

What was Jubilee 2000?

The Year 2000 was declared a Jubilee Year by leaders of many faith traditions.

Jubilee 2000 was based around the Biblical tradition of the Year of the Jubilee (*Leviticus 25:8-55*). A Jubilee year occurs every fifty years. It is a sacred year in which just relations are re-established, when captives are freed, when debts are cancelled and when land is restored to its rightful owners.

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah: (Luke 4: 18-19) "I have been sent to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord, to bring good news to the poor, announce deliverance to captives, to bring sight to the blind, and bring freedom to the oppressed."

Many milestones have been achieved since 2000, but much more needs to be done.