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Webinar: From Ecological Debt to Ecological Hope

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Slide 1: Jubilee Project 2025: Incorporating Perspectives from the Global South into Political Advocacy on Climate Justice and Transforming Financial Structures

Slide 2: As Religious Congregations

We are called to open our minds and hearts to be able to untie the “knots” of these ties that strangle the present, without forgetting that we are only guardians and stewards.

We are challenged to collaborate to increase the impact of policy change for ecological justice and reconciliation with indigenous peoples.

Slide 3: We welcome the people of Canada and other countries in the Global North to hear the perspectives of people in the Global South on ecological debt, links between colonialism and debt, and the resistance of rich countries to act with the speed and scale needed to address climate change.

We join efforts in political advocacy, climate justice, transformation of funding structures, to pay our fair share to funds for adaptation, mitigation, consequence reduction, loss and damage in the Global South.

Slide 4: In the face of this chaos, Pope Francis also calls us to “Be tangible signs of hope”. The global North of the world continues to suffocate the population with serious situations of inhumanity in order to maintain its standard of consumption, satisfaction, personal well-being, good living, quality of life.

We ask ourselves: at whose expense? At whose expense?

We do blame governments, financial structures, religious institutions, people, making us insensitive to the suffering of the people.

Slide 5: Consecrated religious life can play a significant role in the socio-environmental issue in various ways, contributing concretely to the promotion of social justice, sustainability and environmental protection.

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1. Education and awareness-raising:

Religious communities can promote environmental education programmes, raising awareness among their members and the wider community about the importance of environmental preservation and the relationship between faith and ecological responsibility.

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2. Direct Action in Sustainable Projects:

As Religious Congregations it is essential that we get involved in sustainable agriculture initiatives, reforestation and the recovery of degraded areas, using our land and resources to promote practices that respect the environment.

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3. Advocacy and Social Mobilization:

We need to use its 'Laudato Si' platforms to advocate for public policies that protect the environment and promote social justice, mobilizing communities around socio-environmental causes.

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4. Service to the Vulnerable: Offering support to groups most affected by environmental crises, such as indigenous populations, rural communities and people living in poverty, helping to develop resilience and sustainable life alternatives.

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5. Spirituality and reflection: Consecrated life can promote a spirituality that values creation and the interconnectedness of all forms of life, encouraging practices of respect and care for the environment.

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6. Partnerships with Environmental Organizations:

Continue collaborating with NGOs and other institutions to work on projects aimed at environmental protection and the promotion of social justice.

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7. Solar panel or plant: Generating clean and sustainable energy.

These actions not only help to alleviate the pain and suffering of socio-environmental problems, but also promote a witness of faith that integrates spirituality with social and environmental action.