



Jubilee Short Talks

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Version 1 (~2 min)

Throughout history, Jubilee years have been a call to restore justice.

Jubilee has deep roots in faith traditions and scripture themes of canceling debts, caring for people and the land, and ending poverty and inequality. Jubilee 2025 is a global ecumenical initiative that seeks to address a growing debt crisis in the context of vast colonial inequities.

Today, more than 100 countries in the Global South are facing a debt crisis. This crisis has been made worse by climate change, international conflicts, the pandemic, soaring interest rates and global inflation.

More than 3.3 billion people – forty percent of the Earth’s population – live in countries that spend more on repaying foreign debt than on health and education. This has become an obstacle to sustainable development. For many countries, the debt is too big to repay and has become a crushing burden for current and future generations.

Furthermore, corporations and wealthy countries like Canada exploit resources from heavily indebted countries and from Indigenous communities, causing human rights violations and severe ecological harm. This creates an “ecological debt” owed to those countries and to Indigenous peoples.

Debt cancelation is not just an economic solution; it’s a moral imperative rooted in the theological principle of justice for all. By addressing the root causes of debt

and advocating for systemic reform, we can create a more equitable world where the welfare of people and the planet are prioritized.

What can we do?

Together, let us repeat the resounding success of the global Jubilee 2000 campaign, which had led to the cancellation of \$100 billion of debt for 36 low-income countries.

Sign the global petition to call for creditors and political leaders, to:

1. Cancel unjust and unsustainable debts
2. Reform the global financial system to address the root causes of the debt crisis
3. Establish a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations

Let us join voices with Indigenous peoples, global partners, organizations and movements around the world to Turn Debt into Hope.

Join the movement for economic and ecological justice for all. **Please sign the petition before you leave today.** You can also sign it online at the link in your announcements or QR code at the back!

Version 2 (~ 1 min)

Throughout history, Jubilee years have been a call to restore justice—canceling debts, caring for people and the land, and addressing inequality. Today, more than 100 countries in the Global South face a severe debt crisis, worsened by climate change, conflicts, and economic instability. Nearly half the world’s population lives in countries that spend more on debt repayment than on health and education.

Wealthy nations and corporations continue to exploit resources from indebted countries and Indigenous communities, deepening economic and ecological injustice. Debt cancellation isn’t just economic policy—it’s a moral imperative.

In 2000, a global Jubilee campaign led to the cancellation of \$100 billion in debt for 36 low-income countries. Now, we must act again.

Join us in calling on world leaders to:

1. Cancel unjust debts
2. Reform the financial system to prevent future crises
3. Establish a fair debt framework at the UN

Let us join voices with Indigenous peoples, global partners, organizations and movements around the world to Turn Debt into Hope.

Sign the petition today—before you leave or online via the QR code in your announcements. Together, we can **Turn Debt into Hope** and create a just world for all.