

A Just Recovery for All

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- This site identifies six principles of a just recovery using illustrations and explaining the principles. It has a FAC sheet and a list of Endorsees. At this point they are listing organizations who support these principles.
- The principles are:
 - Put people's health and well-being first, no exceptions.
 - Strengthen the social safety net and provide relief directly to people.
 - Prioritize the needs of workers and communities.
 - Build resilience to prevent future crises.
 - Build solidarity and equity across communities, generations and borders.
 - Uphold Indigenous rights and work in partnership with Indigenous Peoples.

Website: <https://justrecoveryforall.ca/>

Ethical Framework for a Post-Covid Recovery (full document attached)

This document, prepared by The Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Oblate Centre for Justice, identifies a context with key issues highlighted by the pandemic. You will notice high compatibility between the two, but the second one gives a perspective based on Catholic Social teachings and it gives a strong basis for our actions.

The four key aspects of the context for change/transformation to a new way of being and living are:

- 1.) "unmitigated impacts of climate change" and the need for "change-making action to address climate change."
- 2.) "the inadequacies of our social protections, particularly in response to gender-based violence and homelessness, and the precarity of the labour market". The document gives statistics and speaks of the significant impacts on women and low-wage earners.
- 3.) "...we are amid a reconciliation process between settler-Canadians and Indigenous peoples. Indigenous wisdom and knowledge, which have long called attention to the interconnectedness of all life on earth, need to be the cornerstone of a new vision for society and economy. Indigenous peoples who live in close relationship with land and water are among the first to face the direct consequences of climate change."
- 4.) "...Canada is part of an international community. Globally, measures to fight the pandemic have led to restrictions of long-established civic rights and democratic structures, nationalism, racism, intolerance, and xenophobia. For persons forced to

migrate, border closures have too often prevailed. Before COVID-19, over one billion people were without access to basic human needs, and 700 million were living in extreme poverty, mostly women and children. In many countries, health and social protection systems are inadequate, revealed by the lack of provisions to protect and test medical staff and treat the infected.⁶

Lower-income countries face far greater challenges than Canada.”

The document then offers the following areas for ethical reflection to help in decision-making: “Integral Ecology”, “Dignity of Work and Dignity of the Person”, “Reconciliation Rooted in Restorative Justice”, “Our Shared Humanity”, and “The Common Good”, and “Solidarity”.

Each of these is discussed and offers helpful information and reflections.

Each of our Federation’s Congregations were asked to indicate whether or not we endorse this document. Sister Bonnie signed on our behalf. I have attached this document.

The Joint Ecological Ministry (JEM) has invited people to send letters, emails or phone calls to our MPs. Since there is a deadline for input to the Federal government is June 19th. If you are not able to respond by that date you can still contact your MP to ask him/her to consider the six principles and an ethical response to the Covid-19 pandemic and its impacts.

Since I don’t have a website for JEM Canada, I will try to forward the email I got from them.