



DISCIPLES PEACE FELLOWSHIP ~ FALL 2022

# NEWSNOTES

## Thank You 2022 DPF Peace Interns!

DPF is so proud of our 2022 Peace Interns: Sophia Barnett, Erin Gresham, and Isaac Ackerman! They did AMAZING work as ambassadors for peace and justice this past summer!

Building on the success of our previous summer's Hybrid Model, Sophia, Erin, and Isaac attended in-person camps and conferences while also partnering with Disciples Justice Ministry groups to do remote work projects as well. The summer also included In-Person Training Week in Indianapolis, a Resource Development Week, and an In-Person Closing Retreat in Granbury, TX.

You can read more about their work from the summer in the pages of this edition of the NewsNotes and you can find a number of the resources they developed on DPF's website: [disciplespeace.org](https://disciplespeace.org). Thank you Sophia, Erin, and Isaac!



### 2022 PEACE INTERNSHIP BY THE NUMBER

- 17** In-Person Camps Attended
- 13** Blog Posts from the Summer
- 4** Peace and Justice Playlists Created
- 9,214** Miles Traveled as Ambassadors for Peace & Justice
- 3** New Peace Practices PDF's added to DPF's website
- 24** Different Facilitators for Online Training Week
- 115** Signatures Collected for the Korea Peace Appeal
- 1** Summer-long partnership with the Blue Theology Mission Station
- 4** Remote Work Week Projects with Disciples Justice Ministries groups
- 3** Absolutely Amazing Peace Interns who did Incredible Work this Summer!

### APPLYING TO BE A 2023 DPF PEACE INTERN



Disciples Peace Fellowship will be receiving applications for the 2022 Peace Intern program from November 14 through January 31. From there the Peace Intern Selection Team will be reviewing applications, scheduling interviews, and prayerfully discerning who will serve as Peace Interns in the summer of 2023!

If you know a young adult who would make an excellent ambassador for peace and justice, please share the Application Portal Web Address with them:

[disciplespeace.org/apply](https://disciplespeace.org/apply)

## PEACE INTERN PLAYLISTS!

Peace Intern Playlists allow DPF to take the workshops that Peace Interns lead at camps all summer and share them with the wider world!



For each Peace & Justice Playlist you'll find a series of resources including ice-breaker games, video clips, discussion starters, scripture suggestions, prayers, tangible take-aways, and much much more. Each Playlist is broken down into easy to navigate sections with specific headings along the lines of "Something to Break the Ice", "Something to Watch", "Something to Talk About", and "Something to Pray."

**Sophia, Erin, & Isaac created Playlists on the topics of Gun Violence, Immigration, Disability Justice, and Climate Justice.** They are AMAZING resources and you can find them all linked to the DPF Website at:

***[disciplespeace.org/Playlists](https://disciplespeace.org/Playlists)***

## CONGRATULATIONS REV. WENDY DAVIDSON!

Please join Disciples Peace Fellowship in celebrating that on Sunday October 8, 2022 at University Christian Church in Austin, Texas the Reverend Wendy Davidson was ordained into the Christian Ministry!

A Peace Intern in 2020, Wendy currently serves as the Associate Pastor at Heart of the Rockies Christian Church in Fort Collins, Colorado.

**Congratulations Rev. Wendy Davidson, and blessings on your ministry!**



***[disciplespeace.org/follow-the-interns](https://disciplespeace.org/follow-the-interns)***

Read all about the summer adventures of the 2022 DPF Peace Interns!

## 2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN LOUISVILLE, KY

Mark your calendars and start making plans—the 2023 Disciples General Assembly **"The Kingdom of God Within Us, Among Us"** will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, July 29-August 1, 2023.



At General Assembly 2023 you'll be able to engage in the dynamic discernment of the church, gather for energizing worship services, and deepen your faith with Bible study and workshops. **You can partner with DPF in these ways:**

- **Participate in multiple DPF led Workshops**
- **Meet the 2023 DPF Peace Interns**
- **Celebrate our 2023 DPF Peace Award Winners**
- **Join us at the DPF Breakfast on August 1st**
- **Work for Justice with Partners on the Ground**

You can learn more about the 2023 General Assembly at:

***[ga.disciples.org](https://ga.disciples.org)***

## NEW DPF PAMPHLETS!



Looking for materials about Disciples Peace Fellowship or the Peace Intern Program that you can share with your youth group, your congregation, or at a Regional Assembly?

Check out these new downloadable/printable pamphlets from Disciples Peace Fellowship and please share them widely!

***[disciplespeace.org/  
pamphlets](https://disciplespeace.org/pamphlets)***

## KOREA PEACE APPEAL

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ are responding to an urgent request from the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK), a longtime mission partner of Global Ministries, to join with them in supporting the [Korea Peace Appeal](https://en.endthekoreanwar.net) in calling for a formal, official end to the Korean War.

Disciples have been asked to collect 10,000 signatures supporting the [Korea Peace Appeal](https://en.endthekoreanwar.net), and Disciples Peace Fellowship has committed to collecting at least 1000 of those signatures!

You can learn more and sign on at:

***[en.endthekoreanwar.net](https://en.endthekoreanwar.net)***



## SAVE THE DATE: EAD 2023

Ecumenical Advocacy Days will be held on **April 25-27** and will have the theme "Achieving Enough for All & Pursuing Peace."



## KEEP UP WITH DPF!



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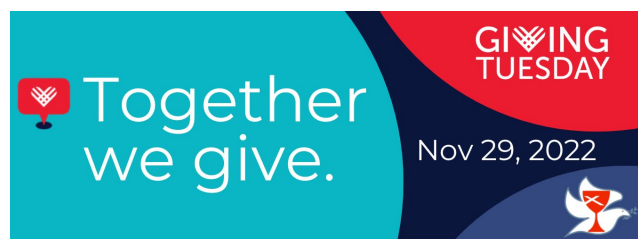
website: [disciplespeace.org](https://disciplespeace.org)



email: [missiondirector@disciplespeace.org](mailto:missiondirector@disciplespeace.org)



## GIVING TUESDAY 2022



Giving Season is nearly upon us. You can support Disciples Peace Fellowship on **Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022** with a secure online donation!

Click the **"Donate Now"** button at:

***[disciplespeace.org/give](https://disciplespeace.org/give)***

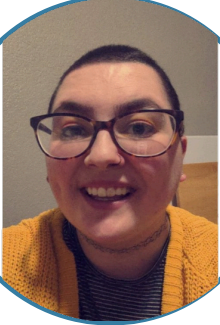


# A Word from Our Friends

Dear Friends of Disciples Peace Fellowship,

Your support made our experiences as 2022 Peace Interns possible! Here is a quick word from each of us:

## Erin Gresham



*If I had to pick just one word to describe my experience as a Peace Intern this summer it would be, thankful. The feeling of thankfulness that you know deep in your gut, deep in your soul. The thankfulness where you can't stop saying to God, "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" The feeling of thankfulness that sprouts from the unending love that God promised us with his child Jesus Christ. The love that is so strong, it almost hurts because it is so powerful! It is experiences like this that make me understand the poetic and celebratory scripture of Psalm 100, "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness and bring your praises with joyful songs!"*

## Isaac Ackerman

*Thank you DPF for this wonderful experience! The Peace Intern Summer is quite the rollercoaster! I will hold close to my heart the weeks of ups and downs as I navigated how to make peace and justice abound during a summer that began with the shooting in Uvalde, Texas. The work of peace is heavy and the journey of justice is long, but the way stations and fellow pilgrims make it all worthwhile.*



## Sophia Barnett



*I've been describing my Peace Intern Summer by saying, "God has equipped me for every good work!" Through my time as a Peace Intern God has declared clarity of my vision, instilled in me growing Wisdom, birthed in me new aspirations, healed wounds, mended relationships, ejected some folks, tested my vulnerability, flooded love in my heart with/for/from so many, and created a balance of confidence that I have in Him within myself! I can no longer hear the knock of injustices and hesitate. I must answer wherever I am called! Thank you DPF!*

It is the faithful support and financial generosity of the DPF Members and Friends that underwrites the Peace Intern Program! You can make a secure gift online by visiting the DPF website and making a donation (the link is in the box below). Or you can fill out the donation card in this edition of the NewsNotes and send it along with your check in the included envelope [mailing address: Disciples Peace Fellowship, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206].



[disciplespeace.org/give](https://disciplespeace.org/give)

*Our friends at DHM make it so easy to securely give online to Disciples Peace Fellowship! The DPF website also allows you to sign up for monthly automatic giving, which helps DPF by creating a consistent revenue stream all year long!*

Thank you for your generosity and faithful support of DPF and the Peace Intern Program!

In Christ,  
The 2022 DPF Peace Interns  
Erin Gresham, Isaac Ackerman,  
and Sophia Barnett