



RAISING GLOBAL CONSCIOUSNESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGE OF THE CONGO AND SUPPORTING CONGOLESE INSTITUTIONS AS THEY STRIVE TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL AND LASTING CHANGE.

## CONGO TOOL KIT FOR FAITH GROUPS

Friends of the Congo (FOTC) partners with Faith Groups to educate and mobilize their congregations to support peace and justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in the following ways:

- 1. Film Screening.** FOTC's short film (26 minutes) *Crisis in the Congo: Uncovering the Truth* can be downloaded at no cost or screened online from [www.congojustice.org](http://www.congojustice.org). The film is complimented with a screening kit that can also be downloaded from the website. Should an institution wish to receive DVDs for screening or distribution to their congregations, it can send the request to [info@congojustice.org](mailto:info@congojustice.org) or call 202-584-6512. FOTC encourages faith groups to screen the film and share it with their networks. FOTC is also available to compliment film screenings with speakers in person or via Skype.
- 2. Congo Worship Liturgy.** Friends of the Congo provides a liturgy as a part of its advocacy tool kit. The liturgy can be downloaded from [www.congoweek.org/downlods.html](http://www.congoweek.org/downlods.html). Requests for copies of the liturgy may be sent to [support@congoweek.org](mailto:support@congoweek.org) or call 202-584-6512. Copies of the liturgy are complimented with Congo fact sheets on women, coltan, history, politics, geography and the environment.
- 3. Congo Week.** Friends of the Congo encourages faith groups to participate in Congo Week ([www.congoweek.org](http://www.congoweek.org)), which occurs on the third week of October each year. In 2014, Congo Week will occur from **October 19 - 25**. Congo Week is highlighted by **Congo Sunday** (October 19, 2014) where faith groups dedicate a prayer or service to the people of the Congo. Congo Week commemorates the millions of lives lost in the Congo while elevating the profile of the Congo and its people's pursuit for peace, justice and human dignity.
- 4. Dear John Postcard Campaign.** The postcard campaign is an initiative whereby people throughout the United States and abroad send postcards to Secretary of State John Kerry appealing to the United States government to implement its own law (P.L. 109-456, a law sponsored by President Obama when he was Senator) by holding U.S. allies, Rwanda and Uganda accountable for their military interventions and destabilization of the Congo. In addition, the postcard calls on the United States government to support democracy in the Congo. Visit [www.congojustice.org/postcard/](http://www.congojustice.org/postcard/) in order to request the postcards. We encourage you to have your congregation sign the postcards during service so they can be collected as a bundle and sent to the U.S. State Department.
- 5. Make A Financial Contribution.** The global movement in support of the Congo is a people's movement and financed mainly by individuals of goodwill with limited means. We encourage religious institutions to take up offerings to support the printing and mailing of postcards, offset expenses as FOTC representatives travel throughout North America to educate, mobilize and build a global constituency for the Congo. Contributions can be made online at [www.friendsofthecongo.org/donate.html](http://www.friendsofthecongo.org/donate.html) or by mail to: **Friends of the Congo, 1629 K Street, NW, Ste 300, Washington, DC 20006.**