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
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 2012-2013 & appeal for support
Dear friends,

How could we tire of hope? So much is in the bud. How can desire fail?
We have only begun to imagine justice and mercy...
So much is unfolding that must complete its gesture... — Denise Levertov

We are proud and pleased to share with you the ministry accomplishments of the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center (IPJC) and to ask you to partner with and contribute to this unique ministry of peace and justice.

For over 20 years we have trusted in God and you in order to respond to the most critical issues of our day. We have never wavered in our belief that the dreams we all share for our church, world and Earth community are not only possible but are emerging in small victories and big breakthroughs.

Yes, “So much is in the bud,” and we need your partnership, participation and financial contributions to bring to fruition the justice and peace we imagine.

As you read our report, reflect on the global outreach, the scope of our work, the small staff and what is accomplished with minimal resources. Then, imagine what would be possible if we all invested in this ministry in a new and deeper way?

The religious communities of the Northwest seeded this ministry and continue to make peace and justice a priority. With you, our faithful partners, this ministry is thriving! Now we need to take the next leap of faith and commit to expand our programs! We have dreams and plans to:

- Expand our ministry exponentially through technology
- Grow our Justice Cafes for young adults from 21 sites to a significant network for social change
- Build community as we re-imagine our church
- Transform corporations one resolution, dialogue and success story at a time
- Double our annual web resource downloads from 50,000 to 100,000
- Empower women on the margins well beyond the current 46 cities of our bi-lingual Justice Circles in the U.S. and Latin America

So much is unfolding that must complete its gesture!

Today, please read our report, take out the envelope enclosed and put it in a significant place as a reminder to:

- Pray for this ministry of peace and justice
- Consider how you want to bring your dreams and our dreams to completion
- Make a donation or a regular pledge
- Invest significantly in one program which you want to flourish and be sustained

We invite you to dream with us and do what is necessary for justice and mercy. We stand in awe, wonder and gratitude for the gift you are to the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center.

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IPJC Women’s Convocation V:
Grace on the Margins

By all accounts this was our most successful Convocation of women and men, young and old, presentations and performances, prayer and ritual, community building and the debut of a new musical. Almost 1700 gathered to experience Grace on the Margins. Hundreds wrote letters to Pope Francis expressing their prayers and hopes for our church.

Quotes From Attendees

“This breaks open my heart and I see God all around.”

“This was the most significant conference that I have ever attended in my 69 years.”

“The plenary sessions filled my soul and the music made my spirit soar!”

“We [high school participants] felt particularly empowered when we met and socialized with other young adults. Hearing their thoughts and hopes for the Church, we feel renewed in our faith and the bright future.”

Valarie Kaur

Helen Prejean

Cast of Grace on the Margins

Young Adult Gathering

Letters to Pope Francis
**Events**

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**Just Video Contest**

Our third annual Just Video contest had forty entries from schools in the U.S and Canada.

The 1st place prize winner was: *Documenting the Undocumented: The Struggle of Immigrant Youth.*

Holy Names Academy students are using their prize money to support their school social justice committee.

**Transformation in a Time of Uncertainty**

Over 200 people gathered to explore these contemporary times in light of spirituality and faith. Nancy Sylvester, IHM facilitated a day of listening with a contemplative heart in a world, church and Earth community that is experiencing chaos, crisis and continuous change.

The presentation and practice of contemplation created an opportunity to explore personal and communal transformation.

**Youth Justice Forum**

Twelve High Schools from the Holy Names Network of Schools—Africa, Canada and the United States—met in Seattle. IPJC was support staff for the week-long immersion of service justice education and leadership development on issues of water, human trafficking and immigration.

**Movie Nights**

IPJC sponsored local social justice movie nights and discussions. We also provided movies and discussion guides from our lending library for home and community use.
Leadership Workshop Series

Hundreds of Latina women participated in our Western and Eastern Washington Empowerment and Community Organizing Workshops in Spanish! All of the trainings were designed to support emerging grassroots community leaders and address pressing community issues.

September  El Corazón de la Curandera: Explora tus Habilidades Curativas para la Liberación

October  Mi Voz Merece ser Escuchada: Generando Conciencia Cívica y Participación Social

November Cómo Encontrar mi Luz Interior e Irradiar mi Esencia en Comunidad

February  Mujeres Sin Fronteras Construyendo Sueños y Futuros

March  Sembrando y Cosechando Bienestar: Cómo Construir Relaciones Afectivas Saludables

Highlights of the Justice Circle Community Organizing

Seattle

As women who have experienced homelessness, Sojourner Place Justice Circle participants took action to change the inaccurate housing information that they have encountered on King County’s 2-1-1.

South Seattle

Members of the Circle, several of whom had been in the Detention Center, addressed human rights violations. They collaborated with the Northwest Detention Center Roundtable; testified to local officials; provided testimony for shareholder advocacy with the GEO Group that runs the Detention Center; and partnered with Latino City Employees for awareness and support.

Tacoma

The Phoebe House Circle organized around the issue of child sexual abuse and the silence and fear associated with it. They developed a two-fold program to protect children by participating in research and an educational program; and led an educational forum for professionals and social workers through the University of Washington Tacoma.

Sumner

The Circle formed partnerships with the Foundation for Multicultural Solutions, Sumner School District and “Most of Us” Campaign to provide Spanish-speaking resources for Latino youth. They also held a forum on tobacco and alcohol prevention.

Sunnyside

The women addressed the 85% increase in electricity cost since 2003 with Pacific Power. They wrote, called and met with the Utilities and Transportation Committee in Olympia to ask that the situation for low-income and fixed-income families be considered.

Seattle

North Seattle Family Center Justice Circle addressed safety and regulatory concerns related to the passage of I-502 on marijuana usage. They met with members of the Washington State Liquor Control Board; and created bilingual educational materials about risks, effects and use of marijuana for students and parents. The materials are now being used in the North Seattle schools.

Moses Lake

As survivors of sexual assault, Circle participants organized for adequate allocation of resources for survivors. They provided testimony to legislators and the District Court and advocated for an extension of program support funding beyond 2013.
**Quincy**
Latinas working in the fields who witness abuse are afraid to speak up for fear of retaliation and/or deportation. The Justice Circle women found their collective voice to mount a public awareness campaign in the fields, schools, clinics and community centers.

**Gig Harbor**
We held our first Justice Circle at Purdy, the Washington State Correction Center for Women. Incarcerated mothers advocated for fair housing laws in order to reunite with their children, avoid homelessness and make a smooth reintegration back into the community.

**Spokane**
The women at St. Margaret’s Shelter continued their quest for traffic safety on the busy street in front of their residence. They met with the city planner in preparation for a traffic calming proposal to the city that included speed bumps and children-at-play signs.

**Quotes**
“The Circle restored my faith in the power of the human spirit.”

“I will carry away a sense of the power, passion, and solidarity of women gathered together for the greater good. I will take away the gift of each woman’s presence and wisdom.”

“Low-income women truly do have the skills and resources to make grassroots change when our energy is focused and directed.”

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**Human Trafficking**

Our decade-long work on human trafficking continued as we educated and acted for an end to modern day slavery.

- Training and resources materials for twenty schools, churches and organizations
- Thirteen presentations including interfaith and ecumenical settings
- Live junior high webinars for schools in Washington, Florida, California and Canada
- An introductory video about human trafficking for faith communities
- Monthly human trafficking awareness vigils
- Shareholder resolutions and dialogues with Fortune 500 companies

We received the Father Tracey and Rabbi Levine Peace and Harmony Award for our work on Human Trafficking!
The Café topics for the year were:

- Peace & Conflict
- Immigration
- Conflict Minerals
- Abilities and Disabilities
- Sustainable Living
- Culture and Diversity
- Intergenerational Justice

21 Justice Café sites

Countries:
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- United States

States:
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Illinois
- Missouri
- Maryland
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Washington

Quotes

"I learned valuable information about ways to effectively take action on several issues."

"It was rewarding to assess my worldview by sharing with those of my peers with differing experiences and knowledge."

"We were able to apply our understandings of conflict resolution to our practical day to day affairs."

"We are looking forward to more Justice Cafés in Baltimore."

Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment (NWCRI)

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

NWCRI Shareholder Activities

- Engaged 51 Corporations
- Addressed 25 justice issues
- Participated in over 60 dialogues with corporate executives
- Filed 23 shareholder resolutions

Child Labor

On October 3, 2012 Hershey announced that it will source 100% certified cocoa by 2020! The cocoa will be environmentally sustainable and socially responsible with no child or forced labor.

Human Rights

NWCRI members dialogue with GEO Group and Corrections Corporation of American (CCA), the two largest private prison corporations in the U.S., regarding the policies and processes the companies have to respect the human rights of inmates and detainees. GEO adopted a human rights policy in January 2013; shareholders continue to give input and monitor its implementation.
Water
After 4 years of dialogue on water use in its operations, Campbell Soup adopted a Human Right to Water policy in January 2013 and gave shareholders credit for moving the company to adopt this policy.

Global Health
We engage in dialogues with pharmaceutical companies, Merck, Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer on the global health pandemic of non-communicable diseases in low-and middle-income countries.

Additionally, we continue to advocate for the 7 million people who need antiretroviral treatment now, focusing on pediatric formulations of HIV/AIDS drugs and the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP). In February, the MPP agreed to a license with ViiV Healthcare for the pediatric AIDS drug abacavir, which will be distributed in 118 countries where almost 99% of the world’s children with HIV live.

Domestic Health
Shareholders challenge insurance companies to develop new business models that offer affordable, quality care and innovative delivery models that reduce the cost of quality care.

HealthNet, which operates in WA, OR, CA, OR, is an Affordable Care Act success story!

HealthNet has developed a business model that allocates premiums to provider networks thus placing responsibility for managing care with the patient and provider. This model also reduces administrative costs.

Fracking
Concerned that Chevron currently fails to provide transparent, widespread, and detailed reporting necessary to assess the company’s progress towards achieving best practices in its hydraulic fracturing operations, shareholders filed this resolution for a third year. 30% of shareholders supported the resolution.

Human Trafficking
Hyatt Hotels completed training in all hotels by June 30, 2013. The Company shared the training module with us. Hyatt trains managers and line staff which includes, front desk, bellhops, concierge, housekeepers, and room service. Training on human trafficking is now part of new staff orientation.

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
NWCRI members participated in dialogues and filed shareholder resolutions with ConAgra, Kraft Food Group, and PepsiCo on labeling GMO ingredients in food. On April 24, 2013 the Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act, which would require the labeling of all genetically engineered (GE) foods, was introduced in Congress.

Food
Members of NWCRI and the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility work with companies in the food supply chain to help create equitable, accessible and sustainable food systems that nourish people and planet. Our principles include: sustainability, food safety, worker rights, access to nutrition (global hunger and obesity), and responsible investment in food commodities, land, and small-scale producers.

Presentations
We provided 41 presentations on a range of issues for universities, community groups, churches, Mosques and Temples including:

- immigration
- advocacy
- human trafficking
- Vatican II
- economics
- domestic violence prevention
- simplicity
- social justice
Publications

**Just Economics**

Our new publication, *Just Economics*, is a five-session process of reflection, education, Catholic Social Teaching, analysis, discussion, signs of hope and action for small groups. It has been distributed in 25 States.

**A Matter of Spirit**

Thousands receive our quarterly justice journal in three different formats: podcast, print and online.

- Fall—Food Supply & Sustainability
- Winter—The Commons
- Spring—Emerging Economies
- Summer—Disarmament

**NWCRI Annual Report**

Read online or in the fall issue of *A Matter of Spirit*

**Justice for Women Newsletter**

Stories and successes of the Justice Circle actions can be found online at www.ipjc.org

**Technology**

We are using technology for education and action including live webinars and virtual programming to provide resources to people around the world.

- People from 136 countries and every State in the U.S. visited our website
- Web visits this year were up 30% to 1 million
- There were 49,797 resources downloaded from ipjc.org in less than a one year period
- 2707 podcasts were downloaded

Advocacy

**Federal Advocacy**

We prepared, posted and sent Action Alerts on a variety of current and emerging issues including:

- Immigration
- Human Trafficking
- Arms Trade Treaty
- Violence Against Women
- Gun Control
- Nuclear Expenditures

**Washington State**

We collaborated to schedule and coordinate 120 legislative appointments and transportation for over 500 people going to Olympia for Catholic Advocacy Day.

**Dialogue for Justice: Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty**

This new collaborative project of Catholic Community Services, the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center and the Washington State Catholic Conference works with parishes and organizations to strengthen Catholic advocacy in addressing the needs of people who are poor and vulnerable in our state.
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.

IPJC Donors: July 2013 - June 2014
Building Community, Creating Change

Coming up 2013-2014

December 14 Advent Reflection

January 12 Interreligious Young Adult Conference

February 21 Catholic Advocacy Day

March 21 Latino Conference

June 9-13
Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
Annual Meeting Hosted by our Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment

Monthly
Justice Cafés—3rd week of the month
Trafficking Vigils—1st Sunday of the month

Seasonal
Contemplative Dialogue Circles
Women’s Justice Circles

Revenue
Donors / Grants / Interest $191,984
Sponsoring communities & groups $146,890
Total revenue $338,874

Expenses
Program $297,334
Capital & Technology $10,000
Administration $15,000
Total expenses $322,334

Stewardship of resources