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Annual Report of Intercommunity Justice & Peace Center
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Your support makes it possible to work for justice through systemic change. Thanks to each of the individuals, organizations, faith communities and foundations for making an impact.

Income: $352,602  Expenses: $284,102

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AT A GLANCE

1,200+ individuals attended IJPC presentations

Immigrant Dignity Coalition meetings now offer simultaneous interpretation in 2 languages: English and Spanish

38 people attended grassroots advocacy trainings for death penalty repeal

2021 calendar celebrated 12 months of Catholic Sisters working for justice
Collaborating with others has been a key strategy of IJPC since its founding. 'Intercommunity' refers to the communities of Catholic Sisters that came together to share their passions, resources, and energy to advocate for social justice. Today, we're still working in coalition with organizations that share our values and commitment to justice.

Early in 2021, a powerful coalition of organizations (IJPC, Ohioans to Stop Executions, ACLU-Ohio, and Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism of Ohio) formed #NoDeathPenaltyOH, combining faith leaders, grassroots support, and legislative advocacy to foster death penalty abolition. Individuals, like Dave Sablosky, are organizing as part of a regional grassroots team. Dave said, "To play a small part in correcting the immorality and injustice of the death penalty is exciting!"

So many individuals and organizations that have been anti-death penalty for years, and even those who have newly joined the movement, see the power in collaboration. Reflecting on our capacity, Dave shared, "Few, if any, organizations have the depth, skills, and financial resources to accomplish major change by itself. Each organization brings a different dynamic that provides unique and important competencies to the coalition."

Though systemic change takes time, working in partnership fortifies our capacity to see our vision through to completion.
DEATH PENALTY

In November, we published a 13-page report At All Costs: The High Cost of the Death Penalty in Hamilton County and the Extreme Disparities it Drives. Tools like this highlight the injustices right here at home that lead to state sanctioned deaths, and take money away from addressing the root causes of violence in our communities.

Bipartisan bills HB 183 and SB 103 have been introduced to repeal Ohio's death penalty, making history. We've been mobilizing at an incredible pace as part of the statewide #NoDeathPenaltyOH Coalition. With grassroots community members and faith leaders across the state speaking with their communities and legislators, we have a chance over the next year to end a system that has proven to be expensive, racist, arbitrary, and convicts innocent people.

IMMIGRATION

YES leaders held an in-person training together after months of meeting via Zoom. The COVID safe event gave YES members the tools to share their unique stories.

IJPC’s 14-week Summer Campaign of Citizenship for All shared 17 unique stories of immigrants from 7 different countries who currently live in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. With support from members of the Immigrant Dignity Coalition, we shared stories from families and children, students and their teachers, first generation college graduates, essential workers, healthcare workers, DACA and TPS recipients, and more. Each week on social media we lifted up a new story to highlight why our community members need citizenship. Accompanying this sharing, advocates made more than 350 calls and sent emails to our local Senators.
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Virtual platforms allowed us to take a new presentation about human trafficking called “Words Matter: Language, Imagery, and Storytelling in Human Trafficking Awareness” to a global audience where almost 300 people gained valuable tools in addressing and ending trafficking. Most language and imagery used in these efforts are ineffective at telling a dignified and comprehensive story. The presentation details what trafficking really looks like by analyzing popular images frequently used to tell that story and tips from survivors from the My Story My Dignity campaign to teach advocates and the media how to do a better job with a trauma-informed approach.

PEACE & NONVIOLENCE

The Awake and Act Series from the NonViolence Alliance of Greater Cincinnati brought more than 200 people together to learn about nonviolence and how to take action. Topics included “Living Nonviolently in 2020” and the "Role of the Citizen's Complaint Authority."

The Rethinking Racism Team spent many hours behind the scenes creating the script, conducting interviews, and recording pieces for what would become a 3-part docuseries on Race and Racism in Cincinnati. One viewer shared, “If you want to know the truth about race, equity, and justice in Cincinnati, this is a perfect place to start.”