

## SOLIDARITY SNAKES & LADDERS

### HOW TO PLAY //

You will need:

- A die
- A coin, button or distinct object for each player

Take turns rolling the die and moving along the game board. If you land on the bottom of a ladder, follow the instructions for LADDERS below. If you land on the tail of a snake, follow the instructions for SNAKES below.

For a richer gaming experience with additional reading and engaging videos, follow these instructions online at [devp.org/snakesandladders](https://devp.org/snakesandladders) to be able to click on the links.

### LADDERS

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| <p><b>3</b> After Typhoon Haiyan (2013), Development and Peace – Caritas Canada cofounded a civil society coalition that helped 600+ Philippine families plan, design, build and manage the <a href="#">Pope Francis Village</a>. Climb the ladder to celebrate <b>Subsidiarity</b>, whereby grassroots organizations conceive and pursue their own development.</p> | <p><b>6</b> A Montreal youth group's <a href="#">cheese sale raised \$11,000</a> to support Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's pursuit of the <b>Preferential option for the poor</b>. Climb the ladder to affirm this principle of reaching, accompanying and empowering the most vulnerable communities in the Global South.</p>             |
| <p><b>8</b> Houses built in 2015 by one Haitian community recovering from a hurricane with the help of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's partner ITECA <a href="#">withstood even an earthquake</a> in 2021! Climb the ladder for the solidity of their <b>Participation</b>.</p>   | <p><b>14</b> Hundreds of students across Ontario held a "<a href="#">Dress Down, Speak Up</a>" day, raising awareness about the impacts of sweatshops and fast fashion. Climb the ladder to encourage the raising of voices for <b>Economic justice</b>.</p>   |
| <p><b>23</b> Hundreds of Canadians have pledged to make their home, school or workplace a <a href="#">bottled-water-free zone</a>, because water is a human right, not a commodity! Climb the ladder in affirmation of the <b>Common good</b>.</p>   | <p><b>25</b> On October 15, 2021, Honduran land defender <a href="#">Victor Vásquez was released from prison</a> after a long campaign by our partner CEHPRODEC that Development and Peace – Caritas Canada supported! Climb the ladder to hail those who fulfill the <b>Ecological responsibility</b> of caring for the Earth, our common home.</p> |
| <p><b>32</b> Students at Notre Dame College School (Welland, Ont.) raised over \$20,000 during their annual Pilgrimage Walk to support Development and Peace – Caritas Canada partners. Climb the ladder for this act of <b>Solidarity</b> and think about <a href="#">organizing a walk</a>!</p>  | <p><b>42</b> In 2022-2023, 314 new <a href="#">Share Year-Round</a> donors signed up! They give monthly because they believe in our mission to uphold the <b>Dignity of the human person</b>. Climb the ladder to celebrate their steadfast support.</p>   |

**45** In June 2023, a Development and Peace – Caritas Canada partner won the Environmental Peacebuilding Association Award for reporting on the environmental impact of armed conflict in the Middle East. Climb the ladder to celebrate their work for **Peace**.

**47** Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s Colombian partner the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) helps peasant communities affected by armed conflict to defend their lives and territories and to build a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. Climb the ladder to celebrate this exercise of **Rights and responsibilities**.

## SNAKES

**21** Around the world, human rights and environmental activists face great risks. In 2022, a record [401 human rights defenders were murdered](#). Nearly half of them had been working for land, environmental and Indigenous peoples’ rights. Go down the snake and watch our [video about the Guapinol defenders](#).

**28** In 2022, armed conflict claimed 238,000 lives (a 96% annual increase) and cost the global economy \$17.5 trillion. Go down the snake to mourn this destruction; watch our [video on forced migration](#); and say a prayer for the victims of conflict around the world.

**31** In 2018, pollution from an open pit iron ore mine made the waters of the Guapinol river in Honduras unfit for household or agricultural use. Share the grief of [communities fighting to protect their land, water and resources](#) from unscrupulous mining and agri-business companies by going down the snake.

**33** The [collapse of the Rana Plaza sweatshop complex](#) killed 1,100+ garment industry workers in Bangladesh in 2013. Go down the snake to acknowledge our role in labour exploitation in the Global South. Do a little research to discover the [supply chain \(human chain\)](#) behind your clothes.

**36** Over 110 million people worldwide—the most ever—have been forced to flee their homes because of war, persecution, climate change, poverty, natural disasters or ill-conceived “development” projects. Go down the snake to decry this forced displacement. Revisit our [Share the Journey](#) campaign to learn more about this issue.











**38** Pakistan contributes less than 1% to global greenhouse gas emissions but suffers terrible effects of climate change. In 2022, unprecedented rains [flooded a third of the country](#), killing 1,700 and leaving over 2 million people homeless. Go down the snake to contemplate the unfairness of the most impoverished peoples bearing the worst impacts of climate change.

**62** In 2013, [Typhoon Haiyan](#) killed more than 6,000 people and left some 4 million homeless in the Philippines. Go down the snake for all the communities having to face the effects of climate change, including more extreme, frequent and unpredictable hurricanes, droughts and floods.

**65** The world has lost almost 75% of its crop varieties. Crop genetic diversity is vanishing at a rate of about 2% per year. In North America alone, we’ve lost 90% of our fruit and vegetable varieties over the past century! Go down the snake to lament the [loss of biodiversity](#) around the world.

**68** Climate change-linked heat waves, droughts and water resource losses have caused great difficulty for peasant farming communities in the [Tigray region of Ethiopia](#). Go down the snake for farmers who are losing their crops to adverse weather patterns.

**75** By 2023, up to 783 million people were facing hunger. That’s a tenth of the human family! Go down the snake in sorrow for the unjust distribution of the Earth’s bounty and resolve to support the small family farmers who produce 70% of the world’s food supply.

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| 61  | <b>62</b>  | 63  |  | <b>65</b>                        | 66  | 67  | <b>68</b>   | 69   | 70        |
| 60  | 59   | <b>58</b>   | 57  | 56                               | 55  | <b>54</b>   |  | 52   | <b>51</b> |
| <b>41</b>   | <i>DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON</i>   |  | <b>44</b>   | <i>PEACE</i>                     |  | <i>RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES</i>  | 48  | 49   | 50        |
| 40  | 39   | <b>38</b>   | 37  | <b>36</b>                        | 35  |  | <b>33</b>   | <i>SOLIDARITY</i>  | <b>31</b> |
| <b>21</b>   |  | <i>COMMON GOOD</i>  | 24  | <i>ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY</i> | <b>26</b>   | 27  | 28  |  | <b>30</b> |
| 20  | 19   | 18  | <b>17</b>   | 15                               | 15  | <i>ECONOMIC JUSTICE</i>   | 13  | <b>12</b>  | 11        |
| 1   | <b>2</b>   | <i>SUBSIDIARITY</i>   | 4   | 5                                | <i>PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR</i>   | 7   | <i>PARTICIPATION</i>  | 9  | 10        |