



Shalom Focus and Commitments 2015-2018

We, the members of the International *Shalom* Network, witness to the Gospel in the 21st century with audacity and hope as we collaborate to build just relationships and respond to urgent needs of our times. Guided by *You Are Sent*, *Love Cannot Wait*, and Catholic Social Teaching, especially *Laudato Si'*, we commit to:

1. Deepen our contemplative and prophetic living

- Foster a spirituality that reflects our charism; our commitment to justice, peace, and the integrity of creation; and an authentic solidarity with those who are poor.
- Live the commitment to integral ecology proposed in *Laudato Si'* that emphasizes the call to dialogue, conversion, reconciliation, healing, and oneness with all creation.
- Encourage study and integration of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly *Laudato Si'*, in our lives, ministries, and institutions.
- Promote the use of the International Solidarity Reflections and the Blessed Antonina Novena and creatively support the *Shalom* Centers of Prayer for Peace.

2. Strengthen relationships for more effective networking and collaboration at all levels

- Utilize relevant forms of communication for greater collaboration and sharing of experiences, resources, and good practices among all members of the *Shalom* Network and *Shalom* Clubs.
- Encourage participation in the initiatives of the *Shalom* Network and the UN-NGO Office.
- Invite co-workers and others to join us in prayer and action, responding to the urgent needs of our times.

3. Promote education and action that address root causes of injustice

- Utilize a praxis or methodology that includes prayer, education, reflection, action, and evaluation.
- Facilitate ongoing formation of all *Shalom* members, especially *Shalom* Contacts and Branch Representatives, as well as colleagues and employees.
- Promote participation in the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Commemorate Women and Girls during the month of March and participate in the UN International Days
 - a) World Environment Day – June 5
 - b) International Day of Peace – September 21
 - c) Human Rights Day – December 10.