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Attention: Office of the President

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Greetings from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities! ACCU is pleased to announce the *ACCUCU's 2010 Annual Peace and Justice Meeting*, held January 15-17, 2010. For ten years, this convening of Catholic higher educators from across the country has given justice minded colleagues the opportunity to relate Catholic Social Teaching to course content and the curriculum. This year's theme, "*Transcending Borders: Catholic Social Thought in Teaching, Research and Action*" will continue that tradition and identify ways to strengthen the teaching of Catholic Social Thought at Catholic colleges and universities in each of these three areas.

The University of San Diego will be hosting the conference at their Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. The conference promises to challenge participants to transcend the perceived boundaries of Catholic Social Thought in their field, while engaging with other educators to develop course content, research agendas, and opportunities for service. There will be opportunities for your representative to present their work integrating CST into teaching, research, and service. Additionally, unique to this conference, participants will visit the wall on the U.S.-Mexico border for an afternoon of reflection.

As we firmly believe that our conversation will be enriched by your institution's participation and insight, ACCU invites you to consider sending a representative from your institution to this event by allocating separate mission and identity monies independent of departmental requests to help defray the costs of travel and attendance.

To find out more information about this year's *Annual ACCUCU Peace and Justice Meeting*, please see the attached brochure with a description of the events and schedule. Please also distribute the included copies of the brochure to those on your faculty or staff who would be interested in attending.

If you have any further questions please feel free to visit the website of the conference at [www.sandiego.edu/peace](http://www.sandiego.edu/peace) and visit [www.sandiego.edu/accuregistration](http://www.sandiego.edu/accuregistration) to register. Additionally, contact Michael Galligan-Stierle, ACCU Vice-President via email at [mgs@accunet.org](mailto:mgs@accunet.org) or via phone at (202) 457-0650 with any other questions.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Cordially,

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