

# LORETO JUSTICE NETWORK Review of 2020



Advocacy ... Communication ... Education/Formation ... Research

## Members:

Sr Trish Franklin ibvm  
Michelle Gale  
Michelle McCarty  
Anne Muirhead  
Sr Libby Rogerson ibvm  
Francesca Torcasio-Barberis  
Anna Turkington  
Administrative Support: Catherine Van Dorp  
Guest: Sr Janet Palafox ibvm

This Province committee met four times across 2020, mainly online due to COVID-19. The composition of LJN reaches across all parts of our Mary Ward network: Sisters, schools, Loreto Ministries, MWIA, Loreto Vietnam, and the CJ/IBVM UN Office. LJN members are also connected to: Catholic Religious Australia's Justice Committee, the Mary Ward JPIC Office, the Mary Ward Education Network, and the CJ/IBVM Anti-Human Trafficking committee. LJN Updates were presented at every Province Council and LSAC meeting across 2020.

## Highlights

- Network-wide membership of LJN has strengthened our network and fostered deeper engagement around province justice priorities.
- Directors of Mission invited both Michelle Gale and Sr Janet Palafox ibvm to meet with school mission leaders in February at Loreto Normanhurst.

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## Highlights

- Increased mission/justice focus of all Loreto communications, with attention paid to all designated social justice days and province justice priorities. Anna Turkington has also been instrumental in liaising with school comms personnel around the promotion of province justice priorities. Value-add in this area includes the new LML Twitter presence and population of tabs related to each province justice priority on the province website.
- LJNI has supported nearly every global Mary Ward justice initiative, except a few UN projects due to restrictions of time.
- The support of Francesca Torcasio-Barberis has had an immense impact on the outreach of the LJNI.
- Most justice web articles have been complemented by extensive resource lists for use by school teaching staff.
- Authorship of justice material has been shared among a wider group.
- Explicit justice focus provided in new induction modules for new school board members.
- Michelle McCarty provided formation for the Loreto Vietnam staff and board.
- Network-wide support of the Federal Mobile Phone legislation.
- The movement to online conversations and webinars has really strengthened our province and global network, adding immediacy and humanity to our deliberations.

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### Monthly Justice Web Articles

January	Response to the IBVM UN Human Right to Education paper
February	Bakhita Day
March	Beijing 25+/International Women's Day
April	International Earth Day   Laudato Si Week
May	Loreto in Lockdown: article exploring verity (partly about justice) National Reconciliation Week
June	World Environment Day World Refugee Day
July	Cruci Dum Spiro Fido: a reflection on George Floyd's death International Day Against Trafficking in Humans
August	International Youth Day Migrant and Refugee Week
September	Season of Creation
October	International Day of the Girl Child
November	Follow-up to Women and COVID-19 webinar

Articles can be accessed at 'News' tabs on [loreto.org.au](http://loreto.org.au) and [loretoministries.org.au](http://loretoministries.org.au)

### Webinars

#### June 5 | World Environment Day | Zoom meeting

Francesca Torcasio Barberis	Former UN intern
Sr Janet Palafox ibvm	IBVM UN Rep

Participants: Student environment leaders from Loreto Schools (Coorparoo, Kirribilli, Normanhurst, Toorak & Nedlands) and a number of students from Loreto schools in India.

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### Webinars continued...

#### September 16 | Your Rights Your Voice: Focus on Human Rights to mark UN@75

Jwan Kada	Volunteer Prison Chaplain
Miriam Pellicano	EO House of Welcome
Leila Mangos	Loreto Normanhurst Student, Climate Activist

Audience: Year 10/11 students (approx. 12 students registered) | LJN friends

Resources shared via school staff as follow up.

#### October 13 | International Day of the Girl

Dung Nguyen	EO, Loreto Vietnam
Sr Santrina Raymond	IBVM teacher, Kenya
Michelle Gale	MWIA Fund-raising and Marketing Co-ordinator

Audience: Year 5/6 students: Marryatville, Toorak, Nedlands. Approx 50 students/teachers attended.

Resources shared during meeting.

#### October 14 | Mary Ward Justice Forum: Australian Women & COVID-19

Kirsty Robertson	CEO, Caritas Australia
Sarah Rey	Justitia Lawyers
Miriam Pellicano	EO, House of Welcome
Leonie Dyer	House of Welcome
Sabeen Saddiqe	House of Welcome

Audience: Sisters, school staff, friends of Loreto, past pupils. 200 + registered, 140 in attendance.

Follow up resource document made available online.

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### Webinars continued...

#### November 24 | Education for Justice

Sam Jensen  
Libby Parker  
Sheena Teeder

Director of Studies, Loreto Toorak  
Director of Mission, Loreto Normanhurst  
Co-ordinator, Friday Night School

Audience: Sisters, school staff. Approx 25 registered, including participants from Vietnam and Kenya.

Follow up resources shared during meeting.

### Looking Ahead...

Continued discernment will take place around relevant justice issues that the LJN responds to, e.g. domestic violence, prison system. We hope to be able to highlight resources, agencies and possible practical responses across these areas.

With the support of Alison Brown, we will provide professional development on ethical procurement to Loreto office staff, and office purchases will be made in line with ethical procurement guidelines.

From Q2, 2021, the Loreto office will develop its Reconciliation Action Plan.

It has been a long-held desire of LJN to engage more directly with the justice concerns of the Loreto sisters in the Philippines, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.

The IBVM Leadership Team (International) has invited all provinces to discern a corporate environmental justice project as part of the Loreto 200 Year Jubilee celebrations commencing in August 2021. LJN will spearhead this response.

We hope to return to the possibility of a Province-sponsored UN internship once COVID-19 restrictions settle.