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Immigration Reform Momentum

Summer 2012

The U.S. President declared a new immigration policy, "Effective immediately, the Department of Homeland Security is taking steps to lift the shadow of

deportation from these young people. Over the next few months, eligible individuals who do not present a risk to national security or public safety will be able to request temporary relief from deportation proceedings and apply for work authorization." Although not a permanent fix for the estimated 800,000 to 1,000,000 undocumented immigrant youth who grew up in the United States, it is a step forward.

Supreme Court's Ruling on Ariz. Immigration Law Gets Mixed Reviews from LCWR and CMSM

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) appreciated that the Supreme Court struck down three of the four most controversial provisions of Arizona's immigration law, SB 1070. ***Read our full joint statement [here](#).***

*If you're working with people impacted by immigration policy, please send [Eli McCarthy](#) a quick note to help enhance mobilization efforts by CMSM and the [Justice for Immigrants](#) campaign.

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) Annual Conference



On June 18-19, CMSM participated in this national advocacy conference with CMEP, which is one of the core coalitions that CMSM works with. CMEP supports U.S. policy conducive

to Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking and a two-state solution. For this conference, the three core asks were 1) support the Administration's budget request for \$440 million to the West Bank and Gaza, and avoid any holds or decreases on Palestinian assistance (U.S. gives about \$3 billion per year to Israel); 2) ensure Jerusalem is a shared city for various peoples and faiths by opposing activities such as ongoing settlement construction; and 3) bring attention to the plight of Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land, particularly by pressing for an end to Israeli visa and permit restrictions for clergy and religious workers who live in the

area. For more on CMEP see [here](#).

Faithful Federal Budget

CMSM participates in the Heads of Washington Offices (HOWO) ecumenical and interreligious advocacy coalition. A recent focus of this group has been the production and advocacy of a Faithful Federal Budget. [Click here](#) for details about this proposal and to sign on in support. Here is an article about an event organized by some members of HOWO at the end of June: "[Faith Leaders Arrested in Capitol Hill Protest to Protect the Poor](#)"



In anticipation of the first ever Congressional hearings on solitary confinement, hundreds joined us in a "23 Hour Fast to End 23 Hour Solitary." At the conclusion of the fast, 11 faith leaders participated in a national [press conference](#) immediately after the hearing. You can read more about the importance of limiting solitary confinement and our 23 Hour Fast [here](#).

The USCCB has created a study guide and short videos on "Torture is an Intrinsic Evil." Click [here](#) for more details or [here](#) for a flyer.

To join NRCAT as an organization, click [here](#).

Job Openings

Center of Concern Announces Presidential Search

The Center of Concern is a Washington, DC-based research and advocacy organization whose work on behalf of people living in poverty around the world spans the last four decades. The Center was founded in 1971 with the leadership and support of then-Bishop Joseph Bernardin, UN Secretary General U Thant, and Jesuit Superior General Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

The Center seeks a new President who will be its public face, will lead the staff and volunteers, will manage the implementation of its strategic plan, and represent the Center in relations with many domestic and international organizations, including religious leadership institutions across the spectrum.

Candidates must be familiar with Catholic history and culture, be rooted in the Catholic social justice tradition, have a global worldview, and possess graduate level academic credentials or equivalent experience. The President reports to the Board of Directors.

For more information, please contact the Center at SearchCommittee@COC.org. The application deadline is September 30, 2012. The position is available January, 2013.

Education for Justice Program Director

The Center of Concern is seeking a **Director** for its prize-winning **Education for Justice Project** (EfJ) www.educationforjustice.org. Applicants must have excellent knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching, strong technical expertise in website management including Web 2.0 technologies, and a minimum of 5 years of experience as an educator at the secondary and adult levels. The Center of Concern is an equal opportunity employer. For a job description and list of qualifications, go to <http://www.coc.org/node/6660>. Applications should be sent to resumes@coc.org.

The position is available as early as August 31, 2012, but no later than October 1, 2012. Resumes and letters of application are due by August 31, 2012.

Job Opening: President, Jesuit Volunteer Corps

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) has over 50 years of experience providing services in the United States and seven foreign countries by placing full-time volunteers with agencies, schools and organizations that directly serve those in need, to work alongside the poor and marginalized. The President is responsible for promoting JVC's mission and overall financial health by providing leadership consistent with both the JVC mission and the policies of the Board. Location: Baltimore, MD-Washington DC Corridor. For more details visit the [JVC website](http://www.jvc.org).

J/P Ministry Tip: Just Faith Ministries

See www.justfaith.org This is an excellent program to build community, share and discuss the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching, and stir commitments to deep solidarity with those in urgent need. They offer 6-8 week modules as well as a 30 week program. Curriculum is provided, so no "experts" are needed to facilitate.

New Justice and Peace Director at CMSM: Eli S. McCarthy PhD

It was wonderful to meet many of you at the recent CMSM Assembly in Houston! I very much look forward to an exciting and transformative collaboration. I have had formative experiences in Haiti, Palestine, and Mexico as well as working at shelters, with the elderly, and youth. I have worked as a Professor at Georgetown and Washington Theological Union teaching Justice and Peace Studies as well as Catholic Social Ethics. I've also worked as a Social Justice Minister at a parish, with the California Conference of Bishops Restorative Justice Office, and as an Advocacy Fellow with the Peace Alliance in DC. I will be working closely with CMSM's Justice and Peace Committee and the Mission Committee. I am quite open to hearing from each of you and any of your JPIC Directors. With the Holy Spirit, may we promote a consistent ethic of life and dignity toward a deeper reality of the Reign of God.

Eli S. McCarthy

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- *assists major superiors in their role as leaders;*
- *promotes dialogue and collaboration with the conference of bishops and other major groups in church and society;*
- *provides a corporate influence in church and society.*

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It is also sent to justice and peace directors of CMSM member organizations,
and to others who have expressed an interest.
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