



Iowa Peace Network

4100 6th Ave,

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Dear friends,

Thank you for your support of Iowa Peace Network this year of 2015-2016. We continue to receive support through Joint Oversight Committee representation and donations from various congregations and state conferences from our four founding/ supporting church denominations.

We published and sent journal/newsletters to over 600 organizations, churches, and individuals throughout the year. Our goal is to publish these 3-4 times a year. We cover peace and justice events in Iowa, current peace/ justice issues world-wide, as well as editorials and book reviews. Among other things, this year we covered and promoted issues such as justice in education, thoughts on the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Fast Track Authority, Israel & Palestine 101, and a story of inspiration by witnessing the forgiveness of Christians in Iraq. In addition, we continue to email a weekly peace calendar of state-wide events to approximately 350 individuals and organizations. We continue to hear appreciation of this work.

We maintain IPN's website, www.iowapeacenet.org, and a Facebook page. This includes adding posts regularly and updating the events page weekly. This expands our reach; we are able to track the site visits, and articles continue to be read. This shares perspectives on peace & justice, and hopefully spurs on others to act for peace and justice. IPN has also cosponsored, attended, and reported on various events this year including the the Palm Sunday Procession for Peace, Annual Walk for Peace & Justice sponsored by MFSA (Methodist Federation for Social Action), the Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration event, WILPF's Strong Feisty Woman event, and also a Climate Change rally event. We helped plan and are in the midst of planning events in the Des Moines area including the Hiroshima/ Nagasaki event and a presentation by CPTTr's in June. We hosted a table/ booth at both the Mennonite and Brethren district conferences, and we hosted our annual Holiday Open House along with an Alternative Gift Faire on Dec. 6, 2015, since the date of the last report.

We thank you for your financial support in the past, and covet it for the future. We believe the work we're doing is a vital part of the fabric of the peace community in Iowa.

In appreciation, IPN Staff and Members of the Joint Oversight Committee
Jess Hoffert (convener) Rev. Gary Nims (alternate convener) Patty Wengert
(alternate convener) Joel Beane, Myrna Frantz (Secretary), Sue
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