

**Message from AFJN's Executive Director
Dr. Steven Nabieu Rogers**

As we usher in the Christmas Season and prepare to gather round the table with our families, we pause to reflect on that which we are thankful for. In this last quarter of 2022, AFJN is thankful for the privilege and honor to work with dedicated and supportive members, Board of Directors, staff and our partners in our advocacy work for Africa.

In October, a new AFJN Board of Directors Executive was elected. Sr. Nkechi Iwuoha, PHJC, chairs the new executive. During this period, AFJN has organized several advocacy events and meetings in Washington DC and in Africa reflecting the many developments happening on the continent. In anticipation of the Secretary of State's and Papal scheduled visits to Africa, AFJN participated in several advocacy activities, shedding light on the burning issues affecting the region. We also held timely discussions about the recent elections in Kenya, the upcoming election in Nigeria, and the need for a UN Security Council Reform in preparation for the upcoming US-Africa Leaders Summit in December. Our diaspora outreach initiative has also yielded several high-level meetings with key US Government officials including the United States Mission to Africa Union to discuss "Perspectives on How The African Diaspora can partner with the African Union" and with the U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone on 'Tolerance, Human Rights, Peaceful Co-Existence for all in Sierra Leone'.

As the world prepared to converge in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt for COP27, I was privileged to join several faith leaders from North America, Europe and Africa in Nairobi to participate in the "Convocation on Climate and Hunger" event sponsored by Bread for the World. We unveiled our joint faith-based statement "Faithful Voice on Hunger and Climate Change" to highlight the negative effects of a warming climate. Furthermore, we are continuing our work on just governance with workshops in Ghana and our Women Empowerment Project with several advocacy activities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Uganda, Ghana, and Tanzania.

Finally, as we prepare for a busy December month, I am looking forward to participating in the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit Civil Society Forum in December that will provide a platform for engagement between senior government representatives and civil society. Thank you for all your prayers and financial support.

[Donate Here](#)[Become a Member](#)**US-Africa Advocacy****AFJN Invited to Official CSO Forum by
United States Government**

AFJN's Executive Director, Dr. Steven Nabieu Rogers has been invited by the US Government to the session "Amplifying Marginalized Voices" as part of the Civil Society Forum (CSO) "Inclusive Partnerships to Advance Agenda 2063" hosted at the United States Institute for Peace in December.

DECEMBER 9, 2022 WEBINAR

AFRICA'S INTENSIFYING EMERGENCIES: TO WHAT FRESH ASSISTANCE WILL THE US COMMIT?

Join Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN), the Advocacy Network for Africa (AdNA), Africans Rising, and American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) for a webinar on Friday, December 9th. Ahead of the US-Africa Leaders Summit, a sterling collection of deeply-experienced Africa experts will unpack the issues of Climate Injustice, Looming Famine, the COVID-19 Pandemic, Raging Wars, and a Keynote Address given by H.E. Kwesi Quartey. Individually and collectively, these emergencies are snuffing out African lives and inflicting serious pain and suffering. These experts will recommend actions for President Biden and the Administration to take to ensure success of the Summit.

Speakers:

- H.E. Kwesi Quartey - Keynote Address**
Former Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission
- Awaiting Confirmation - Climate Injustice**
- Franklin Moore - Looming Famine**
Former Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Africa Bureau, US Agency for International Development
- Dr. Pauline Muchina - COVID-19 Pandemic**
Chair, COVID-19 Working Group, AdNA, Policy, Education, & Advocacy Coordinator for Africa, AFSC
- Professor Nii Kwaa Adueteh - Raging Wars**
Chair, Security Working Group, AdNA, Adjunct Professor, George Washington University
- Dr. Steven Nabie Rogers - Welcome**
Executive Director, AFJN
- Coumba Toure - Welcome**
Co-Coordinator, Africans Rising for Unity, Justice, Peace & Dignity

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9 DECEMBER 2022
10 AM - 12 PM EST (US/CANADA)
4 PM - 6 PM WAT (ABUJA)
5 PM - 7 PM SAST (JOHANNESBURG)
6 PM - 8 PM EAT (NAIROBI)

Africa's Intensifying Emergencies: To What Fresh Assistance will the US Commit? Webinar

December 9, 2022
10:00 am - 12:00 pm EST (US/Canada)

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This event is a part of the "US-Africa Leaders Summit: Pre-Summit Civil Society Forum".

AFJN Participated in Meeting with United States Mission to the African Union



On November 2, Dr. Rogers participated in "Perspectives on How the African Diaspora can Partner with the African Union" which was a conversation with US Mission to the African Union Public Affairs Officer Heather Joy Thompson. It was moderated by Mel Foote, President of the Constituency for Africa and was held at the Bureau of African Affairs.

AFJN Exe. Director, Co-drafter of Faith-Based Statement Ahead of COP27



Dr. Rogers was invited to co-draft the faith-based statement "[A Faithful Voice on Hunger and Climate Justice](#)" issued ahead of the COP27 gathering in Egypt. The statement was published during the "Convocation on Climate and Hunger" in Nairobi, Kenya. Bread for the Word sponsored AFJN's participation in this event. Media coverage of the event included *Christian Today's* article "Christians Meeting in Nairobi Call for Climate Change Promises to be Fulfilled" ahead of the COP27 meetings in Egypt. [Learn more here.](#)



Dr. Rogers Invited to a Conversation on Sierra Leone with Ambassador David Reimer

On October 6, Dr. Rogers was invited to "A Conversation with Ambassador David Reimer Tolerance, Human Rights, Peaceful Co-Existence for all In Sierra Leone and the Diaspora" at the National Democratic Institute. During the event, "issues on governance, accountability, human rights, gender/women's empowerment, and the significance of the Sierra Leone diaspora to socio-economic and political developments in Sierra Leone" were discussed.



Virtual Call to Action on World Humanitarian Day - Global Crisis Relief

On August 18, AFJN participated in “Call on President Biden to be a Humanitarian on World Humanitarian Day” that was cosponsored by AFJN, CODEPINK, Action Corps, Demand Progress, PeaceAction, American Friends Service Committee, and Partnerships for Trauma Recovery. Read more [here](#).

Coalition Letters to Congressional Leadership – Support ENABLERS Act

August 9, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer

Senate

U.S. Senate

2000 Capitol Square Office Building Washington, D.C. 20540

The Honorable Mark McClellan

House

U.S. House

217 Capitol Square Office Building Washington, D.C. 20540

Dear Honorable Leader Schumer and Honorable Leader McClellan:

As organizations that work to combat corruption and promote accountability in government, we write to express our strong support for the Establishing New Authorities for Businesses Laundering and Enabling Risks to Security (ENABLERS) Act as amended.

The ENABLERS Act represents a major bipartisan opportunity to close the loopholes in U.S. law that are allowing corrupt foreign entities to launder money and engage in money laundering and other financial crimes that threaten national security and the integrity of the U.S. financial system. Such schemes are possible because current U.S. anti-money laundering (AML) law does not require these financial institutions to help trace and track the money to certain appropriate foreign jurisdictions, rather than clients.

Coalition Letter to Congressional Leadership - Support ENABLERS Act

On August 9, AFJN was one of over twenty organizations and individuals that sent a letter to Congressional Leadership in support of the Establishing New Authorities for Businesses Laundering and Enabling Risks to Security (ENABLERS) Act as amended. [Read the full letter here](#) and [Press Statement here](#).

August 8, 2022

The Honorable Antony John Blinken
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
Suite C-18 1900
Washington, DC 20520

Re: Africa Faith and Justice Network Urges Frank Discussion for Lasting Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Dear Honorable Blinken,

Ahead of your August 2022 meetings with leaders of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda, the Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN) is now gathering a coalition of all US-based religious communities to urge frank discussions on the following issues: Rwanda's violations of DRC's territorial integrity, bad governance in the DRC, and reasons why the UN peacekeepers should leave.



Letter to US Secretary of State on the Democratic Republic of the Congo

On August 8, AFJN sent a letter to the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken ahead of his visit to Africa. The letter urged frank discussions on issues including: Rwanda's violations of DRC's territorial integrity, bad governance in the DRC, and reasons why the UN peacekeepers should leave. [Read the full letter here](#) and [Press Release here](#).

AFJN Welcomes New Board Slate

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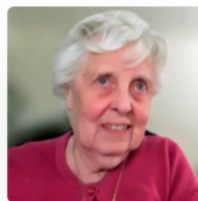


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Elected October 2022



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Elected October 2022



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Elected October 2022

In October 2022, AFJN's Board of Directors appointed a new Board Slate: Chair Sr. Nkechi Iwuoha, PHJC; Vice-Chair Sr. Maura Browne, SNDden; Secretary, Rev. William Christy, CSSP; and Treasurer, Ms. Jemima Andan. Please join AFJN in thanking our Executive Committee for their service and commitment to AFJN and the mission. To read their biographies, [click here](#). Read the [Press Release here](#).

AFJN would also like to thank the outgoing Executive Committee for their years of service: Sr. Florence Deacon, OSF as AFJN Board Chair, Rev. Christy as Board Vice-Chair, Ms. Faustine Wabwire as Board Secretary, and Mr. Al Gbi Toe, Sr. as Board Treasurer.

Just Governance



Industrial Farming Threatens Access to Water in Ghana

In August, while working on our Just Governance program, AFJN learned about the pollution of two streams in Kelorkpo. These streams are vital to the livelihoods of three local communities. AFJN has been working with the local people on gathering information and assisting the community in ways that they can engage the company to take accountability for their actions. Read the [full article here](#).



Agro-Colonialism Awareness and Responsible Investment

In August, Jacques Bahati continued our field activities in Nyatikpo, Aborkope, and Gbagbavuinu. During the visits, the locals identified multinational corporations that were engaged in land grabbing. Since 2014, AFJN has been educating Ghanaians about the dangers of agro-colonialism to ensure that Ghanaians remain food secure. Read the [full article here](#).



Ghana: A Chinese Fish Farm Project Turned Into a Nightmare

A fish farming pond owned by a multinational corporation caused flood that destroyed crops in the nearby farmland. After the community demanded compensation, the corporation left without remedying the issue or providing compensation. [Read Jacques Bahati's account here](#).

Women Empowerment Project

Democratic Republic of the Congo



Advocacy on the Environment and Human Rights in the DRC

In August, over 50 participants from government and civil society participated in our workshops on care for creation and human rights. A variety of speakers participated including: a journalist shared research, a plastics recycler of building materials, the former Minister of Human Rights (who told the group how AFJN brought two DRC government opposition together to have a dialogue) and a United Nations representative on Eco-Justice. They recognized the mutual responsibility to care for creation and also acknowledged that plastics are not produced by the Congolese. The program was broadcast on Radio Maria Kinshasa.

Kenya

Sr. Eucharika Madueke's Reflections on the Kenya Hilton Convening



AFJN's Sr. Eucharika Madueke, SNDdeN spoke on a panel about her advocacy training work coordinating the AFJN Women Empowerment Project in Africa. The multi-day event, which took place from October 26-28, 2022 in Nairobi, Kenya, brought hundreds of Catholic sisters from around the globe together to share and reflect on their experiences, challenges, and triumphs. Every year hundreds of the Conrad Hilton Foundation Grantees gather together to share their experiences and learn from one another during these convenings. [Read more here.](#)

Tanzania



Women Empowerment Tanzania

In August, the Women Empowerment Project was in Tanzania for advocacy skills training workshops. The event received wide media coverage (in the local language). The group of 22 sisters and 33 young people visited a staff representative for the Ministry of Youth and Development who listened attentively to the advocacy letter, taking notes to share with the Representative. The workshop participants were grateful to be welcomed in the Office of the Ministry and to visit the capital city of Dodoma. Live coverage of [the Mass. Radio Maria Tanzania](#) Facebook coverage part I. [Radio Maria Tanzania](#) Facebook coverage part II.

Uganda

Workshop Evaluation and Summary Report

Report on the Girl Child Education, Teenage Pregnancy and African Dignity Workshop in Lira District Uganda

On November 3-7, AFJN with the John Paul II Justice and Peace Center, Association of Religious in Uganda, and the Lira Diocese, conducted a Stakeholders' workshop and community sensitization in Lira District. This workshop highlighted the various social issues in Uganda and the impact of COVID-19 on the education of teenage girls. [Click here](#) to read the November 2022 Report.

AFRICA FAITH AND JUSTICE NETWORK



REPORT ON THE GIRL CHILD EDUCATION, TEENAGE PREGNANCY AND AFRICAN DIGNITY WORKSHOP IN LIRA DISTRICT-UGANDA
3-7 NOVEMBER 2022

NATIONAL PRAYER ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

THEME: Technology and Human Trafficking

DATE: 9th Sept-2022 VENUE: Kololo Ceremonial Grounds
TIME: 9:00am

PRESIDER: Most Rev. John Baptist Odama, Archbishop of Gulu.
CHIEF GUEST: Rt.Hon Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja.



National Prayer on Human Trafficking

On September 9, AFJN and AFJN-Uganda participated in a National Prayer on Human Trafficking event.

made possible by a large grant from the Conrad Hilton Foundation, Dominican Sisters of Peace Shalom Fund, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Base Communities, Missionaries of Africa, and AFJN organizational and individual members.

News and Events

Interns



AFJN Welcomes Fall Intern, Alexander Hoyt

Alexander Hoyt, AFJN Fall Intern, is currently studying Public Management and Leadership with minors in Arts Management and Intelligence Studies at Indiana University. Read his [full biography here](#).

Learn more about AFJN's Internship Program [here](#).



AFJN Welcomes, Elian Romano Brandt

Elian Romano Brandt is a junior at the University of Regensburg in Bavaria, Germany, participating in American University's 2022 Fall Semester Program. He majors in political science with an emphasis on international politics and minors in public law, history and gender studies. Read his [full biography here](#).

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Past Events and Videos



Reforming the UN Security Council: Why it must be on the US-Africa Leaders Summit Agenda Webinar November 29, 2022

As part of President Biden's US-Africa Leaders Summit this December, it is imperative that the agenda includes Africa's long standing call for the United Nations (UN) Security Council Reform for the US to "demonstrate [its] enduring commitment to Africa". During this discussion we will hear whether or not these reforms should happen and what they mean for Africa. Learn more and watch the [video here](#).

Hustler vs Dynasty: The

AFJN INVITES YOU TO

HUSTLER VS DYNASTY:
THE ELECTIONS IN KENYA AND NIGERIA
AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR AFRICA

What do the elections mean for the future of Africa? Join AFJN as we invite prominent African experts from the continent to discuss these trends and their implications for the future of the continent.

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Lamana Gherie
Sierra Leone's Ambassador to Switzerland and the Permanent Representative to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

Dr. Austin Tani-George
Executive Director of the Institute of Communication and Corporate Studies, Lagos, Nigeria

Prof. Mills Soko
Professor of International Business and Strategy at University of Witwatersrand Business School, South Africa

Moderator: Dr. Steven Nkisiu Rogers
Executive Director, Africa Path and Justice Network

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5 PM - 6:30 PM EAST (SOUTH AFRICA)
6 PM - 7:30 PM EAT (KENYA)

Elections in Kenya and Nigeria and their Implications for Africa

On September 13th, AFJN held a panel discussion featuring prominent African experts. While elections have typically attracted violence across Africa particularly among youth, their renewed interest in free and fair democratic process across the continent in more recent times may suggest some paradigmatic shift. AFJN's campaign against political violence and healthy democratic participation by young people continues to be an important component to our just governance program. Visit the [webpage](#) or watch the [YouTube video](#).

End it Now: Rwanda - Democratic Republic of the Congo Crisis

End it Now: Rwanda and Democratic Republic of the Congo Crisis

August 25, 2022

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End it Now: Rwanda-Democratic Republic of the Congo Crisis

On August 25, AFJN hosted a panel discussion on the ongoing Rwanda-Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Crisis. The event featured voices from the DRC who provided updates and analysis and who examined the role of the international community in the more than two decades long crisis. To learn more and watch the webinar [click here](#).

May They Rest in Peace



Cardinal Richard Kuuia Baawobr
(November 27, 2022)

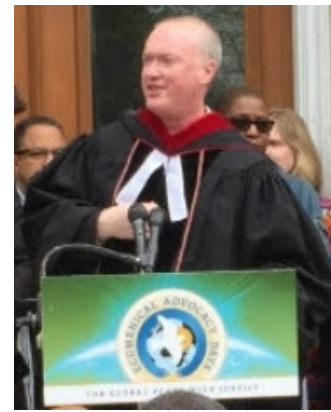
Cardinal Baawobr, a Missionary of Africa priest (White Father) was an ardent supporter of the mission of AFJN. [Read AFJN's Press Statement here.](#)

Above image was from AFJN's 30th Anniversary Conference.



Mary C. Furlong
(July 14, 1941-November 21, 2022)

Mary Furlong was a dedicated friend of AFJN. Read Fr. Rocco Puopolo, SX's, Former AFJN Executive Director, [reflections on her life here](#).



Rev. Douglas Gene Grace
(May 22, 1970 - November 14, 2022)

Rev. Douglas Grace served as Director of Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice (EAD) for more than seven years. AFJN facilitates the Africa Track for EAD. Read his [obituary here](#).



Event affirms how networking and collaboration can support Catholic sisters

NEWS / RELIGIOUS LIFE

Sr. Eucharía Madueke Quoted in *Global Sisters Report*

On November 1, AFJN's Sr. Eucharía was quoted in "Event affirms how networking and collaboration can support Catholic sisters" article featured in *Global Sisters Report*. [Learn more here.](#)



AfricaNow! Interview with Dr. Steven Nabieu Rogers

On November 16, 2022, Dr. Rogers was interviewed by Mwiza Munthali in AfricaNow! about his participation in the Nairobi Kenya "Convocation on Climate and Hunger", financial responsibility, grassroots solutions and more. [Listen to the podcast here.](#)



Sr. Eucharía featured in *Detroit Catholic*

On November 21, Sr. Eucharía was featured in Valentine Iwenwanne's "Nigerian nuns raise awareness on rape, violence against women" article in *Detroit Catholic*. [Learn more here.](#)

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