



Headlines in the past year show a world in crisis. This summer, one-third of the entire country of Pakistan, just bigger than the province of Alberta, was underwater due to extreme flooding linked to climate change. War in Ukraine has created a major moral and economic crisis around the world. The pandemic continues to disrupt people's health and major supply chains. And while we have all felt the pinch of inflation, global inflation is making the lives of people in the Global South, where wages are already low, even more difficult.

In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis pleaded with the world to come together in solidarity during the pandemic. Given the headlines these days, it would be easy to say Pope Francis was being naïve. But at Development and Peace, a global solidarity movement rooted in the Canadian Catholic Church, we have seen our members and partners working hard to answer Pope Francis's call with courage and conviction.

In Honduras, Indigenous Lenca people have been defending their ancestral lands against corporate land-grabs, facing unjust incarceration and persecution. In Cambodia, communities are learning climate-resilient agricultural practices that can help their crops survive both droughts and floods. In Madagascar, villages are transforming to become ecologically sustainable and self-reliant. All of these efforts are empowered by our partners in those countries with direct support from Development and Peace. And from Canadians like you!

Closer to home, Development and Peace is advocating for stronger laws to hold Canadian companies accountable for environmental and human rights abuses. Our partners tell us that, sadly, the investments and activities of Canadian companies often bring major ecological destruction and violence to their communities. Since the fall of 2021, Development and Peace members have been taking part in a campaign called *People and Planet First*. They have been collecting thousands of signatures on a petition to rein in corporate abuses through legislation.

The problems in the world today are huge. But Development and Peace members and our partners are contributing to real alternatives. This year, Development and Peace is hosting a membership drive. We are inviting into our family all those who are committed to building a world that puts the interests of people and the planet above profit.

Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. It was established by the bishops in 1967. For 55 years, we have supported grassroots communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East through humanitarian aid and long-term development projects. Members have had the opportunity to visit those communities and advocate with them from Canada. They have helped our partners secure the resources needed to work with and for the poorest and most vulnerable people in our world.

The cost of a lifetime membership is a one-time fee of \$10, and membership is free for people under 35. People who give monthly to support Development and Peace are also considered members. Your donation goes to support our partners. As Development and Peace members, we amplify and respond to what Pope Francis calls the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Let's join together and build a world of solidarity!