THE PROGRAM

The Fellowship consists of the following six components;

1) Three International Engagements and Encounters:
Siam Reap, Cambodia: Induction and Retreat at Metta Karuna Reflection Centre, 10 days
New York, USA: Human Rights Training and United Nations, Commission on the Status of Women, 10 days
Dublin, Ireland: Presentation of Individual Research Project and MELF Graduation at Mercy International Centre, 10 days

2) Individual Research Project
Each Fellow is required to choose a pertinent justice issue related to the Degradation of Earth and/or the Displacement of Peoples. The Fellow will undertake a project that educates, informs and provides specific actions for justice in relation to this issue.

3) Reading Modules
A core component of the fellowship will be the reading modules. A reading package is assigned to each fellow and will comprise of literature related to Mercy Spirituality, justice, leadership, advocacy, human rights and other relevant topics. Fellows are required to set aside 3 hours per week to read and reflect on what new insights and understandings are emerging for them.

4) Mentorship Program
During this ongoing 12 month program, each fellow is supported by a Mercy mentor. This involves a monthly engagement in which the fellow can explore with their mentor aspects of their own personal reflection and insights into the program.

5) Grassroots Mercy Justice Engagement
Fellows are required to engage with local and/or regional Mercy justice networks and will be supported to make the relevant links with the Mercy Global Action Network.

6) Webinars and Online Engagement
Fellows are required to connect regularly online for facilitated discussions. A monthly webinar covering leadership, advocacy, Mercy spirituality etc. forms part of the program and online participation is essential.

This program is fully funded and makes a significant investment in each Fellow, in the hope that each one will be personally transformed and commit to making a difference in our world. As such, Fellows need to be fully prepared to invest time and energy to actively engage in all the above components.