



Global Justice and Climate Change: Moving forward from Copenhagen

by Jeh Custer

December's COP15 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen was the deadline for the global community to develop a climate agreement to reduce climate pollution post-2012 following the Kyoto Protocol. With all of civil society calling for a fair, ambitious, and binding agreement the stage was set and the pressure on. Unfortunately, the agreement that came out of climate summit, the Copenhagen Accord, contains no reference to climate pollution reduction targets or timelines.

The Accord, spearheaded by the United States, was opposed by many nations because it was drafted behind closed doors. Essentially, the Accord is a side-agreement that is not legally binding within the United Nations. By COP16 next December in Mexico City there is an enormous amount of work to pull together a fair, ambitious, and legally binding agreement.

On the heels of Copenhagen, the most important climate summit in history, it is important for Canadians to understand what a fair, ambitious, and binding treaty could even mean for Canada from an international perspective. Currently, Canada is among the top 10 polluters in the world on a per capita, absolute and cumulative scale. But now, official attitudes are at their crossroads.

Fairness demands that developed countries support Indigenous peoples, developing countries, and impacted communities to adapt to the climate crisis. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, ratified by 192

countries to provide the framework that the UN climate negotiations are based upon, asserts "the largest share of historical and current global emissions of greenhouse gases has originated in developed countries." The Convention offers further guidance that actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions "should be made on the basis of equity and in accordance with common but differentiated responsibilities" of developed and developing nations.

According to the World Bank, a conservative source, 75% of the historical emissions that created the climate crisis came from 20% of the world's population in developed countries. Meanwhile, 75% of the impacts of the climate crisis are experienced in the developing world. There is a direct inverse relationship between where the crisis was created and where the effects of the crisis are being felt.

This is not about charity; it's about taking responsibility for the problem developed countries caused. A team of UN scientists estimated what it would cost, not just to respond to the reality of climate change, but to bypass fossil fuels and adopt green technologies, at around 600 billion dollars a year. It sounds like a lot, however this is nowhere near the funding that the banks got in the recent bailout.

In Canada a contentious reality of taking responsibility for the climate crisis is absolute emissions reductions that are ambitious. Canada has increased emissions from 1990 levels by 26% mainly due to the expansion of tar sands extraction as a secure supply of oil for the

United States. And under a business as usual scenario, the tar sands in Alberta could account for 95% of the growth in Canada's industrial emissions between now and 2020.

To understand the importance of legally binding agreements, we need look no farther than Canada. After signing and ratifying the Kyoto Protocol, Canada is the only country in the world to openly announce no intention of achieving its targets. This reveals the imperative of legal accountability for commitments and economic and political consequences for not following through.

The United Nations Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, consisting of the world's leading climate scientists, acknowledges the possibility of up to six degrees of global warming by the end of the century if we continue with business as usual emissions growth. Under this scenario food and water scarcity, malnutrition, the expansion of diseases such as malaria, and growing resource conflicts, compounded by flooding, unpredictable weather patterns, drought and accelerating desertification would irreversibly impact billions of people around the world.

Even though Copenhagen did not produce a fair, ambitious, and binding climate agreement, it was the largest convergence of a people's movement for climate justice in history. Evo Morales, the President of Bolivia, will be hosting an Alternative Climate Summit in April as a forum to build a movement for solutions to the climate crisis from the people, led by those who are being most impacted.



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SCIC REPORT

SCIC People

SCIC is pleased to introduce our two new staff members, Vicki Nelson and Jeh Custer. Vicki Nelson has been added to the SCIC team as the Communications and Outreach Officer. Vicki



holds a degree in Human Justice and is an active citizen within Regina. In early 2009 Vicki worked for a short time as the Youth Program Assistant with SCIC, but left that position to work in Zambia with Engineers Without Borders. In Zambia she worked on a capacity building and market facilitation project with vegetable farmers. Upon returning to Saskatchewan, and having experience with justice and development work in Canada and overseas, Vicki was looking forward to working and volunteering with organizations that share her vision for an equal and just world, and SCIC is a great fit! Vicki can be reached at communications@earthbeat.sk.ca or 306-757-4669.



Jeh, our new Community Outreach Officer will be staffing the Saskatoon office. Jeh has worked with numerous youth-run organizations, including the Sierra Youth Coalition, United Students Against Sweatshops, the Energy Action Coalition, and the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition, where he contributed to grassroots movement building and strategic campaign planning. Jeh has also been fortunate to travel around the world. In Costa Rica he studied permaculture, while in Brazil he developed technical capacity for a community-based conservation economy organization, and recently in Cuba he studied processes of social change and resilience. More locally in Canada, the last years of Jeh's work have focused on opposing destructive energy projects while advo-

ating for more sustainable energy solutions. Jeh is excited to work with SCIC to continue building a movement for global justice in the province. You can connect with Jeh through scicyouth@earthbeat.sk.ca or 306-956-0622.

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SCIC Saskatoon Office is now open!

SCIC will be ramping up our programming in Saskatoon and Northern Saskatchewan. For more information contact the SCIC office at 306-956-0622 or scicyouth@earthbeat.sk.ca.

2010 Calendar Available Now

SCIC's 2010 Environmental Global Action Calendar is receiving rave reviews since



The Winds of Change

the first copies were distributed in December. This year's calendar focuses on the United Nations Millennium Development Goal #7 "Ensure Environmental Sustainability". It features some of the most pressing environmental issues facing humanity and the planet, as well as many ideas on how to protect the environment and opportunities for action



in our everyday lives. To get a copy contact SCIC at 757-4669.

Art and Activism for Social Justice Workshops

Art is a powerful vehicle for education and change. Art builds connections despite linguistic and cultural differences, provides positive ways for people to express themselves about issues that are important to them, and showcases the struggle for justice and peace. SCIC is pleased to offer Arts and Activism workshops in Saskatoon (Friday, February 5 and Sunday, February 7) and in Regina (Monday, February 8). See page 3 for details.

SCIC Celebrates the 2010 Global Citizens

Saskatoon

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Global Citizen Awards Gala and Carnival of Solidarity
Louis' Pub, 93 Campus Drive, University of Saskatchewan
7:00-11:00 pm, \$5, ages 19+

- 7:00 pm – Doors open, networking, refreshments, tabling by social justice organizations
- 8:00 pm – SCIC Global Citizen Awards for Project Hope and Isabel Muzichuk
- 9:00 pm – Entertainment by Giustina Garcia & Friends (Hip Hop)
- 9:45 pm – SCIC Global Citizen Awards for Making the Links Radio and screening of the Voices of Youth video
- 10:00 pm – Entertainment by Peacoats (Indy)
- 10:45 pm – ISSA Raffle
- 11:00 pm – Entertainment by The Rebellion (Rock Punk)

Presented by the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, International Studies Students' Association, and the Uof S International Students' Association.

Regina

Saturday, February 13, 2010

Global Citizen Awards Gala
St Mary's Anglican Church
3337-15th Avenue

- 5:30 pm – Cocktails
- 6:00 pm – Supper featuring Ethiopian cuisine
- 7:00 pm – Awards Ceremony featuring the Voices of Youth video

Featuring:

Rodney Sidloski, HELP International
Daughters of Africa International Inc.

Tickets are \$20/\$10 student, limited income.
Children under 10 free and childcare will be provided.

RSVP to SCIC by February 8 to
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Arts and Activism Workshops

SASKATOON

Friday, February 5

Arts & Activism for Global Justice
Neatby-Timlin Theatre (Arts 241), University of Saskatchewan

- 6:30 pm – Doors Open
- 7:00 pm – Project Hope Presentation
(<http://www.projecthope.ps/>)
- 7:15 pm – Movie Screening "Slingshot Hiphop"
(<http://www.slingshothiphop.com/>)
- 8:30 pm – Open Mic Poetry Jam

Presented by the International Studies Students' Association, Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, the Uof S International Students' Association, Project Hope, and Mobilization for Global Justice

Sunday, February 7

Integrating Arts & Activism Workshop
1:00-4:00 pm, Room TBA, University of Saskatchewan
Featuring members of Project Hope, SCIC, Mobilization for Global Justice, and local artists discussing approaches and skills for integrating arts and activism. Free. Presented by the International Studies Students' Association, Saskatchewan Council of International Cooperation, and the Uof S International Students' Association

REGINA

Monday, February 8

- 6:00 pm, Cathedral Neighbourhood Centre, 2900-13th Avenue
- 6:00-6:30 pm – Pizza and refreshments
- 6:30-7:30 pm – Movie Screening "Slingshot Hiphop"
(<http://www.slingshothiphop.com/>)
- 7:30-8:30 pm – Arts and Activism Workshop featuring Project Hope

Cost: Free for SCIC and SCIC Youth members, \$5 for non-members

About Project Hope

Jeremy Wildeman, Project Hope Co-founder
Jeremy Wildeman utilizes creative arts and new media for empowering and educating disadvantaged children, youth, refugees and people living in marginalized communities in order to achieve understanding and peace. His reach spans the globe and includes project implementation in Palestine (Project Hope: Humanitarian Opportunities for Peace and Education) and Nepal (Village Environment Community).

Rebecca Cox, Project Hope volunteer 2009

In 2009, Rebecca joined Project Hope as a volunteer and developed a Graphic Novel project geared towards alleviating social-psychological trauma of children and youth. Rebecca was born in Marengo, Saskatchewan and is a student of the Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict studies at the University of Toronto.

International Development SCIC Celebrates the

Daughters of Africa International Inc.

The Daughters of Africa (DOA) are leaders in women's empowerment. Their community development work in Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana, Sudan, Malawi, Congo and Zambia champions economic empowerment by improving livelihoods through microcredit, income generating projects and capacity building. The foundation of DOA's work is a sustainable, rights-based model designed to promote gender equality, the protection of the environment, peace and social justice to meet the broader social, cultural and economic development needs of communities in the future.

Rodney Sidloski, HELP International

Rodney Sidloski has been active in international development for over 25 years. His work in Africa with the United Nations World Food Program, CARE International and WUSC included emergency assistance



in war torn regions and the drought affected Sahara. Rodney was known for going beyond his portfolio to design, mobilize resources and implement in war time conditions year round agriculture campaigns, road and bridge reconstruction and the innovative practice of purchasing local agriculture produce for use in emergency feeding programs.

Rodney founded HELP International in 1993 that designed and implemented a multi component slum conversion program in Nairobi, Kenya which included successful sub-division development, land tenure, housing and school construction, urban forestation, and alternative waste management systems including effluent irrigation and zero waste community management. In a second major initiative, Rodney trained and employed the services of several dozen student interns from four universities and a polytechnic to lead a successful agro-forestry initiative in semi arid and arid regions as remote as Turkana.

Rodney led HELP in setting up the Center for Ecology Research and Training (CERT) at Weyburn, which works with interns from across Canada, Europe and Africa during the summer months conducting environmental research on low cost phytoremediation, waste recycling technologies, and drought resistant high production horticulture. CERT is also home to a simulated African Village where schools from across Saskatchewan come to live and train with the international internship group.

Jeremy Wildeman, Project Hope

Jeremy Wildeman focuses his energy on international development, humanitarian relief, empowerment and education for disadvantaged children, youth, refugees and people living in marginalized communities. His reach spans the globe and includes project implementation in Palestine (Project Hope) and Nepal (Village

Environment Community), and building support networks in Europe, Canada and the USA through his Humanitarian Opportunities for Peace and Education. Jeremy's life-enabling and life-sustaining programming includes international dialogue through new media as well as creative arts and language-learning to achieve understanding and peace. Jeremy was raised in rural Saskatchewan and completed his BA at the University of Saskatchewan.



Making the Links Radio

Making the Links Radio has been on the air for more than 12 years carrying the voices of those fighting for social, economic and environmental justice both locally and internationally. Those voices have included big name activists such as Vandana Shiva, Maude Barlow and David Suzuki, as well as voices of youth, labour and farmers including migrant workers' quest for justice. Hear more at internet radio www.makingthelinksradio.ca or tune into CFCR 90.5 FM - Community Radio Saskatoon.

Isabel Muzichuk

This is a posthumous award for Isabel, a nurse and activist who throughout her life made the links between justice, environment and health both in rural Saskatchewan and around the world. As a nurse, one of her primary concerns was health and she was active in many communities on many issues pertaining to health such as clean water and healthy food. She did meticulous research on every issue she was involved in, and constantly educated everyone around her. Isabel was a giant among us, and a fearless defender of the environment. Her insight, dedication, and passion for justice have made a big contribution to our community, and her spritely humour, enthusiasm and laughter will be missed by all who knew her.



Daughters of Africa with Lieutenant Dr. Gordon L. Barnhart.

Week: Celebrating 20 Years

2010 Global Citizens

Voices of Youth: Young Global Leaders in Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan young people are changing the world! Extraordinary young people in Saskatchewan are engaging themselves and others in the fight for a more just and sustainable future for everyone. SCIC is recognizing young global leaders in Saskatchewan through our Voices of Youth video to provide inspiration to youth at home and around the world! To learn more about these young global leaders please see their full profile information at www.earthbeat.sk.ca

Lindsay Knight is an emcee is known as Eekwol and a member of Muskoday First Nation. She holds an Honours degree in Indigenous Studies from the First Nations University of Canada and the U of S. Her many years of dedication to Hip Hop and original music has created something unique and powerful to give back to the community, an expression of her activist roots and her support of Indigenous culture and rights. She is currently one of the main artists of the independent label, Mills Productions, which she co-owns with her producer/brother, Mills.

Kieran Conway is a medical student at the U of S, who is currently completing an internship at the Regina General Hospital. Kieran recently participated in a U of S program called Making the Links where he travelled to Mozambique to work as a medical practitioner. Kieran believes that spending time in rural and impoverished communities is the first step to becoming a socially accountable physician.

Emmanuel Ndayishimiye was born in Rwanda and lived there until he was 12 years old. When civil war erupted in Rwanda he and his family became refugees. He is now a Biology student and the co-chair with WUSC at the U of S. Emmanuel is passionate about global issues and justice because something



inside of him says that when people are suffering, we should do something to help.

Bevan Harlton is a third year environmental systems engineer student at the U of R and also a member, past president and returned volunteer with Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Regina. When he is not at school he enjoys helping his father on the family farm near Pense, SK.



Sasha Hanson-Pastran is an International Studies Student at the University of Saskatchewan. She was born in Nicaragua (along with her twin sister), but has spent most of her formative years in Saskatoon. The value of cross-cultural understanding and international experiences are thus both very personal to her and something she believes strongly in as tools to foster co-operation and trust, and to create positive change in the world.

Jeh Custer's work both in Canada and abroad has focused on justice and survival for all peoples. As a young global leader, Jeh draws understanding and inspiration from a wide range of experiences including popular and transformative education, skills training, community sustainability projects, social movement building, political lobbying, litigation and interventions, creative and adventure activism, culture jamming, and direct action. Jeh has worked with numerous organizations educating and empowering youth to get involved in social justice and environmental sustainability movements with the ethic of "Thinking Global, Acting Local." Conscious and motivated young people who are yearning and working for a better world is what inspires Jeh the most. That is the reason why Jeh is excited to be working with SCIC to help build a youth movement for global justice in Saskatchewan. For more on Jeh, check out his bio under SCIC People.

Xochitl Hanson-Pastran was born in Nicaragua, but grew up in Canada and has had all the privileges of living here. After graduating from high school she set off to travel Nicaragua solo, and immediately fell in love with the country in a way she never could before travelling with her whole family. Her Spanish teacher helped her to set up a volunteer placement at a school. There are many causes and she is here "to get the word out for everyone to find their passions and donate some time towards them."



Ben Ngo-Ming Chung is a Chinese Canadian born in Hong Kong and raised in Regina. He has completed his Bachelor of Education and has been involved facilitating workshops with SCIC on the themes of the Millennium Development Goals and access to education. Globally, his work has taken him to Honduras and Nicaragua. From these intercultural experiences, he has seen the extreme value and necessity of youth from the Global North and South working in true partnership while being aware of their individual power and privilege.

Michelle Thompson is a second year student at the University of Saskatchewan. After high school she lived and traveled abroad for three and a half years before starting university. She currently leads the Oxfam campus group where, for the last year, they have focused their efforts on raising awareness of climate change and women's rights. She encourages others to find an organization that fits their interests so dedicating their time is enjoyable, useful and benefits the individual just as much as the organization.



From Canada to Zanzibar

There are many ways to travel the world. Some people choose to do so through books and television, while others choose to vacation or study. I choose to see the world through volunteer and work experience abroad. I believe that travel, regardless of how you choose to do it, contributes to the overall good of the global community. Travel helps people to learn about their neighbours. It helps us to connect how our contributions at home (whether positive or negative) have an impact on other parts of the globe. It helps us to recognize the inequities apparent between nations, and it helps people to become cognizant of the need for change. I choose to travel as a volunteer and an intern because I felt that doing so would provide me with the best opportunity to learn about the world. I believe I chose the best option for me.

My most recent travel experience was as a CIDA intern for Youth Challenge International (YCI) on the island of Zanzibar in Tanzania. YCI is an organization dedicated to helping Canadian youth learn about other communities in the world, while at the same time contributing positively to these communities. As a YCI intern I was responsible for ensuring that all projects carried out by YCI volunteers were sustainable, and were implemented only according to the needs and wants of the host community. The volunteers taught English classes, worked with women's groups, helped start an environmental club and a HIV/AIDS awareness group. For me, the best part of YCI's programming goals was their focus on empowerment. Our focus was not on teaching the youth in Zanzibar what to do, but rather on giving them the tools and the resources that they needed in order to implement change themselves.



My proudest moment as an intern came when some members of a local youth group told me that they were ready to go out into their communities to start teaching others what they had learned from our programs. I believe that empowerment is the greatest tool you can give. By teaching both the Canadian and local youth about their role in the global community, YCI's programs seek to empower not only the local youth, but the volunteers and interns as well.

Volunteer and work abroad programs are different than normal tourism because you become part of the community that you visit. You are not just a spectator but an actor. You gain the ability to clearly see the world not as a group of separate nations, but as a truly global community. In this way, the most valuable thing that I have learned from my travels is the importance of recog-

nizing that everyone is human. Whether in a village in Northern Thailand, a city in Ukraine or an island off the coast of Tanzania, we are all citizens of the world, and despite what we may have been taught about others, we all yearn to live a positive life free of harm and discrimination. The lessons and knowledge that I have learned during my travels are invaluable, and will continue to permeate all aspects of my life. I plan to continue to travel and to learn. I feel it is my duty as a citizen of the world.

Lindsay Jorgenson is a Canada World Youth alumnus and past Youth Challenge International Intern. She also volunteers for SCIC as is a member of the Overseas Project Review Committee. She currently works at the University of Regina, and hopes that her stories and experience will inspire others to learn more about the world around them.

PCTC Calling Lakes Centre Food as Gift

Food – where it comes from, what has been done to it, how it is prepared and eaten – affects all of us. Food offers the opportunity to connect the personal with the political at each step of its preparation. From its beginning as a seed or embryo, through its growing and harvest to its appearance in our plate or bowl, each choice that we make about food matters – to our communities, our earth, to ourselves, and our fellow creatures.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, over 75% of the genetic diversity of crops has been lost worldwide. The distribution of seeds in North America is in the hands of just 250 seed companies. With threats like climate change, disease, and pests, genetic diversity in seeds is vital to all of us. What contributions can each of us make to encourage the old practice of saving seeds, and the growth of seed exchanges throughout Canada?

We hear a great deal about buying “local food” or the 100 mile diet. While we have many more opportunities to buy local food, there remain many challenges. Here in Saskatchewan, 90% of the fresh produce we buy is from somewhere else. The global market is so competitive that foods travelling across the continent in huge trucks are cheaper than food grown here. Nonetheless, the consumer desire for locally produced

foods is growing, and the popularity of farmer’s markets is just one strong indication. What can each of us do to support and encourage local producers?

We know that the foods we chose are important, and the way that we prepare that food affects our health and well-being. How we eat our food also matters. There is increasing interest in the rituals of eating, the “slow food movement”, and the spirituality of food.

Do you want to join others in exploring how to translate your concern about food into practical everyday choices that can benefit the health of our global community, one bite at a time? Participate in the “Food as Gift” program at Calling Lakes Centre where we will explore food issues, prepare

food together, and take to the roads in the Fort Qu’Appelle area in search of local foods for a meal meeting a number of producers on their home turf. Our leaders for the weekend are: Sandra Brandt, who has worked as a natural foods retailer, and currently teaches holistic cooking classes in Regina where she also leads workshops about food and spirituality. As a young father, Rylan Grayston has been planting and eating seeds his whole life, and now he sells them, too. He is fascinated with DNA, and both excited and concerned about our ability to change the DNA that all seeds contain. Sue Bland helps her family in the production and sale of free range roasting chickens, eggs and honey. She has been re-learning how to “play” with her food, and to eat slowly and appreciatively.

“Food as Gift” will begin with supper at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 19 and continue until just after lunch on Sunday, March 21. To learn about this program or to register for it, please check the Calling Lakes Centre website at www.callinglakes.ca or call 306-332-5691 (Fort Qu’Appelle).

Calling Lakes Centre is a fully accredited educational centre of the United Church of Canada. Located on the north shore of Echo Lake in the beautiful Qu’Appelle Valley, it provides a peaceful yet accessible “getaway” for retreats, workshops and conferences. Its purpose is to nurture growth in individuals, congregations and communities through programs, retreats and hospitality.





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Upcoming Opportunities and Events

SCIC'S GLOBAL CITIZENS GALA

Saturday, February 6, 7:00-11:00 pm
Louis' Pub, 93 Campus Drive, U of S,
SASKATOON

Saturday, February 13, 5:30 pm
St. Mary's Anglican Church,
3337-15th Avenue, REGINA
See inside for details.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Arts & Activism for Global Justice
See page 3 for more info.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Integrating Arts & Activism Workshop
See page 3 for more info.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Artists for Station 20
Doors open at 7:30 pm. Program begins at 8:00 pm.
Grosvenor Park United Church (Cumberland and 14th St. E.) SASKATOON
Fifteen of Saskatoon's most prominent writers and performers will come together to share their wonderful talent, and their support for positive change in our city's core communities and create greater equity between neighbourhoods. Tickets: \$30. For more info contact Brenda Baker at 653-3245 or brenda@brendabaker.com and visit <http://www.station20west.org>.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Integrating Arts & Activism Workshop
See page 3 for more info.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Benefit for the Peruvian Amazon – Building North South Indigenous Connections
Location TBA, REGINA
The Solidarity Committee for the Peruvian Amazon is building support for the Awajun and Wampis Peoples of Peru who face the en-

croachment of mining and the end to their way of life. This educational evening will feature delicious Latin cuisine and entertainment featuring Oye and the Johnny Alvis Band. Tickets: \$20/advance; \$25/door. For more information and to purchase tickets contact Mirtha at 525-1714.

MARCH 5-7

5th Annual Environmental Film Festival "See the Change, Be the Change"

March 5, 6:00 pm, Timlin Neatby Theatre, Arts Building, U of S Campus, SASKATOON
"Opening Night" featuring the film "No Impact Man" and the Environmental Activist Awards followed by a social at Browser's on campus.

March 6 & 7
Roxy Theatre, 320 20th St. W.
Several films will be shown in conjunction with workshops and discussions on environmental issues. For more details contact 652-1275 and check out SEN's website www.econet.sk.ca for film descriptions, programs and schedule.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Sustainable Urban Development in Cities/Regions – A One Day Workshop

9:00 am- 4:15 pm, Chakam School of the Bible's Regina Campus at the Rocit International Training Centre, Highway # 6 South (just over the viaduct outside of the City of Regina on right hand side) REGINA

The workshop features Dr. Glenn Smith who will discuss the alleviation of poverty through sustainability in western cities and international slum areas.

Dr. Smith is the Executive Director of Christian Direction in Montreal, QC. CHAKAM will provide certification for 100% attendance of this 5 hour course.

Cost: \$20.00 per person includes instruction, certification, light lunch, refreshments. Mail registration fee with name, address and other contact information to: CHAKAM, 1026 First Avenue West, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, S6V 4Y4. For more information call 306-922-0100 or 306-522-7600.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Into the Breech! Our Indigenous and African Grandmothers

8:45 am-1:00 p.m. University of Regina, Language Institute Theatre, REGINA
This International Women's Day event is focused on the role of Grandmothers supporting grandchildren affected by social problems including disease, criminalization, addiction and poverty around the world. Lecture/free. Lunch/\$10.00 adults; \$5.00 students For further information contact Darlene Juschka at 585-5280. RSVP by March 5 to SCIC at scic@earthbeat.sk.ca or call 757-4669.

The Saskatoon Peace Coalition needs one or two volunteers dedicated to helping promote and coordinate membership. Particularly, someone to contact organizations (unions, church groups, clubs, NGO's, etc) to invite them to join the Peace Coalition. If you would like to help, please email Michael at michaeljmurphy@sasktel.net.

Consider taking a course this summer at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding at Canadian Mennonite University. Join local, national and international practitioners and students of peace, justice and development at the 2010 Canadian School of Peacebuilding, which runs from June 14-July 2, 2010. Check out their website: www.cmu.ca/csop.