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The International Criminal Court  
serves justice and reconciliation.

*Religious, ethics and faith-based organizations congratulate the International Criminal Court, now ratified by 90 governments, on the first anniversary of its historic birth on July 1, 2002.*

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and join the International Criminal Court.**

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**FAITH-BASED CAUCUS FOR THE I.C.C.**

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# Fact Sheet on the Faith Based Caucus for the International Criminal Court

**WHO:** The Faith Based Caucus for the International Criminal Court is a coalition of religious, interfaith, ethics and faith-based NGOs that examine the moral, ethical and religious considerations surrounding the Court. Steering Committee members are: American Humanist Association, Bahá'ís of the United States, Church World Service, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Fellowship of Reconciliation, The Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights of the American Jewish Committee, Loretto Community, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, The National Service Conference of the American Ethical Union, Presbyterian Church USA, Soka Gakkai International, Temple of Understanding, Unitarian Universalist Association, United Methodist Church, World Council of Churches.

**WHAT:** The Faith Based Caucus objectives include: promoting education and awareness of the ICC and Rome Statute to respective religious, ethics and faith-based communities; researching and disseminating information about religious liberty and persecution issues as it relates to the Rome Statute; promoting the reconciliation, rehabilitation and healing of victims, perpetrators and society; exploring the relationship between confession, repentance, compensation and forgiveness, including the moral imperatives of retributive and restorative justice.

**WHY:** The ICC will investigate and bring to justice individuals who commit serious violations of human rights, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. Faith and ethics based organizations have a special role to play in raising awareness at the grassroots level and helping to shape the Court. Caucus members believe that the ICC fights against human injustice and evil through the rule of law, which is an essential prerequisite to promoting long-term peace building and to reconciling peoples and communities devastated by violent conflict. Caucus members assert that its prime objective should not only be punishment, but also rehabilitation, protection, compensation, and restitution for the offended. Moreover, the ICC will provide an international judicial instrument capable of fulfilling the relevant concerns of the United Nations Charter, the International Bill of Human Rights, the Genocide Convention, and all relevant United Nations Conventions for justice, peace, and compassionate order.

**WHEN:** Founded in 1997, the Faith Based Caucus played an important role in the drafting of the preamble of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court adopted in 1998. The Caucus supports the establishment of a Centre for Justice and Reconciliation in The Hague that will serve as a service point for partner NGOs involved in human rights and reconciliation work who seek to collaborate with the ICC. Meanwhile, the Caucus is continuing to expand its membership and to develop educational and advocacy materials to promote awareness of the Court among faith-based communities worldwide.

**WHERE:** The secretariat of the Faith Based Caucus is located in New York City, with another office to be located in The Hague. National affiliates are encouraged to establish their own faith-based caucuses.

**HOW:** The Faith Based Caucus for the ICC is co-sponsored by the NGO Coalition for the ICC (CICC) and the American NGO Coalition for the ICC (AMICC), and is supported by the voluntary contributions of its membership.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT** <http://WWW.AMICC.ORG/FAITH.HTML>

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