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## “FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD”

### NEW JUSTICE & PEACE PRIORITIES

Since our International Justice and Peace Commission has not yet decided our new priorities based on the 2011 General Chapter Promises, our Province Justice and Peace Commission met at our Webber Avenue Community to set our priorities. Present were Robert and Nancy Hurd, David and Janice Champion, Patricia Hackett and Claire Lepage. After reflecting on the General Chapter Promises, it became evident that our justice and peace priorities could be drawn directly from them, and so it stands:

- Live right relationships among ourselves, with the Dear Neighbor and all of creation
- Bring awareness and a critical analysis of the realities of our communities and our country
- Support and foster hope, especially among those who are excluded and manipulated.

These new Justice and Peace priorities might challenge our everyday lives, but they are based on our General Chapter Promises. Our members are invited to share their experiences of bringing hope to the excluded and manipulated of their communities with some member of the justice team, either in writing or by phone. How interesting it will be to know more about the realities of those who surround us and get involved whenever possible.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE TEAM : Robert & Nancy Hurd, David & Janice  
Champion, Patricia Hackett, Claire Lepage, csj**

### **THE 99% MOVEMENT**

These new Occupy Movements around the world are strikingly different since they are the beginning of the broadest possible community of resistance, the 99% against the 1%. It is a movement arrayed from the outset against the most affluent sectors of society, big banks and financial institutions, corporate executives, whose pay is obscenely disproportionate to the earnings of the 99%. This is also a pivotal moment in American history. On the other hand, a well-known D.C. lobbying firm proposed a \$850,000 plan to construct “negative narratives” about the protests and allied politicians. If we are truly a democracy, we must answer boldly, be on the side of working families and the middle class to help them protect their interests.

*We want social returns, as well as financial ones.  
When you look at the major financial institutions,  
you have to realize there is greed involved.*

Sr. Nora Nash., Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility

### **PREVENTING CLIMATE WARS**

Climate wars are not a thing of the future. Many countries already struggling with problems such as poverty, poor governance and scarce resources are also experiencing water scarcity, rising sea levels and extreme weather events. Climate change is deepening and magnifying societal tensions and instability around the world. Historically the largest emitter of greenhouse gases, the U.S., had the responsibility to help address the impacts of climate change and prevent future climate wars. One important step that Congress can take now is to ratify the law of the Sea treaty since many conflicts are brewing around the world. One example is the brewing conflict over the Arctic. Russia, Canada, Norway, Denmark and the U.S. all claim rights to the Arctic, where natural resource wealth in the form of oil, gas and minerals are increasingly accessible as global warming melts the ice.