

Columban Connections

The Columban Centre for Peace Ecology & Justice



The Centre responds from a Gospel perspective to the regional and global challenges associated with peace, ecology and justice.

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Co-ordinator's Comment

A mountain on a Filipino island collapses onto the valley below, burying a whole village, including a school full of children. As a nation, Australia expressed sadness at the dreadful calamity that struck people just going about their daily lives. However, do Australians make the connections between the landslide, environmental destruction and structural injustice? Factors such as the logging of the natural rainforest cover, its replacement by monoculture coconut plantations, the displacement of poor people from productive agricultural lowlands to vulnerable forested uplands contributed to the mudslide.

Do we Australians make the connections between events like this and our lifestyles? Our quest for economic prosperity is at the expense of the earth, the majority poor and the powerless. The Australian Government's "good" economic management is based on the exploitation of our land and its resources. The current hegemony of material prosperity and individualism is masking the social and ecological problems they are creating. We look around and ask: are people any happier? (See *Why all this living it up is getting us down*, Ross Gittins, Sydney Morning Herald, Feb 22nd 2006)

We see our role in PEJ as trying to unmask some of those problems where we can, and particularly, in making the connections between peace, ecology and justice. The challenge then is finding ways to encourage people to connect the global to the local and take action.

What we've been up to.

- Last December I spent two weeks in the Philippines. Most of this Columban Connections is about issues related to that visit as well as to the International Conference, "*Safe Food: Your Human Right*" which both Fr Charles Rue and myself attended. Charles, in his role as Columban JPIC co-ordinator, and film producer, Bruce Dynan, took much footage for a dvd on genetically engineered food to be launched later in the year. We met with other international Columban JPIC representatives, and visited two Columban connected programs: *Angela's Organic Farm* and *CELL (Centre for Ecozoic Living and Learning)*.

We've also:

- Campaigned against the "Anti-Terrorism" legislation by writing to every Federal politician.
- Campaigned against Terminator Technology.

With **Fr Colin McLean**, a Columban working in Brazil, organised two presentations of an Afro Brazilian dance

People of Earth, People of Heaven at St Peter's College, Tuggerah, and Mt St Mary Campus, Australian Catholic University.



People of Earth, People of Heaven'

Jailton and **Flaviano** live in a poor community in Brazil where 44% of the national population are descendants of Africans brought to Brazil as slaves. Through dance they highlight the discrimination in Brazilian society. Colin McLean recently brought them to Australia for three months' study.

Our plans for 2006:

- Continue the Christian Muslim **Growing Peace Forums** - a positive action for peace, especially in the light of the Cronulla riots.
- A FEN (Faith Ecology Network) Forum on the safe production and consumption of food.
- A new series on mission and evangelisation.
- Awareness raising, education and lobbying on the issues of GE and climate change.
- Establish *Friends of PEJ* discussion/reflection/action gatherings.
- Campaign on Jubilee Australia's new policy www.jubileeaustralia.org

Anne Lanyon

No Peace Without Justice:

Women on Death Row

Just days after young Australian, Nguyen Van Tuong's execution in Singapore and with thoughts of the futile inhumanity of the death penalty on my mind, I walked with Conrad Esemble, Columban JPIC worker, into Death Row in the Women's Correctional Centre in Manila. The visit, organised by the JPIC Association, was to bring Christmas cheer to the 43 women residents sentenced to death, mostly on charges of kidnapping, arson, drug offences, or murder.

My expectations of doom and gloom were allayed by the brightly dressed women, the cleanliness, and the Christmas decorations. There was dancing and singing by the prisoners whose ages ranged from very young to elderly. We had the opportunity to pray, eat and talk together. The gifts given brought delight as the women have to supplement their meagre prison rations themselves – usually by some form of income generation. Their crowded dormitory has the double bunks crammed together. All their worldly possessions are stacked on the ends of the beds or in boxes placed between each bunk. There is no privacy.



"I was in prison and you came to see me" Matt 25: 36

I understood that the majority of the women were innocent of the charges or were the victims of the system. One I met, from a distant rural area, whose husband was convicted of kidnapping, was also convicted because of her association with him. He was on Death Row in the men's prison and she in the women's prison. Their children and parents were unable to visit because of poverty and distance and were left to maintain their small farm.

In full view of the prisoners in order to give hope, we the visitors signed a petition calling for an end to the death penalty which was reintroduced in the Philippines in 1993.

Currently there is a moratorium. There are over 1000 men, women and youths on Death Row. On Feb 22nd,

President Arroyo stated that she would work to scrap the death penalty, but that remains to be seen.

Instead of being an instrument of peace and justice in society, a justice system that imposes the death penalty contributes to the perpetration of injustice, violence, and discrimination particularly among the poorest. It is important for Australia to send a clear message to governments that still use the death penalty that it is unacceptable and must be abolished.

Anne Lanyon

Take Action

- Write to your local member calling for the Australian Government to speak out definitively against the death penalty to governments which still apply it.
- Pray for reconciliation for prisoners on death row, their families and the families of victims.

Further Reading

Movement for Restorative Justice (Philippines)
<http://www.mtb-mrj.com/>

Amnesty International <http://amnesty-news.c.topica.com/maadmLrabfKhNbfE1obbafPLUV/>

In the Name of Human Rights 07/03/06 - Lex Lasry, The Bulletin

Lessons in Humanity from Death Row - Peter Fleming
<http://www.onlinecatholics.com.au/issue95>

The Death of Innocents – An eyewitness account of public executions. - Sr Helen Prejean 2004

The Niall O'Brien Center for **Active Non-violence, Reconciliation and Community Futures** in Bacolod City, Philippines is named after Columban, **Niall O'Brien**, whose life of untiring dedication to peace, justice, reconciliation and active non-violence ended April 24th, 2004. The Centre is run by Pax Christi Pilipinas which advocates against the death penalty in the Philippines. <http://www.paxchristi.ph/home.html>

Active Nonviolence Tip

If you're in conflict with someone and assuming there is no threat of physically getting hurt, dealing with the person face-to-face is better than letters and messages, banging on walls, throwing things, or talking to everyone but that person

Every person is worth more than his worst action, this is the mystery of the human person. – Helen Prejean

“Safe Food: Your Human Right” Conference

An appropriate and provocative title set the theme for this conference in Manila, which **Charles Rue** (photo below) and myself, along with 13 other Columban local and international Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation representatives attended. It was appropriate because it was held on December 9th&10th - International Human Rights Day. (In the context of the massive poverty, structural injustice and environmental degradation of the Philippines, the struggle for human rights and care for the earth is very much in your face). It was provocative in raising the question: How safe is the food we are eating?



One of the key speakers was **Dr Mae Wan Ho** (photo above) a member of the Institute of Science In Society, the Third World Network (www.twinside.org.sg) and editor of the journal *Science in Society*. Covering areas of ethical and bio-safety issues, the key message, from all speakers, was that all people have the human right to food safety, food security and food sovereignty. If GE food takes hold, these rights will be taken from people and handed over to the large corporations which own the patents.

In the Philippines, agriculture is local small scale whereas in Australia it is mechanistic large scale. However, farmers in most places share the same interest in producing safe food and in caring for their land.

Resolution for Safe Food and a Safe Planet

Those present at the conference made a resolution for the Philippines:

1. The **TOTAL BAN** on all field releases including field experimentation / testing, commercial propagation, importation and exportation of GMOs in food, agriculture and fisheries;
2. The adoption and enforcement of legislations requiring mandatory labeling of all GMO products and seeds in order to protect the rights of consumers and farmers to know and to choose
3. The ban on patenting on any life forms
4. The enforcement of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its ratification by non-member

countries, like the Philippines

5. The promotion of sustainable organic agriculture
6. The people's active participation in policy-making processes in all levels of government related to food and agriculture policies

Many Australians would like this as a resolution for Australia.

Columban Perspective

At a conference debriefing, the Columban JPIC delegates affirmed that the Columban perspective challenges the anti-gospel claim that human beings can replace the Creator by creating and controlling life in its own right. The Columban campaign against the Patenting of Life is a particular focus in a continuum of interrelated issues such as sustainable agriculture, third world debt and issues of migration of peoples. We paid tribute to **Sean McDonagh**, one of the Conference speakers, for his prophetic work in research and education, and affirmed the diverse Columban contributions to the wider campaign particularly in the local contexts in which we work.

Anne Lanyon

Further Reading

Conference Papers - available from the PEJ.
World Council Churches Paper – **Caring for Life – Genetics, Agriculture and Human Life**
http://www.biosafety-info.net/file_dir/193276305043f3fa01900ce.pdf

Articles from the Independent Science Panel (ISP), a panel of scientists from many disciplines, committed to the promotion of science for the public good. www.i-sis.org.uk/

To subscribe to the journal “*Science in Society*” email subscribe@i-sis.org.uk

Take Action:

Terminator Seeds

The Australian Government is believed to be siding with Canada, New Zealand, US, UK and the biotechnology industry in undermining the global de facto moratorium on terminator seed technology by presenting a case for it at the meeting on the Convention on Biological Diversity in Brazil on March 20th – 31st. Terminator technology sterilizes crop seeds, prevents the ancient practice of seed saving and gives GE technology owners monopoly control of seed fertility and food security. See Ban Terminator Campaign www.banterminator.org And Gene Ethics Network <http://www.geneethics.org/>

Ring the office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, The Hon Peter McGauran MP (Ph (02) 6277 7520) and ask why the Australian Government is right now in Brazil, trying to undermine the moratorium on terminator technology.

Ask for a response.

Preda or Prison?

The Preda Foundation, a Children's Centre co-founded by Columban, **Shay Cullen**, sits high on a hill overlooking Subic Bay where the US naval base used to be. For many years Shay and his colleagues have confronted the perpetrators of the sexual abuse of children, rescued the girls and rehabilitated them. For the last two years, Preda has been active in highlighting the plight of young boys held in adult prisons where they are abused sexually and physically. While I was there, a German film crew was making a documentary bringing this harsh reality to the rest of the world.

Here is Shay's story of one of fifty five children who are part of the residential program:

Last week another small frail child, nine-year-old, Andy, was rescued from the jails of Metro Manila. He came to the Preda Home for Boys with the shaved head of a convict and nothing but a soiled t-shirt and shorts. He was barefooted. He could be a poster boy for personified poverty and child abuse. He is malnourished, has that dazed look of the child traumatized by abuse behind bars

The good news is that the jailing of children in adult prisons might soon end. The campaign of Preda Foundation. www.preda.org and other agencies and the revelation through the media of this previously hidden injustice has succeeded in helping to pass the Juvenile Justice Bill in the Philippines Parliament.

Drowning in Debt

My visit to the Freedom from Debt Coalition in Manila, highlighted the connection between the poverty, structural injustice and environmental degradation. The debt burden of the Philippines is growing by an annual average rate of 36% per year and now stands at almost 4 trillion pesos (A\$108 billion). This works out at 48 426 pesos (Aus \$1305.7) for every man, woman and child. (A low paid worker receives about 1000 pesos per week.)

The Automatic Appropriations Bill means that debt servicing comes before all other public expenditure. This includes repayment on illegitimate odious debts, for example those occurring during the Marcos Regime, such as the Bataan Nuclear plant which was built on an earthquake fault line and has never been finished or used. Up to 95% of revenue from the onerous value added tax goes directly to debt-servicing instead of providing education, housing, medicines, and infrastructure so lacking among the majority of the population. <http://www.freedomfromdebtcoalition.org/>

There are no funds for disaster relief when a disaster occurs such as the Southern Leyte mudslide.

The Columban JPIC workers in the Philippines are part of the Freedom from Debt Coalition which calls for these measures as the first step towards saving the country from drowning in debt:

- Repeal of the Automatic Law on Debt Servicing
- Non-payment of illegitimate debts such as Bataan Nuclear Power Plant
- Cancellation of onerous contracts and agreements
- Congressional Audit of Public Sector Debt and Contingent Liabilities

I came away from the meeting more than ever convinced of the need for we in Australia to be in solidarity with debt campaigners in highly indebted poor countries. My visit conveyed that solidarity message.



Jubilee Australia is working on research into debt - for - aid swaps with both the Philippines and Indonesia, as well as campaigning to cancel our debt. By comparison the debt owed to Australia by the Philippines (Aus \$113 million) is tiny. But we need to convince the Australian Government that debt relief is a key part of achieving the Millennium Development Goals. *Anne Lanyon*

World Debt Day in Australia, May 16th

On May 15th, Jubilee Australia's new policy platform will be launched at the Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney. Speakers will include Ross Buckley (Bond University) and Peter Garrett, Federal Member for Kingsford Smith.

Take Action

1. Support Jubilee Australia and the Make Poverty History Campaign by distributing World Debt Day literature through your networks. Contact *Jubilee Australia* or the PEJ Centre.
2. Hold your own World Debt Day event. www.jubileeaustralia.org

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Coming Events

April

6th to 8th International Sustainable Development Research Conference 2006, Hong Kong, China
www.hku.hk/sdconf06/

7th World Health Day www.who.int

8th **Joint** International GMO Opposition Day (JIGMOD) and BioTech Convention in Chicago,
<http://altercampagne.free.fr/>

19th – 22nd **Community** Development in a 'Global Risk Society' conference www.deakin.edu.au/cchr/cd_AnneOKeefe

Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights, Deakin University,
Geelong campus, Vic. Phone: **03 5227 2113**

20th - 21st

17th Global warming Int. Conference and Expo, Miami, USA
<http://globalwarming.net>

22nd **World Bank - IMF** Spring meetings, Washington, United States
<http://www.if-watchnet.org/calendar>

May

1st - 12th - 14th Session : UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), New York, USA

3rd World Press Freedom Day www.unesco.org

4th WA Seminar (Future Technology) *Changing the World One Click at a Time*; Seminar (Fighting Fear) *Scared Stiff - Fear and its impact on our lives*
Conference Program on

WACOSS <http://www.safecom.org.au/wacoss-conf06.htm>

7th - 11th

SETAC Europe 16th Annual Meeting, The Hague, Netherlands. Controversies and Solutions in Environmental Sciences

8th - 12th High Court challenge to Industrial Relations Bill. <http://www.yourrightsatwork.com.au/>

8th World Red Cross and Red Crescent day
icrc@bigpond.com

9th - 11th Enviro 06 Conference and Exhibition, Melbourne, Australia.

9th - 11th Irrigation Australia 2006 Conference, Brisbane.

15th International Day of Families
www.un.org/esa/socdev/family

15th **Jubilee Australia Policy Launch**, Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney. Ph 02 9299 2215

16th World Debt Day www.jubileeaustralia.org

17th World Telecommunication Day www.itu.int

21st World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development www.unesco.org

22nd International Day for Biological Diversity
<http://www.biodiv.org>

22nd International Biodiversity Day

22nd - 25th Coast to Coast 2006 Conference, Melbourne.

26th National Sorry Day

27th National Reconciliation Week

29th International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
<http://www.un.org/events/peacekeepers>

31st World No-Tobacco Day website: www.who.int

June

4th Pentecost Sunday

2nd **New Pentecost Forum: A Church That Won't Be**

Silenced,

Featuring Drs Edmund Chia, Gemma Cruz and Paul Collins.

Ph 0403 181 586; www.newpontecost.com

5th World Environment Day 2006

<http://www.unep.org/wed/2006/english/> Theme:

Deserts and Desertification, slogan *Don't Desert Drylands!*

8th World Ocean Day

<http://www.gdrc.org/oceans/oceans-day.html>

9th – 11th National Greenbuild and Ecoshow Sydney

<http://www.ecoshow.com.au/index.php>

12th World Day Against Child Labour

17th World Day to Combat Drought and Desertification

18th **Faith Ecology Network (FEN) Forum on Safe**

Food, Santa Sabina College, Strathfield

Ph 02 9352 8021; email

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July

3rd - 4th Youth Ministry Symposium: *Builders and Dreamers – Creating Sustainable Ministry with Young People*. Contact **Liz Jones**, Broken Bay Institute 02 9473 4565

Advance Notice:

October

2nd – 7th **Dreaming from the Heart** –

20th Anniversary Pope's visit, Alice Springs

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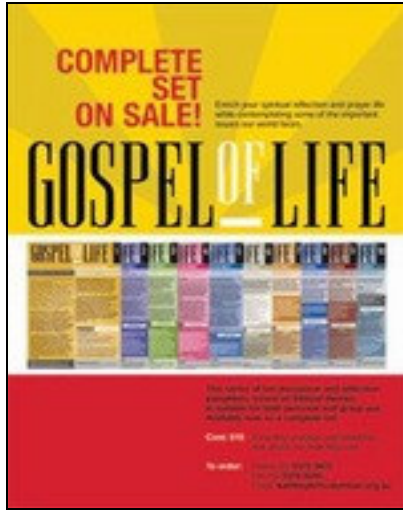
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The Subanen Crafts Project:



Vinnie Busch works with the indigenous **Subanen** people. These projects are a collaboration with them and provide an outlet for them to voice their concerns about the reckless and relentless exploitation of the mineral, timber, marine and agricultural resources of Mindanao for the profit of a few. At the present time, the forests, rivers, seas, mangroves and farmlands of the island are seriously degraded and many poor communities are concerned about how to restore their dying habitat. The book, echoes the concerns of the poor for their wounded land and celebrates the Earth as gift to be cherished and nurtured.

'Mandala' is a Sanskrit word meaning 'circle'. In the Hindu and Buddhist traditions mandalas are circles symbolically designed to represent the cosmic order. Mandalas belong to most spiritual and symbolic traditions as universal images of the human longing to achieve order within diversity and integration within creation.... (The) mandala also fits the human experience of the natural world. Indeed, everything we see passes through the mandala of our eyes. (From The Creation Mandala).

The Creation Mandala Booklet - **Vincent Busch**
(Claretian Publications, 2004, Manila) Cost \$10

Mobiles – (Creation Mandalas)

The images remind us of the important events in the sacred story of creation. The illustrated booklet comes with each mandala to explain the symbols.

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These are tiny mandalas or sacred circles. The web woven into each mandala symbolizes your mutually dependant relationship with all creation. At the centre of the mandala is a bead representing you and your contribution to the health and well-being of the web of life. Your earrings are skilfully woven by artisans of the Subanen people of Mindanao. Subanen women earn money and self-esteem from woven art that celebrates God's creation

The earrings are made with various stones and crystals including: swarovski crystals, antique beads, garnet stones, fossil beads, cats eye, Malaysian jade, etc. The earring hooks are made of surgical steel. The cost is \$15 per pair.

This series of ten discussion and reflection pamphlets based on Biblical themes is now available as a complete set.
Cost: \$10 – includes postage and packaging (ask about bulk discounts).
To purchase contact PEJ Centre in Strathfield, or ph 03 9375 9475; fax 03 9379 6040
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The Death of Life: The Horror of Extinction - Sean McDonagh ssc,

(Claretian Publications, 2005, Manila) Cost \$20

David Attenborough, in a BBC Television documentary on the extinction of species screened 29 November, 2000, said that unless major protective measures are taken now we could lose up to half the species of our world in the next 50 to 100 years.

In reviewing *The Death of Life: The Horror of Extinction*, the English writer, **Deborah Jones**, writing in *The Ark*, states that *“McDonagh explains how much of the Catholic tradition, the doctrines of the incarnation and the sacraments, as well as God's action in creation, have not been used in making connections with ecological concerns as they could be.”*

Christians need to be pro-life and protect all God's creation. Jones continues: *“Imagine the effect of over a billion Catholics worldwide adopting policies and ideas which would enable the Earth, and all that lives on it, to flourish. Now here is one priest raising his voice – let us enable it to be heard”.*

Joint International GMO Opposition Day - April 8th

A worldwide event is to be held on April 8th, with the twofold aim of informing people and demonstrating the front of concerned organizations against GMOs. 100 international organisations from 40 countries have combined in response to the decision by the WTO to restrain European Governments from protecting their farmers and citizens from GMOs and to denounce the US Administration's attempt to impose this technology on everybody.

The following Memorandum, written by a team of scientists and others involved in the campaign is an excellent summary of the concerns.

See <http://altercampagne.free.fr/>

The attached references provide a comprehensive research list.

Memorandum

The current generation of genetically engineered (GE) crops unnecessarily risks the health of the population and the environment. Present knowledge is not sufficient to safely and predictably modify the plant genome, and the risks of serious side-effects far outweigh the benefits. We urge you to stop feeding the products of this infant science to our population and ban the release of these crops into the environment where they can never be recalled.

The current technology was rushed to market long before the science was worked out. Its introduction was accompanied with rigged research, bribes,¹ gagged scientists,² cover-ups³ and regulatory agencies stacked with industry representatives⁴. With mounting evidence of serious health and environmental problems, we must act quickly to end the charade and this dangerous abuse of public trust.

Current safety assessments are inadequate to catch most of the harmful effects. When a foreign gene is artificially inserted into a living organism such as a GE crop, the pre-existing natural gene of the organism can unintentionally be deleted, switched off, permanently switched on, mutated or fragmented. Hundreds of natural genes may change the way they generate their proteins (basic molecules that form living cells), and even the newly introduced protein may differ from what was intended.

Key assumptions used as the basis for safety claims have been overturned and several adverse findings suggest that GE foods are unsafe. GE-fed animals had problems with their growth, organ development and immune responsiveness, blood⁵ and liver cell⁶ formation, as well as damaged

organs (bleeding stomachs,⁷ excessive cell growth,⁸ inflammation in lung tissue⁹), sterility problems,¹⁰ and increased death rates,¹¹ including among the offspring.¹²

Risks are increased by the fact that the genes inserted into GE food not only survive digestion, but transfer into body organs and circulation. Transgenes have been found in the blood, liver, spleen and kidneys.¹³ DNA can even travel via the placenta into the unborn.¹⁴ The only human clinical trial showed that transgenes from soy transfer into intestinal bacteria.¹⁵

Claims that no one has gotten hurt from GM foods are misleading, since no one monitors human health impacts. We do know that soya allergies skyrocketed by 50 % after GE soybeans were imported to the UK,¹⁶ and a GE food supplement killed about 100 Americans and caused 5,000-10,000 to fall sick.¹⁷

Some GE crops create their own pesticide called Et. Their approval relied on the assumption that Bt-toxin is not bioactive in mammals. But Bt-toxin caused powerful immune responses and abnormal and excessive cell growth in mice. Filipinos living next to Bt cornfields developed mysterious symptoms during the time of pollination-three seasons in a row - and blood tests showed an immune response to Bt.¹⁸ A November 2005 report from India claims that Bt cotton also creates allergic responses.¹⁹ What if Bt genes transfer to gut bacteria like soya genes do? They could turn our internal flora into living pesticide factories.

Despite the Public Relation spin, GE crops increase the use of herbicides²⁰, lower average yield, and endanger food security. They are detrimental to sustainable and organic farming, and trap farmers in a cycle of indebtedness and dependence. They endanger biodiversity²¹, harm beneficial insects²², damage soil bacteria²³, contaminate non-GE varieties²⁴ and may persist in the environment for generations.²⁵

Insurance companies do not want to cover the risks inherent in GMOs. Consumers do not want them.

Take Action:

to protect our health, our environment, and future generations.

Send this information around your networks

Encourage people to send a copy to their local politicians expressing concern at the issues raised.

Make sure you ask for a response.

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