

Did you ever consider how your life and ministry is related to the work of UN ECOSOC Commissions? Have you ever wanted to become more involved in SSND ministry at the UN? You can start by learning more about the issues before the Commissions and taking that agenda to prayer.

Association with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) requires that Non-Governmental Organizations make their experience and expertise available to ECOSOC's Commissions. Please consider becoming more directly involved in the SSND ministry at the UN. You can start by learning more about the issues before the Commissions and taking that agenda to prayer. If you have information or comments related to the Commissions' agendas or would like to join a delegation, please write to Ann Scholz, SSND at [ssndunngo@earthlink.net](mailto:ssndunngo@earthlink.net).

[Commission for Social Development](#) (CSocD) February 3-12, 2010

The Commission's work focuses on the implementation of the [Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action](#) and is primarily concerned with social justice and the promotion of people-centered development. The [48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission](#) will focus on social integration.

[Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) March 1-12, 2010

The CSW is dedicated exclusively to gender equality and the advancement of women. The 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the CSW will review progress and continuing challenges on the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women. At that session the SSND delegation will include young women from Mt. Mary College in Milwaukee.

[Commission on Sustainable Development](#) (CSD) May 3-14, 2010

CSD promotes dialogue, elaborates policy options, and builds partnerships for sustainable development. [CSD-18](#) will focus on [transport](#), chemicals, waste management, mining, and the development of a [Ten-Year Framework of Programs on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns](#) in preparation for negotiations at the 2011 session of the Commission.

[Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues](#) (PFII) April 19-30, 2010

The Permanent Forum is an advisory body to ECOSOC with a mandate to discuss indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health, and human rights. Its 9<sup>th</sup> Session will focus on the special theme for the year, "Indigenous peoples: development with culture and identity: articles 3 and 32 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."