
Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center

Working for The Common Good
Where people of goodwill get together and transcend their differences for the common good, peaceful and just solutions can be found even for those problems which seem most intractable.

- Nelson Mandela

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the work of the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center this past year, one theme keeps emerging: the Common Good. In February, we gathered for Catholic Advocacy Day in Olympia under the theme, Catholics for the Common Good. In May, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Northwest Center for Responsible Investment with the theme, Investing for the Common Good. Indeed, this motivates all we do at IPJC. In a society that seems increasingly polarized, promoting the common good has become ever more important and urgent. Responding to the biblical mandate to be our neighbor's keepers, we recognize that we are called to work for policies and practices which uphold the dignity and value of all persons, regardless of race, wealth, nationality, citizenship or any other distinctions which are used to divide us.

This year we promoted the Common Good through:

- Women's Justice Circles which empower women who are low-income and marginalized to speak for themselves and their communities.
- Standing with our immigrant brothers and sisters, through public witness, legal clinics and family preparedness workshops.
- Engaging in honest and sometimes painful discussions about racism in our society.
- Promoting care and respect for God's creation.
- Advocating in corporate boardrooms for gun safety, worker protections and environmental sustainability.

When we do this work, we do it in the name of all of you, our wonderful community of friends and supporters. We are so grateful for you, and we invite you to continue your support for IPJC in whatever way you can:

- Make a donation of any size, a regular pledge, or a tax-deductible donation from your IRA.
- Designate IPJC as your charity for employer matching or United Way.
- Share the IPJC story with your friends, colleagues, parishes and communities.
- And continue to offer your prayers for this ministry of peace and justice.

We look forward to continuing, with you, to work for the Common Good!

Patty Bowman
Executive Director
pbowman@ipjc.org

Judy Byron, OP
Program Director
jbyron@ipjc.org
Building the Beloved Community
Racism & Beyond

On November 10, over 150 people of faith gathered to engage in prayer, listening and learning on racism. Sisters Patty Chappell and Anne-Louise Nadeau from Pax Christi USA offered us education, challenge and inspiration. Seeking Racial Justice was also the subject of the Spring issue of A Matter of Spirit.

IPJC welcomed Open Wide Our Hearts: the Enduring Call to Love—A Pastoral Letter Against Racism published by the US Bishops in November. A study guide for the Pastoral will be available from IPJC in December.

2019 Eastern Washington Legislative Conference
Inform, Inspire, Involve

IPJC presented a workshop on Gun Safety which began by recognizing that the issue of guns can be polarizing and voicing the hope that we could approach gun violence in the spirit called for by Pope Francis: “[with] neither a culture of confrontation nor a culture of conflict...but rather a culture of encounter and a culture of dialogue; this is the only way to peace.” Attendees were encouraged to join with others to understand the crisis we face, realize that we share the goal of saving lives and agree on solutions that address gun violence.

Catholic Advocacy Day
Catholics for the Common Good

On February 7, Catholics traveled in the cold and ice to the State Capital in Olympia where they met with 123 legislators from 39 districts to advocate for the common good on issues including affordable housing, mental health services and the death penalty. IPJC organizes the day which is cosponsored by the Washington State Catholic Conference and Catholic Community Services/Catholic Housing Services.

Legislative Session Successes

Temporary Assistance for Needy families (TANF) increases the amount of time cash assistance for families can be provided and prevents families experiencing homelessness from being permanently removed.

Housing Trust Fund funded at $175M, including $5M for farmworker housing and $24M for mental health related housing.

Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) funded at $73.7M, an increase of 14.5M.

Keep Washington Working Act enhances public safety, promotes fairness to immigrants and protects the privacy and civil rights of all Washington residents.

100% Clean Electricity ensures that by 2045 Washington State’s electric grid will be free of fossil fuels.

Gun Responsibility limits access to guns for people with a history of violence or those thought to be in danger; prohibits printing plastic guns on 3D printers.
Church Reform
A Historical Perspective

On March 19, Fr. Pat Howell, SJ, presented a historical perspective on previous reform movements in the Church and offered thoughts on how lessons from the past might inform this current moment. To Reform and Transform the Church was also the topic of the Winter issue of A Matter of Spirit.

IPJC Spring Benefit
Investing for the Common Good

On April 10, we gathered to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Northwest Center for Responsible Investment. Tim Smith, former director of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), shared his reflections on the importance of shareholder advocacy work. Earlier this year, Sister Judy Byron was honored with the ICCR Legacy Award for her work which has “provided a strong moral foundation and an enduring record of demonstrated influence on corporate policies.”

Sharing the Journey
Third Annual Catholic Immigration Summit

On June 8, the Third Annual Catholic Immigration Summit drew over 175 participants. The day included a keynote by Tony Cube from the Justice for Immigrants campaign of the USCCB, opportunities to network, parishes sharing best practices for solidarity with immigrants and participants pledging to take action. Co-sponsors included IPJC, Archdiocese of Seattle, Catholic Community Services, Seattle University and St. James Cathedral.

Indigenous Guatemalans in Mason County Receive Training & Legal Advice

IPJC facilitated the first Know Your Rights and Family Preparedness Training in Belfair in June. We partnered with Agua Viva, an Evangelical church, and CIELO, a community organization based in Shelton. Our regular partners, Colectiva Legal del Pueblo and Ureña Law Office, joined us to conduct the training. We focused on immigrant rights, asylum eligibility, U, T and family visas and family preparedness plans. After the training, we conducted an Immigration Legal Clinic where 25 families accessed free legal advice in Spanish, Mam and Kanjobal.
PRESENTATIONS

IPJC provided presentations, retreats and facilitation this year in universities; Catholic, ecumenical and interfaith places of worship; at elementary and high schools; and with religious communities. Topics included:

- Advocacy in a Cathedral Context
- Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration
- Collaboration among Jesuit Works on Social Justice
- DACA
- Gun Safety
- Human Trafficking
- Investing for the Common Good
- Laudato Si’
- Racism in the Criminal Justice System
- Sexual Assault Prevention
- Farmworker Training
- US Bishops Letter on Racism
- When Money Speaks with Faith

PROGRAMS

Young Adult Justice Cafés

Justice Cafés create spaces where young adults can build community, act for justice and deepen spirituality.

Justice Café Topics 2018-2019

Season 1: Global Issues, Local Action

- Poverty Near & Far
- Sharing the Journey with Migrants and Refugees
- Violent Conflict and the Need for Peace

Season 2: Justice for Daily Life

- Spirituality for Social Justice
- Overcoming Polarization
- Social Justice as a Vocation

Just Video Contest

We received 46 videos from schools on 22 justice topics.

1st Place

Bystander

Holy Names Academy, Seattle

View the winning videos at www.ipjc.org
Rochester

A group of Latina mothers in Thurston County were concerned about the lack of amenities—no bathrooms, water fountains or streetlights—at Independence Park. The women use this park daily with their children and have to depend on the facilities in nearby buildings. The Circle’s research found that the park belongs to the school district and funding was not available to remodel it. They contacted their District Commissioner, and invited him to the Circle where he enthusiastically interacted with the women and their families and agreed that a new park is essential to Rochester. The Circle has petitioned the county for the construction of a new park with up-to-date facilities.

New Brunswick, NJ

The Circle created a committee to raise awareness through providing free trainings on domestic violence prevention and addressing the gaps in services in the community. They hosted a free Spanish domestic violence workshop, “No More Sexual and Domestic Violence,” in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, RWJ Barnabas Health and the New Brunswick Domestic Violence Awareness Coalition. The workshop identified the red flags and types of intimate partner violence, the legal rights of survivors and how to support survivors of domestic violence.

Aberdeen

Latina mothers from St. Mary Catholic Church organized a free community forum, “Families United for Healthy Communities.” In this event, community health organizations and leaders, including representatives from the County Health Department, informed and empowered over 100 community members with resources related to depression and suicide prevention. The Circle conducted a survey of adults about the frequency of feelings and symptoms of depression. The results were used to validate the need for mental health resources in Spanish and to raise awareness about the necessity of hiring bilingual mental health counselors and health educators in Grays Harbor County.
Afghanistan

In December, the World Affairs Council of Seattle brought a delegation visiting from Afghanistan to IPJC to learn about our Women’s Justice Circles. The US State Department sponsors this professional exchange program entitled, “Enhancing the Capacity of Peace and Reconciliation Leaders.”

Seattle

At the Village Spirit Center, a group of resilient and caring Black mothers addressed the lack of awareness about mental health issues in their community. Through their research, the women learned how stress, anxiety and not expressing emotions are passed down from generation to generation. The Circle organized a free mental health resource fair, “The A.C.T. (Action Changes Things) of Cultivating Healthy Minds.” The fair connected mental health providers with community members, dispelled mental health-related myths and raised awareness about the importance of cultivating healthy minds.

Human Trafficking

The World Affairs Council of Seattle invited IPJC to meet with a State Department delegation from the Qatar National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking to share best practices in ending human trafficking.

IPJC is a member of US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. We have collaborated on producing human trafficking modules, short to-the-point educational resources which help to break open a single aspect of Human Trafficking.

Topics include:
- Migrants, Refugees
- Labor
- Objectification of Women
- Root Causes
- Reducing the Demand
- Poverty
- Pornography
- Organ Removal
- Major Sporting Events
- Environmental Refugees

sistersagainsttrafficking.org

Junior High Webinars & Human Trafficking Presentations

Bellevue, Everett, Puyallup, Spokane, Seattle, Shoreline, Snohomish, WA; Fullerton, CA, Madison, WI
Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment

In 1994 when the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center was only 3 years old we decided to take our mission of systemic change to corporate boardrooms. We established NWCRI and found the perfect partner in the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility where we collaborate with over 300 faithful voices committed to improving corporate policies and practices on vital environmental, social and governance issues.

Over the past 25 years, the members of NWCRI have used their investments in corporations to work for a just and sustainable global community. We celebrate our engagements!

Sustainable Future: Call to Action for Companies, Investors and the Faith Community

Prior to our Spring Benefit dinner, NWCRI hosted an event to consider how we can work together for a sustainable future for people and planet. Panelists included: Bruce Herbert, Newground Social Investment; Tim Smith, Walden Asset Management; Nora Nash, Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia; and Kevin Hagen, Iron Mountain.

2018–2019 Highlights

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

61% of shareholders of Walgreens urge the Board to report how it oversees risks related to the opioid crisis.

32% of Chevron shareholders request the Board to identify and address risks to Human Right to Water.

20% of Facebook shareholders vote for an independent Chair of the Board.

88% of GEO Group shareholders request a report on how the Company respects inmate/detainee human rights.
A Matter of Spirit

Fall—Ethical Decision Making invited readers to reflect on ways ethical decision making touches every aspect of our lives and to reexamine our approach to decision-making.

Winter—To Reform & Transform the Church looked not at the sexual abuse per se but at the wider issues of the structure and culture of the Church in which that abuse took place.

Spring—Seeking Racial Justice explored the legacy of racism in the United States, its troubling staying power, and how we, as a Church and a country, are working to overcome it.

Summer—Economic Inequality considered how decades of stagnant wages, a shrinking middle class, and further concentration of economic power in the hands of a privileged few will impact the future of our children; and the moral implications of an economic system in which so many live on the edge of precarity.

Stewardship of Resources

Revenue

Donors / Grants / Interest $284,805
Sponsoring Communities & Groups $270,679
Total Revenue $555,484

Expenses

Programs $382,873
Capacity Building Fund $40,000
Capital & Technology $34,276
Administration $23,610
Total Expenses $480,759
IPJC Donors: July 2018-June 2019

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.

Faridah Abdullah, CSJP-A
Shelley Ackerman
Patricia Adakonis
Adrian Dominican Sisters
Diane & Joe Ahern
Dona Ahern
Kathleen Aifard
Nancy Allen
Kathy & Guy Alloway
Thomas Alsop
Karen Alvin
Margaret Alquist
Margaret Andersen & Bob Wolters
Sarah Anderson
Archdiocese of Seattle
Missions Office
Trudie Atkinson
Maureen Auguascl
Nancy Bachman
Dee & Patrick Bader
Diane Baer
Lynne Balk
Paul & Susan Ballinger
Francine Barber, OP
Mary Fran Barkshair
Joe Barreca, Sr.
Patrick Barredo
Judy Bartels
Mary Lee Becker
Winnie Becker
Joan Bell
Mary Frances Bowers
Janyce Bouta, SNJM
Margaret Botch, SP
Sarah Bosserman
Margaret Botch, OP
Terrie Botts
Janyce Bouta, SNJM
Mary Francis Bowers
Kay Boyle
Chauccey Boyle, SP
Monica Bradley
Betty Bradley, FSPA
Bristol-Meyers Squibb
Larry and Jeantette Brixius
La Verne B. Brown
Mary Brown
Peggy & Mark Bubenik
Mary Burggraff
Hazel Anne Burnett
Kerry Burrows
Key Burton, SNJM
Judgy Butler
Judgy Byron, OP
Liz Caemmerer
Nellie Calacat
Mary Caldoner
Call to Action Western Washington
Pat & Julie Callahan
Sharon & Neil Callahan
Theresa Caluori, BVM
Amalia Camacho, CSJP
Michael & Michele Carleton
Sharon Casey, OP
Marylin Cass
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Pueblo
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington
Catholic Health Initiatives
Catholic Housing Services
Kate & Bob Chambers
Celia Chappell, SP
Donna Cheshier
Donna Christensen
Josie Chronisak, HM
Linda & Larry Clark
Marge Clark, BVM
Kathleen Clausen, OP
Stephen & Maureen Cline
Bev Coco
Carol Collaron
Kathy Colombo & Pat Morton
Margaret Comstock
Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
Lisa Connelly
Jude Connelly, OSF
Ann Connolly
Judith Connor
Agnes Connors, SHCJ
Virginia & Larry Cooper
Mary Jo & John Costello
Martha Costello, OP
Gerry & Jerry Couse
Debra & Chris Covert-Bowdils
Joyce Cox, BVM
Fr. Jim Coyne
Blanche Crandall
Kathy & Tom Cullen
Sheila & Dennis Dahl
Maureen D'Auria, CSJP
Charlotte Davenport, CSJP
Rosemary Davis, IHE
Rita Davis, SCN
JoAnn De Quattro, SNJM
Yvonne de Turenne, SNJM
Lucille Dean, SP
Georgie Marie & Dick Decker
Dorothy Dees, SNJM
Mary & Larry DeForest
Elise DeGoyoyer
Joan Delaplane, OP
Mary Delateur
Lorraine D'Ellia
Lisa Dennison
Marla Desouza
Betty Devereux & Diane Dilley
Susan Dewitt, CSJP
Mary Pauline Diaz
Grace DiDomenicantonio, CSJP
Maureen & Ronald DiGiacomo
Mary Ann Dixon, OP
Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
Dominican Sisters of San Rafael
Dominican West Chapter
Steve & Carol Donaldson
Mary Ellen & Donnelly
J.L. Drohoud
Mary Duffy, OP
Catherine A. Dummer
Mary Annette Dworshak, SNJM
Sara Dwery, ASC
Mary Kay Dyckman
James Eiben
Jean Ellers
Kathleen Emry
Mary Estelle
Tom Ewel
Excel Pacific
Sandy Eyres
Marietta Fahey, SHF
Sr. M. Pius Fahlstrom, OSF
Maria Faina
Bob & Gerry Foley
Terese Fandel & John Pennings
Christine Farrell
Gwen Fayre, BVM
Jo Anne Felton
Margie Ferstl
Sharol Filppic
Brenda Fincher
Maggie Finley
Stan Fitzgerald
Michael Fitzpatrick, SJ
JoAnn Fleischaker, OP
Deb & Rob Fleming
Carol Fleming, OP
Loretta Fletcher
Fran & Olle Flor
Paula & Bruce Foreman
Bernice Fox
Larry Fox
Tom & Patty Freeburg
Katie & Dan Frei
Makiko Fujiwara, SNJM
Carol Fullmer
Marcia Fung
Terry & Joe Gaffney
Trish Gaines
Tom & Chris Gaines
Will & Robert Gaines
Mary Lila Gary & John Amack
Paula Gary
Nancy Gast
Carol Gavarekki
Patty Garaghty
Bernie Gerhardt
Marie Colette Gerry, OSF
Temit Gbarmay
Gail Giacomazzi
Freeda Goldfarb
Alicia Gonzalez-Capestaney & Keo Capestaney
Courtney Goodheart
Kathy Goodman
Cele Gorman, OP
Mary Lee Gowell
Marlyn Gray
Carmel Gregg, OSF
Iva Gregory, OP
Nadine Grogan, SNJM
Darel Grothaus
Anne Guadagno
Cheryl Guider
Carol Guenther
Julia Guerrero
Sally Gunn, SNJM
Elizabeth & Stephen Guss
Barb Guzzo & Paul Purcell
Bertha Haas
Joyceann Hagen
Kevin Hagen
Peg Haggerty
Avery Haller
Elizabeth Hansen
Linda & Ted Hanson
Ann & Kevin Hartmann
Helen Harris
Dennis & Lorraine Hartmann
Arlene Hatch
Rev. Richard Hayatsu
Linda Heydock, SNJM
Marle & Dale Hedden
Elizabeth Hedren
Florence M Heffin, BVM
Don & Carol Henry
Lynn Herink & Jon Gordon
Anne Herkenrath, SNJM
Maureen Ham
Carolyn & John Hickman
Pat & Elizabeth Higgins
Tanya Higgins & Darrell Chronik
Chris Hillman
Edgar Hillman
Bob Hinckley
Emily Hitchens
Kim Hodgkinson
Peggy Hoffman Erickson & Larry Erickson
Chris Hogness & Leesa Linck
Emma Holdener, OSF
Janice Holland, OP
Margaret Holland
Cherie Holman
Nancy & Dick Holmes
Teak & Del Hoover
Patrick Howell, SJ
Cecilia Hucdek, SCH
Ramonda & Tony Huff
Tom Hulcshko
Suky Hu, CSJP
Bennett Husted
Allison Hutchinson
Dolores Hutson, OP
Jennifer Ibach & Peter Lundquist
Ignatius Ohno Foundation
Pauline Igoe, OP
Penelope Jackson
Jesuits West
Doug & Diane Johnson
Lorraine Johnson
Marguerite Johnson
Pat Johnson
Dr. Mary Ann Johnston
Robert Jones
Ruth Julkowski
Mary Kahle
Ed & Linda Kaeli
Larry Karl & Kay Peters
Roberta Kelley
Carol Ann Kemp, SNJM
Jim Keegoe & Jane Nibler-Keogh
Cheryl Kerner
Diana Kielian
Maggie Kilbourne-Brook
Victoria Kill
Judy Killion
Zachary Kinneman
Kathleen Kirschner
Marcine Klemm, OP
Mary Ann Knowles
Linda Kobe-Smith
Mary Kohli
Diana & Richard Koob
Jane Kortz
Kim Kovalik
Dotti Krist-Starbick
Lisa Krogman
Kathy Krueger
Teresa Kuntz
Dawna & Jim Lahti
Lisa Laird
Lee Langdon
Andrea Langeland
Louise Lansberry
Barbara Lantaff
R.W. Larroque
Ned & Pam Laskowski
Maria & Corinna Laughlin
Leadership Conference of Women Religious Region XV
Yvonne LeBlanc, SP
Suzanne Lee
Michael & Tecla Legge
Bill & Laurita Lethtien
Patty & Dave Leinweber
Sandra & John Leil
Clare Lentz, SP
Linda Leipers
Ann & Brian Lewis
Pat Lewis
Sandra Lincoln, SHCJ
Molly Linden
Kathy & Bob Lindquist
Maureen Little
Carmel Little, CSJP
JoAnn Lopez
Linda Lopez Liang
Jennifer A. Lueck
Lovers of the Holy Cross
Sharon & Lloyd Lowe
Betty Lucas
Sponsoring Communities
Adrian Dominican Sisters
Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
Jesuits West
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
Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
Dominican Sisters of San Rafael
Sinsinawa Dominicans
Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sisters of St. Francis of Redwood City
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon
Sisters of the Holy Family
Sisters of the Presentation, San Francisco
Society of the Holy Child Jesus
Society of the Sacred Heart
Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union