

Bios of consultation participants

Alice Kooij Martinez

Alice Kooij Martinez is the Advocacy Officer of Pax Christi International. She has been working at the International Secretariat in Brussels for one and a half years, giving new directions to the advocacy work. In the past, she has worked at the Dutch government and different non-government organizations, also in the Latin America region, on economic, social, and ecological development topics. In particular, she has worked for several years on European Union and United Nations youth participation with regard to the SDGs and the UN Climate Agreement. She believes that the Sustainability Development Goals offer civil society organizations, such as Pax Christi International, a holistic vision on how to advance sustainable development and to build new partnerships.

Beth Kenyon

Beth Kenyon an administrative and event consultant with Pax Christi International. She has worked with Pax Christi International for the past 10 years, and two years with Pax Christi USA. She is a freelance administrative consultant working on a project basis with Pax Christi

Caesar D'Mello

Caesar D'Mello is a consultant on Third World 'development' and equity concerns, including climate change and tourism. He organized and co-edited 'Deconstructing Tourism: Who Benefits? A Theological Reading from the Global South'. He relates with numerous ecumenical, interfaith, and peace and justice advocacy groups. He is Consultant to the Asia Pacific Assembly of the YMCA's 'Global Alternative Tourism Network (GATN)'. He was formerly national director of Christian World Service (CWS) Australia, the aid and development agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA), and of the Ecumenical Coalition On Tourism (ECOT) when it was based in Thailand.

Claude Mostowik

Claude Mostowik is a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart ordained in 1976. From 1977 to 1981 he worked in the Northern Territory in various aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities. From 1986, he worked in formation of students for the priesthood and as a clinical psychologist. He has been promoter for justice and peace in Australia for his congregation since 1999. He became Convener of Pax Christi Australia (NSW) in 2001 and also National President in 2009. Other positions include president of the Justice and Peace Commission of the NSW Ecumenical Council; Justice Network Director for Catholic Religious Australia (peak body for 180 religious congregations in Australia); and is involved with Sydney Peace and Justice Coalition, Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition, Action for Peace and Development in the Philippines, Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes Social Justice Committee, and Acceptance Australia (Gay Catholic movement) since 1989. He chairs Inter-Congregational Voice on Climate Change that comprises religious congregations that have been and continue to be involved in Pacific Island nations. Since 2004, he has been research and publication person at the Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education. Since 1974 he has been involved in various capacities with asylum seekers and refugees and more recently with **Love Makes a Way** – an ecumenical movement of religious people and lay people that carry out nonviolent prayer vigils (sometimes arrested) to highlight the abusive treatment of asylum seekers.

Filo Hirota from Japan.

Filo Hirota is a General Coordinator of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz. She worked at the Office for Human Development of the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences based in Manila. Served in Bolivia, Nicaragua and Mexico. She also served as the International Board of Pax Christi International. Today, she is an International Relations Officer for the Catholic Council for Justice and Peace of Japan and a board member of Women's Active Museum on War and Peace (Comfort women).

Jasmine Nario-Galace

Jasmine Nario-Galace is an Executive Director of the Center for Peace Education (CPE) and Professor at the Department of International Studies at Miriam College. She has authored or co-authored publications on peace education, conflict resolution, arms control, and women, peace and security. She is President of Pax Christi Pilipinas and Chair of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines' Justice and Peace Education Committee. She is Vice-President of the Philippine Council for Global and Peace Education and currently leads the Peace Education Network. She is Co-convenor and Past National Coordinator of the Women Engaged in Action on 1325 (WE Act 1325), a national network of women from peace, human rights and women's organizations that helps implement the NAP on Women, Peace and Security. Internationally, she is on the Board of the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders and Co-Coordinator of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) Women's Network. She is also in the International Advisory Council of IANSA. She is on the Board and Working Group of the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund representing the Asia-Pacific Women's Alliance for Peace and Security (APWAPS). She represents the CPE in the Women Peacemakers Program-Asia, APWAPS and the Control Arms Coalition. She also co-represents the CPE in the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

Johnny Zokovitch

Johnny Zokovitch is the Senior Communications Officer of Pax Christi International. Prior to his time at the International Secretariat, he served for 15 years on the staff of Pax Christi USA, as national field organizer, director of communications, campus and young adult organizer, and a member of the executive leadership team. He has a Master's Degree in Theology from the University of Notre Dame (USA), with a specialization in biblical studies. He is a published writer and has been a featured speaker at national and international conferences.

Maggie Galley

Maggie Galley is the secretary of Pax Christi Australia National Council and the treasurer of Pax Christi Australia & Pax Christi NSW branch. She became an active member of Pax Christi just prior to the illegal Iraq invasion in 2003 and was outraged that Australia was planning to join the Coalition of the Willing. She works part time as an Accounts Officer at Sydney Alliance, a non-profit organization.

Marie Dennis

Marie Dennis has been Co-President of Pax Christi International since 2007 and for years, she became the director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. Marie was named the 2016 person of the year

by the National Catholic Reporter and is a Public' Peace Prize laureate. She is author or co-author of seven books and editor of the forthcoming Orbis Book, Choosing Peace: The Catholic Church Returns to Gospel Nonviolence.

Neles Tebay

Neles Tebay is a diocesan priest of Jayapura, West Papua, Indonesia. He completed his doctoral studies on Missiology at the Pontifical University of Urbaniana, in Rome, in 2006. He is now a lecturer at the Fajar Timur school of Philosophy in Jayapura. Since 2010, he has been coordinator of the Papua Peace Network (PPN) that has been promoting dialogue as means to settle the conflict between the Government of Indonesia Vs the Indigenous Papuans. As the PPN coordinator, he plays bridging role between the two conflicting parties. On August 15, 2017, President Joko Widodo has appointed him, along with two other government officials, to organize series of dialogue to address the problems in West Papua.

Noemie Deby

Noémie Deby has joined Pax Christi International in November 2016 in the role of Management Assistant in the administration and finances of the International Secretariat in Brussels. Prior to joining Pax Christi International, she has completed her studies in Hotel Management, Public Policy and Human Development and attended the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies in South Korea.

Paul Jozef Marie Lansu

Fr. Paul served as a Political Secretary for Pax Christi Flanders in Belgium from 1982 to 1989. Since 1990, Fr. Paul Lansu is a staff member at the International Secretariat of Pax Christi in Brussels, Belgium. He serves as a Senior Policy Advisor for Advocacy on Security and Human Rights. Fr Paul takes care for the programmes dealing with security and disarmament, human rights, peace building, peace spirituality, theology and interreligious dialogue. He coordinated the different representations of Pax Christi International at the international level, especially with the United Nations. In 2006, Paul has been elected member of the Board of the International Peace Bureau, IPB, and elected Vice President of IPB for the period of 2013 – 2016. In October 2016 he has been nominated as a Consultant for three years with the International Peace Bureau. From 2007 till 2016, Fr. Paul has been a member of the Core Group of the World Council of Churches for the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF). Paul is in his second mandate as a Board member of Pax Christi Flanders until 2019.

Pierre Thompson

Pierre Thompson is currently a Rotary Pellow Fellow and conflict resolution graduate student at Uppsala University in Sweden. He has been active with Pax Christi in the United States since 2014, when he joined the Washington DC chapter and later served on the regional board for Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore. During that time, he was involved in dialogue with the US bishops on nonviolence and just peace, opposition to drone warfare, and the 2015 Bethlehem Conference (which inspired his involvement with a reconciliation ministry between Israelis and Palestinians earlier this year). He is now doing an internship with the Center for Peace Education/Pax Christi Pilipinas.

Rangi Josephine Davis

Rangi Josephine Davis is of the Ngapuhi, NgatiHine, Ngati Wai tribes in the North Island of Aotearoa. Her passion is assisting others to find pathways to peace within themselves which means restoring relationships at many stages and levels of life. Rangi loves life and the potential that the universe has in store for those who dare to make a difference. Using a Te Ao Maori Aotearoa Indigenous approach of Whanaungatanga and Hohourongo

Rev Valentina Satvedi Leydon

She is an Executive Committee member of Pax Christi Victoria (Australia), a member of Pacific Fellowship and a member of the Pace e Bene Communities of Practice. She is an Independent Consultant committed to her journey of undoing oppressions through a postcolonial lens while being grounded in nonviolence and peace. She precipitated her passion for nonviolence, peace and justice which included undoing oppression, in her work with Mennonite Central Committee USA from 2007-2013. Valentina has a Master of Arts (Social Justice) from University of Divinity, Melbourne Australia and a Master of Divinity (Peace Studies) from Bethany Theological Seminary, Indiana USA. She has also received trainings in Nonviolent Leadership Training Program through Pace e Bene Australia; Strategies of Trauma Awareness and Healing (Level 1) through Eastern Mennonite University USA; The Power of Dialogue: Constructive Conversations on Divisive Issues through Public Conversations Project, Massachusetts, and Damascus Road Anti-Racism Process through Mennonite Central Committee USA.

Bridget Crisp

Bridget Crisp is a religious sister of Nga Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa, Sisters of Mercy New Zealand. She returned to NZ at the end of May 2017 after recently working for a short time at the Mercy Global Action Desk at the United Nations in New York. She is the Mercy Global Action Co-coordinator for New Zealand and works part-time at Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand.

Stephen Fernandes

Stephen Fernandes is a Senior Resident Professor of Ethics, Moral Theology at St. Pius X College, Archdiocesan Seminary, Mumbai, India. He is the National Secretary Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (C.C.B.I.), Commission for Doctrine and Theology since 2010 and a Theological Consultant from 2001 to 2006. Since 2015, he is the National Secretary of the Office for Justice Peace and Development (JPD) of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI). He is also the National Ecclesiastical Advisor in Catholic Nurses Guild of India (CNGI) since October 2013. He was also appointed as a Catholic Theologian on the Baptist Catholic Dialogue from the Pontifical Council for Promotion Christian Unity in Vatican City on July 2017. He also presented research papers on Social Ethics, Medical Ethics, Justice and Peace and Ethical Concerns at the Local, National, and International Conferences.

Greet Vanaerschot

Greet Vanaerschot has been appointed Secretary General of Pax Christi International in February 2016. Greet has worked for Pax Christi International since 1981, serving as Deputy Secretary General since 2009. She has a strong commitment to peace, justice, reconciliation and Pax Christi's mission and values on active nonviolence. She believes in the strength of building connections and exchanging of knowledge between members and partners to accompany them in their work for peace in their own communities and become strong advocates for people who live in situations of violent conflict.

Lenette Toledo

Lenette Toledo is a Filipina is a Columban Lay Missionary assigned to Myanmar. She joined the lay mission on 2008 and was sent to Ireland as her first mission assignment from 2008-2014 where she worked in the parish based ministry and the migrants. Currently, she is working in the Banmaw Diocese-Kachin state, Myanmar and is the JPIC officer of the Columban Missionaries in Myanmar.

Fr Nandana Manatunga

Fr Nandana Manatunga, a catholic priest, the Director of the Human Rights office in Kandy Sri Lanka is challenging religious practitioners and groups to become active defenders of human rights, while protecting victims of rape and torture and championing their cause. Fr Nandana is working towards the establishment of the Rule of Law, addressing the defects of the Justice system. To this end he has created a movement of Human Rights with victims of Rape, Torture and their families and the families of the disappeared and of the prisoners to voice for Reforms in the Police and the Judiciary. He founded a national net-work called "Religious and Priests for Human Rights", which is active locally, nationally and internationally in advocacy work toward reconciliation between the communities that were divided during the civil war in addition to seeking Justice to the political prisoners and redress to victims of war.

Abp. Tony Ledesma

Antonio J. Ledesma is a [Filipino Roman Catholic](#) clergyman who is currently the [Archbishop](#) of the [Metropolitan Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro](#) in the [Philippines](#). On May 30, 1963, Ledesma entered the [Society of Jesus](#). He was ordained priest on April 16, 1973. He served as an assistant parish priest in [Siay, Zamboanga Sibugay](#) from 1980 to 1981. From 1982 to 1996, he worked as a [professor](#) and was assigned to various positions in [Xavier University](#). He taught [Sociology](#), [Economics](#), and [Religious studies](#). [Pope John Paul II](#) appointed Ledesma as [Coadjutor Prelate](#) of [Ipil](#) on June 13, 1996. He succeeded [Federico O. Escaler](#) as the [Prelate](#) of [Ipil](#) on June 28, 1997. On March 4, 2006, he was appointed by [Pope Benedict XVI](#) as [Archbishop](#) of [Cagayan de Oro](#). During his reign, he has led the [Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines](#) as Chairman of the [Episcopal Commission on Inter-religious Dialogue](#) since 2009. Ledesma has also supported efforts to resolve [Mindanao](#)'s protracted struggle with [Muslim separatists](#). He has spoken and advocated for the [Bangsamoro Basic Law](#).

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_Ledesma

Bambang A. Sipayung

Fr Bambang has been the JRS Asia Pacific regional director since August 2012. Born in Medan, Indonesia, Fr Bambang worked as a project director with JRS Indonesia for five years and JRS Timor-Leste for one year.

Source: <http://www.jrsap.org/Profile.cfm?NAME=Fr%20Bambang%20A.%20Sipayung%20SJ>

Loreta Castro

Loreta Castro is the Executive Director of the Center for Peace Education, Miriam College, Quezon City, Philippines. She teaches Peace Studies and Peace Education in the International Studies and Education Departments of Miriam College, respectively. She is the coordinator of a local Peace Education Network

and is a member of both the International Advisory Committee of the Global Campaign for Peace Education and the Peace Education Working Group of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC). She was a Vice-President of Pax Christi International (PCI) before her designation as a member of the PCI Advisory Board.

Myla Leguro

Myla Leguro holds an MA in Peace Studies from the [Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies](#) at the University of Notre Dame in the USA. She has worked for [Catholic Relief Services](#) (CRS) since 1991 on peace and development projects in Mindanao. As the Program Manager of the Peace and Reconciliation Program of CRS-Philippines, Myla organized two major peacebuilding initiatives: the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute in 2000 and the Grassroots Peace Learning Course in 2003. She has worked as an international trainer in Timor Leste and Nepal, and has served as a resource person in various peacebuilding conferences in Colombia, Thailand, and the USA. In 2006, she was the first CRS-Kroc Visiting Fellow. Myla holds the distinction as being one of the 1,000 women collectively nominated for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize. Myla currently serves as Program Director of a CRS global program on Advancing Interreligious Peacebuilding, an initiative that covers four interrelated projects on interreligious dialogue and cooperation in Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Niger, Nigeria and the Philippines.

Source: <https://www.mpiasia.net/facilitator-profiles/32-nationalfacilitators/66-myla-leguro.html>

Also attending:

- **Andreas Joko Wicoyo**
- **Fr. Emmanuel Yousaf**
- **Jack Pamine**
- **Kevin McBride**