

## **Learning to create new relationships of understanding between people submission: 15 April 2015**

To insure a common future of dignity and well being for all people it is critical to acknowledge that in 110 years the world population grew from one to seven point two billion people .The rapid increase is also due to extended life expectancy and increase in general health care. Yet 2 billion people live under two dollars a day while 85 people control 25 percent of the world's wealth. If we aim to live in a world with people recognizing the humanity of the 'perceived other' as their own it is imperative that we investigate what happens psychologically, sociologically, culturally and more to the village that grew from 10 to 100 people in 50 years; the uncertainty , the fears, the struggles with identity of being. By 2050, 80% of the world's population will live in urban areas.

Urbanization is the direct manifestation of the institutionalized constructs, the micro-level processes that divide us: the sanctioned “rule by corporation” that inhibits the creation of sustainable jobs in urban areas and dismantles the human spirit by the blight that impedes the ability to effectively compete in local and therefore national and global markets. Population growth impacts quality of life and survival. We must consider the lack of dignity directly connected to the social constructs, the micro-level processes that we impose on others in order to capitalize on resources for the benefit of the relative few. The few that constrain the availability and use of natural resources creating scarcity of water, land, food security, health, housing and employment, contributing to cultural and social instability as the root cause of poverty, inequality, political unrest and armed conflict.

Our information age has created a mentality with an abundance of information and a lack of knowledge without critical thinking. It is necessary that we look at population growth that comes with a new era where the rich and the poor have information from social media that is not interconnected and interrelated. Adding to the confusion of who am I and who are we and how do we maintain our dignity in community with others? I believe that the holistic vision and the practical mission of the human rights framework, if known to people, as relevant to their daily lives stands to enable the population river to flow freely protected by the banks of human rights as a way of life.

Allow me to end with: Three resolutions on human rights learning were officially adopted by the General Assembly as a means to achieving meaningful equality on all levels of society. Let us include in our outcome document the learning of human rights within the historic memory of different communities' hopes, expectations, culture, and religion. We need to design ways and means by which all people learn, know, own, and then plan and act, guided by the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, to be free from fear and free from want, belonging in community and dignity with others. It is imperative that in our endeavor for people to maintain their dignity in this new and complex relationship, that we open a discussion of the meaning of human rights to our lives and how it can be used as a powerful tool for population development to progress safely.

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