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Dear Friends of JCTR,

RE: CALL FOR ARTICLES TO THE FIRST QUARTER JCTR BULLETIN

The Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) is a research, education and advocacy organization that promotes study and action on issues linking Christian faith and social justice in Zambia. Through a faith-based perspective, JCTR strives to critically understand current issues, which emphasize human dignity at individual, household and national levels and generate activities to promote social justice. The Centre undertakes a number of studies to inform the advocacy work on various topical issues affecting the society. The cost of living study is one of well-known works of JCTR. With the vision to educate, inform, advocate and lobby, JCTR also publishes the JCTR Bulletin on quarterly basis.

The conversation around protection and care for the environment has continued to be a global discourse. For instance, world conferences like the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (famously called CoP) take place annually. At such conferences, some policies and commitments to protecting the environment are often made. However, the key challenges to efforts at environmental protection and to effective interventions to stop climate change concern their applicability and practicality in the local setting.

In Zambia, the 2023 national budget has allocated 0.6% of the total national budget to environmental protection. One may ask, is the allocated amount sufficient? This question invites one to reflect whether climate financing in Zambia has our government's firm commitment. More importantly, citizens are challenged to reflect if the plight of the poor who are the most affected by the impact of climate change are receiving the support that they need not only for their livelihoods but also their very survival. It is evident that due to high poverty levels, many people depend heavily on the environment for their livelihoods. The majority of the rural population in Zambia rely on the land for food and sources of household income. Some of the rural communities' practices that are ecologically harmful. On one hand, should the government adopt very strict measures to protect the environment, the poor may find themselves hard-pressed to find alternative ways of generating income. On the other hand, should the government fail to take put in place measures to protect the government, this same population group will be the worst hit by the effects of environmental damage.

In the light of this background, JCTR is calling for articles analysing how the government and households can find alternative livelihoods. **For the forthcoming JCTR Bulletin, JCTR is specifically calling for articles on the following:**

1. Multi sectoral approach to environmental protection
2. Climate financing
3. Alternative livelihoods
4. The laws and policies governing the protection in Zambia.
5. Climate change and children
6. The role of the Church in environmental protection
7. Planetary boundaries
8. Ecological needs versus economic needs
9. Extensive analysis of other key regional and international issues

The dateline for article submission for the fourth Quarter JCTR Bulletin is 15th January 2023. The articles should be in Times New Roman, Font 12 and NOT exceeding 1,500 words and must be sent to bulletin@jctr.org.zm and copy jctrbulletin@gmail.com

Thank you and we will greatly appreciate your positive response.

Yours sincerely



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