Annual Report for 2024 Stichting de Internationale Graalbeweging Bestedingsstichting (The International Grail Disbursement Foundation).

The Board of the disbursement Foundation in the year 2024 was formed by the following persons:
Ms Lucy Jones, chair
Ms. Lucy Kimaro, secretary
Ms C. B. Werner, treasurer

The Foundation's statutory place of business is Den Haag/The Hague. Its postal address is Nieuwegracht 51, 3512 LE Utrecht, The Netherlands.
The Foundation has registered with the Chamber of Commerce, dossier 27253050. Its fiscal number is 8131.00.902.
The Foundation was founded on September 8, 2002, and its articles changed in October 2008 and December 2021. Its object is to offer support and assistance to the International Grail Movement.

2024 Narrative Report of the International Grail Activities

Grail International Leadership Team (ILT) Meetings

We thank God for providing us with good weather, which has enabled the ILT to conduct face-to-face meetings with several Grail countries around Europe and Asia. Apart from the face-to-face meetings, the ILT meets virtually every week to organize, plan, and decide on issues related to the needs of the Grail International.

ILT Travels and Visits

The ILT visited the following countries. In May and December 2024, Dilma Alves, Lucy Jones, and Lucy Kimaro traveled to Italy, Papua New Guinea, Australia, and the Philippines for visits and face-to-face meetings.

International Meetings

The International Council (IC) members proposed the extraordinary meeting in their meeting on 4th November 2023. The first proposed meeting took place on January 27th, 2024, where members had a chance to reflect together on the Council's works, their roles, and the support they get from their countries; they also discussed the themes and issues to be addressed in the three IC Zoom meetings and volunteers to who would prepare these meetings.
The IC meeting of April 27th focused on how to carry out the mission of the Grail sustainably. The

other meetings happened on 24th August and 9th November 2024; the main focus was the sustainability of the Grail movement in different areas, including membership and financial sustainability, looking at how we can create an ability to meet the needs of the movement in the present time without compromising the ability of future generations in the Grail movement.

Communications:

In February 2024, tickets were purchased for two members who traveled to Pirapora, Italy, for a Communications Team meeting that also included ILT, IFOs, and IST. Eita is paid bi-annually to manage the Rios platform.

STUART Consultoria, Ltda has received periodic payments for interpreting and translating the Grail International materials and meetings. In 2024, translators were compensated for translating the Grail international materials. The translations were conducted between English and Portuguese, English and Spanish, and English and Swahili.

International Solidarity Fund (ISF)

The International Solidarity Fund supported projects addressing community needs in South Africa, Portugal, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Uganda, and the Philippines. In addition to individual members, the ISF received gifts from the Grail-US and the Grail Netherlands.

National Leadership Teams

In 2024, National Leadership Teams in South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Sweden, Portugal (for Digital archive), and Uganda received support from the International Grail for their administrative efforts.

Networks: Grail Link to the United Nations Network (GLUNN)

CSW 68 took place from March 11 until March 22, with the priority theme: Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective. The review theme: Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

It takes place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York every March. The Grail sponsors panels yearly at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) and involves girls worldwide in the International Day of the Girl. The girls' event took place on March 14th, and the theme was Break the Cycle of Poverty: Empower Girls. The CSW 68 had six panelists, Elena, Lilian, Nosipho, Toniyah, Vitória, and Tiara, and two moderators, Maria Ana and Kiara. The girls shared their life stories and how they are breaking the cycle of poverty in their communities.

Young Women Leadership Training Program (YWLP)

The YWLP did not take place in 2024. The program usually takes place every two to three years; the last was in 2023.

International Teams

The International Secretariat Team (IST)

The International Secretariat Team has monthly virtual meetings with the ILT to discuss and maintain various issues related to teams, networks, programs, and members. They prepare quarterly newsletters and semiannual Crossroads publications, among many other activities.
From May 5th to 11th, 2024, the IST participated in the Grail Administrative Meeting with ILT, IFO, and ICT at Agriturismo Pirapora, Calabria, Italy. In this meeting, the IST shared their progress work, challenges, and recommendations. The IST is also responsible for communicating with the membership, with National Leadership Teams, programs, and network coordinators.

The International Finance Team (IFOs): had their second face-to-face meeting with ILT, IST and ICT at Agriturismo Pirapora in Calabria, Italy, May 5-11, 2024. In this meeting, the IFOs shared their progress work, challenges, and suggestions. The IFOs also meet virtually, regularly and discuss finance issues related to the Grail Internationally.

The International Communication Team

The team comprises Shirlei A. A. Silva (Brazil), the Coordinator, Maureen Tate (USA), Noella Nakabuye (Uganda), and Mary Farrell (USA). In May 2024 (Mary Farrel and Shirley A. A. Silva) met in person in Pirapora, Italy with the ILT, IFOs, and IST for their work meeting. They shared topics related to ICT concerns, challenges, and suggestions, RIOS – platform, organization, and engagement of Grail members; website – Revision, implementation, Grail visibility, social media, and technological capacity through the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). Social media of the Grail movement, such as Facebook, encourages new members to join, but we must comply with the GDPR and educate and orient our membership about how to be in compliance. In addition to this face to face meeting, the Communications Team meets regularly via email, Zoom, and phone (WhatsApp) to discuss communication issues and make decisions where necessary.

A Childhood Nutrition Team (CNF): was established in 2020 to implement the 2017 International General Assembly decision to address the growing prevalence of stunting and childhood hunger worldwide. The CNF Team is chaired or coordinated by Claudia Gras (Italy, initially USA) and includes Winfred Nyonyozi (Uganda) and Bethann Cottrell Witcher (Ecuador, initially USA). The fund was established with a grant in 2018 from the Grail in Italy and supplemented with a budget allocation each year.

Growing in The Grail-Formation Team (GiG): includes Lorna Bowman (Canada) as a coordinator, Bibi Helgesson (Sweden), Lidia Martins (Portugal), Marriet Kobuyambi (Uganda), Silvani Valentim (Brazil), and Rosaurora Espinosa (Mexico). Training for Transformation (TFT) was incorporated into the GiG program. In January 2024, Grail South Africa received funds to support the GiG program in Zimbabwe.

New Countries Team: includes Ann-Charlotte Uggla (Sweden), Monica Maher (Ecuador/US), Agnetta Nangila Bifwoli (Kenya), Hortensia Kavishe (Tanzania), and Elsa Coutinho (Portugal). Some members receive compensation for using the Internet during their virtual meetings. We did not receive any fund requests for the year 2024.

Grail Centers: In January 2024, Grail Brazil received center support from Grail International due to the post-coronavirus effect.

The Grail Chair: The International Grail Chair "Women and Care for the Future" was established at Radboud University in 2021. Its focus is on exploring how women can contribute to sustainable global transformation. A key initiative under this Chair is the International Grail Summer School, "Communities with a Heart." Following the success of previous editions in 2022 and 2023, the 2024 course was extended to two weeks, emphasizing community-building, social justice, and addressing systemic injustices through a transformative framework.

There were 38 participants from the following countries: Ecuador, Mexico, Mozambique, Paraguay, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, USA and Zimbabwe. In addition, there were non-Grail women from The Netherlands, US, Portugal and China. There were also facilitators.

Participants shared their stories and found a mirror reflecting their collective strength and vulnerability. They discovered the gold hidden within their hearts in a space where vulnerability was embraced and shared stories became their currency. They laughed., cried, and learned that their differences were not barriers but bridges to understanding and growth.

They further delved into Christa Anbeek's 'Eight Cornerstones,' finding inspiration in her framework for disruptive change. The book's emphasis on compassion and courage united the participants in the Grail's vision for a better world.

International Assistance Fund: Marian April Goering, from the USA, is the coordinator. Eliana Rocha (Brazil), Sadia Mariano Mendes (Mozambique) and Theresa Czerwinski (USA) are team members. Joana Filipa, formerly on this team, now works closely with the IAF team as an International Finance Officer. For 2024, the IAF emergency beneficiaries and subventions came from the Grail: Kenya, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Brazil, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Higher Education Fund: Lucienne Rodrigues (Brazil) is a new Higher Education Fund (HEF) team coordinator. Nina Hendricks (South Africa) joined the team to replace Ina Conradie, who resigned. Other team members are Rachel Hershberger (USA) and Rose Nayiga (Uganda}. Joana Machate and Asteria Massawe, the International Finance Officers, work closely with the HEF team. HEF beneficiaries for 2024 came from Uganda, South Africa, Brazil, Tanzania, and one student from one of the Growing in the Grail Countries.

Truus Majoor Bequest

In 2019, the Disbursement Foundation received a bequest of nearly 400.000 € specifically designated to support girls' education in Africa. In 2024, one Country (Uganda) received support for the St Elizabeth Sec School building in Ggulama.

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