Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice Annual Meeting Minutes November 6, 2004 Trinity United Church of Christ

Present were board members George Gelles (Co-Chair), Rosie Bolen, Bill Collinge, Pam Frankenfield, Ginger Riley, Emilio Rodriguez, Susann Samples, Kristen Urban, Denise Weldon-Siviy, and about 26 other people.

After a potluck supper, Co-Chair George Gelles called the meeting to order at about 7:00 p.m. He welcomed all those present and invited everyone to introduce themselves, which was done.

On a motion by Susann Samples, seconded by Pam Frankenfield, the <u>minutes</u> of the meeting of November 8, 2003, were approved.

<u>Chair=s Report.</u> George briefly reported on the Center=s activities during 2003-2004: Lou and Pat Hammann received the 2004 Peacemaker Award. Being present, they were recognized with applause. Twenty-five children attended Peace Camp. The Heritage Festival was very well attended.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>. Bill Collinge gave the report on behalf of Lakshmi Viswanathan. During the year our treasury reached zero a couple of times, but it now stands at around \$1000, as responses to the annual appeal have been coming in.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>. Bill Collinge announced the following events that are sponsored or cosponsored by the ICPJ:

Second Saturday Peace Vigil, November 13, 11 a.m.-12 noon, Steinwehr Avenue entrance to the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Lecture by Calvin Lightfoot, prison expert and former warden, "Offenders Coming Home: The Re-Integration Process," Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Gettysburg United Methodist Church.

He then announced the following events that are sponsored by other groups:

Lecture by Rabbi Michael Lerner, "A Spiritual Path to Peace," Thursday, November 11, 11:30 a.m., Gettysburg College Chapel.

Lecture by Dr. Muhammad Yunus, "Grameen Bank, Micro-Credit, and the Challenge to Ending Global Poverty," Tuesday, November 16, 8:00 p.m., Room 260, College Union Building, Gettysburg College.

Other announcements.

Jan Powers reported on a meeting between members of the Carlisle Peace College and a representative of the Army War College, who gave advice on things peace people could be doing in the present situation.

Pearl Hoffman recommended a book, What Price Israel? by Alfred Lilienthal.

<u>Website</u>. George noted that the ICPJ now has a website, <u>www.icpj-gettysburg.org</u>, and commended Rosie Bolen for her work in setting it up.

<u>Election</u>. Bill Collinge and Denise Weldon-Siviy expressed willingness to serve new terms on the Board. On a motion by Pam Frankenfield, seconded by Rosie Bolen, they were elected unanimously. There remain two vacancies on the Board, in addition to the Student Representative.

The business portion of the meeting concluded at 7:30, at which point Susann Samples introduced featured speaker Kristen Urban, who spoke about and showed slides from her recent semester in Bahrain.

Minutes submitted by

Bill Collinge, Secretary