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Recalling with gratitude...

I am delighted to present this second annual report of SJES covering Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2022, a year of abundant graces, countless challenges and myriad opportunities.

The year began with the shocking news of the 'death' of **Fr. Stan Swamy** in custody in Mumbai, India, on 5 July 2021. Almost a year later, two more Jesuits, **Javier Campos Morales** and **Joaquín César Mora Salazar**, were killed in Tarahumara mountains in Northwest Mexico on Monday, 20 June 2022. All three lived and worked among the indigenous people, spoke the truth and defended their rights. Stan, as I knew, was a man who 'never wanted to be a silent spectator' amid the dehumanized world. Like many other prophets, he was ready to face the consequences. While in prison, he asked, "Why truth has become so bitter, Dissent so unpalatable, Justice so out of reach?" This is the harsh reality today in many impoverished nations.

Almost four years ago, on 19 Feb. 2019, we received the UAP mandate. UAPs invite us to discern and see ourselves as partners in the mission of God to walk with the poor, accompany youth and care for our common home. The Jesuits and the collaborators in social justice and ecology mission in all 6 Conferences and Networks have been creatively walking through the difficult times, thanks to the inspiration of the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs).

In this annual report, we present glimpses of those creative, discerned actions and initiatives through the lens of UAPs. As you will see, the report is organized not according to Conference or Network activities but according to UAPs. These are the fruit of a process and a spiritual path undertaken by the Jesuits and collaborators in the mission of reconciliation and justice in this broken and wounded world. Hence, it must be seen not as activities of individual preferences but as all 4 of them together as the mission entrusted by Pope Francis to the entire Society of Jesus.

With immense gratitude and joy,

Xavier Jeyaraj SJ
Secretary, SJES

Conference & GIAN processes – from UAP Lens

The past year has been turbulent in many respects. Throughout the world, the poor and marginalised have continued to suffer the most from the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the Global South, unable to access the vaccine sufficiently, faced food and medical supply shortages, political unrest, and a massive death toll.

Already existing inequalities deepened with the continued suffering of the Global South while life in the Global North somehow returned to the usual daily routine, pre-pandemic. A sharp increase in violence aggravated these immense hardships. Political and democratic contexts have reportedly become increasingly hostile to exercising rights. From Haiti to Myanmar to Ukraine, political repression, aggression, and suppression of rights seem to be becoming a global norm. This violence is an affront to the dignity of human life and challenges the teachings of the Church.

As though to match the pain that humanity inflicts on itself, nature relentlessly thrashed the world with seemingly endless disasters. The past year, from flooding and landslides to wildfires and droughts, has reinforced the perception that the natural world is in pain. Moreover, these natural disasters, aggravated by human negligence and abuse of nature, made certain parts of the globe unsuitable for sustaining life.

These natural disasters, violence, injustice and inequality force people to flee and leave their homes. Forcibly displaced people only seek to recover a life of dignity, opportunity and self-determination. But unfortunately, they encounter criminal syndicates that exploit and abuse them and societies that are all too ready to alienate and exclude them.

The litany of woes can go on. But we must not lose heart. The 36th General Congregation reminds us that God's gift to us through St. Ignatius is the vision of the Contemplation to Attain Love (Decree 1, § 3). So let us take courage. God continues to labour, recreate, and save all creation. And God invites us to participate in His saving mission.

Through this annual report, we recall how God has moved us to labour with Him to accomplish the mission of reconciliation and justice. How have we, as Companions of Jesus, responded to the calls of GC 36 and the Universal Apostolic Preferences?

UAP 1

To show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and Discernment

"A special gift the Jesuits and the Ignatian family have to offer to the Church, and her mission of evangelisation is Ignatian spirituality, which facilitates the experience of God and can, therefore, greatly help the process of personal and communal conversion." *(GC 36, d 1, § 23)*

Ignatian spirituality animated the meetings in the Jesuit Conferences worldwide and Global Ignatian Advocacy Networks (GIAN). As a result, conversations marked by intentional speaking and active listening have become a pronounced practice in assemblies. These profoundly personal, spiritual conversations resulted from carefully designed sessions centred on Ignatian principles and practices, such as Christian discipleship, reading the signs of the times, Ignatian discernment, etc.

For example, in March 2022, the Jesuit European Social Centre (JESC), the five social apostolate networks of the European Conference (JCEP), gathered 153 delegates from 26 countries to the Loyola 2022 Justice and Ecology Congress in Spain. Representatives from across the European Social Apostolate and other faith-based groups participated in the Congress. The representatives reflected, conversed, and discerned the mission's current implications to promote the faith that does justice. It was a milestone for renewal. As a result, the 2022 Justice and Ecology Congress inspired shared social action on the climate crisis, increasing numbers of migrants and refugees and the widening social inequality.

During this year (May 2021 - July 2022), the Society of Jesus celebrated the 500th anniversary of St. Ignatius' conversion, a cannonball moment, by calling every Jesuit to ask for the grace of conversion. It is not merely a conversion which is personal, but also institutional and structural. In fact, the collective discernment process of preparing the GIAN document was a journey of structural conversion. We desired 'to see all things in Christ' and engage in accompanying and listening to the cry of the poor and environment through networking and collaboration.

Refer to the next page for a list of comparable accomplishments in Jesuit Conferences and GIAN networks on UAP 1.

a. Conversations, Listening and Discerning processes

- JCEP: Loyola, Spain March 2022 Justice and Ecology Congress
- CPAL: Congress of Spiritual Exercises and Live Prayers @ Ignatian Year
- JCAP-ASL Province: International Ignatian Eco-spiritual Conference to encourage a more profound ecological conversion. It was framed on Laudato Si' and the Universal Apostolic Preferences, particularly on collaborating to care for our common home. Fr. General inaugurated it and Xavier Jeyaraj was the keynote speaker.
- JCAP: Flagship Project "Caring for Communities and Creation." A component is the Ignatian Ecological Retreat for the Youth, where youth participants will develop and implement an ecological project as a fruit of their retreat.
- JCCU: Canada province sponsored the Ecology Retreat (8 days), "Towards Ecological Conversion", at Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

b. Faith & Dialogue at Global Advocacy Events

- JENA: UNEP Faith for Earth Dialogue
- JENA: Stockholm+50
- JCAM and CIDSE: African Climate Dialogue
- JCAP and faith groups in Oceania: 2022 UN Ocean Conference

c. Amplification of Ignatian Spirituality through Media, Research and Publications

- JCCU: Integrated Laudato Si Action Platform (LSAP) and its goals along with Ignatian spirituality principles on JCCU website.
- JCCU: Jesuit Anti-Racism Sodality (JARS), USA East Province - Jesuits share a reflection each month from different contributors
- CPAL: published the anthology, "Fundamental Texts of the Social Apostolate."
- GIAN-Migration: 2021 Publication of "Connected through Globalization of Forced Migration and Hospitality"
- JCSA: Nepal Region translated Ignatian spirituality books to Nepali and established a library on Ignatian Spirituality
- JCSA: Many Provinces produced Ignatian-themed audio-visual materials.

d. Ongoing Formation on Ignatian spirituality

- JCEP: European Leadership Programme (ELP) sponsored by the European Provincials
- CPAL: Congress of Spiritual Exercises and Live Prayers @ Ignatian Year
- JCSA: Ignatian Leadership Programme for both Jesuits and non-Jesuits

"When in the name of an ideology, there is an attempt to remove God from a society, that society ends of adoring idols, and very soon men and women lose their way, their dignity is trampled and their rights violated..."

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, § 274

"The social apostolate risks losing its vigour and momentum, its orientation and impact. Were this to happen in a given Province or Assistancy, then for lack of a vital and wellorganised social apostolate, the essential social dimension would also probably fade away bit by bit. Such a process of erosion would inevitably reduce Our mission today (GC 32) and Our mission and justice (GC 34) to a few obligatory but rhetorical phrases in the discourse of the Society, leaving our option for the poor and our promotion of justice hollowed out."

RP Peter-Hans Kolvenbach SJ

On the Social Apostolate, 24 January 2000, PI, no. 73

UAP 2

To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, and those whose dignity has been violated in a mission of reconciliation and justice.

"The poor challenge us to return constantly to what is essential to the Gospel, to what really gives life, and to recognise that which merely burdens us. As Pope Francis reminds us [Evangelium Gaudium, § 198], we are called to find Christ in the poor, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to understand them, and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them." (GC 36, d.1, § 15)

The apostolic preference, "Walking with the poor and excluded", had most activities across Jesuit Conferences worldwide. For example, emergency relief and social support delivery to victims of natural calamities, conflicts, and the Covid-19 global pandemic. In addition, many of our centres and institutions held activities to accompany, care and protect migrants, refugees, and outcasts. They provided them with opportunities for integration into society. For example, in South Asia, the outreach to the migrants during the pandemic bore witness to our commitment. In a rural setting such as Wisconsin, USA, Marquette University provided formerly incarcerated individuals the opportunity for higher learning alongside its usual undergraduate students through blended courses. The University also provided financial aid, counselling, mental health services, training, etc., to increase their course completion chance and the possibility of complete social integration.

Collaborating with the GIAN-Migration network, the Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean (CPAL) unequivocally advocated "a more generous culture of hospitality" to refugees and migrants as a Catholic Christian faith response (GC 36, d. 1, § 26). Moreover, the GIAN-Migration network published its 2021 document, "Connected through the Globalisation of Forced Migration and Hospitality." The document is a fruit of close collaboration with the forcibly displaced, other Jesuit Conferences, Church actors, faith-based groups, and civil Society attending to migrants and refugees.

Asia Pacific's flagship project, "Caring for Communities and Creation," embodied the mission of addressing poverty and ecological justice together as one Conference. One of the project's three approaches is to strengthen local communities, especially the Indigenous communities. The two other approaches to the project are to reduce energy use and reduce dependence on fossil fuels, plus youth and Ignatian spirituality for ecological conversion. In addition, the project is envisioned to implement culture-sensitive, nature-based solutions within communities for greater resilience and improve partnerships between local communities and urban-based Jesuit Provinces and institutions.

Refer to the next pages for a list of comparable accomplishments in Jesuit Conferences and GIAN networks on UAP 2.

Walking with the poor...

a. **Emergency response and humanitarian assistance**

- JCEP: Emergency response to Haiti (earthquake), East Africa (cyclone Idai), Tigray Region, North Ethiopia (famine).
- JCEP: ongoing support to *Lok Manch*, in India and to African Jesuit AIDS Network (AJAN) in Africa, through through Xavier Network (XN), and local partners.
- JCEP: Ongoing support and capacity building of vulnerable people, especially migrants in different JCEP Provinces.
- JCSA: Provided Covid-19 emergency relief materials (dry rations, financial assistance) to the poor and vulnerable.
- JCSA: Some provinces raised awareness on the advantages of being vaccinated (Covid19); some established and monitored Covid-19 quarantine centres

b. Welcoming and protecting migrants, refugees, and other minorities

- JCEP: Prepared "One Project," to welcome and accompany refugees from Ukraine in neighbouring European countries; collaboration with JRS, Xavier Network, and other Ignatian institutions.
- JCEP: JRS led the ongoing protection, accompaniment, social integration and advocacy for refugees and migrants in several countries of Europe—a collaborative action among JCEP, Xavier Network, and Ignatian-inspired institutions.
- JCCU: Education Preparedness Program (EPP) @ Marquette University, Wisconsin, USA.
- JCCU: Jesuit Anti-Racism Sodality (JARS), a platform for addressing social justice issues in the Jesuit provinces.
- JCCU: Loyola University, New Orleans: housing assistance, through legal representation, for communities displaced by climate disasters in the Southern USA.

- JCSA: Began and strengthened Conference level network for migrant workers: *Migrant Assistance Information Network* (MAIN)
- JCSA: Several Jesuit social centres promoted Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to empower women.
- JCAP: Conference Flagship Project, "Caring for Communities and Creation."
- JCAP: Migrant and Refugees Network, May 2022 virtual workshops to promote a culture of hospitality and reconciliation, access to safety, security and livelihoods, addressing the root causes of forced displacement, and capacity development of its network members.
- JCAP: Migrants and Refugees Network established the Myanmar Forum to respond to the crisis sustainably.

c. Social Justice advocacy, Weekly radio broadcast

- JCAM: Advocacy for a) sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery after pandemic; b) rethinking African development; c) Governance and Human Rights; d) restoring integral ecosystems in the areas of climate justice, Food justice, and Just Green transition.
- CPAL: En Buena Compania, weekly radio news on the Jesuit social centres' networks
- JCSA: Advocacy for the human rights of the poor, especially land rights of Indigenous Peoples and right to food through Lok Manch
- JCSA - Sri Lanka: Advocacy for the rights of women in plantation

"As fellow pilgrims with them (the poor and those committed to justice) towards the kingdom, we have often been touched by their faith, renewed by their hope, transformed by their love." Gc 34, D 3, § 1

d. Congress, Assemblies, Seminars, to raise awareness, cultivate participative decision-making, and promote leadership

- JCEP: "Justice and Ecology Congress" at Loyola, Spain
- JCAP: Conference Migrants and Refugees Network established the Myanmar Forum. The Forum drafted a solidarity action plan to address the crisis in Myanmar collectively.
- CPAL: Network of Social Centres' Ecology Peer Group convened 20 universities and 12 social centres to conduct the study, "Study on Environment and Corruption in LAC."
- CPAL: COMPARTE organised virtual conversations on "Democracy in LAC, Quo Vadis?"
- CPAL: COMPARTE 70 persons participated at the International Seminar, "The Collective Construction of Economic Alternatives."
- CPAL: Gender and Equality Group conversations on the influence of women in Ignatian Spirituality and the situation of women in the Church, the SJ, and civil society.
- JCSA: initiated Fr Stan Swamy SJ Memorial Lectures to continue his Advocacy for IPs.

e. Advocacy through research, publications, and public presentations

- CPAL: the network of social centres' publication of the book, "Fundamental Texts of the Social Apostolate." The book has four articles: "Generosity and Effectiveness;" "Challenges of the Justice and Reconciliation Mission in Latin America and the Caribbean;" "Brief History of the Socio-Environmental Apostolate in Latin America and the Caribbean;" and "Framework for the Study and Work in Integral Ecology."
- CPAL: Network of Social Centres' Ecology Peer Group made a presentation at the Pan Amazonian Social Forum, "Guiding Framework for Study and Work on Integral Ecology."
- CPAL: COMPARTE: Revisited agroecology experiences and productive economic activities. Also, it approved the socio-environment audit system and the participatory system of guarantees.

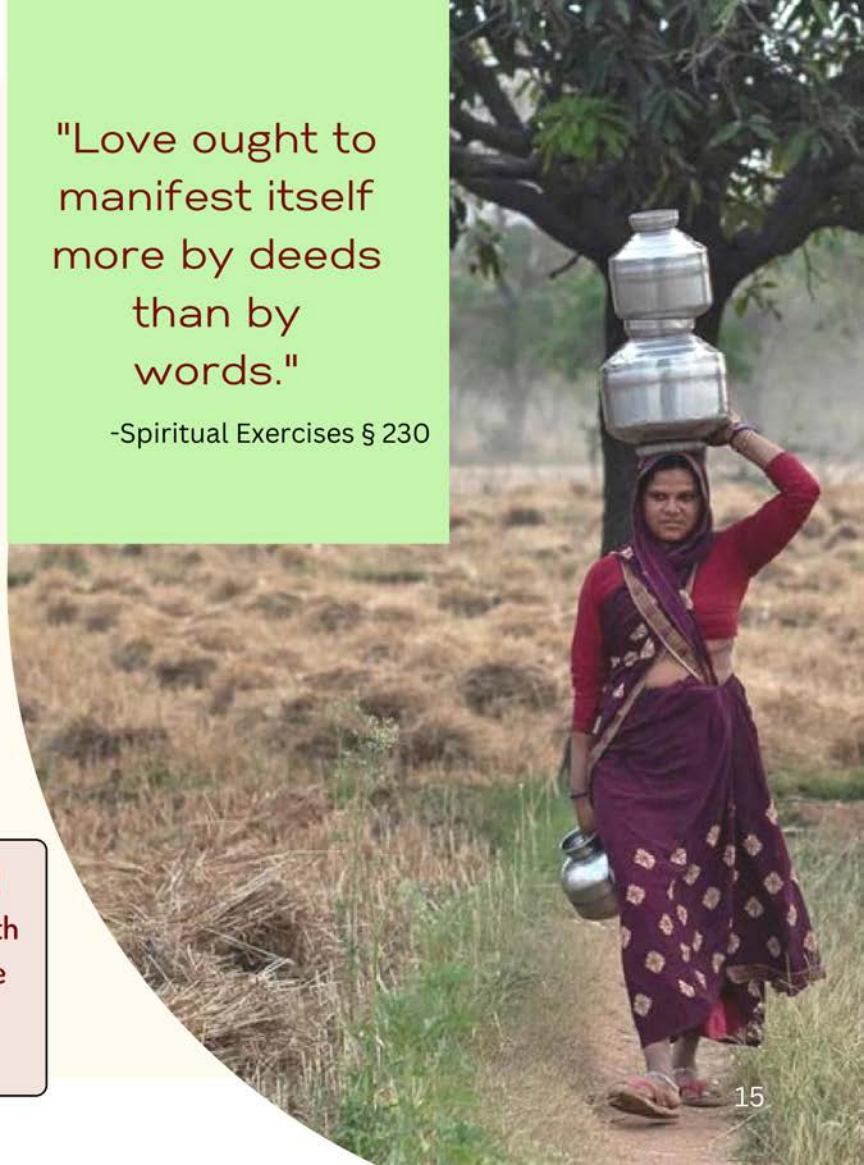
- CPAL: Network of Social Centres' research presentation, "Alternative Models of Development and Social and Solidarity Economy."
- CPAL: Indigenous Solidarity and Apostolate Network: publication of monthly articles on the CPAL website to advocate for IPs and Afro groups.
- GIAN-JIM: Connected the world's wounded realities to pursue reconciliation and justice within the purview of the UAPs and the inspiration of Catholic Social Teachings.
- GIAN-JIM: Development of case study materials from specific mining-affected locations worldwide. 1) Honduras: struggles of human rights defenders and environmental activists; 2) Mexico: a local community's success in exercising the right to resist mining. 3) DR Congo and Kenya: artisanal mining and poor working conditions. 4) Goa Province, India: environmental and social impacts of mining. 5) Jharkhand, India: struggles of people's movements vs a coal mining company. 6) Australia: fracking in the northern territory. 7) UK: Holding corporations accountable through "shareholder advocacy." 8) Dominican Republic: local movements vs Barrick Gold Mining.
- GIAN-Migration: 2021 Publication of "Connected through Globalization of Forced Migration and Hospitality."
- GIAN-EcoJesuit amplified uplifting stories of social action:
    1. JCEP: Germany: Climate and Food Waste Protests (Fr Jorg Alt SJ)
    2. JCSA: Honoring the memory of Fr Stan Swamy
    3. JCSA: Punjab Farmers' Protests
    4. JCSA: *Lok Manch* People's Platform
    5. CPAL: Brazil: "I Vote For Amazon" Campaign
    6. JCAP: "Caring for Communities and Creation"

f. Conference-wide Apostolic Planning of joint apostolic projects

- CPAL: COMPARTE accompanied the network towards creating a proposal to strengthen the solidarity economy network.
- CPAL: communal reflection on COMPARTE's mission and responsibilities in the Amazon.
- CPAL: ERCRILA, the reflection team on Indigenous Religions, reflected on how IPs assume healing, authority, and discernment.
- JCAP: Migrants and Refugees Network of JCAP held a virtual workshop on 16-17 May 2022 to plan for 2023-2025; established the Myanmar Forum.

"Love ought to manifest itself more by deeds than by words."

-Spiritual Exercises § 230



Our service, especially among the poor, has deepened our life of faith, both individually and as a body; our faith has become more paschal, more compassionate, more tender, more evangelical in its simplicity."

GC 34, D2, § 1

Promotion of a Consistent Culture of Protection Project (PCCP)

The work of PCCP is aligned to UAP 2 'to walk with the Excluded' and it is a mission of justice, healing and reconciliation. Since October 2018, Fr. John Guiney SJ co-ordinates PCCP with an Assistant and is advised by a six-member Advisory Committee under the responsibility of SJES.

Global mapping 2019-2020

During 2019 and 2020, the PCCP conducted a global mapping exercise to assess safeguarding implementation across Society and presented its first report outlining its findings, along with indicators and recommendations. This was communicated to the Major Superiors, and Conference Safeguarding Delegates were named to support this critical work.

Commitment to Minimum Standards 2021

Our work in accompanying Provinces, Regions and Conferences continued with the publication of our second Report in April 2021, which communicated a shared vision, mission and commitment to implement the three minimum standards of safeguarding practice:

- Policy and guidelines for ethical behaviour and safe environments
- Protocols for dealing with allegations, case management and victim accompaniment
- Ongoing training and formation

The report was accompanied by a letter from Fr. General, dated 13 May 2021, 'On the implementation of minimum standards of safeguarding in the Society of Jesus during this Ignatian year'. Fr. General's letter was unequivocal: 'Our commitment to prevention and protection will only become a lived reality when we can show that these three standards are implemented in every community and apostolic work of the Society.'

Global Safeguarding Audit 2022

With minimum standards set in motion in 2021, PCCP designed a Global Safeguarding Audit to support major superiors since January 2022 across all Provinces and Regions in the Society. The response rate to the Audit was 100%, which indicates the commitment to safeguarding across the Society. The support of the Conference Safeguarding Delegates was greatly appreciated. The progress since the 2019 baseline survey is notable – policies, training, and protocols are everywhere, with few exceptions. Also noteworthy are plans for follow-up in improving training and updating policies. PCCP's creation of a safeguarding toolkit will continue to help support the development of policies and protocols. The PCCP's third report will outline the key findings and recommendations from the Audit.

Ongoing collaboration and networking

The work of the Province and Conference Delegates' safeguarding teams through regular meetings continues to be vital to promoting a culture of protection in our communities and apostolates' different contexts and cultures.

PCCP dialogues and exchanges information and knowledge with other mission partners such as Xavier Network - the network of Jesuit NGOs and Mission offices, Fe y Alegria, JRS, and Religious Congregations of men and women. In this mission of justice and reconciliation, we are on a learning trajectory in transforming our cultures into places of care and mutual respect where Gospel values shape all our relationships.

UAP 3

To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future

DREAM
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Accompanying the Young

"Our educational apostolates at all levels, and our centres of communication and social research, should help form men and women committed to reconciliation and able to confront obstacles to reconciliation and propose solutions. The intellectual apostolate should be strengthened to help in the transformation of cultures and societies." (GC 36, d. 1, § 34.)

Providing the youth, especially those poor, with formal and non-formal educational opportunities was a way of accompanying youth to become co-creators of hope. And engaging youth in deep conversations—through active listening and sharing our life-mission and Ignatian spirituality—was a means of helping youth discern ways to contribute to humankind's well-being. Encouraging youth to assume leadership in advocating social justice issues was another way of accompaniment. Finally, the mindful integration of youth accompaniment as a cross-cutting dimension in Conference apostolic plans was another commendable practice of the year.

The Jesuit Conference of European Provincials and its Jesuit European Social Centre (JESC) sustained their "European Leadership Programme" to form young Ignatian leaders for the Church and the common good in Europe. Ignatian spirituality-inspired communities, primarily Alumni from Brussels, also collaborated in holding the program. The roster of resource persons included EU Commissioners, NGO directors, Church representatives, corporate executives and members of the European Parliament.

The Jesuit Conference of South Asia notably had several protection and educational activities for vulnerable youth. For example, during the year, Jesuits in Hazaribagh launched 80 non-formal education centres. The same group also started its education mission for tribals in the Palamau district. In Goa, about 700 youth were trained on vocational skills for self-employment during the year. Similarly, forty poor girls from Darjeeling tea gardens received scholarships to the Nvajeevan Nursing Institute.

At the Jesuit Conference of Canada and USA (JCCU), students from Jesuit high schools across California gathered at the state capital for an advocacy day. Moved by their local communities' concerns, they advocated for just responses to select issues such as homelessness, housing equity, youth mental health, and youth criminalisation. The local bishop joined them for the Eucharistic celebration.

SJES Headlines kept track of the Caravan of Hope, a climate justice advocacy in Africa. The Caravan, led mainly by youth, has three integrated workshop activities highlighting the destructive effects of climate-induced floods and cyclones on people and nature in Southern Africa, focusing on Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique. Furthermore, survivors' stories and experiences are expressed through art, rhythmic and movement medicine. Community immersion and community-centred dialogues are also essential pedagogical processes of the Caravan.

Refer to the following pages for a list of comparable accomplishments in Jesuit Conferences and GIAN networks on UAP 3.

a. Protection and education activities for youth

- JCEP and JCSA: Xavier Network and local partners collaborated to support "Fe y Alegría" schools in Nepal.
- JCCU: Program (EPP) @ Marquette University, Wisconsin, USA.
- JCSA: Andhra Pradesh: "Tender Home for Anawim Rest and Awakening (THARA)", a social centre reached out to hundreds of street boys.
- JCSA: Andhra Pradesh: mobilised young girls and organised courses on Auxiliary Nurse and Midwifery (ANM)
- JCSA: Karnataka: accompaniment of Devadasis (temple prostitutes), especially the HIV-infected women.
- JCSA: Goa: trained 694 youth on vocational skills for self-employment.
- JCSA: Darjeeling: annually enrolls 40 poor girls from tea gardens at the Navjeevan Nursing Institute.
- JCSA: Hazaribagh: began the education mission for tribals, especially the Korwas (hill primitive tribes) in the Palamau district.
- JCSA: Hazaribagh: launched 80 non-formal education centres.
- JCSA: Nepal Jesuits adopted 20 government [public] schools to give quality education.
- GIAN-Migration: Inter-Conference (Europe and CPAL) hospitality proposals for University students

b. Conversations, listening and discerning processes to raise awareness and promote leadership

- JCEP: "CHANGE" Project implemented in nine (9) European countries to increase young students' awareness and participation on migration, refugees, and integration (by JRS and local partners in collaboration).
- JCEP: Activities connected to youth and socio-ecological work in different JCEP provinces.
- JCEP: "European Leadership Program (ELP)" in Brussels to form young Ignatian leaders for the Church and the common good in Europe.
- JCSA: Many Provinces started training youth on leadership and human rights using social analysis and critical thinking. Consequently, many youths are moved to defend the Constitution of India.
- JCSA: Many Provinces collaborated with civil societies on ecological and climate change concerns, e.g., conversations with youth and collaborators on Laudato Si.
- CPAL: Caravan of Hope

c. Advocacy action led by youth

- JCCU: California Jesuit high school students advocate at the State capital re: homelessness, housing equity, youth mental health, and youth criminalisation.
- GIAN-Ecojesuit: Amplification of prophetic voices of youth by EcoJesuit, e.g., Youth Conference on COP26, the COP26 Pilgrimage: On the Way to Change, JCAP's Creators of Hope project, WUJA's Eco-pilgrimage, JESC's Eco-bites

d. Conference-wide Apostolic Planning

- CPAL: Common Apostolic Project, 2021-2027 (PAC 2)—Enlarged CPAL team planned the inter-network activities.
- JCAP: Apostolic Plan (part I: Cura Apostolica), the implementation of the plan is through an inter-sectoral team comprised of the Social Ministry, Ignatian Spirituality Network, Youth Ministry, Reconciliation with Creation Ministry, Indigenous Ministry & Migrants and Refugee Network.

UAP 4

To collaborate in the care of our common home.

"The multifaceted challenge of caring for our common home calls for a multifaceted response from the Society. We begin by changing our personal and community lifestyles, adopting behaviour coherent with our desire for reconciliation with creation. We must accompany and remain close to the most vulnerable ... experts should contribute to the rigorous analysis of the roots and solutions to the crisis. Jesuit communities in regions like the Amazon and the Congo Basin, environmental reserves that are essential for the future of humanity should be supported." (GC 36, d. 1, § 30)

The Jesuit and Ecology Network of Africa (JENA) collaborated with relevant partners, communities and countries to achieve a vision for a post-pandemic world built on the principles of integral ecology, human fraternity, and solidarity. JENA developed projects about sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery; restoration of integral ecosystems; rethinking African development; and governance and human rights. Its advocacy for restoring integral ecosystems focused on climate justice, food justice, and just green transition.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, continuing reflections on CPAL's direct contact with the poor, the Indigenous communities, plus scientific research, led to the publication of knowledge products to contribute to the pursuit of ecological justice. For example, the Ecology Peer Group of the CPAL Network of Social Centres presented the "Guiding Framework for Study and Work on Integral Ecology" at the Pan Amazon Social Forum. In addition, CPAL published the anthology, "Fundamental Texts of the Social Apostolate", featuring the article on said guiding framework. Furthermore, the Ecology Peer Group convened 20 universities and 12 social centres for joint research on the connection between the environment and corruption entitled "Study on Environment and Corruption in Latin America and the Caribbean."

Networking was also one of CPAL's ways to care for our common home collectively. CPAL's COMPARTE, a network of 16 social centres in 11 Latin American countries, organised an international seminar on "The Collective Construction of Economic Systems." Furthermore, it reviewed and articulated its mission in the Amazon region anew. In addition, the COMPARTE network reviewed experiences in agroecology and productive economic activities. Also, it ratified a socio-environmental audit and participatory guarantee system. Finally, its vital member, the Jesuit Service for

Panamazonia (SJPAM), planned for the education and support of the Indigenous Peoples.

GIAN-EcoJesuit collaborated with Jesuit Conferences and various Jesuit networks, including the Economy of Francesco, the Pacific Conference of Churches and the Christian Life Community. The collaboration involved listening and discernment processes regarding the global Ignatian advocacy for climate justice. Besides, EcoJesuit engaged in the COP26 process and highlighted the faith dimension of advocacy for climate justice in various global events such as the UNEP Faith for Earth Dialogue. EcoJesuit also amplified the youth's prophetic voices and uplifting social action stories through its media platform.

Refer to the table below for a comprehensive list of comparable accomplishments in other Jesuit Conferences and GIAN networks regarding UAP 4.

"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents" (Laudato Si', § 14)

a. Activities to accompany the youth and Indigenous Peoples in advocating for ecological action and climate justice.

- JCSA: Nepal Jesuits adopted 20 government schools and established eco-clubs in schools in collaboration with Patna Province's Tarumitra (Friends of the Tree) movement.
- JCSA: many SJ provinces have taken up the drive, "No to Plastics."
- JCSA: many SJ provinces promote organic farming and the use of bio-fertilisers
- JCSA: Most SJ provinces started a "tree planting drive."
- JCSA: Sri Lanka: sustained its low-cost treatment centre, the Ayurvedic Treatment Centre (established in 2020).
- JCSA: in collaboration with Xavier Network and others, started "Lok Manch," a networking project to raise climate change consciousness through workshops.
- Amplification of prophetic voices of youth by GIAN- EcoJesuit, e.g., Hunger strikes in Washington DC, Youth Conference on COP26, the COP26 Pilgrimage: On the Way to Change, JCAP's Creators of Hope project, WUJA's Eco-pilgrimage, JESC's Eco-bites

b. Conversations, listening, and discerning processes to raise awareness and promote leadership on global Ignatian Advocacy and action for climate justice.

- JCEP: Loyola March 2022, Justice and Ecology Congress
- JCEP: Advocacy work and awareness raising on climate change and ecology transition in collaboration with the European Laudato Si'Alliance.
- GIAN Justice in Mining: planning for the Justice in Mining 2022 Meeting in Loyola, Spain
- JESC (JCEP): Planning for "Eco-spirituality" workshop in Taize.
- JCAM: Advocacy for restoring integral ecosystems in the following areas: climate justice (ethical, political, physical); Food justice (market systems); Just Green transition (no human rights abuse in places of mineral extraction).
- JCAP: Australia province: Organized International Ignatian Eco-spiritual Conference
- JCAP: Flagship Project-Caring for Communities and Creation
- CPAL: Reflection Team on Indigenous Religions, the ERCRILA, reflected on how IPs assume healing, authority, and discernment.
- CPAL: Resource Persons at the Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean Listening Period (reflections of the CPAL's Social Delegates, IP Apostolate Network, Jesuit Migrants Network, Integral Ecology Peer Group, Gender Equality Group).
- CPAL: Network of Social Centres Ecology Peer Group convened 20 universities and 12 social centres to conduct the "Study on Environment and Corruption in LAC."
- CPAL: Network of Social Centres Ecology Peer Group presented at the Pan Amazon Social Forum: "Guiding Framework for Study and Work on Integral Ecology."

- JCCU: Canada province sponsored the Ecology Retreat (8 days), "Towards Ecological Conversion", at Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.
- JCCU, Santa Clara University: tUrn Climate Weeks
- JCCU, Loyola University of Chicago: Climate Change Conference
- JCSA: Provinces collaborated with civil societies on ecological and climate change concerns, e.g. conversations with youth and collaborators on Laudato Si'.

c. **Collaboration between GIAN-EcoJesuit and Jesuit Conferences** to highlight the faith dimension of advocacy in global events: JENA: UNEP Faith for Earth Dialogue, JENA: Stockholm+50, JCAM and CIDSE: African Climate Dialogue, JCSA and faith groups in Oceania: 2022 UN Ocean Conference.

d. **Collaboration for COP26 Advocacy**: GIAN-EcoJesuit's engagement in the COP26 process and initiatives to promote the commitment of and collaboration among Conferences, Jesuit networks and partners: "Towards COP26: Advocating for Climate Justice Statement," COP26 Delegate Network meetings, activities leading to the COP26 itself; COP26 and beyond: The shared mission of climate justice action themes.

e. **Advocacy through knowledge products:** research, publications, videos, and websites as a platform

- CPAL: the network of social centres' publication of the book, "Fundamental Texts of the Social Apostolate."
- CPAL: COMPARTE: revisited agroecology experiences and productive economic activities. Also, it approved the socio-environment audit system and the participatory system of guarantees.
- JCEP: "Champions in Creation" project measures the carbon footprint of individuals, religious communities, and small organisations.
- GIAN-JIM: Development of case study materials from specific mining-affected locations worldwide.
- JCSA: Dumka Raiganj: started video productions to raise awareness of ecological concerns.
- JCSA: Hazaribagh: established a bio-diversity centre at Hupta in Turwa.
- JCCU: Laudato Si Action Platform (LSAP) website integrates LSAP goals and Ignatian spirituality principles.

A Summary

"Finally, we insistently ask for the grace to know how we can share in the great ministry of reconciliation, knowing that as Pope Francis reminds us, our response remains always incomplete." (GC 36, d.1, § 6.)

The listing likely missed other social justice engagements in various Jesuit provinces, social centres, and educational institutions. Nonetheless, Jesuits and mission partners undeniably responded to God's call to promote reconciliation and justice. The emerging practices of spiritual conversations, participative decision-making, inter-sectoral apostolic planning, and the publication of experience-based knowledge products were worth highlighting. Subsequently, social justice advocacies were amplified, and communities of solidarity formed, boosting profound, relevant, collective responses to global justice issues: all this, thanks to God's abundant grace of personal, communal, and institutional conversion.

The collaboration in Jesuit provinces, Conferences and networking with Jesuit apostolates, other religious groups, and civil society is genuinely encouraging. The General Congregation's astute mandate, "collaboration with others is the only way the Society of Jesus can fulfil the mission entrusted to her" (GC 36, d.1, 36), animated Jesuit governance units. To cite some examples, JCAP's Migrants and Refugees Network's response to the Myanmar crisis, JCAM's Caravan of Hope, JCEP's "One Project" to accompany war refugees from Ukraine, JCSA's collaboration with civil social societies on ecological and climate change concerns, JCCU's California Jesuit high schools students' advocacy at the state capital, and CPAL's COMPARTE which focuses on alternative economic development based on solidarity.

Finally, on 26 May 2022, Fr General Arturo Sosa approved and promulgated the GIAN governance document to strengthen advocacy networking and apostolic collaboration. The governance document states the vision and concept of the global Ignatian advocacy network for social justice and ecology. Furthermore, it outlines the basic structure and system for operationalising and monitoring the practice of collaboration and networking.

Global Ignatian Advocacy Networks (GIAN) – A Path Made by Walking

"Initiative and support for these various forms of networking should come from all levels of the Society, but the Secretariats of the General Curia must continue to play an important role in establishing them." (GC 34, D.21, § 14). That invitation was a challenge for the Secretariat and worked towards its realization from 2008 with a discernment workshop in El Escorial, Spain.

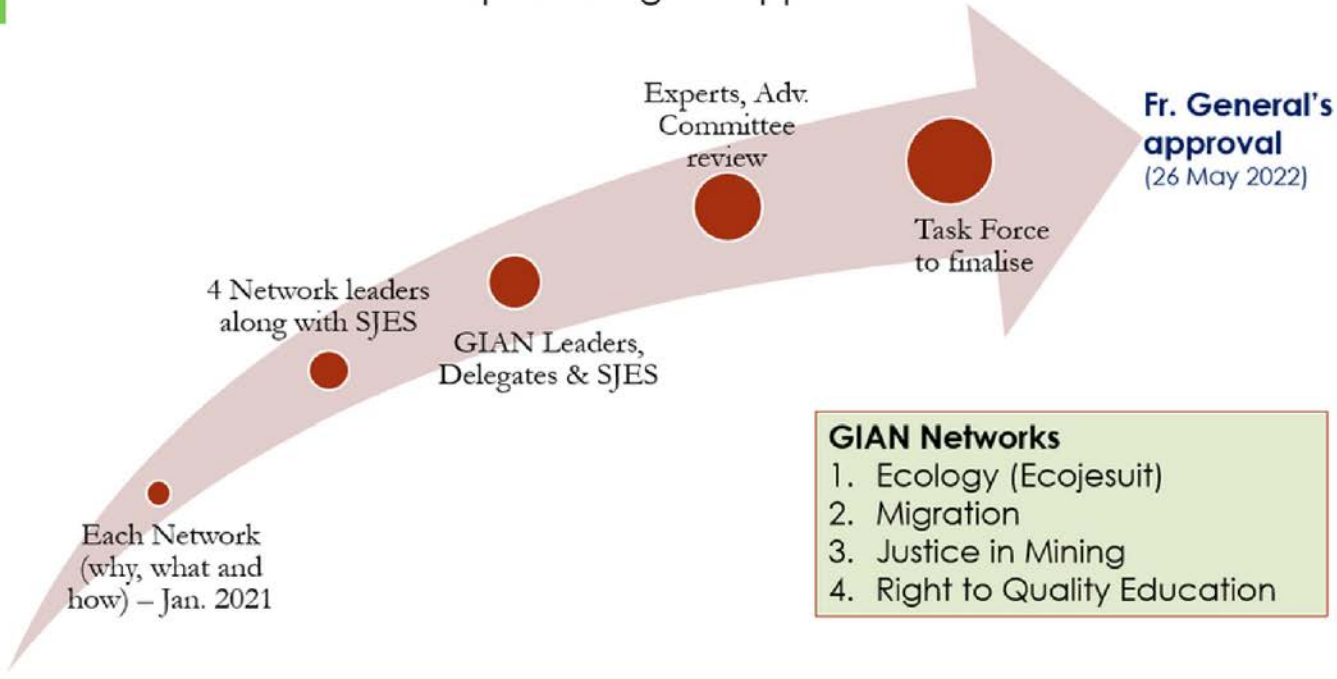
In 2018, the Secretariat reviewed GIAN after ten years of a difficult and arduous journey. Fr. General invited the Secretariat to "develop a model" appropriate for today's global challenges and emphasised the need for advocacy actions.

During the 50th Anniversary Congress in 2019, participants felt the urgency to collaborate and network with each other and were ready to 'walk an extra mile together'. The pandemic that struck the world helped us to find ways to realise, as Pope Francis said, 'we are on the same boat… and must row together.' Many took risks to reach out and collaborate. We have many success stories and campaigns for Justice both at the local and global levels. Some of them are Campaign for the release of Fr. Stan Swamy, for the hospitality of migrants, Climate Justice, right to food, etc. The encyclicals of Pope Francis, Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti came as a boon to this urgent need. UAPs and the Ignatian Year, with a call to conversion, struck a chord with this challenging task.

The pandemic kept everyone indoors. But it allowed us to explore other ways to connect. Using this as an opportunity, the Conference delegates and leaders of the GIAN networks spent a year discerning and preparing a document titled – "GIAN: A Pathway to Deepen Collaboration". The process was profoundly spiritual and dialogical with a bottom-up approach. Fr. General approved this document on 26th May 2022 and invited the "Major Superiors to work out how best to assimilate and apply the document in each of the Conferences of Major Superiors, Provinces and regions, taking advantage of the richness of the international and multicultural nature of the Society in this fragmented and divided world."

Discerning the GIAN Document Journey

Bottom-up & Dialogical Approach



GIAN Networks

1. Ecology (Ecojesuit)
2. Migration
3. Justice in Mining
4. Right to Quality Education

The document, rooted in Ignatian spirituality and tradition, clearly articulates its vision, mission and concepts and gives new energy, excitement and a sense of collective ownership to move forward as networks. It intends to concretise UAPs by using collaboration and networking as an instrument towards the transformation of society. It is a model or an orientation to integrate GIAN into Society's structure.

SJES Joint Statements & Declarations

- November 5, 2021: Joint Statement of Commitment advocating Climate Justice signed by Presidents of Jesuit Conferences, Provincials and Apostolic Secretaries in view of UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), in Glasgow.
- February 1, 2022: Joint statement by SJES and JRS on the one-year anniversary of a military coup that overthrew Myanmar's elected civilian government.

Conferences, Meetings, Programs - External

- August 22-28, 2021: Sch. Fala Valery from SJES assisted in the organization of the Eco-Summer Camp - From wild consumption to Responsible Engagement at Lassalle Institute, Switzerland.
- March 28 - April 1, 2022: Xavier Jeyaraj and Fala Valery from SJES assisted in organizing the European Justice and Ecology Congress in Loyola, Spain.
- April 25-30, 2022: Online Eco-spirituality Conference inaugurated by Fr. General and Keynote speaker, Xavier Jeyaraj on April 25.
- June 5, 2022: Xavier Jeyaraj from SJES participated in the Twentieth Anniversary of African Jesuit AIDS Network (AJAN) in Bujumbura, Burundi
- August 3-7, 2022: Xavier Jeyaraj participated in the Assembly of International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) in Boston, USA.

Meetings, Programs - Internal

- July 10, 2021: A memorial Eucharist to celebrate the life and death of Fr. Stan Swamy, who died on July 5, 2021 while in custody in Mumbai. Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, the Superior General of the Society along with many other religious and faithful.
- May 9 - 14, 2022: Annual Meeting of Conference delegates, GIAN Leaders, Advisory Committee members, General Curia, Rome.

Collaborated with...

- November 19, 2021: **Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (DPIHD)** to organize International Conference on Child Labour
- Since Oct. 2020 SJES has been a member of the Steering Committee of Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) within DPIHD. Xavier Jeyaraj is also a member of the coordination team of Religious Sector along with 2 others from UISG & USG.
- The Secretariat collaborates with **UISG (Union of International Superiors General) and Union of Superior Generals (USG)** to promote Justice, Peace and Integral Ecology.
- Since October 2020, Xavier Jeyaraj has been a board member of **Laudato Si' Movement (LSM)** formerly called Global Catholic Climate Movement).
- **British Embassy to the Holy See**, with special focus on sharing ideas and reflections on Care for our Common Home.

SJES Youtube Videos

A Contemplative in Action - A life spent alongside the poor: Fr STAN SWAMY SJ

Fr. Arturo Sosa SJ, Address to the International Ignatian Ecospirituality Conference (April 2022)

Fr. Xavier Jeyaraj SJ, Address to the International Ignatian Eco-spirituality Conference (April 2022)

Jesuits in Solidarity with Syria

Jesuit General invites All to Join the Laudato Si' Action Platform

COP26: Jesuits call for Ecological Conversion

www.sjesjesuits.global/resources/videos/

SJES CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Jul. 19, 2021	Meeting with German Church groups to share about Social Apostolate in the SJ
Jul. 30, 2021	Webinar to '*Cities and Territories of Peace*' on "Bridging Inequalities a way to Peace: Suggestions from Laudato Si' & Fratelli Tutti.
Jul. 31, 2021	Presentation to JCAM on "Seeing all things new in Christ in the Jesuit Social Ministries in Africa"
Sep. 20, 2021	Input to ICM Junior Sisters on Social Ministries in the Society of Jesus
Sep. 25, 2021	Sharing on Fr. Stan Swamy with the European Conference Social Delegates meeting in Toulose, France.
Sep. 30, 2021	Input on Networking and Advocacy: How and Why? To Gujarat Social Action Team.
Oct. 6-8, 2021	JCAP Social Delegates Meeting online
Oct. 12, 2021	Mass for Myanmar at Gesù along with Myanmar Religious and Cadinal Charles Bo.
Oct. 15, 2021	Input to UISG on Solidarity in Building a Better World.
Oct. 27, 2021	Meeting with Dr. Anabel, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy to the Holy See
Nov. 13-14, 2021	Meeting with JSN Italy and sharing on SJES
Nov. 25, 2021	Input to Pallottine Missionary Sisters General Chapter on "The effects of Covid on the Society and Politics and its consequences for Religious life and Institutions"
Nov. 25, 2021	Webinar on "Walking with the Excluded (UAP-2) for Staff and students of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, India
Dec. 2, 2021	Input to JPIC on "Integrating Laudato Si' Action Plan with Religious Congregations in the Roll Out Plan"
Jan. 28-29, 2022	Caritas Internationalis Strategic Planning Meeting
Mar. 23, 2022	Community Recollection at Curia on UAP-4: Care for our Common Home
Apr. 25-30, 2022	Online Eco-spiritual Conference organized by Australian Province.
Jun. 27, 2022	Meeting on Myanmar, Australian Embassy
Jul. 13, 2022	Webinar and Input to Latin American Jesuit Universities on Laudato Si' Action Platform
Jul. 26-31, 2022	Interaction with staff of Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN), participation with Justice Summit of ISN, Lecture at John Carroll University on Mining and its impact on Indigenous in India and Meeting with Professors of JCU on LSAP.
Aug. 7-9, 2022	Visit to Detroit Mercy University (UDM), meeting with organisations in Detroit, visit to Pope Francis Centre and Input at UDM Law School on "Jesuit Justice and Ecology Priorities: Graces and Challenges".
Aug. 10-15, 2022	Visit to Los Angeles, USA – visit and interaction with La Core, Proyecto Pastoral, Dolores Mission School and Parish, Home Boys Industries and participate in the Women's Conference at Dolores Mission and visit to San Diego Jesuit Parish
Aug. 25, 2022	Online sharing on GIAN Document with the Social Delegates of South Asia.

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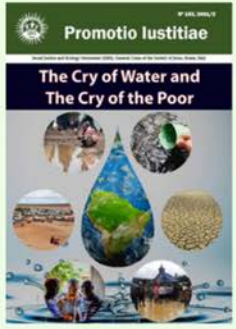

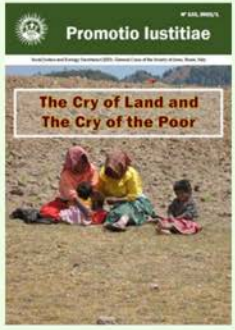

Social media

In this technological age another place of meeting people in their reality is in the social media platforms. This year, the number of people we reached out to and the number of followers on our social media increased drastically.

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LIKES: 1,2K
POSTS / WEEK: 10

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FOLLOWERS: 536
FOLLOWING: 317
POSTS / WEEK: 10

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FOLLOWERS: 304
FOLLOWING: 376
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CONTACTS: 305

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TWEETS / WEEK: 15

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