



DISCIPLES PEACE FELLOWSHIP ~ SUMMER 2021

NEWSNOTES

Meet the 2021 DPF Peace Interns!

ASHLYN BALDWIN (SHE/HER)



Ashlyn grew up attending church camps in the Alabama/Northwest Florida Region, and Peace Interns were a huge part of our faith development. "I thought that they were amazing and their passion inspired me to be more conscious about social justice topics. I have always loved hearing the stories they had and learning what they knew," she says. Ashlyn has a strong desire to be a change agent in a broken system, and a heart for reforming institutions from the inside. 2021 will be a huge year for Ashlyn: In December she will graduate from the University of North Alabama with a degree in Criminal Justice and in August she is getting married! Fun fact, Ashlyn has a cat named Loki, another cat named Calamity, a dog named Meeko, and a bunny named Tennant all named for her favorite movies, shows, and video games!

MARISA BLACK (SHE/HER)

A Junior double major at Wichita State University, Marisa studies Special Music Education and Music Performance (flute). A member of First Christian Church in Wellington, Kansas, she grew up attending camp at Disciples Center at Tawakoni. In fact, after completing her time as a camper, Marisa has returned to Tawakoni as a summer staff member, leading Challenge Courses there. One of her references described her like this, "The church is Marisa's deepest love. She has known such love within the walls and spaces of the church that she can't help but seek more opportunities and to share her convictions." More than anything else, she hopes to share the full welcome and inclusion of a loving God with everyone she meets this summer. Fun fact, Marisa's hometown of Wellington, KS is known as "The Wheat Capital of the World!"



KATE MYERS (SHE/HER)



Kate will graduate in December with a degree in Ethics and Social Change (with concentrations in Sociology and Religion) from the University of Evansville. She grew up at First Christian Church in Bloomington, IN and in her application noted that "the idea that I could get paid to travel around the country and teach children and adults about social justice sounds like a dream come true to me!" Kate has a passion for justice and a heart for creating meaningful dialogue. Intending to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker focused on therapy work, Kate hopes that this internship will help her develop her skills as a small group leader and facilitator of difficult conversations. Fun fact: Kate is taking a Jewelry Making Class as an elective this semester and she hopes to keep up with it even after the class is over!

PEACE INTERN PEN PALS!

For the last several years DPF has organized folks to send notes and care packages to our Peace Interns during the summer. The response has been GREAT!

While the mailings from their Pen Pals might look different this summer (they won't need quite as much sunscreen or bug spray!) your words of encouragement, care, and support are needed just as much as ever!

To sign up, fill out a quick form on the DPF website:

disciplespeace.org/penpals

You'll get an email response from our Mission Director Brian Frederick-Gray with your specific assignment and all the details you'll need.



Thanks for supporting the 2021 DPF Peace Interns with your letters, and care packages!



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Keep up with the 2021 DPF Peace Interns All Summer Long!



PEACE INTERN SUMMER



This summer DPF has built a Hybrid Model for the Peace Interns. Ashlyn, Kate, and Marisa will spend half of their summer attending Church Camps (In-Person Camps as well as Online-Only Camps) and the other half working remotely with Ministry Partners.

Peace Interns will be attending Camps in the following Regions: Alabama/NW Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Ohio, Southwest, and Tennessee!

They will also be working on specific projects in partnership with Disciples Justice Ministries, Green Chalice, DPF, Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel, and more!

TRAINING WEEK

Peace Intern Training Week took place at the end of May. DPF would like to thank all of the church leaders, peace activists, and justice partners who helped equip and prepare the Peace Interns for their summer of service.

We thank General Minister and President Rev. Terri Hord Owens, NAPAD Executive Pastor Rev. Chung Seung Kim, Obra Hispana National Pastor Rev. Lori Tapia, and National Convocation Interim Administrative Secretary Rev. Yvonne Gilmore.

We also thank Anti-Racism, Pro-Reconciliation Trainer Rev. Chesla Nickelson, Healthy Boundaries Trainer Rev. Dr. Jim Higginbotham, Spiritual Disciplines and Self-Care Trainer Rev. Randy Kuss, Peace Practices Trainers Krista Johnson Weiksel and Jennifer Williams, and Justice Bible Study Leader Rev. Stephen Yarbrough.

Additionally we thank our partners at AllianceQ, Green Chalice, Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel, Disciples Women's Ministries, OGMP, Global Ministries, Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries, Ministries Across Generations, and Disciples Public Presence. Blessings to you all!

TWO BRAND NEW E-NEWSLETTERS TO FOLLOW

There are two new peace and justice E-Newsletters that you can subscribe to!

Keep up with everything Disciples Peace Fellowship is doing by subscribing to ***"Peace Notes!"*** our brand new, monthly e-newsletter. *AND* you can hear about everything our partner ministries are doing by subscribing to ***Disciples Justice Ministries*** e-newsletter. They are both great sources for inspiration, justice news, event invitations, and points of connection. Use the links below to get signed up!

Subscribe to ***"Peace Notes!"***



Complete the form on our website at disciplespeace.org/monthly-peace-notes and you will start receiving DPF's E-Newsletter in your email inbox on the 15th of each month!

DoC Justice Ministries Newsletter



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The website also makes it easy to sign up for monthly automatic giving, which helps DPF by creating a consistent revenue stream all year long!

A Word from a Friend

Dear DPF friends,

As we prepare for another summer of working with DPF Peace Interns, the Disciples Peace Fellowship Executive Committee is stepping out in faith that we can meet the present and future hopes for working with these young leaders.

Each summer the Peace Interns do amazing work on behalf of the gospel imperative for peace and justice.

Last summer they discovered new and challenging ways to do that work during a pandemic — working remotely with online church camps while partnering with Disciples Ministry Groups on specific projects. As life shifts with the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines, this summer will be a hybrid of some camp experiences (in-person as well as online) along with partnering with other peace and justice ministries within the Disciples family and the ecumenical community.

The DPF Executive Committee thanks you for the ways you give financial, prayerful and emotional support to the peace interns. **There are two ways we are seeking your ongoing support for this mission as well as the overall work of Disciples Peace Fellowship.**

First, it has been several years since we increased the stipend that we provide our interns. This year we are increasing this amount by \$500 to each intern. This will add additional needs of \$1500 to the 2021 annual budget, and we seek your support for this stipend increase. DPF Executive Committee members have already agreed to increase their financial support this year, and we hope that you will join them!

Second, since this is a need for the future as well, I invite you to consider becoming a part of the Peace Circle by making DPF a part of your regular giving by making a recurring gift. Some give monthly. I choose to give quarterly while others make a significant gift annually. We have discovered that an annual membership of \$35 cannot sustain our work together. It will be through contributions given through a sustaining and steady commitment that we will grow our witness for peace and justice.

Brian Frederick-Gray, our Director for Mission Support & The Peace Intern Program, has been doing such thoughtful and grounded work with the Peace Interns as well as partnering with the Executive Committee to grow our presence and mission within and beyond the church. Your contributions support the amazing work of Brian as DPF's part-time staff person.

Again thank you all for your generosity!



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Peace,
Mary E. Jacobs
Disciples Peace Fellowship Treasurer