

MANIFESTO
Facing an economy of death
let us build a Samaritan economy

From faith organizations, social movements, civil society collectives, religious congregations, peoples and communities, we join the call made by Pope Francis at the IV Meeting with Popular Movements: it is time to stop the locomotive that is taking us to the abyss.

We join Pope Francis in the urgency of a post-extractivist transition so that the paradigm of development is no longer based on the depredation of our peoples, communities and Common Home.

It has been 1000 days since the Brumadinho crime, in Minas Gerais, Brazil, we denounce the spirit of death of this neoliberal model based on greed, violence and cruelty that generates pain and exclusion. In communion with the communities and territories affected by mining in America and compassionate with the cry of the devastated and mistreated Mother Earth that groans and suffers labor pains (LS, 2), we call to commit ourselves to a Samaritan Economy, that gets far from the extractivist logic.

Pope Francis in his message to the Social Movements exclaims: "In the name of God, I ask the great extractive industries -- mining, oil, forestry, real estate, agribusiness -- to stop destroying forests, wetlands and mountains, to stop polluting rivers and seas, to stop poisoning food and people." In accordance with this call, we assume the commitment to promote a Samaritan economy that acts as an instrument of the Church's missionary action and is capable of transforming the economic model characterized by the blind voracity of a type of mineral exploitation that does not stop growing and expanding; that the more it extracts and the more it depredates, the more it needs to continue destroying nature.

The large-scale transnational mining that today expands over the vast geography and socio-biodiversity of Our America is a contemporary expression of the colonialism inherent in the development of capitalism as a civilizing project. It is in function of the centrality of financial valorization that vital goods, such as water sources, biodiversity, clean air, continue to be destroyed today in order to extract minerals whose value is fixed and measured not so much by the usefulness of their social uses, but by their market value. Therefore, we assume the prophetic commitment to help transform the economic model of inequality. We understand that it is urgent to rehabilitate a healthy policy and action with the financial market that has human dignity at the center and that on that pillar social structures are built that promote "concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and inner peace" (cf. LS 10).

"We are not condemned to repeat or to build a future based on exclusion and inequality, rejection or indifference; where the culture of privilege is an invisible and insurmountable power; and where being exploited and abused are common methods of survival. No!." The Bishop of Rome invites us to participate and recognize the daily alternatives of doing economy, which promote the "being" community to live in justice and dignity.

In "Dear Amazonia", the Supreme Pontiff denounces extractive economic projects and other industries that destroy and pollute (cf. QA 49). In the final document of the Synod for the Amazon, ecological conversion from the economic point of view is also raised. For this reason, Divestment in Mining emerges as an action of conversion after listening to the life and claims of peoples and nature. Divestment in Mining is an act of ethical coherence within the church and its institutions. It helps us

not to be accomplices in the destruction of the Common Home and to be at the side of many communities that suffer the impacts of extractivism.

Therefore, we assume and join the Divest in Mining Campaign, promoted by the Churches and Mining Network, aware that it is an effective response to confront the system.

We call on organizations, institutions, social movements and people of good heart to coordinate actions together to accelerate ecological conversion and social transformation:

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Let us socialize and denounce the reality of exploitation and injustice suffered by thousands of people due to extractivism and raise awareness about the impacts of mining and other predatory projects.

Let us reflect on coherent decisions from our financial and consumption practices, economic and investment policies within our organization, to promote human rights, social, climate and environmental justice, gender equity and the common good, according to the divine mandate to protect creation (Gen 2:15). Let us continue to deepen and promote reflections that lead us to prophetic decisions about our investments.

Let us promote divestment in mining as an activity oriented towards an urgent paradigm shift that rejects the many forms of injustice "nourished by an economic model based on profit, which does not hesitate to exploit, discard and even kill" (cf FT 22). Therefore, we commit ourselves to generate an economy integrated into a political, social, cultural and popular project that seeks the common good (cf. FT 168 and 169).

Let us support and back the communities, territories and peoples who are defending their right to exist, we want to accompany and denounce their pains, and also.

We want to build bridges "of love so that the voice of the periphery with its cries, but also with its song and also with its joy, does not provoke fear but empathy in the rest of society" as Pope Francis invites us.

And, together with the cry of the communities affected by mining, let us raise our voices in the world, being a witness of hope and coherence, building unity and connecting possibilities towards an ecological conversion and Samaritan economy.

Sign the statement:

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