

# Institute for Peace & Justice Annual Report, 2006-2007

## Program Developments

### **IPJ Expands Presence at Eden Theological Seminary**

IPJ's move to Eden in January 2006 provides much more than a new location. Kathy and Jim McGinnis taught a course on "Christian Education for Peace & Justice" and a weekend retreat on a "Christian Response to Poverty." Eden intern Nahnahsha Deas and contextual education students Robin Labolt and Michael Coons enabled us to expand our work on campus as well as in the community, especially with the "SOS Process" and public witness against the war in Iraq.

### **"Solving Our Situations" (SOS), Violent Offenders Program (VOP) and Mentor Program**

In collaboration with the St. Louis Public Schools, the Center for Women in Transition, the St. Louis Board of Probation & Parole, and the Marianist Community, and with the assistance of ex-offender "SOS" trainers, Gary Ingram and Joe Jackson, the "SOS" problem-solving process is now part of the curriculum at St. Mary's and Vianney High Schools and a highly successful program at the Board of Probation & Parole. The "SOS" programs for women ex-offenders expanded to include the teenage children of these women, thanks to the leadership of Nahnahsha Deas and funding through the Tom Grant Memorial Internship Program. Jim McGinnis' work with the VOP at Missouri Eastern Correctional Center and Kathy's mentoring through CWIT led to IPJ's being asked to start a mentoring program for men ex-offenders.

### **Peace Witness, Retreats and Adult Education**

Through Jim McGinnis' efforts, IPJ escalated its outreach and witness for peace in Iraq as part of the "Occupation Project." Jim's powerpoint presentation on "National Security" was a helpful tool as part of his 3-week series on "Security from a Biblical Perspective" at First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood, MO. Jim's presentation on Dr. King as part of the closing of the Season for Nonviolence has led to a project that will feature a multi-artistic expression of Dr. King's message, especially for youth. Kathy and Jim led a retreat on "Peacemaking" for Jim & Shelley Douglass in Birmingham, AL.

### **Racial Justice**

Through Kathy McGinnis' efforts, IPJ continues to be part of the Diversity Coalition of St. Louis and Bridges to the Healing of Racism. These groups are working on ways to get more people involved in working for racial justice at the local church, high school and elementary school level. Through the Diversity Coalition we are also working on producing an updated list of vendors owned and operated by people of color. Kathy's workshops in Bermuda helped to bring new energy to interracial efforts for justice on the island.

### **Pre-School Peacemaking**

IPJ began marketing the Preschool Peace Tote Bag, for educators and parents, which proved to be an excellent resource as part of the workshops that Kathy McGinnis and Do Kirk did for Montessori educators during the year.

### Teens Acting for Peace (TAP)

This unique youth violence prevention training program continues to expand. In southeast Pennsylvania, youth working with the United Church of Christ conducted "peace camps" during the year as well as the summer. High school youth in Cincinnati were trained to teach the Pledge of Nonviolence in area elementary schools, and 8th grade youth in St. Louis were also trained to teach the Pledge to the other grades in their schools.

### Educator and Family Workshops

Kathy and Jim McGinnis continue to do workshops for elementary and secondary school faculties in St. Louis and nationally, including educators in Louisville, KY, Waterloo, IL, and at the National Catholic Education Association convention in Baltimore; plus parents, educators, and pastors in Bermuda. Jim, as "Francis the Clown," did several programs on the Pledge of Nonviolence for elementary schools.

### Restorative Justice in Schools

Under the umbrella of the Community Conflict Services Center, IPJ has been collaborating on introducing restorative discipline practices in the middle school. We have been part of a pilot program at one of the middle schools in the St. Louis Public Schools.

### Harcourt Religion Continues to Expand IPJ Impact

Harcourt supplemented the curricular pieces that Jim McGinnis has written for them the past 3 years with two new projects - Jim's Study Guides for the challenging films of Gerald Thomas Straub on the faces and stories of poverty, plus a Guidebook for K-8 Principals on Catholic Social Teaching.

### "Peace Pieces" and IPJ Online

Thanks to Pat Garnett, IPJ's office manager, this bi-monthly email resource is now reaching 1700+ leaders in ministry in North America and those IPJ Shareholders for whom we have email addresses (300+), providing inspiration, analysis, action suggestions, and resources for teachers, families, youth leaders, advocates, and worship leaders. Most of IPJ's major presentations are available online as pdf files.

## Financial Report

### INCOME

Honoraria .....	\$ 19,780.00
Royalties .....	\$ 834.00
Grants .....	\$ 45,500.00
Fundraising .....	\$ 64,408.00
Denominational Contrib. ....	\$ 7,000.00
Sales .....	\$ 18,957.00
<b>Total Incomes .....</b>	<b>\$ 156,479.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Programming Expenses .....	\$ 1,948.00
Salaries & Benefits .....	\$ 115,790.00
Consultants/Contractors .....	\$ 19,397.00
Operating Expenses .....	\$ 14,853.00
Fundraising & Marketing .....	\$ 5,959.00
Cost of Goods Sold .....	\$ 9,109.00
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 167,056.00</b>

Excess Revenue over Expenses .....	\$ -9,077.00
Loan.....	\$ 1,500.00
Loan Repayments .....	\$ 1,500.00
Excess Expenses over Revenue .....	\$ -9,077.00
Note: Debt owed Jim & Kathy McGinnis for back Salary .....	\$ 27,750.00