

# Center of Concern

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## About Us

### Our Mission

The Center of Concern researches, educates, and advocates from Catholic social tradition to create a world where economic, political, and cultural systems promote sustainable flourishing of the global community.

### Our Vision

We envision a global community that upholds basic human rights and human dignity, fosters just relationships, promotes sustainable livelihoods, and renews Earth.

The Center of Concern is a faith-based organization working in collaboration with ecumenical and interfaith networks to bring a prophetic voice for social and economic justice to a global context. The Center is both a provider of information and analysis as well as a catalyst for launching projects to address issues or opportunities that advance an authentic human development agenda. Through analysis, education, advocacy and capacity building, the Center challenges structural injustice and promotes innovative economic alternatives.

### Effective Strategies

To advance our mission, the Center of Concern has adopted three overarching strategic goals:

1. Influencing Public Policy
  - Give the voiceless a voice at the tables of power
  - Critique policy for those in leadership and for the general public
2. Exercising leadership in national and international circles
  - Provide leadership and moral vision to advocacy networks working for more just institutions and policies in the U.S. and in the international arena
  - Support grassroots justice movements
3. Educating for justice and social transformation
  - Develop theological/social reflection
  - Articulate a call to justice for the faith community
  - Provide education on critical domestic and international issues

### Our Work

For 40 years, the Center of Concern has been enabling individuals, organizations and coalitions to:

1. Explore and analyze the global issues and social structures from an ethical perspective based on Catholic Social Teaching
2. Become involved in strategies and projects that promote the good of the entire global community and the integrity of every individual.

Since 1971, the Center of Concern has offered moral vision and provided effective leadership in the struggle to end hunger, poverty, environmental decline, and injustice in the United States and around the world. Our goal is to provide individuals and organizations with basic tools to address these universal questions: What are the root causes of human suffering in the world today? How can we change systems to increase social justice and offer hope? We provide reliable information and analysis on development issues, practical alternatives to current development policies, practical suggestions for personal action, and faith reflections on this work for justice.

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