



*Disciples Peace Fellowship ~ Spring 2017*

# NewsNotes

## DPF Breakfast Meeting and Worship ~ July 9th

### Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon Preaching!

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, noted ecumenist, former General Secretary of the National Council of Churches and long-time supporter of Disciples Peace Fellowship, will be the preacher for our Sunday morning breakfast worship at General Assembly. As we did at the last Assembly, our breakfast will be chance to catch up on the work of Disciples Peace Fellowship, but also an opportunity to be together in worship, complete with a sermon and communion. The breakfast will begin at 7:00 am, and we'll have you out in time to attend another Sunday worship service in the area, if you want to do that. We encourage everyone to reserve your tickets soon. The cost for the breakfast is \$25, which basically covers our costs for the event.

Because this is the only time the membership of Disciples Peace Fellowship gathers in one place regularly, we will begin with a little business before moving into worship. We will introduce the 2017 Interns and vote on the nominations to the Executive Committee for the class of 2021. We will also present the Will Wittkamper and Todd Bratkovich awards to those being honored this year. Additionally, the Executive Committee has been working to clear up confusion around the current state of our by-laws, so we will ask those present to approve a Provisional Operational Covenant, which aims to codify current practice until such time as our bylaws can be thoroughly revised and approved. Please take a moment before you come to review the proposed Provisional Operational Covenant on our website at [LINK](#).

## DPF T-Shirt Design Contest ~ Deadline Extended!!!

DPF is planning to unveil a new t-shirt at the Indianapolis General Assembly in 2017. Are you the artist who will provide the design? We invite you to submit a design inspired by our mission to "keep alive the passion for peace and justice." Visit [www.dpfweb.org](http://www.dpfweb.org) for full contest details. Youth entries are encouraged!

Designs must be submitted by November 30, 2016. Submissions should come to DPF as print-ready as possible, either by creating a .pdf (vector graphic) document of artwork, a .jpg or .png and submitting it digitally, or by sending a clean hand-drawn artwork that can be easily translated into a vector graphic.

Designs should be appropriate for the front of a t-shirt and should utilize no more than three colors. Copyright to the design will be owned for DPF for its exclusive use.

The creator of the winning design will be featured in the 2017 Summer NewsNotes and receive a \$100 camp or book scholarship, two tickets to the DPF breakfast at the 2017 General Assembly, and two t-shirts.

Send hard copy entries to DPF, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN, 46206.

Email digital entries to [maryjacobsaz@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjacobsaz@yahoo.com).

*What a whirlwind summer it has been!* We've been traveling for two and a half months

and have been in 19 different regions and at 23 different events. We've represented DPF ecumenically at the National Youth Event hosted jointly by the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ. We got to experience our church's ethnic constituency events and were privileged to be part of NAPAD, Obra Hispana and National Convocation's biannual meetings. We met young people all around the country along the way and worked with the youth of our church, witnessing and nurturing their passion for social justice. These are the facts and statistics, yet, when one asks what DPF's Internship Program actually does, rarely will the same answer be given twice. It's hard to effectively convey the incredibly intricate impact of this program if you haven't lived it and seen it in action. So...

### ***What Exactly Do You Support as a Member of DPF?***



- + You support interns like me! You gave me, a usually introverted and unconfident person, a perfect, sacred opportunity to become a joyous and eager teacher. I would have never been able to grow so much in my confidence or my teaching skills if it weren't for Disciples Peace Fellowship and the affirming community of camp. ~ Lexie Ofe
- + You support bringing global issues to your local and regional camps. You are giving an opportunity to Peace Interns from all parts of the United States and the world (like me, a Palestinian Christian) to literally meet your church's youth where they are, challenge kids to get out of their comfort zones and become more globally aware. I found that DoC youth, when given the opportunity, are excited to experience new perspectives and embrace diversity. ~ Rachel Shomali
- + You support the creation of safe spaces to have the difficult conversations that need to take place in the church and society at large. For example, what do we as Christians mean when we say that God loves *everyone* and that we are called to share that love? In one camp, I was able to talk about how God's love applies even to those who commit horrific acts of violence... even terrorists. We grappled with the fact that while politicians and media pundits endorse bombing terrorists (and sometimes their family members), God calls us to embody the love of God—even to those that society views to be undeserving. Youth were hungry for conversations like this and my summer experience made me realize that youth of the church have a passion for peace and justice that is desperately needed in the church and in our world. DPF ensures that this passion continues to be nurtured in our youth! ~ Naomi Gonzalez

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