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Dear Friends of JCTR,

RE: CALL FOR ARTICLES TO THE 2022 SECOND 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. With the vision to educate and share ideas and information, JCTR publishes the JCTR Bulletin on a quarterly basis. This is a platform created for everyone to contribute to the growth of knowledge, awareness raising, lobbying, advocacy and evaluation of local and global social issues like governance, ecology, education, politics, economy etc.

Prior to the August 2021 General Elections in Zambia, the nation witnessed several instances that made apparent the inconsistencies contained in the Zambian Constitution. These flaws have over the years given rise to political debate on the need for the country to undertake broad-based and consensual constitutional reforms. Alongside the call for broad-based constitutional reforms, is the call to combat corruption through enhanced transparency and accountability as well as promotion of children's rights, active citizen participation in governance and public affairs.

Reflecting back on the State of the Nation Address speech delivered on 11th March 2022 by Republican President of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, one remains hopeful that the new administration is actively working on delivering a people driven constitution for the Zambian people, as well as putting in a place a law to guarantee the enjoyment of children's rights.

In the light of this background, JCTR is calling for articles analysing various aspects of constitutional reforms and enhanced active participation of citizens in public affairs. **For the forthcoming JCTR Bulletin, JCTR is specifically calling for articles on the following:**

"A JUST ZAMBIAN SOCIETY GUIDED BY FAITH, WHERE EVERYONE ENJOYS FULLNESS OF LIFE"

1. Guiding principles of constitutional review process to be considered
2. Depoliticization of the constitutional reforms
3. Continental best practices in the constitutional reform process
4. Enhancing citizen participation in the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) and in national planning and budgeting processes
5. Access to information legislation as a fundamental human right
6. How to combat costly By-Elections in Zambia
7. Expanding the Bill of Rights
8. Amendment of the Loans and Guarantees (Authorization) Act Revision
9. How to realise children's rights in Zambia
10. Advocacy on the Child Code Bill in Zambia
11. Extensive analysis of other key regional and international issues (political, environmental, economic, educational and social)

The dateline for article submission for the Second Quarter JCTR Bulletin is 20th May 2022. 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.

Faithfully yours,



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