be on you, Brothers and Sisters  
Peace be on you*

**- Anwar Fazal, Recipient Right Livelihood Award,  
Malaysia**



## ***STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE*** ***Global Stewardship***

**Definition:** “*Global Stewardship*” – Reaching out to people around the world, promoting peace and social justice through education, medicine, food, housing, clean water, financial support, and political action.

**Summary Statement:** Catholic social teaching states that all human beings are members of the ‘Body of Christ’, created in the image and likeness of God (GN 1:26-27), and have an inherent value, worth, and distinction. As members of the universal Christian church we have an obligation to help those whose dignity has been diminished, denied, or discarded, due to disease, poverty or war.

**Key Messages:**

1. The intrinsic worth, freedom, and dignity of every human person comes before the needs of a nation, the maximization of profit, or the greed of one’s self.
2. As children of a common Creator, we are all responsible for each other.
3. All human beings have the fundamental right to adequate food, clothing, housing, medical care, schooling, work and social services, which are necessary in order to lead dignified lives.
4. That through prayer, faith, and action, each of us can find a way to contribute to the greater good of our global society.

*“Throughout the world, the poor are hungry not only for food, they are hungry to be recognized as human beings. They are hungry for dignity and to be treated as we are treated. They are hungry for our love.”*

*Teresa of Calcutta*

## *Suggested Scriptures*

[Matthew 25:34-37](#). Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

[Matthew 25:40](#). Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

[Mark 4:19](#). . . . and the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word and it becomes unfruitful.

[1 John 4: 7-8](#). Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

[Isaiah 58: 6-7](#). Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and to bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them . . . .

[2 Corinthians 8:14-15](#). . . .but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, the one who has much did not have too much and the one who had little did not have too little.

[Galatians 6:2](#). Bear one another's burden and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

[Galatians 6:7](#). Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.

[Micah 4:3-5](#). . . they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples may walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

## *Did You Know*

- Fair trade earnings significantly impact communities by potable water systems, health education, or adult literacy programs.
- Generally, Fair Trade goods don't cost more than commercial goods. If high costs of the “middleman” are removed from the equation, the result is comparable costs for Fair Trade goods.
- Fair Trade goods are often higher quality than commercial goods. Eg. fairly traded coffee is often organic and shade-grown which produces higher quality coffee.
- 22 million people with HIV/AIDS live in sub-Saharan Africa, two-thirds of the global total.
- Globally, and in every region, more women than ever before are living with HIV. In sub-Saharan Africa, women account for 60% of all people with HIV/AIDS.
- Nearly 12 million children in sub-Saharan Africa have lost one or both parents to AIDS, a figure that is projected to rise to 14 million by 2015.
- 60% of all child deaths (2002-2008 estimates) were a result of starvation
- In Haiti, one out of 4 children will die in their first year of life and the average yearly income in Haiti is \$300
- Every 15 seconds a child dies because of a lack of clean water and sanitation



## *Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

Ask yourself or your friends these questions on the ride home from church, gathered around the kitchen table, or in your small group. Consider writing your thoughts in a journal.

1. When did I experience the Gospel verse, “for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” How did I feel about the experience?
2. Consider the phrase “think globally and act locally.” Does an understanding of Fair Trade principles bring new meaning to this phrase? Reflect on items that you purchase today (coffee, tea, chocolate, home furnishings) that you might be able to shift your buying to fair trade products.
3. What commitment have I made to relieve the suffering of others around the world?
4. How does the suppression of women in certain societies increase poverty?
5. How do I steward my gifts in the global community?



## ***OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION***

**Tuesday Evenings, 7:00pm—Prayer with Community of Sant'Egidio**, St. Joseph Chapel, The Basilica, ground level.

**Thursdays in Advent, 5:30pm—Centering Prayer**, St. Joseph Chapel, the Basilica, ground level

**Sundays in Advent, 3:00 pm—Vespers** in the Choir Stalls, The Basilica of Saint Mary

**Sunday, Dec. 6—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** Gather at 3:45pm on The Basilica plaza with the Mariachi Flor y Canto and traditional Aztec Dancers. Bilingual Mass at 4:30 pm. Fiesta follows Mass in Teresa of Calcutta Hall.

**Tuesday, Dec. 15, 5:00pm—Taize Prayer and Reconciliation**, St. Joseph Chapel, Basilica ground level

**Monday, December 28, 6:00pm—Candlelight Service for Children of Iraq and other Child Victims of War**, St. Joan of Arc Church, 4537 3rd Ave. S, Minneapolis. Commemorate the children victimized by war. Pray for change and for peace and justice.

**Thursday, Dec. 31—New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Mass.**



## ***RESOURCES - Groups that make a difference***

***“if you want peace, work for justice” (Pope Paul VI)***

### ***Web Resources:***

**Fair Trade Federation** [www.fairtradefederation.com](http://www.fairtradefederation.com): Membership organization that provides information for consumers and advocates on behalf of Fair Trade issues.

**Hands Together** [www.handstogether.org](http://www.handstogether.org): Haiti Catholic Missions supports education, emergency help, sustainable development and health and nutrition for 10,000 children and 1,000 elderly in Port Au Prince, Haiti.

**Catholic Relief Services** [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org): Globally promotes human development by fighting disease and poverty and nurturing peaceful and just societies.

**Global Volunteers** [www.globalvolunteers.org](http://www.globalvolunteers.org): Waging peace by facilitating mutual international understanding through service projects.

**Global Aids Alliance** [www.globalaidsalliance.org](http://www.globalaidsalliance.org): An organization focused on US and global advocacy to reverse the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS worldwide.

**Tiny Tim and Friends** [www.tinytimandfriends.org](http://www.tinytimandfriends.org): Provides medical, educational, vocational and nutritional support for HIV+ and AIDS orphans, vulnerable children and pregnant women in Zambia.

**American Refugee Committee** [www.arcrelief.org](http://www.arcrelief.org): Helps people in refugee communities in 7 countries around the world survive conflict and crisis and rebuild lives of dignity, health, security and self-sufficiency

**Opportunity International** [www.opportunity.org](http://www.opportunity.org): Global - small loans, focus on women trying to improve their lives.

**Carmen Pampa Fund** [www.carmenpampafund.org](http://www.carmenpampafund.org): Transforming the lives of Bolivians through education.

**Common Hope** [www.commonhope.org](http://www.commonhope.org): Promotes hope and opportunity in Guatemala, partnering with children, families and communities to improve their lives through education, health care and housing.

**San Lucas Mission** [www.sanlucasmision.com](http://www.sanlucasmision.com): Promote programs to empower the people of San Lucas economically and socially, giving a sense of dignity and pride to the people of San Lucas.

## ***RESOURCES FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING***

### ***Books:***

**Dead Aid** - author Dambisa Moyo - Copyright 2009. 'Explores why aid is not working and how there is a better way to end poverty in Africa'

**Hot, Flat and Crowded**, author Thomas L. Friedman. Friedman points the way for the green explosion and challenges the reader to consider that innovation is a key to future solutions to the energy crisis.

**Stones into Schools**, author Greg Mortenson. If you enjoyed "Three Cups of Tea" - take a read of Mr. Mortenson's new book about promoting peace with books, not bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan and schools that have been opened in the past 10 years

### ***Films/Videos:***

**What Are We Doing Here? Why Western Aid Hasn't Helped Africa.**

A documentary made by the 4 Klein brothers from the Twin Cities who travelled across Africa to learn about the impacts of aid dollars and resources.

***(Showing in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall, at The Basilica, Sunday Jan. 24 at 1:45pm).***



## ***EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS***

*See [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org) for details*

**Nov. 29—Jan 4, Art Exhibit: Crèches Around the World—** John the 23rd Gallery, Basilica Undercroft. Unique depictions of the Christmas nativity scenes from many culture.

**Dec. 6 Fair Trade Market** after all Sunday Masses, 8:30 am—8:00 pm, Teresa of Calcutta Hall. **Bernie Evans—1:45 pm Reflection and Discussion on Global Stewardship.**

**Dec. 13, 7:30 pm** at Joe's Garage following 6:30 pm Mass, Sunday Night Live for Young Adults. Mission: **How do I Love my Global Neighbor Whom I've Never Met?**

**Jan. 3, 2:00—3:30 pm. Our Gift of Song, Basilica Christmas Epiphany Celebration.** Explore Christmas stories from the Philippines, Africa and from the perspective of the disabled. Please bring a food shelf donation to place at the crèche. Celebrate with our learning students, The Basilica choirs and professional story tellers.



*EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES , cont'd*



**Jan. 9 & 10 all Masses—2nd Collection for Hands Together—supporting the Missions of Haiti** helping the poorest of the poor with education, health and nutrition, emergency support for housing, hurricane relief, grants for funerals and medicine and sustainable development.

**Jan. 24, 1:45pm—Film showing and discussion “What are we doing Here? Why Western Aid hasn’t helped Africa”.** Teresa of Calcutta Hall, From Cairo to Cape Town, views are taken across war torn, famine ridden, AIDS ravaged countries where aid workers, government officials and ordinary individuals explore the complex issues in Africa today.

**Jan. 5—30, Art Exhibit: Images of Sinai, The Negev, and the Judean Wilderness, *Photography by Stuart D. Klipper***—John the 23rd Gallery, Basilica Undercroft.

## ***PRAYER INTENTIONS***

*(Please respond: Lord, hear our prayer.)*

That through prayer, faith, and action, each of us can find a way to contribute to the greater good of our global society. *We pray to the Lord*

For knowledge and understanding that in the act of sharing with our brothers and sisters worldwide, we open hearts to God's love. *We pray to the Lord*

That we may have compassion, acceptance, and understanding for people in all nations. *We pray to the Lord*

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to acknowledge that the peace and well-being of people around the world is the concern of us all. *We pray to the Lord*

That all human beings will have basic food, clothing and shelter to live a dignified life on this earth. *We pray to the Lord*

For justice in access to our world's natural resources and a commitment to environmental sustainability. *We pray to the Lord*

For peace, cooperation, and love among people of the world as we work together for the common good of humanity. *We pray to the Lord.*



### ***CLOSING PRAYER***

If there is to be peace in the world,  
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,  
There must be peace in the cities,

If there is to be peace in the cities,  
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,  
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,  
There must be peace in the heart.

Amen.

*Lao Tse -Chinese Philosopher - 6th Century BCE*

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4:30 & 6:30 pm