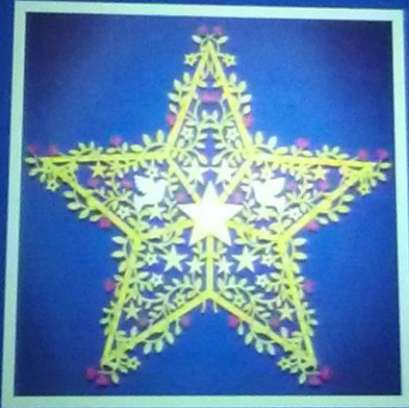




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christmas

“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; those who dwelt in
deep darkness, on them a light has shone”
(Is, 9:2)

*May you be strengthened in power in your inner being by God's love
for you.*

Cecilia O'Dwyer and Mary Burkart IBVM

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We celebrate Christmas and end 2015 with glimmers of hope for the future. Our human family, gathered as United Nations made three historic decisions this year; A new universal Sustainable Development Agenda, a commitment to finance it and a legally binding agreement to control climate change. In this we recognize a sense that we, humans, realize we all depend on each other and on the way we respect and care for our planet. We are thankful for the efforts.

Christmas and the last days of 2015 is a time to remember our efforts as IBVM Network around the world. Here is our video of IBVM NGO 2015. We recall the many ways in which we have contributed throughout the year. Much of what was done was possible because of your efforts and contribution. Now, what have you done?

- You prepared information, videos and photos of your ministry or work for the NGO,
- You responded to surveys from NGO Committees at the United Nations, e.g. Working Group on Girls, Financing for Development, Social Development
- You distributed the survey from UN Women on reporting cases of violence against women.
- You helped organize webinars and video clips
- You did interviews for our network.





You came to New York for:

- The UN Commission on The Status of Women
- The 2015 DPI /NGO Conference to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations.
- You did an internship or had an immersion experience.

You participated in IBVM NGO initiatives: Webinars on Beijing + 20, Webinars on the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, "Video [What We Think](#)".

[Video 1 \(Eng\)](#). [Video 2 \(Eng\)](#). [Video 1 \(esp\)](#) [Video 2 \(esp\)](#)

YOU

- Read the UN Updates
- Visited the IBVM NGO website ibvmunngo.org
- Watched the webinars and listened to the recordings
- Visited our You tube channel
- Followed us on Facebook. Shared posts with your ministry or personal network
- Followed us on Twitter and shared our tweets.



YOU

- Helped with the distribution of the UN UPDATES.
- Translated the documents
- Volunteered for research and writing on specific issues.
- Wrote articles linking local concerns or activities with the global reality
- Prayed, meditated, contemplated and contributed to the spiritual and ethical values that underpin a life of dignity for all people and respect for our planet.
- Contributed to the work of the Advisory Committee, of Province Representatives, of the network on Human Trafficking,
- You helped as contacts for formal education, informal education, development centers, MWI.
- And a long etc.....

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

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