

# EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ON ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

Compiled by the Presbyterian Hunger Program of the PC(USA)<sup>1</sup>

## FAITH-BASED GLOBALIZATION CURRICULUM

### **GLOBALIZATION at What Price?: Economic Change and Daily Life**

By Pamela K. Brubaker. This may be the premier primer for Christians on globalization, and comes with provocative reflection and study questions at the end of each short chapter. Acronyms are explained, the basics of globalization are described, the faith connection is clarified through biblical passages and interpretation by First and Majority World feminist theologians. This is a very accessible book with final chapters such as 'What Can I Do?' and 'Can We Really Make a Difference?' Excellent.

Pilgrim Press, Cleveland, OH, <http://www.pilgrimpress.com/>, 2001.

Another faith-based economic globalization curriculum is "**Global Economics: Seeking a Christian Ethic**. A workbook for beginners." by Ian McCrae, Friendship Press, 1993. ISBN 0-377-00253-4. \$7.95. Distribution Offices: PO Box 37844, Cincinnati, OH 45222-0844. Or your local independent book store can order you multiple copies. It looks very good.

Either of these, used in combination with the congregational lifestyle/ global discipleship of the **Enough for Everyone** programs, would make for a rich study and action approach for your congregation. [www.pcusa.org/enough](http://www.pcusa.org/enough)

### **FAITH-BASED GLOBALIZATION TRAINING**

Stephen Bartlett of Agricultural Missions, Inc. and Lynn Connette can provide globalization workshops for congregations and other groups. Current focus is on the Free Trade of the Americas Agreement (FTAA), which extends NAFTA-type practices throughout the rest of Latin America and the Caribbean. Other emphases can be arranged.

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Stephen Bartlett, (502) 894-9308 or [sbartlett@ag-missions.org](mailto:sbartlett@ag-missions.org)

### **OTHER GLOBALIZATION TRAINING & RESOURCES**

**Tennessee Industrial Renewal Network** with great interactive materials, role plays and such on globalization. Here is a website with their list of workshops and studies:

[www.tirn.org/hEducation.htm](http://www.tirn.org/hEducation.htm). And here is Kristi's info: Kristi Disney TIRN Fair Trade Campaign Coordinator [trade@tirn.org](mailto:trade@tirn.org), Tel. 865-591-7526

**The Corporate Agenda Vs. The People's Agenda; Globalization Workshops** by the Mexican Solidarity Network. [www.mexicosolidarity.org/workshops.html](http://www.mexicosolidarity.org/workshops.html)

I don't have first-hand experience of the workshops, but their work and experience with these issues, especially using Mexico/U.S. as a case study, is excellent. They are based in Chicago but are willing to travel to do the workshops. Tom Hanson is the Exec. Dir., and his number is 773-583-7728.

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<sup>1</sup> Inclusion in the list does not necessarily imply endorsement by the PC(USA) of the organizations or the viewpoints.

**Fair Economy** produces the **Global Activist's Manual** [www.globalroots.net](http://www.globalroots.net)

**Sojourners Magazine** often has good articles on globalization issues and has an interesting **"Table Talk" Discussion Guide** online, which you might find helpful.

[www.sojo.net/magazine/index.cfm/action/sojourners/issue/sojo0205/article/020570.html](http://www.sojo.net/magazine/index.cfm/action/sojourners/issue/sojo0205/article/020570.html)

## BOOKS

### **Globalization at What Price?: Economic Change and Daily Life**

by Pamela K. Brubaker.

While not a PC(USA) resource, this is the best biblically-based look at economic globalization that I've found. The book is very accessible, is both practical and theological, and comes with discussion questions following each of the five short chapters. Index and acronym list included! Published by The Pilgrim Press, <http://www.pilgrimpress.com> in 2001.

### **Development Matters: Christian Perspectives on Globalization**

by: Edited by Charles Reed , Publisher: Church House Publishing ; Price:£7.95

Looking at diverse areas such as international development, world trade, global warming, HIV/AIDS and e-commerce, this collection of essays helps Christians to grapple with the complexity of globalization. Drawn from differing theological and political backgrounds, each chapter is written by an expert in his or her field.

### **Global Pillage or Global Village?: Economic Reconstruction From the Bottom Up**

by Jeremy Brecher and Tim Costello (see video below)

This book combines perfectly the thorough criticism of academic literature and the accessibility of popular writing to clearly communicate how multinational corporations have played different population bases against one another and what those groups are doing to build a common set of standards to counter the race to the bottom.

"This book is much more than a critiques of the new economic world order, it's a practical guide for action...for those who want to think globally and work locally on the economy, trade, and the environment." —Elaine Bernard, executive director, Trade Union Program, Harvard University. South End sells both the book and video at

<http://www.southendpress.org/books/gvvp2.shtml>

## VIDEOS

"**Global Village or Global Pillage**," based on Jeremy Brecher and Tim Costello's book (directly above). It is narrated by Ed Asner and is excellent. Very compelling, it touches on the social, labor, environmental and economic implications of corporate globalization. Hope is found in the existence and potential for globalization from below; people and people's organizations joining hands to oppose the destruction and injustice of corporate globalization. It has a progressive analysis, but is well-researched enough to have an impact on skeptical viewers.

**From the Mountains to the Maquiladoras.** A Tennessee Industrial Renewal Network (TIRN) Educational Video. (865) 637-1576. 25 minutes.

Documents a trip by factory workers from Tennessee to maquiladoras in Mexico. Educational and inspiring!

**The Global Banquet: Politics of Food**

Maryknoll World Productions, 1-800-227-8523, [www.maryknollworld.org](http://www.maryknollworld.org)

Excellent educational piece covering agriculture and trade issues as well as overproduction, GM crops, environmental impact, farm labor, family farms, etc. Ideal for a two-part high school, college or adult education series. Discussion and study guide included, this video is divided into two 25-minute segments.

### **Who's Counting? Marilyn Waring on Sex, Lies, and Global Economics**

Waring challenges the myths of economics, and our tacit compliance with political agendas that masquerade as objective economic policy. 94 Minutes. Bullfrog Films, P.O. Box 149, Oley, PA 19547; 800-543-3764; [www.bullfrogfilms.com](http://www.bullfrogfilms.com).

### **Globalization for Beginners Workshop; Race to the Bottom Limbo (1:15 minutes) and Excerpts from "Deadly Embrace" (14 minutes)**

United for a Fair Economy, (617) 423-0191; [www.ufenet.org](http://www.ufenet.org)

### **Lost Futures: The Problem of Child Labor**

The 16-minute video for middle school students includes a brief history of child labor in the United States, a description of child labor around the globe. The video also tells the story of Iqbal Masih--a freed child laborer and martyr from Pakistan--and how American schools have joined in the fight to end child labor. The video is accompanied by a teacher's guide with background information, lesson plan suggestions, and additional resources. Non-AFT members can order Lost Futures by sending \$15 to: Child Labor Video, American Federation of Teachers, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001-2079.

### **Zoned for Slavery: the Child Behind the Label**

23 minutes, National Labor Committee, 1995

Call NLC: 212-242-3002

Meet the children who work in the sweatshops of Central America. Educational video on Central America's maquiladora export assembly industry.

### **Mickey Mouse Goes to Haiti**

18 minutes, Produced by National Labor Committee, 1996 Call NLC: 212-242-3002

Describes labor conditions in Haitian factories where clothing with the Disney label is sewn. Companies subcontract their production in search of the lowest wages and lowest levels of human rights regulations.

### **Something to Hide**

25 minutes, 1999

National Labor Committee and United Students Against Sweatshops

Call NLC: 212-242-3002

US students visit El Salvador's maquilas.

### **Threads of Justice**

27 minutes, 1997

United Church of Canada; Call: 416-231-7680 x4056

Good resource on the garment industry and home work. Includes footage of a sweatshop fashion show.

### **Beyond McWorld**

35 minutes, 1998

Just. In. Time. Productions; Call: 416-416-2472 or email: [just@interlog.com](mailto:just@interlog.com)

Excellent Canadian resource on youth involvement in corporate campaigns.

## **Stop Sweatshops**

8 minutes, 1996

UNITE; Call: 212-265-7000, ex. 821

Quick overview of campaigns against sweatshops in US and Central America

### **Related Web Sites**

PC(USA): Sweat-Free T	<a href="http://www.pcusa.org/sweatfree">www.pcusa.org/sweatfree</a>
AFL-CIO: Building Labor-Religion Partnership	<a href="http://www.aflcio.org/pulpits/10things.htm">www.aflcio.org/pulpits/10things.htm</a>
Bangor Clean Clothes Campaign	<a href="http://www.pica.ws/cc">www.pica.ws/cc</a>
Behind the Label	<a href="http://www.behindthelabel.org">www.behindthelabel.org</a>
Campaign for Labor Rights	<a href="http://www.summersault.com/~agj/clr">www.summersault.com/~agj/clr</a>
Clean Clothes Campaign (Europe)	<a href="http://www.cleanclothes.org">www.cleanclothes.org</a>
Corporate Watch	<a href="http://www.corpwatch.org">www.corpwatch.org</a>
COVERCO	<a href="http://www.coverco.org">www.coverco.org</a>
Ethical Trading Initiative	<a href="http://www.ethicaltrade.org">www.ethicaltrade.org</a>
Global Exchange	<a href="http://www.globalexchange.org">www.globalexchange.org</a>
Maquila Solidarity Network (MSN)	<a href="http://www.maquilassolidarity.org">www.maquilassolidarity.org</a>
- MSN información en Español	<a href="http://www.maquilassolidarity.org/espanol">www.maquilassolidarity.org/espanol</a>
National Interfaith Coal. for Worker Justice	<a href="http://www.nicwj.org">www.nicwj.org</a>
National Labor Committee	<a href="http://www.nlcnet.org">www.nlcnet.org</a>
National Mobilization Against Sweatshops	<a href="http://www.nmass.org">www.nmass.org</a>
STITCH	<a href="http://www.afgj.org/stitch">www.afgj.org/stitch</a>
Sweatshop Watch	<a href="http://www.sweatshopwatch.org">www.sweatshopwatch.org</a>
UNITE (US)	<a href="http://www.uniteunion.org">www.uniteunion.org</a>