



Franciscan Federation Conferences and Resolutions/Actions 1994 -2008

YEAR	TOPIC	RESOLUTION/ACTIONS
1994 <i>The Prophetic Heart: Evangelical Life as Third Order Regular Franciscans</i> (Chicago, IL)	By-Laws	Adjustments to by-laws
	Vision/Mission	Acceptance of Vision and Mission Statements
1995 <i>Give New Signs and Work New Wonders: Joint Assembly with Friars and Sisters</i> (Anaheim, CA)	None Recorded	None Recorded
1996 <i>Violence Unveiled</i> (Atlanta, GA)	None Recorded	None Recorded
1997 <i>Encountering the Human Face of God: Franciscans Everywhere at Home, Everywhere Connected</i> (Rochester, NY)	Collaboration with Franciscans International	Increase the Franciscan Federation's collaboration with Franciscans International
	Member Communities	Encourage member communities to develop a companion relationship with Franciscan Congregations in a developing country.
	Closure of the School of the Americas	Actively promote and support those working for the closing of the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, GA.
1998 <i>On Fire with the Spirit: Following in the Footprints Franciscan Family Joint Conference</i> (Milwaukee, WI)	Collaboration with the Franciscan Family	Find ways to more effectively collaborate and communicate as brothers and sisters of the Franciscan Family.
	The School of the Americas	Continue to actively promote and work for the closure of the School of the Americas.



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1999 <i>The Universe: Discovering the Heart of God</i> (Columbus, OH)	Healing and Reconciliation <hr/> Nobel Peace Prize <hr/> School of the Americas	Endorsed a statement regarding the notification of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, on the situation of Sister Jeannine Gramick, SSND and Father Robert Nugent, SDS, offering prayerful support for Jeannine and Robert and committing ourselves to healing and reconciling. <hr/> Supported the nomination of Fr. Javier Giraldo, SJ of Bogota, Colombia for the Nobel Peace Prize. <hr/> Continue commitment to actively promote and work for the closing of the School of the Americas in Ft. Benning, GA.
2000 <i>Overflowing Goodness: The Gift of the Trinity</i> (Albuquerque, NM)	Vision Statement inclusion: “in our lives” <hr/> Franciscan Family Council <hr/> For the Abolition of the Death Penalty <hr/> Sacred site: the Petroglyph National Monument	The wording of the Federation’s Vision Statement was changed to include the words “in our lives” thus reading: The vision of the Federation is to deepen the understanding of the Third Order Regular Tradition in our lives so as to share this gift in the Church and Society. <hr/> The Franciscan Family Council was established and will meet yearly to discuss issues that concern us as Franciscans following the Gospel of Jesus Christ. <hr/> Called for an immediate implementation of a moratorium on the death penalty as an interim step. In addition, the Federation committed itself to stand in support of families of victims as well as families of those who face execution. <hr/> Issued statement affirming the efforts of the SAGE Council (formerly the Petroglyph Monument Protection Coalition) to stop a road extension



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2000 <i>continued</i>	Human Rights Violations in Columbia	<p>through a Native American sacred site, the Petroglyph National Monument.</p> <p>Addressed the grave issues of Human Rights Violations in Columbia, of Ex-President Ernesto Samper and some direct and indirect agents of his government, for their active and passive responsibility for more than two hundred crimes against humanity perpetrated in the Uraba region in 1997 and 1998. The Federation became a sponsor of the criminal complaint and encouraged its members to become educated about the situation in Colombia.</p>
	Defense Institute of Hemispheric Corporation	<p>Affirmed the call to continue our three-year efforts to close the School of the Americas (renamed the Defense Institute of Hemispheric Cooperation) by encouraging member congregations to pray, write letters, participate in campaigns and rallies, and do all in our power to close the SOA, collaborating with other groups wherever possible.</p>
2001 <i>The Vowed Life: To Act Justly, to Love Tenderly and to Walk Humbly with your God</i> (Baltimore, MD)	Global Nonviolent Peace Force (GNPF)	<p>As an alternative to war, the Federation supported the development of a third party nonviolent intervention in areas of conflict and endorsed the Global Nonviolent Peace Force (GNPF) effort. In addition to endorsing the GNPF, its efforts will be supported through education and spreading the word to others and encouraging member congregations to become involved.</p>
	Human Rights Violations in Colombia	<p>Addressed the grave issues of Human Rights abuses continuing in Colombia, the Federation committed itself to action through a variety of strategies,</p>



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2001 <i>continued</i>		including prayer, education, advocacy on U.S. policy toward Colombia, solidarity and accompaniment. The focus of these strategies is on the Black African communities of Esperanza en Dios (Hope in God) and Nueva (New Life).
2002 <i>Being Franciscan Peacemakers in a Chaotic World</i> (St. Louis, MO)	Global Warming	Acknowledged the serious threats of global warming and the need for Franciscan responses. The Franciscan Federation agreed to encourage its members to become further educated and to take action on global warming. Initial actions included a public statement on this issue, letters to President Bush and elected officials. Members are encouraged to engage in activities to deepen their awareness.
	National Housing Trust Fund	The Federation endorsed the creation of a permanent national (federal) housing fund that would build, rehabilitate and preserve 1.5 million units of rental housing for the lowest income families over the years. Member congregations were encouraged to also join this campaign by endorsing the National Housing Trust Fund.
	Human Rights abused in Colombia	The Federation reaffirmed its ongoing commitment to support nonviolent strategies to address the grave human rights abuse in Colombia.
2003 <i>Harmony of Goodness: Reconciling as Franciscan Peacemakers</i> (Detroit, MI)	Campaign for Secure Dwellings	Affirmed the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) Campaign for Secure Dwellings (CSD) project in Hebron. It further invited its members to consider forming partner groups within their congregations and to form a delegation, through CPT, to travel to



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2003 <i>continued</i>	<hr/> Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) <hr/> <i>The Reluctant Saint: The Life of St. Francis of Assisi</i> – Movie <hr/> War on Iraq	<p>Hebron and bring their findings and recommendations back to the Federation at its 2004 conference.</p> <hr/> <p>The Federation made a public statement opposing the FTAA. Representing the Federation, the Board wrote a letter to President Bush opposing this trade agreement. Members are encouraged to engage in activities to deepen their awareness of this agreement and its impact on those who are poor and to take action whenever possible.</p> <hr/> <p>A letter was sent to Hallmark commending them on their sponsorship of the movie, <i>The Reluctant Saint: The Life of St. Francis of Assisi</i>.</p> <hr/> <p>Following the war on Iraq, the Federation declared its intent to stand for justice, peace and the integrity of creation and to work to bring these ideas to reality in local, national and global communities.</p>
2004 <i>Common Bread and Blessing: The Currency of Our Franciscan Life</i> (Ft. Worth, TX) Conference Action: In Opposition to the Death Penalty	Northern Ugandan Crisis Response Act <hr/> Global HIV/AIDS	<p>Urged Congressional support for the Northern Ugandan Crisis Responses Act. Northern Uganda has been embroiled in a brutal internal conflict for eighteen years. An estimated 1.5 million people have been displaced because of war.</p> <hr/> <p>Realizing that we are in solidarity with the poor people of Africa and other underdeveloped countries, members of the Franciscan Federation commit themselves to prayerful support, to education about the HIV/AIDS crisis and to advocacy for Global HIV/AIDS funding. This</p>



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2004 <i>continued</i>		commitment also extends to advocacy for the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA). Members agreed to respond to appropriate surveys for information from Franciscans International related to the HIV/AIDS crisis.
2005 <i>Return to Mission: A Heart Filled Exchange</i> (San Diego, CA) Conference Action: Opposition to the placing of Minutemen at the U.S. and Mexican borders.	The Feast of St. Francis – Joint quest for International Peace <hr/> Ask forgiveness from our Indigenous People <hr/> Immigration <hr/> Poor People’s Economic Rights Campaign	In the year 2005, the Feast of St. Francis (Oct.4 th), the Muslim celebration of Ramadan and the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanah were all observed on the same date. This was an opportunity for Catholics, Jews and Muslims to connect based upon their common spiritual wish for peace. Members of the Franciscan Federation joined together in a national and international quest for peace in the world. <u>With Open Hands – We Ask Forgiveness: A Statement and Resolution to Our Indigenous Sisters and Brothers and the Franciscan Family.</u> Called to recognize the rights of Indigenous People, to cultural and religious freedom, to empowering their communities and to educating their people. <u>Promote a comprehensive approach to immigration issues and concerns and advocate for just and humane immigration policies and laws.</u> <u>Endorsed the Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign</u>
2006 <i>Drinking Deeply of the Spirit</i> (Rochester, NY)	Preserving Water	In conjunction with the “International Decade for Action: Water for Life” the members were encouraged to preserve, respect and use wisely, the gift of water. The resolution called for actions in



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<p>2006 <i>continued</i></p> <p>Conference Action: Statement calling for an end to violence in the Middle East</p>	<p>Caring for Water</p> <hr/> <p>Stop the Genocide in Darfur, the Sudan</p> <hr/> <p>Trafficking of Human Beings: A Franciscan Concern</p>	<p>caring for water, specifically refusing to buy and use bottled water.</p> <hr/> <p>Called to take action: individually, collectively, and in solidarity with people throughout the Earth to address concerns of water scarcity and water quality.</p> <hr/> <p>Called for the education and advocacy to stop the violence in Darfur.</p> <hr/> <p>Members called for a more comprehensive approach to human trafficking. Members urged to pray for victims of trafficking and to observe National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on April 22nd.</p>
<p>2007 <i>A Franciscan Dynamic: Right Relationship: Care for Earth, Care for Each Other</i> (Minneapolis, MN)</p>	<p>Earth Resolution: Care for Earth, Care for Each Other</p>	<p>Integrates the 2006 Water Resolutions with an overall consideration of the environment. Members commit to record accountability to actions. Actions to Resolution developed in Region sessions during the AFC.</p>
<p>2008 <i>Pilgrims and Strangers: Eyes Fixed on Christ</i> (Denver, CO)</p>	<p>Immigration</p>	<p>Reaffirmed the 2005 Immigration Resolution to promote a comprehensive approach to immigration issues and concerns and advocate for just and humane immigration policies and laws. Actions to Resolution developed in Region sessions during the AFC and are posted to each Region's webpage of the Franciscan Federation website, www.Franfed.org.</p>