



Disciples Peace Fellowship ~ Winter 2016

NewsNotes

News from the DPF Executive Committee

The DPF Executive Committee met for their annual meeting in Berrien Springs, MI, Sept. 12-14. The current Executive Committee includes Mary Jacobs (co-moderator), Medford, OR; Rebecca Littlejohn (co-moderator), El Cajon, CA; Kathryn Russell (secretary), Council Bluffs, IA; John Brock (treasurer), Missoula, MT; Sarahann Callaway, Chicago, IL; Jinsuk Chun, Anaheim, CA; Belva Brown Jordan, Claremont, CA; Catherine Nichols, Indianapolis, IN; Laura Ann Phillips, Overland Park, KS; Andrew Guthrie, Portland, OR; Chrissy Stonebraker-Martinez, Cleveland, OH; and Kristen Walling, Washington, DC.

A lot of planning and reflection took place at this meeting. One of the most important accomplishments was the development of a living vision for Disciples Peace Fellowship. We continue to embrace our mission of “Keeping alive the passion for peace and justice.” The Living Vision Statement is intended to offer guidance about how we live out that mission in the present moment.

A Living Vision for Disciples Peace Fellowship

Disciples Peace Fellowship began in 1935 as an organization committed to protecting the rights of conscientious objectors who were members of the Christian Church. In the decades that followed, DPF lived its peacemaking mission in different ways, including opposing the draft during the Vietnam War and advocating for nuclear disarmament during the Cold War. Our members understood that even though the specific work of our organization changed as society, politics, and warfare changed, our faith-based commitment to peacemaking remained the same.

DPF continues to honor that tradition. In today’s global world, we are ever mindful of the interconnectedness of all people and the interconnectedness of peace and justice. Therefore, we trust in and support the work of partner ministries that address the injustices and inequalities that make our world less peaceful—environmental destruction, food insecurity, economic exploitation, racism, sexism, homophobia, etc.—while remaining committed to our specific mission of opposing war and promoting peace.

In the 21st century we understand that mission to specifically include: protecting the rights of conscientious objectors, advocating for nuclear disarmament and peaceful foreign policies, educating ourselves and others about global conflicts, caring for those traumatized by war, and opposing militarism wherever it may occur.

DPF at General Assembly ~ Plug In!

Plans for General Assembly 2017 were also at the top of the agenda at the September meeting. We know that this is the time when our members have the best chance to connect with our work. See the next page for information on all our exciting plans! We will be bringing a business item to our breakfast meeting regarding the bylaws of DPF. We also seek your help in collecting nominations for the Todd Bratkovich award. If you know a young person, or group of young people, whose efforts are characterized by a passion for peace and justice, please consider nominating them by emailing Co-Moderator Rebecca Littlejohn at pastorbecky@yahoo.com with a description of the person or group and their work. This award includes a \$500 cash prize, made possible by Todd Bratkovich’s family.

Disciples Peace Fellowship at General Assembly

Workshop

DPF will be partnering with the Council on Christian Unity to offer a workshop in the Justice Learning Track, titled “Just Peace-Making — God’s Calling to Live Our Lives in Unity.” We hope to see you there!

Booth

We are pleased to announce that our booth will be part of a special “peace & justice block” with some of our closest partners: Disciples Justice Action Network, Disciples Center for Public Witness, Gay, Lesbian and Affirming Disciples, and Reconciliation Ministries. Be sure to stop by and visit all of us!

Breakfast

After the enormous popularity of combining our GA breakfast with a worship service on Sunday morning, we plan to do this again. The preacher will be announced soon! Tickets are now available on the GA website.

Resolution & Vigil

We will be bringing a resolution to the floor of the Assembly, but given recent political events, we are still determining what the focus should be, in consultation with partners. We may choose not to submit a regular Sense-of-the-Assembly resolution, given the early deadline, and focus our energy, instead, on preparing to respond to events as they develop through an emergency resolution. We are also planning an evening vigil, with partners, with a focus to be determined as 2017 unfolds.

Special Display

We are partnering with National Benevolent Association and others to bring a display from the National Religious Campaign Against Torture about solitary confinement to the Assembly exhibit hall. Be

Interns, Here, There & Everywhere!

We were pleased to have interns in the following camps, conferences and Regions in 2016: Ceta Canyon (Southwest), Kamp Kaleo (Nebraska), Camp Couchdale (Great River), Camp Chandler (Alabama Northwest Florida), Christmount (North Carolina), Disciples Center at Tawakoni (Kansas), Christian Conference Center (Upper Midwest), Dunkirk Camp (New York UCC), Camp Wakon Da Ho (Kentucky), Loch Leven (Pacific Southwest), Bethany Hills (Tennessee), Obra Hispana Asamblea (Florida), National Convocation Biennial Session (Kansas City), Craig Springs (Virginia), Camp Barbee (Indiana), National Youth Event (Florida), Camp Christian (Ohio), Camp Gwinwood (Northwest), North American Pacific Asian Disciples (NAPAD) Convocation (California), and Cascade Camp (Idaho). Our interns had amazing experiences working with your youth and adult volunteers!

If your Region is not one that hosted an Intern this past summer, now is the time to start working to ensure you won’t miss out next year! Contact your camp & conference committees, camp directors, or Regional Ministers to encourage them to apply to host an Intern at one of your camps this summer. Interns serve as regular counselors (unless not needed) and provide additional curriculum material in the form of interactive workshops on peace & justice issues, usually at senior high camps. The application to host an Intern will be available on our website (www.dpfweb.org) in early December.

It’s also time to think about which young people (over 21) you know whose passion for peace & justice and leadership skills would be well utilized and honed as a DPF Intern. The applications for interns will also be available in early December, and are due mid-February. Please help us spread the word!