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*Comboni Press Network (CPN) newsletter provides access to information on global issues from church and mission-related sources. Our focus is on justice and peace issues, and the effect U.S. policies have on Third World countries. Please share your suggestions and ideas with us—we're only a fax or e-mail away!*

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GLOBAL CONNECTIONS:

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**From** *DISASTER CAPITALISM—WALL STREET CRISIS SHOULD BE FOR NEOLIBERALISM*  
**DW** *WHAT THE FALL OF BERLIN WAS FOR COMMUNISM:* As the world reels from the financial crisis on Wall Street and the taxpayer-funded \$700 billion bailout, the side of globalization that has corporate greed at its pinnacle, is playing itself out, week-in, week-out. Naomi Klein, journalist and author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, recently spoke at the University of Chicago to oppose establishing an economic research center named after the University's most famous economist, Milton Friedman. Klein says Friedman's economic philosophy "championed the kind of deregulation that has led to the current crisis." **Listen/watch/read** at *Democracy Watch's* web site, [www.democracynow.org/2008/10/6/naomi\\_klein](http://www.democracynow.org/2008/10/6/naomi_klein).

**From** *CONGO'S BIG INITIATIVE FOR ITS MINING COMPANIES—GO PRIVATE!* The Democratic  
**CPN** Republic of the Congo's Deputy Minister of Mines Victor Kasongo has announced that new management would be hired to turn around ailing mining businesses, creating an initial public offering and stakes that could be sold to private mining groups. There's an abundance of natural resources in DRC, including copper and gold. Out of 61 mining companies involved in a recent review, the government was satisfied that 14 were developing their projects in a way that was transparent; 25 companies would have their contracts modified, and 22 companies presently "had contracts so far out of line with mainstream international practice as to warrant cancellation." **Learn more** at [www.congoweek.org](http://www.congoweek.org)

**BACKGROUNDING AND ACTION: IMMIGRATION:** In recent months, the **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)** has dramatically stepped up interior enforcement in the United States. Immigrant communities face the threat of raids, deportation and detention with little chance of relief. Inadequate due process protections in our current law and a failure by the federal government to guarantee protections have led to the following critical situations as pointed out by the **Rights Working Group (RWG)**: ♦ U.S. citizens, the mentally ill, children and other vulnerable individuals have been mistakenly detained; ♦ ICE officials have entered private homes in residential raids without warrant and questioned individuals about their immigration status; ♦ Mothers responsible for caring for their small children have been detained and transferred to detention facilities thousands of miles away from families and attorneys; ♦ Workers have suffered immigration raids because they exercised their rights in the workplace. **Find out more** from [www.rightsworkinggroup.org](http://www.rightsworkinggroup.org).

√ **Take Action! The Menendez-Kennedy bill (S. 3594)** would restore basic due process protections to our immigration enforcement system. **Contact your Senators** at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) and ask them to co-sponsor S. 3594 that offers:

- ♦ Protection for U.S. citizens, lawful residents and immigrants during immigration raids;
- ♦ Protection for workers during immigration raids;
- ♦ Requires DHS to treat immigration detainees humanely;
- ♦ Creates new alternatives to detention and new parole opportunities for vulnerable populations in detention; and ♦ Requires DHS accountability.

**WATCHDOG: MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS:** Now at the half-way point to 2015, the progress of *The Millennium Development Goals* is being carefully monitored to see what's moving along well and what strategies need some help. **Read the following documents** to bring you up-to-date:

√ **The Millennium Development Goals Report 2008**, recently published, can be downloaded at [www.un.org/millenniumgoals](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals).

√ The **MDG Gap Task Force**, initiated by Secretary-General Moon in 2007, offers its first major report, **Delivering on the Global Partnership for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals**, available at [www.un.org/esa/policy/mdggap/](http://www.un.org/esa/policy/mdggap/).

## NOT-TO-BE-MISSED RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

√ ***Development Redefined: How the Market Met its Match***, by American University professor Robin Broad and International Policy Studies Director John Cavanaugh, chronicles the rise and fall of the market-worshipping *Washington Consensus*, and lays out people-based alternatives to corporate-led globalization. Beginning in the 1980s, the *Consensus* was that free markets were the solution to poverty-dominated development theory, policy and practice around the world. This is a peoples' history of the rise of corporate rule that uncovers the origins of poverty while debating the paths to a better future. **Read an excerpt at [www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/5556](http://www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/5556)**. (accessed: 10/7/08)

√ ***Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants***, a "must read" for concerned citizenry, by former labor organizer David Bacon, explains why our national policies produce even more displacement, migration, immigration raids, and a more divided, polarized society. Through interviews and on-the-spot reporting, he explores the human side of globalization, exposing the ways it uproots people in Latin America and Asia, driving them to migrate. **In bookstores.**

√ ***Wall Street Meltdown Primer*** by Walden Bello, for *Foreign Policy in Focus*, answers the basic questions about the on-going financial crisis, including what happened and why globalization wasn't able to surmount it. He identifies the current meltdown as the third of a series of attempts to rescue the global market from itself: the first was **neoliberal restructuring**, the reduction of government spending and the redistribution of money toward the wealthy, and the second was **globalization**, removing barriers to the flow of capital. In this third attempt, global money managers created dubious financial instruments for the creation of wealth. **Find the primer at [www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/5560](http://www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/5560)**. (accessed: 10/7/08)

## NOTABLE BOOKMARKS:

- ◆ ***Election 2008 Resources—A Christian Point of View:*** Here are some excellent tools to help you analyze the issues, engage the candidates and put your concerns before the media:
- (1) ***Campaign 2008: Redefining "National Security,"*** created by the *Religious Coalition of Justice and Peace Promoters* at [www.cscsisters.org/justice/campaign\\_2008.pdf](http://www.cscsisters.org/justice/campaign_2008.pdf).
  - (2) [www.coc.org/election2008](http://www.coc.org/election2008), for an in-depth analysis of important issues in the framework of the "common good" from *The Center of Concern*;
  - (3) ***Elections Matter: A Handbook for Participating in the 2008 Elections***, published by the *Bread for the World Institute*. **Download it at [www.bread.org/take-action/elections\\_matter.html](http://www.bread.org/take-action/elections_matter.html)**; Also, sign up for **BEAT Hunger '08** at [www.bread.org/press-room/news/bread-for-the-world-launches-beat-hunger-08.html](http://www.bread.org/press-room/news/bread-for-the-world-launches-beat-hunger-08.html); and
  - (4) ***U.S. Elections 2008: loving our neighbor in a shrinking world*** from the *Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns* at [www.maryknollogc.org/2008elections/index.htm](http://www.maryknollogc.org/2008elections/index.htm).

## FUTURE DATES FOR FUTURE THINKERS AND PLANNERS:

- **October 10, 2008: St. Daniel Comboni's Feast Day Celebrations** will be held in Cincinnati, Chicago, Montclair, NJ, Los Angeles, and Monroe, Michigan. **Visit [www.ComboniMissionaries.org](http://www.ComboniMissionaries.org).**
- **October 17-19, 2008: Stand Up to Poverty Action Days**, sponsored by the *Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)*, will push world leaders to meet their promises to end poverty and inequality and draw attention to the *Millennium Development Goals*. **Obtain the toolkit** to initiate a *StandUp* event at [www.standagainstopoverty.org](http://www.standagainstopoverty.org) or [www.jubileeuusa.org](http://www.jubileeuusa.org).
- **October 19-25, 2008: Congo Week** will gather students in solidarity with the people of the Congo to break the silence about the tragedy that occurred in the Congo and provide support to the Congolese people as they strive to heal their land. **For information, go to [www.congoweeek.org](http://www.congoweeek.org).**
- **October 24-26, 2008: United States Catholic Mission Association Annual Conference: *Mission: A Journey of Hope*** is set for the Holiday Inn BWI Airport Conference Center in Baltimore, MD. Michael Amaladoss, SJ and Dianne Bergant, CSA are the keynote speakers, and panelists include Paul Lininger, OFM and Arturo Aguilar, SSC. **Find out more at [www.uscatholicmission.org](http://www.uscatholicmission.org).**

**COMBONILINE:** ◆ **Congratulations to Fr. Michele Stragapede**, who is finishing up his Master's in Justice and Peace Studies at Loyola University/Chicago, and has been officially assigned to the Montclair, NJ community, beginning in January. **Reach him at [stregami@yahoo.it](mailto:stregami@yahoo.it)**; ◆ **Congratulations to Fen Xiang News**, published in Macau, China, on its "Jubilee" issue. **E-mail Fr. Victor Mejia, mccc at [fenxiang2k@hotmail.com](mailto:fenxiang2k@hotmail.com).**