such as lectures, conferences, seminars, and workshops.

**Publications**

To keep people informed on the work of the Carmelite NGO and the issues being worked on, a number of resources are available. An extensive website [carmelitengo.org] which has received recognition from a committee of UN ambassadors, provides links to UN, Carmelite, and faith-based internet resources.

Various publications are also available from the Carmelite NGO or online. A small booklet entitled, "Promoting Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation," examines the four areas of focus for the Carmelite NGO and projects that fall within those areas of concentration.

A quarterly bulletin, *carmel*NGO, is in its fifth year of informing members of the Carmelite family, as well as others, about the work of the Carmelite NGO and various topics within social justice and the integrity of creation.

Twice a year, the Carmelite NGO sponsors a "Day of Prayer." Annually, on World Environment Day, June 5, and again on World Human Rights Day, December 10, a small booklet is prepared with a prayer service that individuals or groups can use to focus on a particular topic. Topics for the Day of Prayer on the Environment have included a faith response to climate change, water, and rainforests. Days of Prayer for human rights highlighted Zimbabwe, human trafficking, freedom of belief, as well as thirst and hunger in Somalia.

**Participation at Gatherings**

The United Nations sponsors a variety of workshops, meetings, as well as forums on topics associated with the focuses of the Carmelite NGO. Members of the Carmelite family have participated in the Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, the Doha International Conference on Financing for Development in 2008, the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference in 2009, and the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 in Rio de Janeiro.

The annual NGO/DPI Conference sponsored by the United Nations Department of Public Information provides the opportunity to network with other UN affiliated NGOs, to participate in a variety of conferences, workshops, and information sessions put on by a wide range of NGOs, and to update oneself on UN issues. It is often an opportunity for the Coordinating Committee to hold its annual meeting. The Carmelite NGO has participated in these annual meetings since 2001. Some of these sessions are streamlined on the internet, providing for a wider audience of Carmelites.

**Offices of the Carmelite NGO**

With a generous anonymous donation, the Carmelite NGO was able to establish an office in New York (USA), near the UN headquarters. Staffed by Carmelite sister, Helen Ojario, and volunteers Jack Jameson and Ray Messina, the office provides easy access to the variety of meetings that take place at the UN and is a resource for people wanting to know more about the work of the Carmelite NGO. Jameson is a Lay Carmelite and Messina is a practicing attorney interested in environmental law.

Arie Kuil, a member of the Dutch Province, represents the NGO at the United Nations in Geneva, Vienna, and Paris. Harry Adj, a member of the Indonesian Province, represents the UN in Bangkok. Micéal O’Neill, the prior of CISA in Rome, is connected to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN (FAO), and also participates in meetings of religious orders and congregations based in Rome with NGOs affiliated with the United Nations.

The principal office of the Carmelite NGO is in New Orleans, Louisiana.