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girls, migrants & refugees

Recognizing our  
interconnectedness with  
the whole of creation,  
we seek to realize the  
rights of all and  
achieve gender equality



*Adapted from the Congregational Direction  
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## The JP Contact Network: Web of Growing Strength

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### Background:

In 1985 the 25<sup>th</sup> General Chapter declared that “justice is an integral part of our mission of reconciliation.” This echoes our Constitution which states that “our commitment to reconciliation demands that we promote justice.”

Over the past decades the Congregation has adopted structures to support this commitment, notably the NGO work and our affiliation with the UN since 1996. In the late 1990s, a Unit-based justice network began, with JP Contact Persons or Teams in each Unit. [The Direction Statement of the 30th Congregational Chapter](#) continues to inform our approach. The role of the JP Contact person/team is more vital than ever as we actively seek to integrate justice, spirituality and mission development in the life of our communities, partnerships and ministries.

This revised role description and accompanying information is a guide to support effective use of the JP contact network in the fulfillment of GS mission today. It is sent to every JP Contact and every Unit leader upon the designation or change of each Unit Contact Person/Team.

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<p><b>Network of Justice Peace Contacts and/or Teams</b>  <i>Determined and appointed by Unit leadership teams</i></p>

## Role Description for Unit JP Contact Person/Team

### Vision and Mission of the Good Shepherd International Justice Peace Office

**Vision:** We see a world permeated with God's love where justice and human rights support the dignity of every girl, woman and child.

**Mission:** We advocate to change policies that exclude and systems that dehumanize.

### Goal of the Unit JP Contact Role:

The JP Contact is at service of the goals and plans of the Unit, to support the integration of justice, advocacy, and human rights in the life and mission of the Unit according to Congregational and Unit Directions. Through communication and collaboration at all levels, the JP Contact links with international and regional knowledge and trends. The JP Contact ensures appropriate dissemination of information to the Unit and, likewise, communicates Unit developments and JP news to regional and international JP structures and other structures vital to the life of the Unit, e.g. Spirituality and Mission Development.

### Vision and Mission of the Unit JP Contact

- To be elaborated in the context of the vision, mission and strategic plan of the Unit

### Role of the JP Contact (*in brief*)

- Take responsibility for local coordination, animation and distribution of JP issues and materials within the Unit; take responsibility for continually updated knowledge on the GSIJP website.
- Participate in local JP structures that will ensure Good Shepherd has a voice in the broader Justice community - church structures, inter-congregational groups, local JP commissions, and local/national networks related to ministry and systemic change, according to ministry priorities. Leadership in such bodies can link GS concerns with broader participation towards more effective development.
- Support and contribute to JP work of the Unit, the NGO Regional Designate, regional Mission Development Offices and the GSIJPO on issues of common concern, regionally and internationally.
- Share information with the GSIJPO and the NGO Regional Designate regarding Unit goals, activities, and apostolic works related to the integration of justice, especially those related to structural and systemic change.

## **Responsibilities include:**

1. Meet at least annually with the Unit Leader to discuss status and update Unit goals. Annual meetings between regional JP Contacts and Regional Circle of Leaders is likewise encouraged; can be in conjunction with the NGO Regional Designate, the Regional Mission Development Coordinator and Spirituality Contacts
2. Maintain regular communications links between Units, Leadership Teams, Formation Teams, and Justice Peace Teams, the regional NGO designate, regional Mission Development office, Spirituality Link person and the GSIJP Office NY
3. Maintain a relationship with the GSIJPO JP Contact link (currently Cecilie). Disseminate and update information concerning Justice Peace activities of the Congregation using congregational processes and structures: Justice Peace Contact network, Congregational Communications Office, Website, Publications, Mission Development Office and the GSIJPO.
4. Update and disseminate information to the Unit about any local church or social justice activities, according to Unit goals. Support appropriate advocacy campaigns or letter “sign-ons” consistent with Good Shepherd mission; urge regional participation and contribution at local, regional and international organizations/conferences that are relevant to Good Shepherd mission.
5. Coordinate with other JP Contacts and NGO regional designate in the regions or across regions to support and participate in regional projects.
6. Amplify GS voice locally by contributions to media concerning Good Shepherd Justice Peace activities around the world.
7. Communicate and facilitate links between Good Shepherd networks and other Social Justice networks.
8. Respond to (and seek appropriate Unit response to) requests from the NGO regional NGO representatives, and the GSIJP Offices – New York/Geneva/Vienna
9. Submit an annual report each November to the Unit Leader and to the GSIJPO, with a copy to the regional NGO designate. A form will be sent from the GSIJPO to guide information on Unit status and activities on JP integration

## **Accountability**

- The JP Contact Person/Team is appointed by the Unit Leader and their first responsibility is to serve the goals of the Unit and to link Unit JP activities with the Congregation regionally and internationally.

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