



IJPC INTERCOMMUNITY
JUSTICE AND
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A letter from Allison Reynolds-Berry

Executive Director

Throughout the past year, IJPC has moved into a new moment. With a transition of staff and leadership, the board had an opportunity to do a stakeholder study and learn more about IJPC's impact and the future ahead. It is clear there is still a need for this work— for IJPC to provide a space for people to come together to speak out against injustice. While we focus on the death penalty, human trafficking, immigration, and peace and nonviolence, IJPC's

work continues to be deeply rooted in a preferential option for the poor, with a dedication to nonviolence, and a passion rooted in solidarity.

Many people have been part of IJPC's story over the last 30 years, and we will welcome many more in the years to come. I am humbled and energized by those who have worked tirelessly to create a legacy for IJPC.



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1985 – Present Day: Celebrating 30 Years

2015 marked a milestone for Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center's history with the celebration of 30 years. Joyce Hoban, SNDdeN, and Louise Akers, SC, first dreamt up IJPC in the swimming pool of Mount St. Joseph's Motherhouse in 1984 with the intention of bringing congregations of women religious together to collaborate in justice and peace work. Three more

founding congregations and fifteen additional sponsors have created a backbone for the organization.

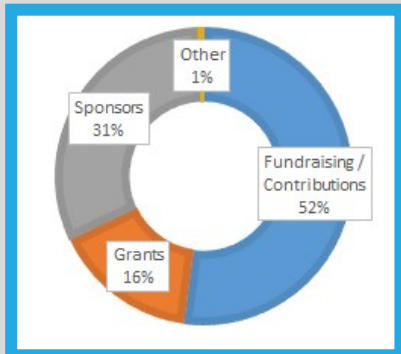
The work has evolved over time as the social justice issues have changed and IJPC adapted to respond to the signs of the times.

IJPC is proud to celebrate 30 years of unique social action through education and advocacy.

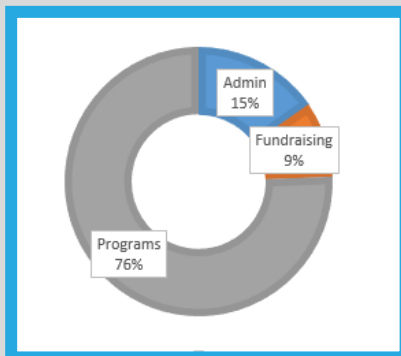
Financial Report

In 2015, IJPC received a legacy gift of \$52,000 from the Margaret R. Fuller Trust. We are grateful for all gifts from our many friends and supporters.

Income: \$206,042



Expenditures: \$119,954



Stakeholder Analysis and Re-visioning of IJPC

Summer 2014 marked significant transition for IJPC as Alice Gerdeman, CDP, director of IJPC for 22 years, stepped out of her role and moved into leadership in her religious community.

During the Fall, IJPC reached out to a variety of stakeholders including donors, committee members, sponsor representatives and community partners who have been deeply connected to IJPC over the years and involved in the many campaigns that have made a significant impact. Our stakeholders place a strong value on IJPC's role in educating the community and providing a means for



individuals and groups to engage in social justice work. At IJPC's board retreat, the vision of "a just and peaceful world" was created. IJPC will work towards that vision

by seeking partners with a passion for justice and peace, collaborating intentionally in the pursuit of systemic change, and engaging communities to create change through analysis and action.

Winter and Spring 2015 were filled with in-depth research and engaged conversation to decide IJPC's four core issues for the next two years: the death penalty, human trafficking, immigration, and peace and non-violence.

Social Justice Research Leads to Commitment on Four Core Issue Areas

While celebrating 30 years, the IJPC had the unique position to reassess its role within the social justice field in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. During the stakeholder study, IJPC heard from many individuals who wanted to broaden the spectrum of issue focus areas.

Nine volunteers, staff, and interns researched twelve social justice issues including: Death Penalty, Economic Justice, Environment, Homelessness, Human Rights, Immigration, LGBTQI+,

Peace and Non-Violence (war, dialogue, non-violence as a way of life), Racial Justice, Trafficking, Violence Prevention (gun control, violence against women and vulnerable populations) and Women's Concerns in Society.

IJPC's four core issues (**death penalty, human trafficking, immigration, and peace and non-violence**) will be the main focus of the next two years while the organization continues to monitor and partner with others to address additional issues of con-

cern. Research of these social justice issues included assessment of root causes and possible solutions. Issues were additionally evaluated to make sure there was no duplication of local work, to take note of other organizations working on the issue, and funding possibilities. IJPC looks forward to providing educational programming and advocacy opportunities to the community through strategic local, state, and national partnerships and committed resources to hire staff and additional support.