

## RESOURCES/LINKS

ECUSA Advocacy Center:

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/advocacy.htm>

The Diocese of New Jersey: Right Onward Vision

<http://newjersey.anglican.org/vision/index.html>

The Anglican Communion Website (Province Directory): The Episcopal Church of the Sudan

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/tour>

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

<http://ecusa.anglican.org/eppn.htm>

American Friends of the Episcopal Church in the Sudan (AFRECS) <http://www.afreecs.org>

Amnesty International <http://www.amnesty.org>

Solar Cooker Project: New Jersey Responds to the Crisis in Darfur <http://njdarfur.org/>

## REFERENCES

1. [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/social\\_justice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/social_justice)

2. The Rev. Canon Martin U.N. Oguike at Saint John's, Sewaren (732.634.2397) email: [moguike@aol.com](mailto:moguike@aol.com).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For information and/or involvement for you and/or your congregation, please contact the Rev. Hugh E. Brown, III, Chair of the Darfur Committee, at All Saints' Church, Princeton (609.921.2420), or email him at [hughandelly@aol.com](mailto:hughandelly@aol.com).



The Diocese of  
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The Darfur Committee

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# Focus on: DARFUR

*The struggle for peace and  
human rights in the Sudan*



*DARFUR (Land of the Fur) is an  
arid, impoverished region of  
Western Sudan.*



## THE CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*

*- (The Gospel of St. Matthew, 25:40, NRSV)*

Social justice is a concept that some use to describe the movement towards a socially just world. In this context, social justice is based on the concepts of human rights and equality.<sup>1</sup>

We are called as corporate members of the Body of Christ to engage in God's mission for the Church. Our call to action in accomplishing the Church's mission involves prayer and worship, proclaiming the Gospel and promoting justice, peace and love.

To whom are we to look to help guide us in carrying out this mission? We have only to look at the words and actions of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The servant ministry of Jesus is the core of the mission of social justice. We are reminded of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. It is the gift of the "living water" which compels us to recognize the sanctity of human life. We are called to speak with compassion and love for those who have no voice: the vulnerable, the oppressed, the sick and the poor.

## WHY DARFUR?

### HISTORY

A long and complicated history has characterized the region, often tinged with overtones of ethnic cleansing. Specifically, Darfur has faced decades of graphic violence over land and grazing rights between mostly nomadic Arabs and native Darfuri farmers. The Darfuri farmers have always been subject to attacks by nomadic Arabs.

The current conflict resurged in 2003, when rebel groups (e.g., The Darfur Liberation Front), angered over the lack of response from the Sudanese government, attacked government targets. A brutal pattern of violence, repression and gross human rights abuses by the Sudanese government and its allied militia, the Jangawid, has been inflicted on the people of Darfur.

### IMPACT

- 300,000 men, women, and children have died
- 2.6 million have been displaced from their homes and live in camps for refugees or Internally Displaced People (IDPs) or wherever they can
- An unknown number of women and girls have been abducted, raped, and otherwise abused
- A generation of children has reached school-age not knowing a home or having been educated
- A growing number of child-soldiers are participating in the abuse

## WHAT CAN I DO?

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Will you strive for justice and peace among all people? I will, with God's help.*

*- (The Book of Common Prayer, The Baptismal Covenant, page 305)*

- Pray daily for the people of Darfur and Sudan. Please include these collects:
  - **For the Human Family** (BCP, p.815)
  - **For Social Justice** (BCP, p.823)
- Arrange a presentation from the Darfur Committee at your church using the contact information in this brochure!
- Honor the Baptismal Covenant in a way that utilizes your unique gift(s) of the Holy Spirit.

### THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

Our vision is to build up the Body of Christ and reach out to the world in Christ's name as we: **Serve the poor boldly and strive for justice passionately**

➔ **Join us!** Attend a presentation from the Darfur Committee (*Equipping the Servants*; Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, 24 October 2009)

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE USA (ECUSA)

#### General Convention 2009

Resolution A033 urges renewed international commitment to the implementation of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and the continuation of peace-keeping duties by the United Nations in protecting lives, controlling violence and preventing further displacement.

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