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Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council**

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE

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Inspired by the Spirit... Women Respond to God's Call



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To: Diocesan Chairpersons of Community Life
CC: Parish Council Chairpersons of Community Life, Provincial Executive,
National Chairperson of Community Life
From: Carol Schlachter, Provincial Chairperson of Community Life

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Development & Peace invites us all to "A Month of Action for Mining Justice, May 2017.

"In 2015, the Liberal Party of Canada, New Democratic Party of Canada, Green Party and Bloc Quebecois committed to create an independent ombudsperson to investigate the widespread and well-documented claims of harm associated with Canadian companies operating overseas. However, since the federal elections there has been no demonstrable shift in Canadian human rights policy relating to extractives. It is time for the Canadian government to take action to monitor and investigate the human rights performance of Canadian mining, oil and gas companies overseas. The current moment is crucial! Impacted communities from around the world are calling on the government of Canada to take urgent action, they can wait no longer."

1st week of May: Join in a webinar on May 4 to learn the outcome of the CNCA's May 3rd meeting with Minister Champagne.

2nd week of May: Write a letter or send a tweet to Minister Champagne (@FP_Champagne).

3rd week of May: Unfortunately, we do not live near a city holding public actions. We can submit a letter to the editor of our local newspapers explaining why you are concerned about mining justice.

For more information www.cnca-rcrce.ca/ombudsperson

Resolution 2007.03 Global Accountability for Canadian Registered Mining Companies is still on the books. We really need to respond to what is happening.

We need to ask the Minister of International Trade, Francois-Philippe Champagne what happened to the budgeting towards a Human Rights Ombudsperson for Canada's International extractive sector. Canadian extractive projects around the world are suffering.

Will you respond?