

# FAN Highlights from 2009

## IMMIGRATION ACTION MEETING IN CHICAGO



In September, over 50 members of FAN participated in an Immigration Action Conference in Chicago. Bishop John Manz of Chicago gave the keynote. Workshops treated local enforcement, the Postville Experience, Franciscans and Immigration, and social and legal services. The whole conference is available on DVD for purchase at [www.ruahmedia.org](http://www.ruahmedia.org). There also are presentations on Francis, Franciscans, and Immigration available at no charge on DVD through the FAN office 202-527-7566. This DVD can be used in concert with a Franciscan supplement to the *JustFaith/JustMatters*; for more information, visit our Web site [www.franciscanaction.org/justmatters](http://www.franciscanaction.org/justmatters)

## WHITE PAPERS

As landmark legislation was debated in the Congress and in the Senate in 2009, the complexity of the issues fueled many conversations throughout the nation. FAN was able to offer its membership some principles to reflect on from our Christian, Catholic, and Franciscan perspectives. We have relied on our [research analysts](#) to offer theological reflection on issues such as [climate change](#), [consistent ethic of life](#), [health care](#) and [the economy](#). Our research analysts include Fr. David Couturier, OFM Cap. of the Archdiocese of Boston, Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF of the Woodstock Institute, Dr. Riobart Breen of Siena College, and Fr. Tom Nairn, OFM of Catholic Health Association.



## IN-DISTRICT AND IN-STATE MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL REPS AND SENATORS

FAN Staff coordinated [63 in-district meetings](#) with staffs and Members of Congress during the Memorial Day recess to discuss climate change. An [in-state plan for meetings](#) is in process during the holiday recess with staffs of U.S. Senators. This strategy focuses on 11 states. We are engaged in this process in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Coalition for Climate Change.

## HEALTH CARE SIGN-ON LETTER AND HEALTH CARE ACTION

During the summer, a number of [institutional members](#) participated in a [corporate sign-on](#) to Congressional and Senate Leadership on Principles of Health Care Reform. In the fall, FAN invited all members to [take action](#) in support of health care reform.

## ACTION ON THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS

In February, the FAN Website offered a number of [informative pieces](#) on the economy and invited the membership to [take action](#) in favor of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

## EAD ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In March, over 150 members of FAN [participated](#) in a national endeavor called Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Alexandria, Virginia. Workshops and Advocacy efforts were focused on Climate Change. A special Franciscan recognition of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rule was one of the highlights of the event.



## FRANCISCAN CAMPAIGN FOR LIFE

In mid-January, we united with efforts to [stop consideration](#) of the Freedom of Choice Act through an action alert to Congress.

## EDUCATIONAL WEB CONFERENCES

In 2009, the staff at Franciscan Action Network used Webinars to prepare for in-district meetings with Congressional Representatives on Climate Change Policy. In June, FAN was one of the hosts of a Web Conference on [Peace in the Holy Land](#). Our special presenter was Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. In September, we hosted a Web Conference in collaboration with Catholic Health Association to [discuss health care reform](#). In October, FAN hosted a Web Summit on Climate Change in collaboration with the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change. At the time of these Web Conferences, many of our institutional members and ministry sites met in small groups to interact with the presenters.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009



## Franciscan Action Network

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INCOME		2008	2009
		Year End Totals	Year End Totals
Annual Institutional Membership Donation		148,590	133,263
Grant Restricted Income		13,233	54,778
Program Service Revenue		4,444	7,018
Small Donor Income		3,308	10,702
Misc./Other Income		1,252	3,140
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>170,827</b>	<b>208,901</b>
EXPENSE			
Bank Fees		101	565
Information Technology		45,870	25,230
Web Hosting & Development		45,900	13,462
Web Outreach/Communications		16,000	12,543
Conferences & Meetings		2,373	453
Contracted Services		52,889	7,620
Advertising & Promotion		1,733	602
Office Expenses		42,260	30,793
Personnel Expenses		43,729	104,117
Ecumenical Advocacy Days		12,166	4,810
Civic Engagement Training		149	53
Integ. of Creation Programming		603	7,006
Peacemaking Programming		364	11,621
Poverty & Human Rights		2,191	6,904
Network Building		8,801	9,965
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>275,129</b>	<b>235,744</b>
<b>NET INCOME (Loss)</b>		<b>(104,302)</b>	<b>(26,843)</b>

January 22, 2010

Dear FAN Advocates and Friends,

We have enclosed the first annual report for FAN. We are a young organization, but we have accomplished a lot. Your contribution has made us a visible network of Franciscans committed to policy that promotes peace; a conscientious care for the struggling and the poor; and a profound respect for God's creation.

In March, FAN will be 2 years old. We are at the stage when we have to dedicate more time and energy into strategic planning. The FAN Board of Directors and the Staff have begun conversations dedicated to this planning and development. We have obtained the services of Louise Diamond and she has already done some marvelous work with the Board and the Staff. Within a few days all of the institutional contacts will receive an invitation to a Webinar type meeting as part of our strategic planning process. These meetings will help us continue to develop the organization; the input from the stakeholders will be valuable in shaping FAN.

The annual report gives a clear indication of the fiscal modesty of the organization. Our initial startup costs are reflected in the larger debt of 2008. This debt has been reduced significantly in 2009. There are some corporate member donations that we had anticipated in 2009 and expect to arrive in 2010. These donations would have balanced the 2009 ledger.

In our strategic planning, we will get some directives for development. This year we also plan to start the application process for a tandem 501 (c4). This would allow us to devote more energy and resources into policy advocacy. We are a respected organization whose positions are sought on policy matters by both governmental and non-governmental leaders. The process of applying for the 501 (c4) will be costly, but it will enhance our efforts and make us a clearer and a more active voice on Capitol Hill.

We are looking forward to some exciting moments in the coming months as the Congress will be considering climate change, immigration, health care, and jobs.

Please let the Action Center know if you have any questions or suggestions for FAN. We appreciate your interest and commitment. If there is any way we can collaborate with your JPIC efforts, we would be happy to do so; just let us know.

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