

- Advocated for \$50 million appropriations for Darfur and bill signed by President Bush.
- Continued advocacy for resolution to the Darfur genocide conflict in Sudan.
- Ad in the WACO, Texas newspaper urged President Bush to exercise leadership with the Darfur crisis. The Ad received editorial and TV coverage.
- Encouraged congress and the administration to support Fair Trade, especially around farm subsidies, at the WTO in Russia.
- Advocated for appropriations for the Global Fund.
- Presented Rep. Hyde with the Masai Warrior Award, because of his efforts to slay poverty through his leadership against HIV/AIDS. Sr. Florence brought the award.
- Advocated for an additional 1 per cent of the federal budget to poverty focused development assistance by 2010.
- Advocacy for Human Rights in developing countries.
- Advocate for Ryan White legislation Reauthorization which was signed by the President.

4. Network Building

- Wheaton College Faculty Development Day was coordinated by Dr. Evvy Campbell. DGAAN members were presenters and invited participants in this very informative day.
- SGAC networked with college students across the country through action on AIDS, an organization of world Vision.
- Members participated in the Jubilee Drop the Debt Tour.
- Dr. Sandra Joireman utilizes her influence as a board member of Bread for the World.
- Provided workshops on Debt Cancellation for the Diocese of Joliet.
- Wheaton College Students and staff meet with delegations from DATA, Bread for the World and Christian NGO's in D.C.
- Sr. Sheila Kinsey's participation in Franciscans International United Nations Special Assemblies, International AIDS Conference in Toronto, Canada, and Franciscan Federation provides a Franciscan global context for our work.
- Participated in "Feed My Children," project which makes nutritional meal packages for children in Africa
- Regular contact with Anne Batchelder, both as the ONE Campaign Regional and as the National Outreach Coordinator, has provided support and interconnections with DGAAN, DATA and the ONE Campaign.
- Visits by participants to Africa have received coverage by newspapers and other organizational newsletters.
- SGAC hosted a Dinner & Dialogue with Soul Force. Conversations were open and respectful, and the experience was very positive.
- DGAAN hosted a reception for Sr. Florence Muia, ASN who updated the group and local community on her efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- Matthew Sevilla, Calvary Church, continues to bring college age young people to talks about the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- Dr. Joireman has networked with African lawyers/USAID representatives in local churches. She has traveled to Uganda, Kenya and Ghana where she worked with AIDS ministries, AIDS infected populations in order to write her paper on women's property rights.
- Canticle Ministries participated in the Chicago AIDS Walk. Funds will be used for scholarships for persons with HIV/AIDS.
- St. Joan of Arc third Big Band Dance benefit for Upendo Village drew 150 participants.
- John St. Laurent exercises leadership in the Diocese of Joliet Campaign to End Extreme Poverty. The council is implementing the program in parishes, schools and individuals.
- World AIDS Day Remembrances was observed by Canticle Ministries and Mosaicinitiative.
- Celebration of 10th Anniversary of Canticle Place, Housing for PLWA

DGAAN has become a very strong network through the personal and group efforts of the members. All the members are commended for their successful efforts of advocacy, networking and strengthening the lifelines of hope, locally and globally.

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CAMPAIGN TO MAKE POVERTY HISTORY Fourth Annual Progress Report: 2006 Goals

The DuPage Global AIDS Action Network (DGAAN) was formed as a result of Bono, of the rock group, U2, stopping at Wheaton College for an evening appearance of the Heart of America Tour in December 2002.

DGAAN was formed with three guiding purposes

- To build a strong advocate voice in the DuPage area and to expand that voice into local, national and international arenas.
- To find ways to network successfully and build an enduring community.
- To strengthen the lifeline, offering strands of hope to stop the spread of AIDS globally. (The word glocal, an amalgam of global and local, is to remind us that our efforts should be as far reaching as the HIV/AIDS pandemic itself).

The network continues to be co-chaired by three persons: Sr. Sheila Kinsey, OSF, D.Min., of the Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Office of the Wheaton Franciscans, a Catholic Organization, and Dr. Ashley Woodiwiss, Ph.D. and Dr. Sandra Joireman, Ph.D., of the Department of Politics and International Relations at Wheaton College, an Evangelical Organization.

The first annual report (2003) is chronicled in *DGAAN: DuPage Global AIDS Action Network (A Successful Advocacy Group)*, the second annual report (2004) *Future Directions for DGAAN* and the third (2005) *Campaign to End Poverty*. At the start of 2006, members of DGAAN established the following goals for the calendar year:

- **Recruitment and Movement Building**, • **Continuing Education**, • **Activist Training and**
- **Network Building**

This 2006 Annual Report demonstrates the progress of DGAAN with these goals.

1. Recruitment and Movement Building

- Wheaton College is a College of ONE and the City of Wheaton is a City of ONE.
- DATA and ONE Campaign activities have promoted DGAAN and vice versa.
- DGAAN members have brought in groups where they have contracts.
- Shayne Moore, influential representative of the ONE Campaign, is featured in an international ad with celebrities, to promote the ONE Campaign.
- The S.T.E.P. Program at St. Thomas which includes a section on HIV/AIDS has been used in schools and has been expanded as an ecumenical experience.
- The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Office of the Wheaton Franciscans maintains contact with Franciscans International, Joliet Diocese, Catholic News Service, Jubilee USA and Catholic Relief Services.
- A core of regular participants at the DGAAN meetings averages 20 persons. Over 200 cards are sent out for meeting reminders.

- Participants from various groups: AIDS Volunteer Network, Canticle Ministries, Wheaton College, Student Global AIDS Campaign, Wheaton Franciscans, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Parish, Upendo Village, Assembly of God Calvary Church, Axis Ministry Willow Creek, St. Thomas Catholic Parish, Lombard Mennonite Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Lutheran church, Wheaton Bible Church AIDS Task Force Committee, College of DuPage and Eighth Day Center for Justice.
- Shayne Moore was a ONE Campaign spokesperson at the G-8 Summit in Russia, regarding the HIV/AIDS pandemic, trade and debt. She was also interviewed for several articles on the summit.
- Coverage of Sr. Florence Muia's visit to the U.S. acknowledged her HIV/AIDS work and her recognition as a 2005 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee.
- Participants worked on programs for AIDS Orphans.
- Dr. Evvy Campbell and Tony Dawson, Wheaton College worked on Urbana AIDS Track Steering Committee.
- Student Global Aids Campaign (SGCA) sponsored several campus awareness events and fundraisers.
- Dr. Woodiwiss participates in the Presidential Task Force on AIDS for Wheaton College.
- SGAC, through the leadership of David Peyton, provided education through the film **Dear Francis**, student experiences with HIV/AIDS in Switzerland and an awareness event on the Millennium Development Goals.
- Contacts with Franciscans International (FI) Office in Geneva, Switzerland regarding DGAAN and the resources we have developed. FI is promoting ecumenical alliances from both the New York and Geneva Offices.
- Article in **Catholic Health Progress** on Solidarity with Developing Countries with Sr. Beatrice Hernandez, OSF, D. Min., and Sr. Sheila Kinsey, OSF.
- Participation in Jubilee Grassroots calls on a monthly basis.
- Participates in St. Paul Lutheran's Tanzania Project.
- SGAC members travel to Ethiopia and Zambia to engage with person living with HIV/AIDS in Africa.
- Massive Wheaton College Student response to Zambia Orphan Choir which hosted by SGAC.
- Members traveled to Nigeria.
- Began the Student Sponsorship Program for children orphaned through HIV/AIDS in Naivasha, Kenya.
- NBC sent a camera crew to interview local ONE Campaigners.
- Participated in Global Leadership Conference in D.C.
- Speaking engagements on Darfur at St. Joan of Arc and Lewis University, Romeoville.
- Interviewed with **Catholic Explorer**, Diocese of Joliet newspaper regarding Changing Face of AIDS
- Involvements posted also on FI's website.
- Concerted efforts for signatures for the ONE Campaign
- Raising funds for African Programs for PLWA
- Participants met with the editorial staff of the **Daily Chronicle** to have an editorial on the MDG's and the elimination of poverty.
- Brochures and booklets on DGAAN have been given out at various activities locally and nationally.
- DGAAN has its own website (<http://www.dgaan.org>). The website has been acknowledged for its professional design and serves as a basis for timely updates. Suzie Broomes is responsible for the website publications. Chris Ewert is hosting the DGAAN website for free, his company is infolaunch.com.

2. Continuing Education

- *How do decisions of the World Trade Organization (WTO) affect the HIV/AIDS pandemic?* Br. David Andrews, CSC, Executive Director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference (NCRL), discussed implications of actions that need to take into account national and global farm concerns. Countries affected by HIV/AIDS have less capacity for work and need to be taught to grow nutritious food.

- *The Farm Bill and Its Relation to HIV/AIDS.* Dr. Sandra Joireman, Board Member of Bread for the World, spoke about the farm bill and its relation to HIV/AIDS. She addressed the concern that the domestic and international areas of the farm bill have a history of directly impacting one another.
- *United Nations Commission on the Status of Women* focused on: violence against women and women's involvement in politics and peaceful resolutions to conflict. Sr. Beatrice Hernandez, OSF, M.D., Sr. Sheila Kinsey, OSF and Sr. Florence Muia, ASN (DVD) gave a panel presentation on Partnering Communities and the Spread of HIV/AIDS.
- *Professors from Wheaton College visit the countries of Uganda, Rwanda, Ghana and Kenya.* Dr. Woodiwiss spoke about his experiences in Uganda and Rwanda. He lectured at the Ugandan Christian University on politics and international relations. He also met with David Peyton, former SGAC President, who is involved with micro-financing programs for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWA). Dr. Woodiwiss shared the personal impact of these visits and noted how committed PLWA's are to being productive members. Dr. Joireman visited Uganda, Kenya and Ghana. While there she gathered information for her paper "Unholy Trinity: AIDS, Poverty and Women's Property Rights in Africa". She also shared her experience with the effectiveness of the Upendo Village comprehensive program that involved PLWA in vital ways.
- *Upendo Village Project to combat HIV/AIDS.* Sr. Florence Muia shared the developments and future directions for Upendo Village.
- *Highlights from the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on HIV/AIDS.* Sr. Florence, ASN and Sr. Sheila Kinsey, OSF were representatives of Franciscans International at these sessions.
- *Millennium Development Goals are highly linked and effective to combating AIDS.* Annie Gill-Boyer, Bread for the World Faith Outreach Organizer for the One Campaign, clearly articulated these connections.
- *Global Fund in Zambia.* Dr. Simon Mphuka spoke about how the people of Zambia benefit from the Global Fund and the President's Emergency Program For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). Dr. Mphuka oversees \$50 million in faith-based organization efforts.
- *Cancel the Debt Tour.* Emma Davis, Drop the Debt: Global Connections Tour Coordinator spoke about the tour.
- *New Democratic Congress-Possibilities and Challenges,* Dr. Ashley Woodiwiss, P.h.D. shared helpful commentary on congressional leaders.
- *New Ways to Globalize Our Community and Faith Based Efforts.* John St. Laurent, is active in the Diocese of Joliet's Campaign to End Extreme Poverty. He shared his experiences in working with parishes to raise awareness about global poverty and the MDG's.
- *Implications of the Ryan White Fund.* Several sessions shared the struggle to balance the needs of the urban population served programs with the needs to develop services in rural areas. Input from Paul Johnston, Wheaton Franciscans, and Jeana Stewart & David Allen, Co-Directors of Canticle Ministries.
- *Resources on DGAAN website:* includes listing of meetings, minutes, advocacy efforts, educational events and PowerPoint presentations.

3. Activist Training

- Advocated for farm legislation that considered national and global concerns.
- Wheaton College Road Trip to D.C. to educate and to protest harmful actions of pharmaceutical companies especially Abbott Laboratories for their price hike on Norvair.
- Visited with Rep. Judy Biggert's to encourage her sponsorship of 2007 Jubilee Act.
- Thank you to Rep. Biggert for her leadership in obtaining \$950 million for the transactional debt services for the 19 HIPC counties which received debt cancellation at the G-8 Summit in Scotland.
- Personal contacts with Rep. Hastert and Mike Gerson for AIDS funding, senators and representatives.
- Promotion of Legislation for the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act which was signed by President Bush.