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Marie Dennis is director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, vice president of Pax Christi International and a Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace. She holds a masters degree in moral theology from Washington Theological Union and is co-author or author of six books on the spirituality of a commitment to social justice, peace and the integrity of creation. She is a lay woman, a mother of six, a grandmother, a secular Franciscan and a member of Assisi Community in Washington DC.

Marie has traveled widely, mostly to visit the marginal communities where Maryknoll missionaries work in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia, but also to participate in consultations and conferences for Pax Christi International and Maryknoll. She was an election observer in Mexico and Haiti and has participated in delegations to many other countries, including Colombia, Haiti, Guatemala, El Salvador, Afghanistan and Israel-Palestine.

As principle representative of the Maryknoll Society, a nongovernmental organization with consultative status at the United Nations, Marie participated in the UN Conference on the Elimination of Racism in Durban, South Africa and the UN Conference on Financing for Development in Monterrey, Mexico. She is regularly involved in UN discussions, including preparations for the September 2005 General Assembly review of progress toward the Millennium Development Goals.

Marie has been a leader in global efforts to eradicate poverty through the cancellation of debt and the promotion of trade agreements and an economic system that are socially and ecologically just.

She serves on the board of directors of the Washington Office on Latin America, the Latin America Working Group, the Catholic Peacebuilding Network and the International Relations Center. She has lectured at countless universities, conferences, workshops, parishes and high schools over the past 30 years on topics ranging from Catholic Social Teaching to Jubilee, globalization to peacemaking, economic justice to Latin America. She has published numerous book reviews and articles in a variety of publications and is a contributing editor for Sojourners magazine.