

## More Resources on Globalization

### Water

#### Print Resources

Brubaker, Pamela K. *Globalization at What Price: Economic Change and Daily Life*. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2001 (#03527), \$12.00. A faith perspective on the realities of globalization and ways to make a difference.

*New World Outlook*, "Iraq: A Humanitarian Perspective". May/June 2003. Includes information on U.S. Gulf War strategy on water resources in Iraq.

*Response*, "Women and Water", November 2004. Presents problems of access to water in the U.S. and around the world with action suggestions.

Shiva, Vandana. *Water Wars: Privatization, Pollution and Profit*. South End Press, 2002 (#03582), \$14.00. Examines issues like international water trade and loss of rights to clean water.

Sparr, Pamela. *Global Economics – Seeking a Christian Ethic*. General Board of Global Ministries, 6/93 (#1843), \$2.00 Basic general resource on global economic issues.

#### Web Resources

Women's Environment and Development Organization. *Untapped Connections: Gender Water and Poverty*. (2002) [www.wedo.org](http://www.wedo.org) Basic issues and international commitments.

Women's International Coalition for Economic Justice. *Financing for Development Tools for Women's Advocacy #3*. [www.wicej.org](http://www.wicej.org). Provides examples of women meeting challenges of globalization

#### Additional General Resources

Korten, David. *The Great Turning from Empire to Earth Community*. Kumarian Press and Berrett-Koehler, Brookfield CT and San Francisco, CA., 2006. In a wonderfully hopeful book David Korten, a veteran analyst and campaigner on globalization issues, outlines the broad context of today's economic globalization – the coming drastic outcomes of climate change, the end of cheap

oil and an increasingly vulnerable U.S. economy overdependent on foreign borrowing. However Korten believes that this can be a moment of opportunity-- an opportunity to turn away from societies built on the principle of domination to societies built on the principles of community and mutual cooperation. Korten contends that this is not a dream but that this "great turning" is possible because it represents the vision of society that the majority of those in the U.S. would like to see. Korten's strategy is one of local community dialogues ([http://thegreatturning.net/Earth community](http://thegreatturning.net/Earth%20community)) and community initiatives ([http://thegreatturning.net /Community initiatives](http://thegreatturning.net/Community%20initiatives)). This is an excellent resource for churches and community groups seeking ways to work on behalf of comprehensive solutions to local issues. It includes good examples of discussion and activities already in progress in communities both large and small. A discussion guide for the book and a DVD are also available.

*Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers*. A Robert Greenwald film, Brave New Films, [www.iraqforsale.org](http://www.iraqforsale.org), 2006.

This powerful film tells the story of the ways economic globalization's strategy of privatization has expanded the role of corporations in the conduct of the war as seen in Iraq – who is getting killed, who is making a killing and who is paying for it. The film shows the individuals employed by these corporations as well as the employees' families: their expectations, their reasons for going to Iraq and the price that many have had to pay. It also names the corporate beneficiaries of largely no-bid government contracts that are currently involved in Iraq. It identifies the tasks that they have undertaken, from the supply of food to US soldiers, the transport of vital equipment, the oilfield rebuilding tasks, to the interrogation of prisoners. This is an excellent resource for groups wanting to explore the connections between economic globalization, war and peace. Available in both a one-hour or in a 20 minute version, with English and Spanish audio as well as Spanish subtitles and closed captioning.

*New Internationalist*, "Ethical Shopping a Magic Bullet to Save the World?" NI 395, November 2006.

This issue of the *New Internationalist* magazine explores the possibilities and limitations of the role that consumers can play in building a just economic world, at the same time raising fundamental questions about consumption. It takes a hard look at fair trade strategies, organic foods and other aspects of efforts to use consumer power to change global economic realities. It recognizes that while buying products that are labeled as 'fair trade' may make consumers feel better about themselves, the reality of who is doing fair trade may not present such a rosy picture. What does it mean if the very corporations that are pursuing the most vigorous economic globalization strategies for the sake of their image begin to talk about using fair trade? At the heart of fair trade is the idea of expanding support for small scale producers. If "fair trade" products do not actually come from small producers then our purchase of those products has not achieved its purpose. But corporate globalization's goal of keeping consumers shopping for their products has been achieved. The achievement of fair and just trade still

requires changes in the policies of governments and international institutions. A centerfold, "Consumption - The Facts" helps put the issue of global consumption and ethical consumption into perspective.