

# Doing Justice Being Peace

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Monthly Newsletter



**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** on June 15 shines a light on the risks older adults face during emergencies. Natural disasters and conflicts worsen vulnerabilities for those with mobility issues and chronic health conditions. Inclusive emergency planning is essential for their protection and support.



Desertification, land degradation and drought affect 40% of the world's land. Healthy land provides food, shelter, jobs and climate protection. On June 17, **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought**, consider land as our legacy and sustainable stewardship as the blueprint for a stable, prosperous future.

Wear a blue ribbon on June 20, **World Refugee Day**, to show solidarity with those forced to flee their countries. Refugees are often met with closed borders and pushback. Let us be kind, welcoming and inclusive to those escaping war, disasters, armed conflict, terror or persecution due to race, religion, nationality, social group or political views.





## National Indigenous History **Month**



June is **National Indigenous History Month**, a time to celebrate the rich cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. **National Indigenous Peoples Day** on June 21 offers an opportunity to recognize the resilience, enduring presence and influence of Indigenous peoples in Canada. It invites us to appreciate the many languages, art forms and environmental teachings that provide wisdom and unique insights about our common home.

The tropics, located between the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn are typically warm with minimal temperature variation. Rainfall is abundant near the equator and becomes more seasonal further away. On June 29, **International Day of the Tropics**, contemplate the diversity of the tropics, which cover 40% of Earth's surface and host 80% of the world's biodiversity. The tropics are the future! By 2050, most of the world's population, including 2/3 of children will live in the tropics.



*All living creatures are sparks  
from the radiation of God's brilliance,  
and these sparks emerge from God  
like the rays of the sun.*

*~ Saint Hildegard of Bingen*