



## SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA FAIR TRADE RESOLUTION

### WHEREAS

- What we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment;
- Growers of coffee, tea, chocolate and other products produced in Latin America, Africa, and Asia are often paid less than a living wage, and forced child labor may be involved;
- Conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems;
- Fair Trade ensures fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability, and prohibits forced labor of any kind;
- Many campus groups around the country and the world already support Fair Trade;
- Saint Mary's College of California is guided by its Mission Statement and the five core Lasallian principles: Concern for the Poor and Social Justice, Faith in the Presence of God, Quality Education, Respect for all persons, and Inclusive Community;
- In fidelity to our educational mission and Catholic principles, Saint Mary's College of California is committed to leadership in fostering environmental literacy, modeling a culture of sustainability, and creating an equitable future for all of humankind in harmony with nature;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Saint Mary's College of California would demonstrate a commitment to sustainability;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Saint Mary's College of California would more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade;
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Saint Mary's College of California would inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade.
- By becoming a Fair Trade College, Saint Mary's College of California would enhance its image as a leader in sustainability;

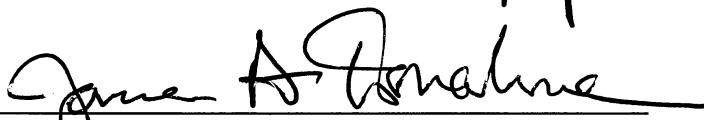
**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That Saint Mary's College of California hereby declares itself to be a Fair Trade College, which consists of the following:

1. **Dining facilities:** The College will work with its food service contractor to make Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other Fair Trade products available in its dining facilities, consistent with the terms of food service contracts and where the resulting costs do not significantly jeopardize board rate costs.
2. **Catered events:** The College will work with its food service contractor to encourage that Fair Trade products be available at catered meetings hosted by the school, consistent with the terms of the food service contract.
3. **Offices:** The College will encourage the use of Fair Trade products when available and appropriate as an option for college offices.
4. **Stores:** The College will include Fair Trade food products, handicrafts (such as jewelry, and other gift items), and clothing in the campus bookstore whenever possible and subject to the terms of vendor contracts.
5. **Acknowledgment:** The College will identify Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate signage or information whenever possible.

The Fair Trade Committee will file an Annual Report outlining the progress and the challenges in expanding Fair Trade on campus to the Fair Trade Colleges and Universities National Steering Committee.

Executed on this 22 day of April 2014.

  
James A. Donahue, President