LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Human rights are at peril every day. Protecting and promoting them is the mission and purpose of Franciscans International. To this end, Franciscans International staff and partners have worked with great perseverance at grassroots, State and United Nations levels, advocating for justice, peace and respect for the environment.

2016 has seen Franciscans International active in over 30 countries across the four continents, tackling some of the most pressing human rights issues of our times: violence in the African Great Lakes Region, migration in Central America and transitional justice in Sri Lanka, among others. Globally, Franciscans International encouraged the UN human rights system to create synergies between the SDGs and climate action commitments and State human rights obligations.

As President of the Franciscans International Board of Directors, I am pleased to present this 2016 Annual Report. Concise and sharp, this year’s Annual Report presents the main activities of Franciscans International via a regional approach. Highlighting the reach and impact of our actions, at both local and international levels, this report will give you an entry point into our advocacy work, which you can explore further by visiting the Franciscans International website.

The Board of Directors of Franciscans International wishes to express its sincere thanks to all who contribute to make our work possible, especially the Franciscan Orders and Congregations who continue to support this common ministry of the Franciscan Family, the funding agencies and foundations with whom we are associated, our partners and all those who have collaborated with Franciscans International. The Board is extremely grateful to the staff and management of our organization for their indefatigable work. Without these contributions Franciscans International would not be able carry out its work of defending those in need, upholding human dignity and protecting the environment.

Joseph Rozansky, OFM
President, Franciscans International Board of Directors
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Influencing international policies towards a rights-based model: sustainable development, end of extreme poverty, and business accountability for social and environmental justice.

After influencing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adoption process to include important human rights standards, Franciscans International began working to ensure that their implementation concretely supports the enjoyment of human rights by all.

In 2016, Franciscans International engaged in key events and activities with coalitions and networks composed of local, national, international, faith and non-faith based partners, in order to achieve this global policy objective.
Franciscans International and key partners held strategic meetings to crystallize ideas into plans to encourage the UN human rights system to create synergies between State’s human rights obligations, their SDGs and climate action commitments. Franciscans International and its partners began monitoring the efforts of countries in complying with their human rights obligations when implementing the SDGs.

In 2016, Franciscans International highlighted the links between human rights based approaches, the fight against extreme poverty, and the incompatibility of a model of development focused on extractivism with the promises of the 2030 agenda. This advocacy work was particularly prominent around international fora such as the World Social Forum, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous People issues, and the second session of the UN working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises.
ASIA-PACIFIC

Australia
Indonesia/West Papua
Japan
Myanmar
Nauru
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Thailand

FRANCISCANS INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY IN NUMBERS

54 Statement & Advocacy Briefs
39 Expert and Advocacy Meetings
27 Side Events and Public Conferences
22 National Consultations and Advocacy
20 Local Partners advocating at the UN
16 Workshops
6 Case Studies
6 UPR Submissions
5 Urgent Appeals
政局和暴力在该地区继续威胁人权。

Franciscans International 在 2016 年密切跟踪了非洲地区的重要政治发展，以吸引国际社会的注意并推动及时、适当的反应。

在大湖地区的一些国家中，民主和法律秩序继续受到威胁的政治危机一直是 Franciscans International 阐发工作的中心。

像布隆迪和刚果民主共和国（DRC）这样的国家正在经历他们各自选举背景下的暴力和人权侵犯。通过与国家和国际伙伴合作，Franciscans International 在将 DRC 和布隆迪置于联合国人权理事会（HRC）议程的首位等方面发挥了关键作用。

在呼吁所有各方进行包容性、建设性对话作为防止两国人权状况进一步恶化唯一方式的呼吁中，Franciscans International 成功影响了 HRC 的决定。

Franciscans International 在 2016 年对非洲的关注也延伸到贝宁。在那里，它通过与联合国委员会（CRC）就儿童权利审查布隆迪问题进行对话，通过高级别后续访问等措施，促成了联合国在儿童权利及其在各国实施方面的最新建议的实施。

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AMERICAS PROGRAMME

Bringing Central America to the forefront of the global debate on migration and building partners’ capacity.

The refugee and migrants’ crisis in Central America is serious. It is estimated that in recent years, hundreds of thousands of people crossed Mexico in the attempt to reach the United States. This crisis has seen a rapidly increasing number of migrants at risk including unaccompanied minors arriving in Mexican shelters. Migrants on the move are vulnerable to extortion and violence often perpetrated in complete impunity.

In 2016, Franciscans International focused on bringing Central America to the forefront of the global debate on migration. To this end, Franciscans International invited Mexican civil society partners to Europe to meet with various non-governmental organisations, United Nations (UN) bodies, and Geneva-based State representatives. Within this project, Franciscans International’s partners had the opportunity to denounce the human rights situation of migrants in Central America. To maximise the impact of this advocacy project on the global narrative on migration, Franciscans International and its Mexican partners also participated to the UN Global Summit on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants in New York.

Franciscans International’s engagement in the Americas also extended to capacity-building activities focused on increasing the ability of the Franciscan Family and its partners to document human rights abuses in their communities. Within this context, Franciscans International organised workshops and trainings on economic, social and cultural rights in both Colombia and Guatemala.
ASIA-PACIFIC PROGRAMME

Franciscans International is active on multiple fronts in Asia-Pacific as human rights in the region remain precarious.

The situation of transitional justice in Sri Lanka remains of deep concern for Franciscans International. In February 2016, Franciscans International conducted a fact-finding mission to Sri Lanka to monitor the implementation of the 2015 United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) resolution of promoting reconciliation and accountability for past violations. Despite some positive developments, the human rights situation remains a deep concern. Franciscans International actively advocated at the HRC to address this slow progress.

Throughout the year, Franciscans International was also active in the Philippines, where it mainly addressed two key issues: the impact of the extractive industry on human rights and the extrajudicial killings connected with the war on drugs.

Franciscans International expressed its strong concern at the United Nations (UN) regarding the repression of peaceful protest by indigenous activists in West Papua (Indonesia). Furthermore, Franciscans International addressed the limitation of freedom of expression of the indigenous people in Okinawa (Japan), as they protested against the expansion of a foreign military base on their island.

Franciscans International’s advocacy work also focused on asylum seekers and refugees seeking protection from Australia, including urging the Australian government to fulfil its international obligations.

In the Pacific region, Franciscans International in collaboration with partners continued to promote the integration of human rights in climate actions as a follow up to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
## FINANCES

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| Non-Operating Income and Expenses            | (9,551) |
| Contingency Reserve                          | 95,874  |

(Reviewed by PricewaterhouseCoopers SA)

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IBAN: CH69 0024 0240 3573 8401 F
EUR Account No: 240-357384.61W
IBAN: CH85 0024 0240 3573 8461 W

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Bank Name: JPMorgan Chase Bank
Address of Bank: 1 United Nations Plaza, New York NY 10017 USA
Account Number: 292500458265
ABA Number: 021000021
Currency of Account: USD
Our Vision

A global community in which the dignity of every person is respected, resources are shared equitably, the environment is sustained, and nations and peoples live in peace.

Our Mission

We are a Franciscan voice at the UN protecting the vulnerable, the forgotten, and the wounded earth.