



DISCIPLES PEACE FELLOWSHIP ~ WINTER 2017

NEWSNOTES

2017-2019 DPF Executive Committee

The DPF Executive Committee met for their annual meeting in Indianapolis, Oct. 10-12. The current Executive Committee includes Mary Jacobs (co-moderator), Portland, OR; Rebecca Littlejohn (co-moderator), El Cajon, CA; Kristen Walling (secretary), Washington, D.C.; John Brock (treasurer), Missoula, MT; Brian Carr, Issaquah, WA; Jinsuk Chun, Anaheim, CA; Doug Collins, Indianapolis, IN; Tiffany Curtis, Santa Fe, NM; Andrew Guthrie, Portland, OR; Delesslyn Kennebrew, Lithonia, GA; Catherine Nichols, Indianapolis, IN; Teresa Pecinovsky, Nashville, TN; and Chrissy Stonebraker-Martinez, Cleveland, OH.

The meeting included some time to evaluate our presence at the 2017 General Assembly and think ahead to 2019. We also had a chance to meet with numerous people at Disciples Center (see next page) and think about our work beyond Assemblies and the Intern Program. As new ministries are launched, we hope you will get involved!

DPF'S LIVING VISION STATEMENT

Grateful for the legacy of courage and peacemaking of Disciples Peace Fellowship since 1935 and the ongoing presence of DPF as it keeps "alive the passion for peace and justice" among the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we are mindful of the interconnectedness of all people and the intersection of peace and justice in today's world. As 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, and homophobia, we reaffirm our commitment to our specific mission of opposing war and promoting peace.

In this time, our mission specifically includes advocating for nuclear disarmament and peaceful foreign policies; educating ourselves and others about global conflicts; caring for those traumatized by war; protecting the rights of conscientious objectors; opposing militarism wherever it may occur; and supporting a new generation of leaders "keeping alive the passion for peace and justice" as Disciples of Christ through the DPF Peace Intern Program.



DPF T-Shirt Available Online Soon!

The new DPF t-shirt introduced at the 2017 General Assembly will soon be available for purchase at the Disciples Home Missions online store. Designed by our Intern Coordinator, Phoebe Spier, the shirt features the DPF logo filled with the word "Peace" in English, Korean, Arabic, Hebrew, Russian, Spanish and French. The shirts are made in a union shop in Cleveland, with all materials from the U.S. The shirts are available for \$15 (plus any donation you wish to make for shipping), in adult sizes small through 3X. Those who signed up for larger sizes at GA will be contacted personally about purchasing.

Intern Time!

It's that time again! The application process for the 2018 class of DPF Peace Interns will open on December 1st. Visit www.dpfweb.org for applications and more information.

We hope that you will encourage the peace-and-justice-minded young people in your life to consider applying for this life-changing opportunity.

Peace Interns start off their summer with a training in Indianapolis and then spend the rest of the summer serving in Disciples and UCC church camps and conferences, working with youth to discuss and teach about issues of peace and justice.

All applicants are required to have references provided, so don't wait till the last minute to get started. Applications and accompanying materials are due in mid-February. Email Phoebe Spier at dpfintern@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

We are hoping to work out another partnership with Global Ministries this summer, to add international interns to our roster.

DPF at Disciples Center

The DPF Executive Committee had the privilege of meeting with our new General Minister & President Teresa Hord-Owens during our fall meeting this year. It was an inspiring conversation. "The work of justice is my expression of gratitude for the gospel of Jesus Christ," Dr. Hord-Owens said. She also expressed interest in having DPF become part of the Justice Table.

We had the opportunity to have lunch with Paul Tche, president of the Council on Christian Unity, with whom we will continue partnering on the Just Peace-Making Church Initiative. We also met with Sotello Long and Lonna Owens at DHM, to build up our partner relationship. DHM provides bookkeeping and administrative support for DPF, for which we are very grateful. We thank God for all our partners!



Disciples Palestine Israel Network

The Disciples Palestine Israel Network is just getting started. Find them on Facebook by searching for "Disciples PIN". Currently, they are working with other faith groups to resist laws that would criminalize the work of the Boycott, Sanction, Divest movement, which aims to use non-violent means to pressure Israel to respect the human rights of Palestinians. Learn more at <http://www.globalministries.org/christian-leaders-call-on-congress-to-oppose-the-israel-anti-boycott-act>.



IN MEMORIAM

DPF remembers with gratitude the life of Rhodes Thompson, who passed away at Pilgrim Place in Claremont, CA, on August 13. Services were held October 22. Rhodes, along with his wife Lois, was the winner of the 2001 Will Wittkamper Peace Award.

Thank You!

We are so grateful for our regular and generous supporters! If you have already given your gift for the year, please consider this mailing simply a way to stay in the loop. Many of our donors rely on our quarterly appeals for a reminder to send in their gift.

We do welcome your year-end gifts, especially this year as we strive to meet our Peace Match Challenge! Your support is vital to the sustainability of DPF's ministry.