



Iowa Peace Network

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Dear friends,

The Joint Oversight Committee and I would like to thank you for your continued support this year - 2016-2017. We continue to appreciate your church's participation in the Joint Oversight Committee and donations from various congregations, individuals, 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. Among other things, this year we covered and promoted issues such as human trafficking, CPS - both an American history and an Iowan history, a restorative justice program in Polk County, features on Martin Luther King, Jr., and an idea on fees and dividends to curb climate change problems, among many others.

In addition, we continue to email a weekly peace calendar of state-wide events to approximately 350 individuals and organizations. We hear continued appreciation of this work.

We maintain IPN's website, www.iowapecenetwork.org, and a Facebook page. This includes adding posts regularly and updating the events page weekly. Many articles bring over 1000 views over the course of several months. 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 Palm Sunday Procession for Peace, Annual Walk for Peace & Justice sponsored by MFSA (Methodist Federation for Social Action), the Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration event, as well as several other events. In June we hosted and planned a Christian Peacemaker Teams talk by two CPTer's in June, and later we hosted our annual Holiday Open House along with an Alternative Gift Faire on Dec. 3, 2016. We hosted the co-founder and another staff from Nonviolent Peaceforce of the Twin Cities to present at our Open House- we were happy it was well attended and there were many good comments on their presentation as well.

We thank you for your giving, and covet it for the future. We believe the work we're doing is important and helpful to the persons we reach throughout the year.

In appreciation, IPN Staff and Members of the Joint Oversight Committee
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