Sponsoring Communities
Adrian Dominican Sisters
Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
Oregon Province Jesuits
Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, U.S. Ontario Province
Sisters of Providence, Mother Joseph Province
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Tacoma Dominicans

Affiliate Communities
Benedictine Sisters of Cottonwood, Idaho
Benedictine Sisters of Lacey
Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel
Religious of the Sacred Heart
Sinsinawa Dominicans
Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon
Society of the Holy Child Jesus
Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union

Vision
The Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, living out of a shared Catholic faith tradition, recognizes and respects the dignity of all persons and all of creation.

Mission
The Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center acts for justice in the church and the world.

Annual Report 2013-2014
& appeal for support
To lead, we need not know the answers. We must only convene the circles, articulate the questions, frame the conversation, and direct attention to the issues that matter. It is the community that will rise up in response to our calling... in a reality brighter and bolder than all imaginings. —Jan Phillips

We are grateful for the opportunity to share with you the ministry of the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center (IPJC)—the circles, conversations, collaborations and actions on issues that matter for our church and world that we have accomplished with your partnership.

Bolder than our imaginings...
When we began the year it was beyond our imaginings that:

- We would have 28 Justice Circles in the rural Tanzanian villages of Vibaoni, Mdoe, Mngumi, Kideleko and Kivesa
- Our Justice Cafés for young adults would double in number
- Our corporate responsibility work would bring about changes at ExxonMobil and General Mills

As you read our report and reflect on how we have convened circles in the church, grassroots communities and corporations to direct attention to the issues that matter, please consider in what way you can support and sustain this ministry.

The community will rise up in response to our calling...
We know that the community is rising up when we received over 1,000 calls for resources and had 50,000 downloads of our educational materials from our website last year.

We ask you to rise up now for the sake of:

- Children coming across the border and youth seeking a way out of violence in our cities
- Peace in the Middle East and imagining new possibilities for promoting peace
- A healthy environment for our whole Earth Community
- The church community we dream is possible
- Young Adults who want to lead in new ways to bring about justice

A reality brighter and bolder than all our imaginings...
We invite you to take out the enclosed envelope and write us a note about what matters to you!

When you return your envelope:

- Pray for this ministry of peace and justice
- Consider a donation or a regular pledge
- Share your story of partnership with this ministry with others; expand our IPJC community!

We thank our God every day for what has been possible beyond our imaginings because of the gift that you are to the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center. Let us hold one another in a circle of prayer.

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Young Adult Interfaith Conference—Many Faiths, One Humanity: Unity in Diversity

Our first young adult interfaith conference featuring keynote speaker Dr. Susannah Heschel was a great success with over 130 attendees representing a diversity of faith traditions. Workshops explored how interfaith collaboration is changing our world and how to address issues of bias and hate crimes. We are now pursuing community building, justice and service opportunities to expand the interfaith horizons of young adults.

Advent Reflection Day

Over 250 joined us for a contemplative day with Edwina Gateley. Her presentations nurtured the spirit through music, poetry and storytelling. She gave us inspiration and courage to continue to be the prophetic witnesses we are called to be in our church and our world.

Seattle Peace Prayer and Procession

In response to the crisis in Syria, IPJC joined hundreds walking from St. James Cathedral to Temple De Hirsch Sinai in prayer and witness for peace.

Just Video Contest

Our fourth annual Just Video Contest received entries from around the US and Canada.

The 1st place winner was from St. Mary’s Academy in Winnipeg, Manitoba: Would You Have Let Us In? The video portrayed the challenges of immigrating to a new country and called us to act in support of, and in solidarity with, immigrants.
Events

Uniting Latino Leaders for Social Change

IPJC planned and convened the first state-wide conference of its kind that brought together 58 organizations, community groups and churches to:

- Develop young and emerging Latino leaders
- Promote grassroots community inclusion
- Act for community mobilization, advocacy and social change

The conference was co-sponsored by and held at the University of Washington Foster School of Business.

Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment Hosts National Annual Meeting

Our NWCRI convened the Annual Meeting of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center, June 9-13. More than 100 participants representing faith-based organizations and socially responsible investors attended from across the US and Canada.

The ICCR Meeting opened with a Seaside Chat on “Building Sustainable Communities.” Featured speakers (above) were Jeffrey Reid, a consultant for transformative agricultural projects in Sub-Saharan Africa and Ethiopia, and Steve Lippman, Director of Corporate Citizenship at Microsoft.

Building Community Creating Change

Our annual event to gather the community and sustain the ministry celebrated our Miracle on 65th Street that is the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center. It was a grand time to connect with friends and share our ministry and stories.
Highlights of our Justice Circle Community Organizing

**Burien, WA**
Women of New Futures organized to make crossing Military Road safer. Presentations to the PTA, letters to several city officials and the gathering of data by the City of Burien resulted in new community and child safety. The city approved a crossing guard, striping and the installation of warning signs at the crossing!

**Saavedra, Bolivia**
Women gathered from 7 villages to create action plans for breaking the cycle of violence against women and in families. The day-long event provided strategies that women leaders from the villages could take back to their communities for group conversations and implementation.

**Kent, WA**
Women of Consejo were concerned about the lack of bi-lingual resources available to help them access the new health care options. They organized health care providers and King County to create Latino healthcare enrollment opportunities for the Affordable Care Act. They succeeded in enrolling 120 people in healthcare coverage.

**Seattle, WA**
Sojourner Place women continue to be concerned about access to affordable and stable housing. The women of the Circle gave testimony and advocated with legislators to maintain the Housing Trust Fund and pass a Document Recording Fee that provides funds for affordable housing.

**South Park, WA**
Mothers who are survivors of domestic violence wanted to create a safe environment for their children in their Latino community. The women conducted forums, workshops and a panel on positive discipline.

**Bothell, WA**
The Leaders’ Justice Circle, building upon work of past Circles, worked on bullying prevention. The Circle, working with the Northshore School District, provided an anti-bullying forum and created a brochure in Spanish, ¡Alto al Bullying! for use throughout the school district.

**Connell, WA**
Women of St. Vincent de Paul Parish identified their issue as experiencing a lack of community belonging and participation. As part of their action, they held a Guadalupe cultural celebration at the community center for 800 people. They organized to bring Alejandro Aguilera-Titus, Assistant Director of Hispanic Affairs for the USCCB, for two events with parents and youth addressing family, community and cultural issues.
Agricultural Supply Chain
Walmart, the world’s largest retailer, put unprecedented market power behind the Fair Food Program (FFP) when it committed to work with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to strengthen and expand the FFP beyond Florida and into new crops. CIW’s campaign for justice for farmworkers began over 10 years ago with tomato pickers receiving “a penny more a pound.” Buyers for fast food restaurants and food service industry have signed on to the FFP. Walmart is the first retailer to do so.

was decreased to 5.5%. Also, there was an 18% increase in assistance to low-income households.
The subsequent Justice Circle traveled to Olympia to meet with legislators and wrote letters to restore funding for TANF. There was a $5.87 million reinvestment in funds for TANF.

New Brunswick, NJ
The St. Joseph Justice Circle participants, Latina immigrants with school-age children, addressed the cultural gaps and difficulties navigating and parenting in the US. They created an eight-scene play, *Theatre of the Oppressed*, with Fr. Kevin as the stage manager.

Women of the Sacred Heart Circle worked on the lack of access to mental health services for Latinas. They held workshops on the integration of mental health and faith.

Nicaragua
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Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
Success: On January 2, 2014 General Mills announced that original Cheerios will now be GMO-free! General Mills was one of the companies that received a shareholder resolution in 1999 asking the Company to remove all GMOs from its products until long-term safety testing shows that GMOs are safe.

Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment (NWCRI)
Celebrating 20 years of creating change!

Our detailed NWCRI Report is in the fall issue of *A Matter of Spirit* and online at www.ipjc.org

NWCRI Shareholder Activities
- Engaged 56 Corporations
- Addressed 20 social and environmental justice issues
- Participated in over 70 dialogues with corporate executives
- Filed 16 shareholder resolutions

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Handeni, Tanzania
There are 28 Justice Circles going on in Tanzania! Digna Peter was trained to facilitate Justice Circles when she was in Seattle with iLEAP, an organization that trains international leaders. The Circles are being conducted in Swahili in rural villages among mostly Muslim women. Each village Circle identifies the issue it will address, which include access to water, healthcare and literacy.

Sunnyside, WA
The women of Nuestra Casa were happy to receive a victory from a previous Circle on the reduction of the utility rate increase. The original proposal for an increase of 14%
Climate Change
In the 2014 proxy season, NWCRI and Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility members took the urgency of the need for companies to address climate change to the boardrooms of over 47 companies. NWCRI was the lead filer of a resolution with Bank of America requesting the Company to assess the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions resulting from its financing portfolio. The Bank is a top financer of GHG emissions-intensive industries such as coal, oil, gas and fossil fuel-based electric power. Almost one-fifth—24%—of shareholders supported the resolution!

Fracking
Success: After five years of hydraulic fracturing resolutions supported by 26-30% of shareholders, ExxonMobil agreed to report on its website by September 30, 2014 how it assesses and manages risks for 26 management practices in 5 areas: chemicals, water and waste management, emissions, community impacts and management and accountability.

Child Labor
Hershey sourced 18% of all cocoa in 2013 from certified sources, nearly double the company’s original goal of 10%. With nearly one-fifth of cocoa sourced from socially and environmentally sustainable practices, Hershey is on track to meet its goal of sourcing 100% certified cocoa by 2020, thus ending the use of child labor in its supply chain.

Access to Health
Shareholders applauded CVS Caremark’s decision to end tobacco sales in its 7600 stores. Recognizing the conflict of interest in selling a cancer-causing agent in a self-described health care facility, ICCR began filing shareholder proposals on the issue over 20 years ago. We hope that this decision will be the tipping point to convince other major retail pharmacy chains—Walgreens, Walmart, and Rite Aid—to follow CVS’ model of corporate responsibility.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s gather for justice, spirituality and community building
Our Justice Cafés were held at 34 sites in 6 countries!
The Café topics for the year were:
- Positive Peacemakers
- Gender
- Water
- Culture of Violence
- Social Media
- Human Trafficking

Young adults gather at a cafe, campus, church or community space to engage the justice topic. Participants then follow up with a virtual electronic connection to other cafés and actions for justice. A glimpse at our 2013-2014 Justice Cafés:

Davidson, NC: A robust conversation on the topic of Ending a Culture of Violence included how violence arises when people do not have their basic needs met. This led the group to probe more deeply into the unmet needs in their own community.

We ended by reflecting on how little it takes to seem extraordinary in a world of bystanders. We think that those who stood up for nonviolent solutions, like Martin Luther King, Jr., are somehow fundamentally more capable of leadership than we are. We are just as capable as anyone who came before us. —Avery
**Nigeria:** The Nigeria Café began as a way for Christian and Muslim young adults to create a space and a bridge for conversation in a country experiencing significant ethnic and religious violence. The cafés in Nigeria, one of our early sites, have faced obstacles over the years due to violence, but they have recognized the importance of continuing to gather. Their commitment to peace inspires us all.

*People create a sense of who they are through their relationships with others... People live with each other side by side for decades without differences but conflict pushes them to see each other as enemies instead of neighbors.* —Augustine

**Ottawa, KS:** The university students created a human trafficking awareness and action event including speakers and information tables. Around 400 students attended and left on fire to act for justice!

*Thank you and your crew for helping us to contemplate, mobilize and make a difference!* —John

**Seattle, WA:** The topic of Social Media explored how people have always used different ways to “appear busy” in our culture, whether it be the newspaper in the 1900s or people on their phones today. Different cafés concurred that social media is great for communicating, coordinating and gaining awareness, but problems can arise when people use it for “emotional gain.”

*Social media can’t be a means to ensure social justice, but it can remove an issue’s invisibility which is the first barrier to achieving a solution.* —Sara

**Monterrey, Mexico:** A new Café site was established at the University of Monterrey. Students expressed how important it was for them be in solidarity with other young people who cared about the same issues.

*It was great to hear other people as crazy as us who really think we can make changes in this world.* —Razh

**Workshops, Presentations & Retreats**

We gave over 50 presentations from Seattle, Washington to Tampa, Florida! The settings varied from schools and churches to grassroots community groups. Our outreach includes Catholic, Ecumenical, Interfaith and non-sectarian venues for peace education and action for justice and systemic change. Topics included:

- Peace & Justice Education for Educators
- Climate Change
- Social Change
- Human Trafficking
- Empowerment & Leadership
- Simplicity
- Violence Prevention
- Economics
- Immigration
- Corporate Responsibility
- Advocacy Organizing
- Spirituality of Justice
A Matter of Spirit

Over 4,000 received our quarterly justice journal in print. Over 1,000 listened to AMOS via podcast!

Fall—Education
Winter—Science and Faith
Spring—Technology
Summer—Climate Change

100th Edition! Readers applaud new format!

Contemplative Dialogue Circles

A six-session process on contemplation, dialogue and transformation provides an opportunity for those with differing perspectives and world views to build community.

Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment Report

Read online or in the fall 2014 issue of A Matter of Spirit.

Fossil Fuel Transportation in the Pacific Northwest

4-page description and mapping of coal and oil transportation

Hydraulic Fracturing

4-page education, analysis, reflection and action guide on fracking in the US and Canada

Justice for Women Newsletter

The stories of successful social change action from our Justice Circles. The newsletter, which is written in Spanish and English, is mailed twice a year and can be found online at www.ipjc.org

Technology

Increasingly people are using the IPJC website as a go-to site for resources and materials for individuals, schools, churches and community groups.
- People from 125 countries and every state in the United States visit our website
- There were 49,987 resources downloaded from ipjc.org!

Live webinars simultaneously connect classrooms across North America.

Advocacy

Federal Advocacy

We have an active action alert page on our website that hundreds of people use to write to their legislators on critical issues including:
- Environment
- Arms Trade Treaty
- Women, Peace and Security Act
- International Violence Against Women Act
- Human Trafficking
- Gun Control
- Comprehensive Immigration Reform
- Unaccompanied Minors
- Nuclear Weapon Expenditures

Dialogue for Justice

The partnership of Catholic Community Services, Washington State Catholic Conference and the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center is growing a movement of people, churches and organizations to reduce poverty in Washington State.

Washington State

The number of people attending Catholic Advocacy Day continues to increase with 550 signing up for the 2014 legislative visits.

We scheduled 130 appointments and coordinated 8 buses leaving from churches from Bellingham to Vancouver to travel to Olympia.
We are very grateful for all of you who have supported IPJC in the past fiscal year with your financial and in-kind contributions! If we have inadvertently left off your name, please let us know.

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Climate Change: Our Call to Conversion
A Four-Session Process for Faith Communities

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New Opportunity!
Climate Change: Our Call to Conversion
Form a group and use our new 4-session booklets!
- Our Earth Community
- The Science of Climate Change: Call to Change Course
- Ecological Conversion
- Eco-Imagining Our Emerging Future

Building Community, Creating Change

Coming in 2014-2015

March 7, 2015  Pat Kozak, CSJ—New Consciousness: Becoming Agents of Cultural Change

March 26, 2015  Catholic Advocacy Day

Monthly
Justice Cafés—3rd week of the month. Tell young adults about the café series!
Human Trafficking Vigils—1st Sunday of each month. Join a vigil or start a new vigil!

Seasonal
Call to schedule an IPJC workshop!
Use an IPJC publication!

Revenue
- Donors / Grants / Interest: $222,666
- Sponsoring communities & groups: $155,622
- Total revenue: $378,288

Expenses
- Program: $333,556
- Capital & Technology: $15,392
- Administration: $21,000
- Total expenses: $369,948

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