

Annals of the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice

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1985

A series of meetings, chaired by Elaine Jones, during the first eight months of the year led to the decision to establish a permanent peace center in Gettysburg.

A Walk for Peace was held on September 20 to benefit the new center, with send-off speeches by Reverend Robert Koons and Judge John MacPhail.

The Center was awarded a \$2500 matching grant from the Peace Development Fund to support its work.

The Center was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization November 7. It opened its office at 26 North Washington St. in Gettysburg, on December 1, holding an open house on December 8.

Sister Sally Tolles, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, was appointed Coordinator. The founding Board, elected November 21, was Elaine Jones (President), Lionel Walker (Vice President), Marianne Crouthamel (Secretary), William Wilson (Treasurer), Gene Albright, Frederick Foltz, Nate Jefferson, Blanche Jenson, Darryl Jones, Will Lane, Anne Showalter, Mary Kay Turner.

The Center began to send out a monthly newsletter to individuals and churches. Volume 1, Number 1, was mailed in December. It was two mimeographed pages long.

1986

During the year, the center conducted programs on the Middle East, Quest for Peace (which provides aid to Central America), and other topics and worked to establish sister-city relationships with cities in the Soviet Union and Nicaragua. It also sponsored some small study groups. It maintained a resource library of books and videos for the community. The newsletter appeared six times.

In the spring of 1986, a plan proposed by the Center was adopted as the basis for the celebrations of the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Peace Light. The idea was that, as the Peace Light celebrates "Peace Eternal in a Nation United," so the commemoration should celebrate "Peace Eternal in a World United." On September 12, an initial meeting was held at Gettysburg

College, and the Gettysburg Peace Celebration Commission was formed. Judge Oscar Spicer was the President of the executive board, and Will Lane was the program chairman.

The Walk for Peace was held on October 19, raising pledges of \$3,320 for the Center.

The Annual Meeting and Potluck was held on November 14, with Rev Dr. John Vannorsdall, chaplain at Yale University and former chaplain at Gettysburg College, as featured speaker.

Board 1986-87: Marianne Crouthamel, Frederick Foltz, Beth Gibbon, Darryl Jones, Will Lane, Elaine Jones, Jim Kalbaugh, John MacPhail, Jan Powers, Jim Roach, Dick Scott, Mary Kay Turner, B. Tim Wagner, Lionel Walker, Bill Wilson.

1987

The newsletter appeared eight times, growing to as long as sixteen pages.

A square dance was held on August 22, with Slim Harrison and the West Orrtanna String Band, to benefit the Center and Project Gettysburg/León.

The Peace Walk was held on October 11, raising nearly \$4000.

Sister Sally Tolles resigned as Coordinator, effective December 1, and Will Lane was appointed interim Coordinator.

The Annual Meeting and Banquet was held on December 4. Officers elected were Marianne Crouthamel, President; Richard Scott, Vice President; Candy Paulson, Secretary; Bill Wilson, Treasurer. Other board members were Rev. Frederick Foltz, Beth Gibbon, Rev. J. Stewart Hardy, Elaine Jones, Will Lane, John MacPhail, Tim McCarthy, Jan Powers, Jim Roach, and Mary Kay Turner.

1988

The newsletter appeared ten times, being mailed to 700 recipients.

In January the Board decided to hire an office manager to assist the Coordinator. Karen Minnich became the first office manager.

A vigil for peace in Nicaragua was held at the Peace Light from January 31 to February 3, continuously. Will Lane, Center coordinator, was one of the organizers.

The Center sponsored a performance of *Peace Child*, a musical play telling a story of children bringing peace to the world. The play involved a traveling international cast of children, including 12 from the Soviet Union, and a group of local children. The first Peace Camp was held June 27-July 1 in connection with the play. About 165 children were involved. Doris Deaner served as Music Coordinator, and Dennis Cope was Choral Director. Mary Kay Turner coordinated the organizing committee. A peace quilt was made, under the supervision of Celeste Lauritsen, which is still in the possession of the Center. On August 1 there was a welcoming ceremony for the international cast, including a balloon release, on the steps of the old post office. The play was performed on July 6 and 7 at Riegle Auditorium, Gettysburg Junior High School. Jan Powers and Chris Gladfelter were the coordinators of the Peace Child project.

Jim Roach, who was Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services for the Gettysburg National Military Park as well as an ICPJ board member, made a proposal that the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg include a peace theme, focusing on the 50th anniversary of the Peace Light on the Battlefield. This led to the formation of the Gettysburg Peace Celebration Commission (GPCC), in which the ICPJ played a major role. Under the aegis of the GPCC, a series of events was organized throughout the year. The central event was rededication of the Peace Light on July 3, featuring Governor Robert P. Casey, with Carl Sagan as the main speaker. About 12-15,000 people were present. A highlight of the program was a march and a brief performance by the *Peace Child* children. "The procession of the children crossing the fields dressed in white, carrying flags from around the world, has been cited by more than one observer as the most stirring event of the day" (Newsletter, August 1988).

The GPCC also, along with the ICPJ, Gettysburg College, Mount Saint Mary's College, and Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, sponsored the Gettysburg Peace Symposium, titled "Economic, Ecological, and Spiritual Approaches to World Peace," September 23-25. Most events were held at Gettysburg College, with a few events at Mount St. Mary's. Featured speakers included Frances Moore Lappé, Barry Commoner, Elizabeth Dodson Gray, and George Lopez. Noel Stookey ("Paul" of Peter, Paul, and Mary) gave an opening concert with his band, Bodyworks. About 1000 people attended some part of the symposium.

The Center received a \$2000 grant from the United Church of Christ regional office.

The Sixth Annual Walk for Peace was held on October 23, raising over \$200 in pledges. A concluding program was held at the Peace Light.

The Peace Child cast members gave a performance for a group of 7 visiting Soviet mayors on November 22.

Yvonne Small spoke at 1988 Annual Meeting: "Palestine: Hope and Suffering in the Promised Land." The meeting was held on Sunday, November 20.

1988-89 Board: Jan Powers (President), Jim Roach (Vice President), Bill Wilson (Treasurer), Mary Kay Turner (Secretary), Marianne Crouthamel, Bill Collinge, Fritz Foltz, Stewart Hardy, Frank Herman, Tim McCarthy, Candy Paulson, Tricia Pitney, Judy Pyle, Dick Scott. Added during 1989: Karen Evans, Larry Gregorio.

1989

Will Lane was Coordinator. Karen Minnich-Sadler was Office Manager until her resignation, effective in September. Mary Kay Turner succeeded her.

The newsletter appeared eight times. Circulation peaked at 1100.

ICPJ cooperated with Gettysburg College in sponsoring an Initiatives II retreat, January 28-29, near Frederick, MD, on poverty and political conflict in Central America. 67 people attended.

The Center was actively involved in organizing and publicizing the Martin Luther King Celebration.

The Center was involved in organizing the CROP Walk, May 7.

The second annual Peace Camp was held June 26-30, at Keefauver School, with about 90 young people, ages 6-14, in attendance. Directors were Mary Kay Turner and Marcia Gregorio.

The Center began work on "Rainbow Theater," involving a racially and ethnically diverse group of high school students and with the theme of interracial understanding and respect for cultural diversity. The first public event connected with the project was a day-long workshop on diversity, July 29. 17 people attended.

An ecumenical service for peace was held at St. Francis Xavier Church on August 6 to commemorate the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing. The Rev. Dr. Herman Stuempfle, retiring President of the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, was the principal speaker.

On August 29, the Center hosted a touring group of 15 teen-aged singers and dancers from Latvia. The contact with the Latvians grew out of Peace Child. The Center held a

picnic for them at the Peace Light, and in the evening the Latvians gave a song-and-dance performance.

A “Strengthening the Roots” Conference was held September 22-24 at Camp Eder, “to explore strategies for social change and offer training to peace, environmental, and social justice organizations within the Middle Atlantic region.” Randy Kehler, war tax resister, gave the opening address.

Danne Lakin designed our “People of the Earth are One” logo.

The Center began a Speakers’ Bureau, making speakers available to the local community. Jan Powers gave the first presentation, October 15, on Gandhi, for Trinity United Church of Christ Adult Sunday School.

Eighth annual Walk for Peace was held on October 22. About 60 people took part.

The Annual Banquet was held on November 12. Harry Mattison spoke about his experiences as a photojournalist in Central America and South Africa.

Board for 1989-90: Jan Powers (President), Bill Collinge (Vice President), Bill Wilson (Treasurer), Frank Chiteji, Marianne Crouthamel, Karen Evans (resigned, replaced in May by David Hair), Fritz Foltz, Larry Gregorio, Frank Herman (resigned June, replaced by Will Lane), Marty Malone, Timothy McCarthy (resigned; replaced in August by Mary Livingston), Mike Miller (resigned October, replaced by Jerry Depew), Tricia Pitney, Judy Pyle (resigned, replaced by T. W. Burger in August), Clare Shumway (resigned October, replaced by Dick Wood).

On November 29, the Déjà-Vu Night of Sixties Music raised \$1100 for the Center.

1990

Will Lane was Coordinator but resigned effective May 1. Neal Kentch was hired as Interim Coordinator. Linda Schmidt became Coordinator on October 15. Mary Kay Turner was Office Manager.

The newsletter appeared six times. The circulation list was reduced.

The center sponsored a workshop with William Sloane Coffin, “New Directions for the Peace Movement,” on January 21.

In March, the Center received a grant of \$2500 from the Peace Development Fund to support its programs.

The Center joined with Project Gettysburg/León to send out a mailing on the Nicaraguan elections.

In July, the ICPJ began participation in Adopt-a-Highway program, cleaning up a two-mile stretch of Route 34 north of Gettysburg.

The Rainbow Theater project sponsored a workshop and performance, "Can I Speak for You, Brother?" by Phillip Walker, April 28. Performances of Rainbow Theater play, "Gonna Raise Myself Up," were June 8 and 9. Eleven students, of a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, formed the cast. Chris Gladfelter was the director of the project, and Patrice Smith was the artistic director.

Mary Kay Turner coordinated Peace Camp June 25-29 at Keefauver Elementary School. About 75 young people took part. Adams County Commissioner Catherine Cowan was one of the speakers.

On June 28, the ICPJ co-sponsored an interfaith service affirming cultural diversity and human rights. The service coincided with a planned rally of the Ku Klux Klan in Kingsdale.

An ecumenical service at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church on the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, August 6, raised \$175 for the Center. Susan Collinge was the principal organizer; Neal Kentch wrote the litany.

On August 21, the Center organized the first of a series of meetings to discuss the formation of a human rights commission for the local area.

The Center co-sponsored a candlelight vigil at Gettysburg College in observance of the United Nations sponsored World Summit for Children.

A Center proposal for a symposium commemorating the centenary of Dwight Eisenhower's birth, "Eisenhower's Legacy for the Nation," based on themes of Eisenhower's Farewell Address, was approved. The Symposium was held October 13, funded by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, Gettysburg College, Mount Saint Mary's College, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Robert Siegel of NPR gave the introduction. There were then four sessions, each with a moderator and three speakers, including former CIA Director William Colby and environmentalist Amory Lovins. The symposium had been intended to follow an academic conference on Eisenhower at the College but ended up partially conflicting with it. Attendance at the symposium was disappointing.

The Center sponsored a square dance fund-raiser on November 4. The Orrtanna Mountain Steamers performed.

The 1990 Annual Meeting and Potluck was held on November 11, with Helen Hollingsworth, Staff Director of the Disarmament Committee of the American Friends Service Committee, Middle Atlantic Region, as speaker.

1990-91 Board: Will Lane (President), Bill Collinge (Vice President), Bill Wilson (Treasurer), Larry Gregorio (Secretary), Terry Burger, Frank Chiteji, Fritz Foltz, Rod Gisick, Mary Livingston, Marty Malone, Paula Neun, Tricia Pitney, Jan Powers, Lakshmi Viswanathan, Dick Wood. Lakshmi Viswanathan became Treasurer in May 1991.

In December, the ICPJ and others held weekly vigils on Lincoln Square against the gathering Persian Gulf War. On December 12, the Center organized an interfaith service for peace in the Persian Gulf. The service was held at St. James Lutheran Church.

1991

The newsletter appeared six times. The size was reduced from twelve to eight to four pages.

The ICPJ held a series of programs, "Operation Olive Branch," at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. On January 28, the theme was "Personal Responses to the Persian Gulf War." On February 4, the theme was "Consequences of Victory in the Persian Gulf." On February 18, the theme was "Just War or Just Peace?" On February 25, it was "Clashing Cultures—Arabic and Western," and on March 4, it was "Toward a New World Order." On March 11, the theme was "The Environmental Effects of War," and on March 18 the program featured Muna Al Muwanis, a Kuwaiti refugee, and two other speakers from the Middle East.

We had to leave the space at 26 N. Washington St., as the College was demolishing the building. We were offered space at the Presbyterian Church, 218 Baltimore St., and moved into it in on February 9.

A youth endowment fund of more than \$1400 was established in memory of Arthur Rice.

In March, the Center again began efforts toward the formation of a county-wide human rights task force. This time the project was successful, and on August 7, the Adams County Human Relations Council was officially formed. It exists to this day.

The Center scheduled a spring retreat, "Foundations for Just Peaceliving," April 19-20, at Camp Eder, but it was canceled due to lack of enrollment. To some extent, it was refashioned into the September retreat.

Records begin to speak of “ongoing fiscal crunch” (April 23 minutes). The checking account balance as of April 23 was negative. Reduction in staff hours was contemplated, as well as reduction in newsletter size and frequency.

Jane Malone, Marty Malone, and Mary Patrick represented the ICPJ at a conference on Dismantling Racism, sponsored by the Peace Development Fund and held in Philadelphia June 8-9.

Jan Powers coordinated Peace Camp at the Keefauver School, June 24-28. The theme was “International Understanding and Conflict Resolution.” There were 50 6-12 year olds enrolled.

We hosted a group of about 25 Soviet Georgian folk dancers on July 21. We showed them around the battlefield, and then they gave a performance at the Gettysburg United Methodist Church.

The Center sponsored a Futures-Invention Workshop, “Envisioning a Peaceable Community in Adams County,” at Camp Eder, September 27-28. Thirty people attended. At this workshop the idea of the Heritage Festival was formulated. Its purpose was to recognize ethnic heritages that are often overlooked; one specific purpose for having a Festival in 1992 was to provide an alternative to celebrations of the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus’s first expedition.

The center began its first Open Forum lecture series, with Colman McCarthy speaking on September 22 at St. James Lutheran Church and on September 23 at Gettysburg College and Mount Saint Mary’s on “How to Be an Effective Peacemaker.”

The Annual Meeting and potluck was held on November 3. Ann Thomas spoke about Peace Links, an education/action citizen diplomacy group which focused on relations with the Soviet Union, and Sandy Thomas, defense aide to Senator Tom Harkin, spoke on the opportunities for spending money for human need in the world rather than defense.

Board 1991-92: Rod Gisick (President), Bill Collinge (Vice President), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Martin Malone (Secretary), Jerry Depew, Sharon Emmons, Fritz Foltz, Jackie Jury, Will Lane, Mary Livingston, Paula Neun, Tricia Pitney, Tim Sadler, Bill Wilson, Dick Wood, Jennifer Ryder (student representative). Noel Hart joined the Board in March, and Steve White joined in April.

1992

Linda Schmidt was Coordinator and Mary Kay Turner Office Manager, resigning in the fall. At that time, Patti Wise replaced her.

The newsletter appeared eight times in 1992. Paula Neun was Editor.

Fund raising was a continuing preoccupation of Board minutes. Later, representation of minority communities became an issue.

A book discussion group on race and racism was meeting regularly. This was an outgrowth of the 1991 Dismantling Racism conference. The group continued to meet until 2003, but after 1998 it shifted its focus to other topics.

The Open Forum Lecture series continued, with Betty Myers speaking on “The History of the Black Community in Adams County” on February 3, Rev. James T. Delaney speaking on “Non-Violent Conflict Resolution” on February 11, former Adams County Commissioner Catherine Cowan speaking on “Current State Activities to Protect Your Health” on March 2, and Professor John Murungi (Towson State University) speaking on “The Rule of Law: An Asset or Liability to World Peace?” April 6. The lectures by Cowan and Murungi were held in Christ Chapel basement, Gettysburg College; the others were held at the Gettysburg United Methodist Church. Marty Malone was the principal organizer of the lecture series.

A general membership meeting was called for June 9, but only one person came who was not a board member.

Peace Camp was held June 22-26 at Keefauver Elementary School, with Sharon Kaya Emmons coordinating.

The first Adams County Heritage Festival was held on Sunday, September 6, at the Gettysburg Recreation Park. Despite pouring rain, or perhaps because of it, the event showed great community spirit.

Yvonne Small spoke at the Annual Meeting on September 27 on “Organizing Community Efforts in Peacemaking.”

1992-3 Board: Rod Gisick (President), Bill Collinge (Vice President), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Martin Malone (Secretary), Arturo Bermejo, Sharon Emmons, Reyna Fallon, Fritz Foltz, Noel Hart, Harold Hodgson, Will Lane, Paula Neun, Steve White, Dick Wood, Jennifer Ryder (student representative), Brian Harward (student representative).

Linda Schmidt continued as Coordinator, and Patti Wise as office manager.

For the fall 1992 Open Forum series, Martin Lee of Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting spoke on September 29. In October 11, a panel on the 1992 election, “Justice, Peace, and the Presidential Campaign,” with Elaine Jones of the League of Conservation Voters, Ken

Eshleman of Messiah College, and Michael Towle of Mount Saint Mary's College, was held at Christ Lutheran Church.

1993

Susann Samples gave the first Open Forum lecture, "Die Mauer im Kopf or Germany Today," January 26. Dick and Elizabeth Scott spoke on "The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: What Promotes It and What Thwarts It," February 23. On March 23, Norberto Valdez of Western Maryland College spoke on Central America. The first two lectures were at the Gettysburg United Methodist Church, and the third was at Christ Chapel, Gettysburg College.

The book discussion group continued to meet through the year. Its focus was on race and racism.

The Center held a retreat on February 27 at Gettysburg College to reflect on its own future, in light of its continuing financial difficulties and the impending departure of Coordinator Linda Schmidt and Chair Rod Gisick. Questions discussed included: Is it time to disband? Can we continue to pay staff? If so, how will we raise the money? If not, can we continue as an all-volunteer organization? Who would do the work?

Though it was not finally decided at the retreat, the decision was made in steps to continue as an all-volunteer organization. Coordinator Linda Schmidt resigned in March, and Rod Gisick resigned effective in April, with Bill Collinge succeeding him as Chair. In March, Paula Neun, who had been being paid to edit the newsletter, resigned her position. Office Manager Patty Wise resigned in the late spring. There was no money to hire replacements for the paid staff.

We were \$132.88 in the red at the April Board meeting, at which a collection was taken up to pay bills. A May phonathon brought us out of debt.

On April 14, Bill Collinge represented the ICPJ at the meeting at which the Gettysburg Interchurch Network for Social Concerns was formed. The ICPJ continued to be represented on that body at least until 2005.

Peace Camp was canceled.

The newsletter was revived by Bill Collinge and Sharon Kaya Emmons and reappeared in September for the first time since March. It appeared four times in 1993, which has been its approximate annual frequency ever since.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 11. Despite wind and a power failure, it was a success, with about 350 people attending.

The Annual Meeting and potluck was held at St. James Lutheran Church, October 10, with the featured speakers being Marian Franz and Eric Harteis of the National Committee for a Peace Tax Fund.

1993-94 Board: Bill Collinge (President), Sharon Kaya Emmons (Vice President), Will Lane (Secretary), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Arturo Bermejo, Lauren Brégy (student representative), Dean Duncan, Reyna Fallon, Frances Foltz, Fritz Foltz, Pam Frankenfield, Noel Hart, Harold Hodgson, Megan Malone (student representative), Diana and John Rarig, Susann Samples, Steve White.

On December 6, Kathy Guthrie, from the Friends Committee on National Legislation, began the 1993-94 Open Forum series, speaking at the United Methodist Church on "Lobbying for Peace."

1994

The office was reopened, staffed by volunteers. However, in February the Center received notice from the Presbyterian Church that it would have to move. In April we moved to the Parish House of St. James Lutheran Church, 109 York St. Many of the Center's belongings were put in storage in the basement of the Gettysburg College Chapel, where some remained until 2016.

The book group continued to meet monthly.

Open Forum Lectures: Sam and Maggie Mudd spoke on "The New Eastern Europe: A Slide Lecture on Slovakia Today," February 28. Jeremy Barnes spoke on "Myths, Lies and Stereotypes: Some Personal Reminiscences of South Africa," on April 25.

Peace Camp co-chairs were Megan Malone, Candy Walker, and Frances Foltz. The camp was held June 27-July 1. 67 children attended. The theme was "Peace on Earth, Let It Begin with Me." Each day had a theme, successively: Peace within ourselves, Peace in our homes, Peace with our friends, Peace in the community, Peace on Earth.

The Colors of Love Youth Workshop grew out of Peace Camp. Involving a dozen or so youth of varied ethnicities, it gave dramatic and musical performances on the theme of eliminating racial prejudice. Pam Frankenfield was its director.

Much of the Center's lending library was given to the Adams County Library, but it was returned in 1995. Some of it was then donated to the Lutheran Seminary Library.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 10, featuring Judy Marti, the Orrtanna Mountain Steamers, and a wide variety of other entertainment, food, and crafts from many different ethnic traditions.

The Annual Meeting was held on September 25. The main speaker was Joanne Kehoe, of the Washington Office on Haiti.

Board 1994-95: Bill Collinge (President), Pam Frankenfield (Vice President), Megan Malone (Secretary), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Arturo Bermejo, Dean Duncan, Reyna Fallon, Frances Foltz, Frederick Foltz, Noriko Garofalo, Lou and Pat Hammann, Harold Hodgson, Diana and John Rarig, Susann Samples, Steve White.

On November 1, Dr. Emilio Rodriguez, of Mount Saint Mary's College, opened the 1994-95 Open Forum series with a slide lecture on "Sustainable Development in Brazil? Challenge to the Oppressed." 18 people attended.

1995

The Center instituted the Peacemaker Award, to honor people in Adams County who have contributed in a special way to the promotion of peace and justice. The first award was given jointly to Jan Powers and Will Lane on March 7. \$200 worth of books were donated to the Adams County Library in their names.

The Open Forum Lecture Series focused on racism. Jan Powers gave a lecture on "The Dalits: The Downtrodden of India" on March 21. Parker Johnson, Dean of Multicultural Advancement at Gettysburg College, spoke on "The Social Construction of Race" on March 27. Professors Norberto Valdez and Rose Marie Maxey, both of Western Maryland College spoke on "Racism and the Politics of Exclusion" on April 27. Finally, Professor Abdin Chande, of Gettysburg College, spoke on "Islam and Interhuman Relations" on May 7.

The book discussion group continued to meet monthly. Highway trash pick-up continued periodically.

Mediation Services of Adams County was organized, with help from the Center.

The theme of Peace Camp was "Peace Trek: The Next Generation." Jane Malone and Pam Frankenfield were Directors. It was held from June 26 to 30. 42 children took part.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 9, featuring the CB Pickers. A new feature was a children's play, "A Wales Tale," sponsored by the Adams County Arts Council.

Pam Frankenfield worked with Ray Gouker on a multi-media project on the Black history of Adams County.

The Tenth Anniversary Banquet and Annual Meeting was held on October 29. Speakers were Professor Ron Pagnucco, from Mount Saint Mary's College, and Dave Robinson, of Pax Christi USA, on "A Proposed Agenda for the Peace Movement."

Board 1995-96: Pam Frankenfield was Chair and Pat Hammann Vice Chair through April 1996, at which time they switched jobs. Steve White was Secretary, and Lakshmi Viswanathan Treasurer. Other members: Bill Collinge, Dean Duncan, Frances Foltz, Fritz Foltz, Noriko Garofalo, Lou Hammann, Pat Hammann, Ron Pagnucco, Annie Paulson (youth representative), Diana and John Rarig, Susann Samples.

Emily Hottle, a work-study student from Gettysburg College, staffed the office in the fall.

Dr. Peter Pella spoke November 14 on "The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty: A 25-Year Success Story," inaugurating the 1995-96 Open Forum series.

1996

The Open Forum series continued with British peace activist Bruce Kent speaking at Mount St. Mary's on March 7. His lecture, "Religion and Peacemaking in the Post-Cold War World," was co-sponsored with the Frederick Peace Resource Center, and drew about 100 people. Dr. Byravan Viswanathan spoke on April 16 on Hindu-Muslim relations on the Indian subcontinent. Dr. Vis's was the first lecture in the 1995-96 series that did not coincide with an ice storm. 21 people attended.

The book group continued to meet monthly. The highway pick-up also continued.

Jean Odom, Executive Director of the South Central Community Action Programs, was given the Peacemaker Award, on May 21.

Peace Camp was canceled due to lack of adult volunteers.

The Heritage Festival was moved to Sunday; it was held on September 8. Hurricane Fran forced it to move indoors, at the Gettysburg Fire Hall. John Patterson, of WITF-FM, was the MC. Dances from Hawaii, Thailand, and Nigeria were featured, ending with (closer to home) the Cubhill Cloggers and Orrtanna Mountain Steamers.

The Annual Meeting was held on October 13, at St. James Lutheran Church, with several visitors from León, Nicaragua, as speakers.

Gail Forstater, Steve Ramos, and Kristen Urban were elected to the Board for 1996-97, as well as youth representatives Sam Rice-Townsend and Garon Taylor-Tyree. Other board members were Ron Pagnucco (President), Pam Frankenfield (Vice President), Lou Hammann (Secretary), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Bill Collinge, Noriko Garofalo, Pat Hammann, Susann Samples, Steve White.

On December 5, Jan Powers gave a lecture, "Women, Health, and the Environment in India." The lecture marked the end of the Open Forum series.

1997

Marjorie (Marge) Smith, exemplary volunteer, was given the Peacemaker Award in a ceremony on May 27.

The book group and highway pick-up continued.

The Colors of Love Youth Workshop grew to as many as 17 members and gave five performances in 1997.

Peace Camp was held July 7-11. The theme was "Friends around the World." Directors were Jane Malone and Pam Frankenfield. About 40 children attended.

During the summer, we had to vacate the St. James Parish House, which was to be demolished. We relocated to office facilities at The Center, 137 S. Washington St., storing many of our remaining possessions at the Epley Building on South Washington St. (from which, over the years, they eventually disappeared).

The Heritage Festival was held on September 7. It featured the Foggy Bottom Morris Men. More than 700 people attended.

The Annual Meeting was held on October 26. The main speaker was Dr. Dorothy Trench-Bonett, of Mount St. Mary's, on "China Today."

Elected to the Board for 1997-98 were Eric Crump, Brendan and Nancy Cushing-Daniels, Emilio Rodriguez, Eleanor Shelton, and Daniel White (youth representative). Other Board members were Steve White (President), Pam Frankenfield (Vice President), Lou Hammann (Secretary), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Bill Collinge, Susann Samples, Garon Taylor-Tyree, Kristen Urban. In July, Daniel White and Kristen Urban assumed the Presidency jointly.

1998

The book discussion group met throughout the year.

Father Joseph C. Hilbert, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and previously Pastor of Cristo Rey mission, was given the Peacemaker Award on March 23. Pam Frankenfield, nominated by the ICPJ, won a With Heart in Hand Adult Volunteer Award from the United Way. It was given to her on April 27.

Sharon Kaya resigned as newsletter co-editor, and Gina Rouiller took her place. Bill Collinge continued as Editor.

Peace Camp was not held.

The Heritage Festival was held on Sunday, September 13. Entertainers included Indonesian dancers, Native American dancers, Irish and gospel and bluegrass music. Demonstrations of traditional crafts in action became part of the festival.

The Annual Meeting was held on October 24. Featured speakers were members of three Bosnian families—the Prozos, the Petrovics, and the Lolics—who had been resettled in Gettysburg in the recent past, as well as some of those who aided in their resettlement.

Newly-elected Board members for 1998-99 were Brian Allen and Diana Henne. Kristen Urban was elected Chair for the first half of the year, with Pam Frankenfield as Vice Chair; at the middle of the year, they switched positions. Lou Hammann was elected Secretary and Lakshmi Viswanathan Treasurer. Other board members were Bill Collinge, Eric Crump, Nancy Cushing-Daniels, Chris Fitz, Emilio Rodriguez, Susann Samples, Daniel White, Steve White.

1999

The book discussion group met throughout the year. Colors of Love also continued performing.

The Peacemaker Award winner was Nancy Whitman, for her work in instituting a peer mediation program on the middle school level in Gettysburg. The ceremony was held May 4.

The ICPJ sponsored a Help Increase the Peace youth retreat, June 25-27, at the Hashawha Environmental Center, near Westminster, Maryland. The Help Increase the Peace Program was an offshoot of the Alternatives to Violence Program originated by the American Friends Service Committee. 16 youth and 7 adults attended. Diana Henne and Pam Frankenfield were the principal organizers of the event.

Peace Camp was held June 28-July 2, with Mary Kay Turner as Director. The theme was “Sowing Seeds of Peace.” Thirty-two campers attended. Among other activities, the

children made a Peace Camp calendar. We had decided to pay the Director a stipend of \$500, and since then, Peace Camp was held continuously until the pandemic of 2020.

The Heritage Festival was moved from the second to the third Sunday in September and was held on September 19. Performers included musicians Namaste (world music), Stone Soup, Slim Harrison, and Dante Sobrevilla, as well as Welsh dancers and singers Ffrindiau Cymraeg. A Peace Pole, inscribed with the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in eight languages, was exhibited. (On December 8, 2000, it was installed at the Adams County Library.) For the first time, some participants were paid to demonstrate traditional crafts.

After the September Board meeting, the ICPJ was no longer able to meet at The Center. After some wandering, the YWCA became the regular meeting place.

After nine years, the Board voted in October to discontinue participation in the highway pick-up; it had become too difficult to find volunteers.

The Annual Meeting was held on October 24, at St. Francis Xavier School, with Ginger Riley speaking on her travels to Palestine and Israel for the “compassionate listening” program of Christian Peacemaker Teams.

Officers for 1999-2000: Kristen Urban, Chair; Susann Samples, Vice Chair; Bill Collinge, Secretary; Lakshmi Viswanathan, Treasurer. Other Board members were Brian Allen, Eric Crump, Nancy Cushing-Daniels, Chris Fitz, Pam Frankenfield, Diana Henne, Emilio Rodriguez, John Paul Rodriguez, Steve White.

The ICPJ co-sponsored a visit, with a series of presentations, by Mark Winne, Executive Director of the Hartford Food System, November 4-7.

2000

The book group met throughout the year. Colors of Love continued to meet.

Bill Collinge received a With Heart in Hands Adult Volunteer Award from the United Way on April 10 for his work with the Heritage Festival.

Jane and Marty Malone received the Peacemaker Award on April 19, for their long-term and extensive involvement in local peace and justice activities.

Peace Camp was held from June 19 to 23. The Directors were Nancy Cushing-Daniels and Jack Richford. The theme was “Practicing Peace,” and the camp focused on peacemaking through Aikido, a “martial” art. About 30 children participated.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 17. It featured Shona Sharif African Drum and Dance Ensemble, brought here from Pittsburgh on a Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts grant. Stan Merzanis and his band performed Greek music. The Festival included a formal unveiling of a mural painted by children in Generación Diez on a park maintenance building facing Howard Avenue.

The Annual Meeting took place on October 22. John Mulligan of NOVIS (Non-Violence Intervention Services) gave the main presentation.

Board members for 2000-01 were Susann Samples (Co-Chair), Eric Crump (Co-Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Frank Chiteji, Chris Fitz, Pam Frankenfield, George Gelles, Diana Henne, Ginger Riley, Emilio Rodriguez, John Paul Rodriguez, Kristen Urban, Steve White, Daniel White.

2001

The book discussion group met throughout the year at Trinity United Church of Christ.

On February 6, the ICPJ Board officially endorsed a moratorium on the death penalty in Pennsylvania and nationwide.

The Peacemaker Award was given to Dick and Elizabeth Scott on April 30, whose work for peace and justice reached back almost sixty years.

Peace Camp was held from June 25-29. It again featured Aikido, but also featured themes from Help Increase the Peace. The directors were Jack Richford and Lillian Herz. 67 children registered for the camp.

The Heritage Festival took place on September 16, just five days after the September 11 terrorist attacks. Several participants pulled out as a result, but most remained, perhaps seeing the relevance of the Festival to a post-September 11 world. Featured performers were Ray Owen, Irishtown Road, and Dusko Katic and his Bosnian Band.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 3. Chris Fitz was the featured speaker, leading a discussion on how we can simultaneously oppose terrorism and pursue global justice.

Kathy Cain-Lorenz, Ruthe Craley, Tom Kiniry, Denise Weldon-Siviy, and Anton Hooper (Student Representative) were newly elected to the Board for 2001-2002. Susann Samples was elected Chair; Ginger Riley, Vice Chair; Bill Collinge, Secretary; and Lakshmi Viswanathan, Treasurer. Other Board members were Frank Chiteji, Eric Crump, Pam Frankenfield, George Gelles, Emilio Rodriguez, and Kristen Urban.

On November 13, the ICPJ sponsored a program on global warming, featuring Terry Neumyer, Ed Dreby, and Nate Jefferson, from the Interfaith Global Climate Change Campaign of the PA Council of Churches. Only 7 people attended, besides the speakers.

2002

On January 28, the Center sponsored a lecture by Dr. Mohammed Jadallah, a Palestinian physician and political activist, on the topic "Living under Israeli Occupation." 25 people attended.

The book group continued to meet at Trinity United Church of Christ.

The ICPJ Board nominated Peyt and Tricia Pitney for a With Heart in Hands volunteer award from the United Way, and they received it on April 22. Tricia formerly served on the ICPJ Board and was the founder of CRAGI (Conflict Resolution and Global Interdependence). Peyt and Tricia both served on the Heritage Festival committee.

The Peacemaker Award was given to Ernie Simpson, the "bicycle man," for his volunteer work in refurbishing bicycles for poor children in the United States and poor adults overseas. The ceremony was held on April 29. 53 people attended.

Peace Camp was held June 17-21. The theme was "Cinco días de paz," with an emphasis on Hispanic culture. Denise Weldon-Siviy served as director. A new banner was made for the camp by Bob McIlhenny. 61 children took part in the camp.

On August 11, peace vigils against the impending war against Iraq began to be held on the second Saturday of each month at the Gettysburg National Military Park. They were not formally an ICPJ function at first, but some ICPJ people were instrumental in organizing them and others attended them. In 2004, the ICPJ officially assumed sponsorship, and the vigils continued, as did the war, into 2006.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 15, featuring Bija (Indian music), Danzante (Spanish flamenco dancing), and Namaste (world music). Intermittent light rain fell throughout the festival, reducing attendance to about 600 and causing some vendors and exhibitors to go home, but the heavy downpour held off until tear-down was almost complete.

On October 31, the ICPJ co-sponsored a visit of the "Mirror of Truth" Bus Tour, a project of Voices in the Wilderness and Pax Christi, opposing nuclear weapons and U.S. policy toward Iraq. Members of the tour spoke at Mount Saint Mary's College, with about 32 people attending.

The Annual Meeting and Potluck was held on November 2, with Jan Powers as the featured speaker. Her slide presentation, “Women and Peacemaking in the Middle East,” was based on her travels to Israel and Palestine and her interviews with women on both sides involved in peace dialogues.

The ICPJ board for 2002-03 was Susann Samples (Chair), Ginger Riley (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Kathy Cain-Lorenz, Frank Chiteji, Chad Close (student representative), Ruthe Craley, Eric Crump, Pam Frankenfield, George Gelles, Tom Kiniry, Emilio Rodriguez, Kristen Urban, Denise Weldon-Siviy.

2003

The ICPJ book group met through the first half of 2003, then disbanded, after having met regularly since at least 1992.

The monthly second-Saturday vigils continued to be held against the first impending, then actual, war against Iraq.

Nancy Forgang, founding Director of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen and also a founding member of the local branch of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, received the Peacemaker Award on Monday, April 14. About 40 people attended the ceremony.

Peace Camp was held at Gettysburg Middle School June 23-27. The theme was “Children Around the World.” Connie Monroe was the director. 30 children, plus 5 teen volunteers and nine adult volunteers took part.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 21. We received a Pennsylvania Performing Artists on Tour (PennPAT) grant to bring in Atzilut, a Jewish-Arab group emphasizing peace themes. Other entertainers were Jambulay (Caribbean music) and Slingo (Irish). Weather and attendance were excellent—estimated attendance topped 1000.

The Annual Meeting and Potluck was held on November 8 at Trinity United Church of Christ. Raj Ramanathapillai spoke on “Religion, Violence, and Peace.”

The Board for 2003-04 was George Gelles and Jake Schindel (Co-Chairs), Susann Samples (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Rosie Bolen, Kathy Cain-Lorenz, Chad Close (student representative), Kris Eyssell and Gerry Ellefson (sharing a position), Pam Frankenfield, Tom Kiniry, Ginger Riley, Emilio Rodriguez, Kristen Urban, Denise Weldon-Siviy.

2004

The ICPJ went into cyberspace. Thanks to the help of Rosie Bolen, we established a website, www.icpj-gettysburg.org, and an e-mail address, icpj@icpj-gettysburg.org. Rosie also set up an electronic form of the Newsletter and an electronic mailing list for it (it is also on the website).

On April 11, the ICPJ hosted a group of 14 Tibetan and two Canadian bike riders, who were conducting a Bike Ride for Tibetan Independence from Washington to Toronto. Susan and Bill Collinge served as their hosts, finding them lodging and amenities at Gettysburg College Chapel.

Lou and Pat Hammann, long active in local peace and justice efforts, received the Peacemaker Award in a ceremony on April 26. About 50 people attended.

The monthly second-Saturday vigils against the war in Iraq continued at the Gettysburg National Military Park. At its June meeting, the Board voted to make them an official ICPJ event, thus covering them under our insurance policy.

Peace Camp was held June 21-25 at the Gettysburg Middle School. The theme was "Exploring the Middle East." Connie Monroe was the Director. 25 children attended.

On September 8, the ICPJ and CRAGI sponsored a lecture and power point presentation, "Murals: Silent Voice of Conflict," about Northern Ireland, by Jessica Myers. The lecture was held in the Gettysburg College Chapel basement. 24 people attended.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 19. Featured performers were Ulali (Native American), Silk Road Dance Company, Clogged Up and Strung Out (cloggers), and the Fire City Jazz Band. The children's play was "Dig 'n' Tel," by Flora Atkin, who made a guest appearance at the Festival and was honored by the Arts Council with a dinner afterward. Ms. Atkin had written four other plays that had been performed at the Festival over the years.

The Annual Meeting and Potluck was held on November 6. Kristen Urban spoke on "Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain." 35 people were present.

The ICPJ Board for 2004-05 was Denise Weldon-Siviy (Chair), Susann Samples (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary), Lakshmi Viswanathan (Treasurer), Rosie Bolen, Sally Duncan, Kris Eyssell and Gerry Ellefson, Pam Frankenfield, George Gelles, Bunny Phillips, Ginger Riley, Emilio Rodriguez, Jacob Schindel, and Kristen Urban. The Student Representative slot remained vacant.

On November 18, the ICPJ co-sponsored, with the Pennsylvania Prison Society and several other groups, a lecture by Calvin Lightfoot, former warden of the Allegheny County Prison, on “Offenders Coming Home: The Re-Integration Process.” About 60 people attended.

2005

After a tsunami devastated many parts of South Asia on December 26, 2004, the ICPJ served as the institutional base for a tsunami relief collection. The idea of Raj Ramanathapillai, a native of Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, was to raise \$15,000 to build boats for fishing families in Trincomalee. With much cooperation from the community—especially Gettysburg College, the Gettysburg Area schools, and the Ragged Edge Coffee House—we actually raised \$28,000, enough for seven boats, which will help 28 families.

Because the \$28,000 counts as income for the ICPJ (it alone is more than triple what our usual annual income has been recently), we have had to undertake some reorganization to get our legal situation in order and had to file a tax return for the first time, or at least the first time in many years.

On April 14th, the ICPJ hosted about thirty peace marchers from Footprints for Peace, who were on a walk from Oak Ridge, TN, to New York City called the “Stop the Bombs Interfaith Pilgrimage.” Led by Denise Weldon-Siviy, the ICPJ found lodging for them at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church and prepared a potluck supper and a breakfast for them.

The Peacemaker Award was divided into two. Herman Stuempfle received a Life of Peacemaking Award, and Raj Ramanathapillai received the 2005 Peacemaker Award. Both were honored in a ceremony on April 18.

At its June meeting, the ICPJ board voted to oppose the establishment of a gambling casino in Gettysburg.

Peace Camp was held June 20-24. Denise Weldon-Siviy was the Director, and the theme was “Feeding a Hungry World.” The camp featured field trips to Seeds to Success, the Soup Kitchen, the Food Pantry, and the Homeless Shelter. 29 children, plus 13 junior counselors and 14 adult volunteers took part.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 18. Excellent weather contributed to a turnout of an estimated 1300. Featured performers were Zydeco-a-Go-Go, Vatsala Srinivas classical Indian dancers, Lea Gilmore with Sangmelé, and Cormorant’s Fancy (Celtic music).

The 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Potluck took place on October 22, with Lou Hammann speaking on the history of peace and justice activism in Adams County.

2006

Officers for 2005-06 were Denise Weldon-Siviy (Chair), Susann Samples (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary), and Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other Board members were Bob Appleton, Sally Duncan, Kris Eyssell and Gerry Ellefson (sharing a position), Pam Frankenfield, Larry Milano, Raj Ramanathapillai, Ginger Riley, Emilio Rodriguez, and Kristen Urban. Sally Duncan resigned in July.

The newsletter appeared five times.

Sam Mudd received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award, and Suse Greenstone, the founder of Seeds for Success, which taught gardening and other life skills to prison inmates, received the Peacemaker of the Year Award. The ceremony was held on April 3 in the Adams County Library.

The anti-war vigil at the National Park dwindled away, with only three people attending in May.

Peace Camp was held June 26-30 at the Gettysburg Middle School. The theme was "Children of Mother Earth." Sara Keefer, a former Peace Camper, was the director. 44 campers attended.

As a counterpart to a Ku Klux Klan rally held at the Gettysburg Battlefield, ICPJ joined with other local groups to sponsor Community Unity Day at the Gettysburg Rec Park on Saturday, September 2. The day featured music, free food, and children's activities. Cast members of the musical *For the Glory*, then playing in Gettysburg, concluded the musical program. The ICPJ played a major role: for instance, Rosie served as treasurer, had banners made, and created the website and various electronic mailing lists; Denise coordinated the food; and Diana Henne helped with volunteers and entertainment. In preparation for the Klan visit, the Community Unity coalition sponsored a talk on August 30 by Floyd Cochran, a former member of the Aryan Nation, now an anti-hate speaker.

Two weeks later, on Sunday, September 17, the Heritage Festival featured Agua Clara (Andean Pan Pipes), Klingon Klez, children from Generación Diez, Soulful Harmony, and a Children's play, "Hip Hop Aesop," directed by Ann Griffith. The festival featured a special Jewish heritage display sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom. The Festival ran about \$1200 in the red.

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, November 4, at Trinity United Church of Christ. The speaker was Tarek Abuata, a Palestinian Christian who founded Love Thy Neighbor.

On November 8, ICPJ joined with other organizations to sponsor a presentation by Vietnam veteran Mike Boehm, titled "Hope Rises from the Ashes of My Lai." Mike worked with Madison Friends on the My Lai Peace Park Project. The presentation took place at the Adams County Library.

2007

Officers for 2006-07 were Denise Weldon-Siviy (Chair), Bob Appleton (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary), and Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other Board members were Rosa Bernstein, Kris Eyssell/Gerry Ellefson, Pam Frankenfield, Rev. Sandra Mackie, Larry Milano, Raj Ramanathapillai, Ginger Riley, Emilio Rodriguez, Susann Samples, Kristen Urban, and Kathryn Vargas (Student Representative). Emilio Rodriguez died on November 1, 2007.

The newsletter appeared three times.

Karl Mattson, longtime chaplain at Gettysburg College and founder of its Center for Public Service, received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award, and Susan Star Paddock, leader of No Casino Gettysburg, received the Peacemaker of the Year Award. The latter award evoked some controversy, as the casino was highly controversial. The ceremony took place on April 23 in the Adams County Library.

The Ku Klux Klan announced a plan for a rally on the Gettysburg Battlefield May 19. Adams Unity (formerly Community Unity) made plans for a vigil at the Lutheran Seminary concurrent with the Klan rally. When the Klan rally was called off, so was the vigil. Adams Unity also organized the SPIRIT (Student Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together) program at Gettysburg Area High School, May 30-31. The program was later held at Mount St. Mary's.

Peace Camp was held from June 18 to June 22 in the Gettysburg Area Middle School. The camp day was expanded to 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme was "Making Peace." Denise Weldon-Siviy was the Director, with Mary Gemmill as co-director. There were 42 campers and four junior counselors.

The Heritage Festival took place on September 16. Featured performers were Zorzal (music of Spain and Spanish America), the Yong Han Chinese Lion Dance Company, Jessica Gondwe (spirituals and gospel songs), Strawberry Hill /El Centro (Adams County Watershed Ambassadors), Generación Diez Cultural Club and Grupo de Danza San Jose, Voxology (American folk music), and a children's play, *Don Quixote: Comienza la Aventura* (*The Adventure Begins*), by Touchstone Theatre.

The Annual Meeting took place at Trinity United Church of Christ on November 3. The speaker was Rev. Sandra Mackie, who discussed her trip to Iran as part of a Fellowship of

Reconciliation project. The title of her presentation was “A Call to Peace: Breaking down Barriers to Peace through Understanding.”

2008

Officers for 2007-08 were Bob Appleton (Chair), Rev. Sandra Mackie (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary), and Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other Board members were Lea Czar, Pam Frankenfield, John Kellett, Jane Malone, Wendy Mizenko, Raj Ramanathapillai, Ginger Riley, Susann Samples, Kristen Urban, and Kathryn Vargas (Student Representative).

The newsletter appeared five times.

Joyce Shutt received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award, while the Peacemaker of the Year Award went to the Watershed Alliance of Adams County, represented by its four past and current presidents, at a ceremony on April 7.

Peace Camp, held June 16-20 at the Gettysburg Area Middle School, drew 48 campers. The theme was Carbon Footprint. Campers made craft items on environmental themes and also went on field trips to the Soup Kitchen, the Food Pantry, and the Adams County Library. Denise Weldon-Siviy was the Director, assisted by Mary Gemmill.

Denise proposed a series of three summer camps for middle and high school students, but only one drew sufficient enrollment. Held July 14-18 and called Dead Critter Camp, the theme was comparative animal anatomy and physiology. Sixteen campers attended. Denise Weldon-Siviy was the Director, assisted by Sabrina Paxton-Daily.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 21. Featured performers were Simple Gifts, Réveillons (music of Québec), Tin Kettle (Irish music), Generación Diez, Caribbean Steel Band, and Exalted Praise Ministry of New Life Outreach Ministries (dance and drama program on African Americans in Adams County). Simple Gifts offered a workshop after their performance. An estimated 1400 people attended.

The ICPJ sponsored an essay contest, “Write on Peace,” for ninth and tenth-graders. Participants were to write essays explaining how they could best spend or donate \$50,000 to further the cause of peace. Lea Czar, the principal organizer of the contest, wrote to a number of public figures for their own answers to the question and received a handwritten note from Jimmy Carter. Only five entries were received. The winner was Nick Czajkowski, and runners-up were Nick Wheatley and Daniel Bavaro. The winning essay appeared in the March 2009 newsletter. An award ceremony was held on December 11 at the Adams County Library.

Largely through the work of Bob Appleton, ICPJ sponsored a series of lectures, discussions, and film showings during 2008. Some were co-sponsored by the Adams County Library and formed parts of their Booktalk and Filmtalk series. Bob spoke on Pauli Murray on March 26, Sandra Mackie spoke on March 27, and John Kellett spoke on Approval Voting on April 28. Mary Furlong spoke on her experience in Zambia, September 29. Films shown included "Troubled Waters" (about the global water crisis), October 27, and "Hacking Democracy," November 2.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 1 at Trinity United Church of Christ. Denise Weldon-Siviy spoke on "Poverty and Peace." She put forward five central ideas: (1) a living wage; (2) support for those unable to work; (3) a quality of education; (4) access to good health care; (5) hope. Attendance was only 15 people.

On December 7, ICPJ co-sponsored a talk by Leo Bretholz, a Holocaust survivor, at Gettysburg United Methodist Church.

2009

Officers for 2008-09 were Bob Appleton and Lea Czar (Co-Chairs), Bill Collinge (Secretary), and Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other Board members were Pam Frankenfield, Bob Kiehl, Jane Malone, Wendy Mizenko, Ginger Riley, Susann Samples, and Sylvia Asante, who joined the Board in October.

The newsletter appeared four times.

ICPJ began its custom of potlucks, with the first taking place on March 3 at Singmaster Hall at the Lutheran Seminary. The second was held on June 23 at the Kelletts' house.

Paula Olinger, founder of the El Centro community center, received the Lifetime of Peacemaking award, and Jan Guillory, Director of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen, received the Peacemaker of the Year award. The ceremony was held on Monday, April 27, at the Adams County Library.

Lea Czar and Annie Byrne did a program at Lincoln Elementary Afterschool Program (LEAP). It was based on "The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil G. Frankenweiler" and culminated in a visit to the Gettysburg College Art Gallery. Earlier, Bob and Lea, with the help of Erma Barnhart, had done an afterschool program on Russia. The programs were a sort of extension of Peace Camp.

ICPJ co-sponsored showings and discussion of *Frontline: Sick around the World*, January 18; *Renewal*, a film about religious groups' environmental efforts, May 17; and *the Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil*, June 14, all at the Adams County Library.

On May 25, ICPJ inaugurated its monthly column in the *Gettysburg Times*. Lea wrote the first, updating a history of the ICPJ that Bill had written in 2005. List of columns for 2009:

May 25, 2009	Lea Czar and Bill Collinge	"ICPJ: 24 years for peace and justice"
June 22, 2009	Lea Czar	"Food choices, health care: Issues of peace and justice"
July 27, 2009	Mary Gemmill	"Stories from Peace Camp"
September 28, 2009	Sarah Tower	"Gettysburg takes on climate change and Copenhagen"
October 26, 2009	Rosie Bolen	"Annual meeting features Project Gaia"
November 23, 2009	Wendy Mizenko & Lea Czar	"Arts festival in celebration of peace and justice"
December 28, 2009 or January 25, 2010	Joe Breighner	"Ecological transparency"

At the June Board meeting, Wendy Mizenko proposed that we hold an arts festival in the spring called "Let It Begin with Me."

Peace Camp took place June 15-19 at Bethel Mennonite Church. The theme was "Drums, Dances, Drama, and Dreams of Peace," and the directors were Ann Griffith and Mary Gemmill. About 40 campers and 10 junior counselors attended.

In July Rosie moved all ICPJ bank accounts from PNC Bank to Members First Credit Union.

The Heritage Festival was held on September 20. It was another successful festival, with good weather and around 1400 present. Featured acts were The Barnstormers and RockCandy Cloggers, Roya Bahrami Ensemble (Iranian music), Rachita and Bansari (classical Indian dancing), Grupo Folklorico (Mexican music and dance), the Folkemer Family, and a children's play, "Gospel Cinderella," performed by Coalition Community Players and Meals and More Ensemble, directed by Ann Griffith and Terrence Marcus. ICPJ took part as a Community Partner in the International Day of Climate Action, October 24.

The Annual Meeting took place on Saturday, November 7, at Trinity United Church of Christ. The speaker was Megan Graham of Project Gaia. More than fifty people attended.

Officers for 2009-10 were Lea Czar (Chair), Bob Appleton (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary), and Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other Board members were Sylvia Asante, Pam Frankenfield, Denise Jackson, Virginia Lea, John Kellett, Jae Malone, Wendy Mizenko, Ginger Riley, and Susann Samples.

The newsletter appeared four times. The *Gettysburg Times* column continued monthly. List of newspaper columns for 2010:

February 22, 2010	Janet M. Powers	"Haitians must be partners"
March 22, 2010	Bill Collinge	"Acting locally for Haiti"
April 26 or May 24, 2010	Lea Czar	"ICPJ grants Collinge Award, Peacemaker Awards"
June 28, 2010	Rosie Bolen	"Gettysburg unites for peace"
July 26, 2010	Lea Czar	"Stories from Peace Camp: The Color of Peace"
August 23, 2010	Janet M. Powers	"Budget festival, great program"
September 27, 2010	Bill Collinge	"ICPJ archives move to library"
October 25, 2010	Susann Samples	"Babatunde Lea to speak on racism"
November 22, 2010	Anne Douds	"Refugee resettlement: Tuning compassion into action"
December 27, 2010	Mary Furlong	"A new year dedicated to peace"

In February, the Board voted to include the Middle East Justice and Peace Group of South Central PA as a part of ICPJ. The group showed the film *Holy Land—Common Ground* on February 24. On November 18, the group sponsored a presentation by Dr. Rukhsana Rahman and Athar Rafiq on the Hajj. The film *Amreeka* was shown at another time.

ICPJ's first "Let It Begin with Me: A Celebration of Peace and Justice through the Arts" took place on February 20 at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. A large number of artists and performers took part. An opening plenary featured singer Tyrone Burwell and a closing plenary featured the Nathan Foster Drum Circle, Storyteller Maggie Fowler and singer Will Lane. In between there were 33 performances, workshops, and talks, with several going on concurrently at any given time. Wendy Mizenko chaired the planning committee.

Mary Furlong received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award and Jan and Jerry Althoff, the founders of the Adams County Gleaning Project, received the Peacemaker of the Year

Award in a ceremony held at the Lutheran Seminary on April 19. In a surprise move, Bill Collinge was given an award named after himself, the William J. Collinge Award, for service to the ICPJ. Following the ceremony, Abbey Fisher of Jubilee USA spoke on “Roots of Global Poverty.”

Peace Camp was held June 14-18 at the Gettysburg Area Middle School (Monday through Thursday) and Trinity United Church of Christ (Friday). The theme was “The Color of Peace.” Under the leadership of Mary “Koko” Gemmill, assisted by a number of junior counselors, 40 campers learned ways to create inner peace and to share it with others. A high point was a “Kindness Walk,” on which campers gave out little gifts, notes, and hugs. Peace Camp was extended by a series of classes after school at Lincoln Elementary.

ICPJ was involved in two events organized by the Adams Unity Coalition, an alliance of local organizations formed in response to an Aryan Nations rally scheduled for June 19 on the Battlefield. The weekend of the rally, the AUC sponsored a vigil on the lawn of the Lutheran Seminary, including performances by local musicians on Saturday, June 19, and an interfaith re-consecration ceremony at the site of the Aryan Nations rally on June 20. In the fall the Coalition sponsored a series of three programs at Gettysburg College, collectively titled “The Art of Change: Discovering the Rhythms of Justice.” The ICPJ’s specific contribution was to pay for a performance by River Crossing Playback Theatre on September 25.

On July 27, ICPJ sponsored a potluck at the house of John and Chris Kellett, featuring Jörg Rüdiger Geschke, a visiting German folk singer and guitarist. Tom Jolin and Slim Harrison joined him.

During the summer, Bill Collinge worked with Karen Drickamer, Archivist at Gettysburg College, to donate 15 boxes of ICPJ archives to the College. That gave us a permanent repository for 20 years of records, stretching from 1985 to 2005, plus some hand-me-downs from predecessor organizations, dating back to 1966.

The Adams County Heritage Festival took place on September 19. Featured performers were Shippensburg Blaskapelle, Svitanya (Eastern European chorale), Sunshine Dance Club (Chinese dancers), Special Request with Tyrone Burwell, Grupo Folklorico San José, and a Children’s Interactive Story, with Ann Griffith as Mary Jemison.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 14 at Trinity United Church of Christ. The featured speaker was Babatunde Lea, jazz percussionist and Gettysburg College faculty member, who gave a brief performance on the drums and then spoke on “Racism: What Are You Going to Do about It?”

Officers for 2010-11 were Lea Czar (Chair), Bob Appleton (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary), and Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other Board members were Sylvia Asante, Peter Boving, Pam Frankenfield, Mary Furlong, John Kellett, Jane Malone, Wendy Mizenko, Bernie McNelis, Ginger Riley, and Susann Samples.

The newsletter appeared three times. The *Gettysburg Times* column continued monthly:

January 24, 2011	Lea Czar	"Nominations for Peacemaker Awards are being sought"
February 28, 2011	Janet M. Powers	"Protests illustrate best of peace, justice"
March 28, 2011	Lea Czar and Bill Collinge	"Accepting difference, eliminating barriers"
April 25, 2011	Sara Gondwe	"Greater Gettysburg Area NAACP—A new beginning"
May 23, 2011	Shannon Jones and Bernie McNelis	"Amnesty International, Gettysburg takes a stand"
June 27, 2011	Peter Boving and Will Lane	"Gettysburg DFA thinks globally, acts neighborly"
July 25, 2011	Mary Gemmill	"The Lion and the Lamb"
August 22, 2011	Jan Powers and Bill Collinge	"Heritage Festival celebrates 20 years"
September 26, 2011	Alan and Cathy Olson	"Peace Corps celebrates 50 th "
October 24, 2011	Bill Collinge	"All my friends are in prison . . ."
November 28, 2011	Denise Weldon-Siviy	"Hope and possibilities"
December 26, 2011	Bruce Boenau	"Review: 'The New Jim Crow'"

The second "Let It Begin With Me" had the theme "Building Inclusive Communities." The event took place on March 5 at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. Darryl Jones gave the keynote address, "Accepting Differences, Eliminating Barriers." There were four sessions: "Challenging Racism," "Honoring Each Other's Faith," "Gay in Gettysburg," and "Crossing Borders: The Immigrant Experience." River Crossing Playback Theater gave a concluding performance. About 100 people attended the event. Wendy Mizenko again chaired the planning committee.

At a ceremony on April 11, David Crowner received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award, chiefly for his work with Project Gettysburg-León; Ron and Jill Baird, who settled a dispute between the Borough of Littlestown and its fire company by donating a building for the Littlestown Library, the Peacemaker of the Year Award; and our founder, Elaine Jones, a special Founder's Award.

Peace Camp was held June 13-17 at Bethel Mennonite Church. Mary Gemmill served as Director. The title was "The Lion and the Lamb," and questions explored included: What

can animals teach us about peace? How are our lives connected with the lives of the non-human animals that share our earth? There were forty-two campers and a dozen teen counselors. Featured animals included kittens, dogs, a turtle, homing pigeons, a boa constrictor, and a mouse. All but the mouse survived.

In September, ICPJ began a relationship with the Gettysburg College Archives, donating fifteen boxes of files plus a large framed photo from Peace Camp 1986 to the Archives. A formal Archives Policy was not executed until 2016.

Around 1200 people attended the twentieth annual Adams County Heritage Festival on September 18. For the second successive year, no state funding was received, but a Friends of the Festival campaign made up for it in part. Featured performers were From the Well (American traditional), Shafaat Khan (Indian/Pakistani), Friends of Jubilee Singers (African American Gospel), Apollonia Greek Band, and Ray Owen.

The Middle East Justice and Peace Group sponsored a showing of the movie *Encounter Point* on September 22 and a presentation by Imam Yahya Hendi of Georgetown University, “Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Conflict or Collaboration?” on October 8.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 12 at Bethel Mennonite Church. The featured speaker was Dr. Kristen Urban of Mount St. Mary’s University, whose topic was “The Arab Spring.”

For the first time, ICPJ took part in the Adams County Community Foundation’s Holiday Shopping Spree (later renamed the Annual Giving Spree). It took place on November 17 at the Gettysburg Hotel.

2012

Officers for 2011-2012 were Lea Czar and Mary Furlong (Co-Chairs), Bill Collinge (Secretary), and Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other Board members were Bob Appleton, Sylvia Asante, Peter Boving, Arianna Camel (student representative), Pat Crouner, John Kellett, Jane Malone, Wendy Mizenko, Bernie McNelis, Ginger Riley, and Susann Samples.

The newsletter appeared four times. The *Gettysburg Times* column continued monthly:

January 23, 2012	Bill Collinge	“Christian radical, radical Christian”
February 27, 2012	Dr. Susann Therese Samples	“The American Dream remains elusive”
March 26, 2012	Mary Furlong	“Women, empowerment, and peace”
April 23, 2012	Bill Collinge	“Three ways to be Peacemakers”

May 28, 2012	Rosie Bolen	"In environmental justice, diversity matters"
June 25, 2012	Mike Allwein	"Youth group encounters homelessness"
July 23, 2012	Paulette Lee	"Peace Camp crossed many borders"
August 27, 2012	Jan Powers and Bill Collinge	"Heritage Festival set for 21 st year"
September 24, 2012	Rev. Sandra Mackie	"Travel safely"
October 22, 2012	Mary Furlong	"Personal and ethical issue"
November 26, 2012	Melissa Krut	"Peace Corps offers challenges, rewards"
December 24, 2012	Ginger Riley	"In the wake of natural disasters"

The Rotary Club gave two grants to ICPJ: \$400 for the Heritage Festival, \$250 for Peace Camp.

In honor of William K. Collinge, who died in 2011 and left a significant bequest to ICPJ, the Board established the annual William K. Collinge Lecture, sponsored jointly with St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The topic was to be on some topic related to Catholic teaching on justice and peace. Bill (William J.) Collinge, son of William K., gave the first lecture, "Dorothy Day: Christian Radical, Radical Christian," at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center on February 19.

At a ceremony on April 30, Gail Hull, Chair of the Adams County Human Relations Council, received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award, Rukhsana Rahman and Athar Rafiq the Peacemaker of the Year Award, and Mary Gemmill the William J. Collinge Award for service to the ICPJ.

Peace Camp was held June 18-22 at the Gettysburg Area Middle School. The camp was titled "Peacemaking across Borders," and was offered in cooperation with Project Gettysburg-León. Paulette Lee served as Director. Forty campers attended.

The Heritage Festival took place on September 16. Attendance was estimated at 1300. Featured performers were Gamelan Gita Samara (Balinese), Port Righ (Celtic), Eme and Heteru! (Afro Roots), the Contreras Family (Mexican), Vida Charter School, and the Popcorn Hat Players, who performed a children's play titled "Rollicking Ripsnorters."

The Annual Meeting and Potluck was held on November 10 at Trinity United Church of Christ. Speakers were Trudy Conway and Vicki Schieber on "Justice without Execution: Building Momentum toward Repeal of the Death Penalty."

2013

Officers were Mary Furlong and Chris Kellett (Co-Chairs); Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other Board members were Bob Appleton, Peter Boving, Pat Crowner, John Kellett, Jane Malone, Wendy Mizenko, Ginger Riley, Susann Samples, and Byravan Viswanathan.

The newsletter appeared four times. *Gettysburg Times* columns were:

January 28, 2013	Susann Samples	"A generation passes . . ."
February 25, 2013	Bob Appleton	"Russian volunteer groups in trouble"
March 25, 2013	Wendy Mizenko	"Women's issues are everyone's issues"
April 22, 2013	Mary Furlong	"Peacemaking for future generations"
May 27, 2013	Peter Boving	"Gettysburg Green Gathering"
June 24, 2013	Robert Appleton	"Alfred H. Love, pacifist"
July 28, 2013	Wendy Mizenko	"Peace Camp 2013"
August 26, 2013	Janet Powers	"Check out Heritage Festival's lineup"
September 30, 2013	Byravan Viswanathan	"India and Hindu culture"
October 28, 2013	Bill Collinge	"Remembering the 1988 Peace Symposium"
November 25, 2013	Ricky Czar	"Dear KKK, Thanks for supporting diversity"
December 23, 2013	Chris Kellett	"December holidays around the world"

In a ceremony at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary on April 8, Tom Jolin received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award. The Peacemaker of the Year Award was given to Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S., represented by Rev. Michael Allwein and Mary Stevenson. Lea Czar received the William J. Collinge Award for service to the ICPJ.

On April 17 Bill Collinge gave the second annual William K. Collinge lecture, "Pope John's *Pacem in Terris* after 50 Years," at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center.

Peace Camp was held June 17-20 at the Gettysburg Middle School. The theme was "Mother Earth's Resources," and the Directors were Emily Fox and Wendy Mizenko. About twenty campers participated. A visit to the Farmer's Market was a highlight of the week.

The 22nd annual Adams County Heritage Festival took place on September 15. Featured performers were Rootbound (Traditional Americana), Barynya (Russian dancers), Ray Owen (with a performance for children, "Songs and Stories of Freedom, Hope, and Emancipation"). Ustad Shafaat Khan (fusion, Indian and African American, and Emily Pinkerton Trio (music of Chile). Emily Fox organized a special program of skill demonstrations in Permaculture Gardening, Herbal Teas, and Bicycling Survivalism. Photos by Bob Keefer: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rkeefe/sets/72157635602038193/>.

The 28th Annual Meeting was held on November 9 at Trinity United Church of Christ. The featured speaker was Jorge Pérez-Rico, whose topic was “The Latino Diaspora in Adams County.”

2014

Officers were Chris Kellett (Chair), Mary Furlong (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other board members were Bob Appleton, Peter Boving, Pat Crowner, Ricky Czar, Mary Gemmill, Wendy Mizenko, Ginger Riley, Susann Samples, and Byravan Viswanathan.

The newsletter appeared four times. *Gettysburg Times* columns were:

January 27, 2014	Bob Appleton	“Ethnic crisis in Russia”
February 24, 2014	Wendy Mizenko	“Welcome to the family”
March 24, 2014	Peter Boving	“Earth Day and Gburg Green Gathering”
April 28, 2014	Mary Furlong	“Peace and environment voices”
May 26, 2014	Wendy Mizenko	“Friends Around the World”
June 23, 2014	Pat Crowner	“Treat everyone with dignity and respect”
August 25, 2014	Janet Powers	“Gearing up for AC Heritage Festival”
September 22, 2014	Pat Arendt	“International Day of Peace, Sept. 21”
October 27, 2014	Bob Appleton	“Nonkilling”
November 24, 2014	Mary Gemmill	“A pacifist’s viewpoint”
December 22, 2014	Wendy Mizenko	“Your gift will always be welcome”

On April 23 Bill Collinge gave the third annual William K. Collinge lecture, “Pope Francis: What’s Old, What’s New?” at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center. He repeated the lecture at the Brethren Village in New Oxford on June 12.

Mary Kay Turner, former ICPJ board member, office manager, and Peace Camp Director, received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award in a ceremony on April 28 at the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. Strawberry Hill Nature Center received the Peacemaker of the Year Award. The award was accepted by Chuck Reid, Executive Director of Strawberry Hill.

Peace Camp was held June 16-20 at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren. The Director was Deysy Salgado, and the theme was “Friends around the World.” Ricky Czar, Assistant Director, taught drumming skills and introduced Latin American samba rhythms. Thirty campers participated.

A potluck was held at the Kelletts' house in honor of Byravan and Lakshmi Viswanathan on July 27.

The 23rd annual Adams County Heritage Festival took place on September 21. More than a thousand people attended. Featured performers were Sharon Knowles and Fynesound (Celtic), Niyah Trio (Arabic), Onoe Ryu Dance Ensemble (Japanese), Los Forasteros y Padrillos (Mexican), and a children's play, "Abiyoyo," directed by Ann Griffith. For the first time, the festival featured a family bicycle parade. Photos by Bob Keefer are available at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/rkeefe/sets/72157647827562776/>.

The 29th Annual Meeting was held at Trinity United Church of Christ on November 8. About forty people attended. Ron Bailey, the featured speaker, offered reflections on Black History.

2015

Officers were Chris Kellett (Chair), Mary Furlong (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other board members were Bob Appleton, Peter Boving, Pat Crowner, Ricky Czar, Mary Gemmill, Wendy Mizenko, Ginger Riley, Susann Samples, Charles Strauss, and Byravan Viswanathan.

The newsletter appeared three times. A fourth issue, re-dated "Winter 2015-16," appeared in January 2016. *Gettysburg Times* columns were:

January 26, 2015	Peter Boving	"Climate justice"
February 23, 2015	Susann Samples	"Lunch counters?"
March 23, 2015	Christine Kellett	"Unsung heroines"
April 29, 2015	Mary Gemmill	"All about Peace Camp"
May 25, 2015	Dr. Byravan Viswanathan	"Race Relations: A view from outside"
June 22, 2015	Bob Appleton	"Looking for a 'feel good fix'"
July 27, 2015	MJ Duffy	"Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg"
August 24, 2015	Janet M. Powers	"It's mostly music this year"
September 28, 2015	Mary Furlong	"Sacred places, Gettysburg to West Lawn"
October 26, 2015	Bob Appleton	"Looking for a 'feel good fix' No. 2"
November 23, 2015	Pat Crowner	"Those who gave of themselves for peace"

On April 8, Emily Fox, nominated by ICPJ, received the With Heart in Hands Award in the Young Adult category. The award is given by the United Way of Adams County.

On April 20, Richard and Elizabeth Wood received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award,

and the Pennsylvania Prison Society received the Peacemaker of the Year Award. Joyce Shutt, convener of the society, and Cathy Diehl, co-convener, along with several other members, received the award for the society. Mackenzie White of the Arendtsville Elementary School was honored as the Lions International Peace Poster Contest winner.

Peace Camp was held June 15-19 at Bethel Mennonite Church. The theme was “Zoo Pals,” and the Director was Deysy Salgado. More than twenty campers participated.

Bill Collinge gave the fourth annual William K. Collinge lecture, “‘Laudato Si’,’ Pope Francis’s Encyclical on the Environment,” at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center on June 29. More than a hundred people were present.

ICPJ held a potluck July 29 at Hundredfold Farm. About 22 people attended.

The 24th annual Adams County Heritage Festival took place on September 20. Featured performers were The Knotwork Band (Celtic), Pennsylvania Native American Flute Circle, Slim Harrison (folk performance for children), Los Beny Boys (Mexican), and Black Hand (folk rock). In addition to a bicycle parade, there was a community walk along the Biser Trail in the Rec Park. Attendance was estimated at 1200. Children’s activities were very well attended, with approximately 200 children visiting each booth. Photos by Bob Keefer are available at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/rkeefer/albums/72157658913283275>.

ICPJ sponsored a bulletin board at Gettysburg Area High School. Made by Dave Crowner, it was designed to go beside the already-existing bulletin board that lists graduates who have served in the military; it lists graduates who went on to serve the country or the world in an alternative civic way. The initial honorees were eighteen GAHS graduates who served in the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or Teach for America. It was formally unveiled at the 30th Annual Meeting, held at Trinity United Church of Christ on November 14. The featured speaker was Allison Baugher Crowell, a 2004 graduate of GAHS, whose topic was “Teach for America: Making a Difference.” Marni Jones, a 1985 graduate, spoke briefly of her experience teaching English in Mauritania for the Peace Corps.

2016

Officers were Chris Kellett (Chair), Mary Furlong (Vice Chair), Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other board members were Bob Appleton, Peter Boving, Pat Crowner, MJ Duffy, Mary Gemmill, Wendy Mizenko, Susann Samples, Charles Strauss, and Kendall Wolf (student representative). Loretta Baryeh was appointed to the board in May to fill a vacancy.

The newsletter appeared four times (plus the delayed issue mentioned under 2015). *Gettysburg Times* columns were:

February 22, 2016	Susann Therese Samples	"Invisible Women"
March 28, 2016	Deacon Tom Aumen	"From Home to Haven: plight of refugees"
April 25, 2016	Rosie Bolen	"3 rd 'Let It Begin With Me' symposium"
May 23, 2016	Bob Appleton	"Women around the world"
July 25, 2016	Christine Kellett	"Summer travels"
August 22, 2016	Janet Powers	"Celebrating our 25 th "
September 26, 2016	Rukhsana Rahman	"Eid-al-Adha, Festival of Sacrifice"
October 24, 2016	MJ Duffy	"Ten Thousand Villages and its link to Fairfield Mennonite Church"
November 28, 2016	Bob Appleton	"ICPJ holds annual meeting"
December 29, 2016	Dr. Loretta Baryeh	"Helping those in need"

Fifty people (plus five musicians and some maintenance staff) attended the dedication of the bulletin board at Gettysburg Area High School on January 19. Principal Mark Blanchard gave a talk and provided refreshments. Dave Crowner arranged with the school to provide a prelude by a string quartet. At the ceremony, the honorees' parents were asked to talk, and they were very proud of their offspring. They talked for more than twice as long as anticipated. By May 2016, five more people were identified as eligible to be honored on the board.

The third "Let It Begin with Me" Symposium was held on Saturday, March 19, at Valentine Hall at the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Gettysburg, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The symposium, organized by the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice and the Social Outreach Committee of the Lutheran Theological Seminary Student Association, focused on the themes of race and violence. The keynote speaker was David Botero, the Coordinator of Harrisburg Compassionate Community Policing. Breakout sessions were "Race and Ethnicity I: Understanding the Minoritized Experience," "Reducing Violence I: Efforts by Advocacy Groups," "Race and Ethnicity II: Solutions for Building More Inclusive Communities," and "Reducing Violence II: What Can I Do?" Close to 50 people attended. A Playback Theatre performance, associated with Let It Begin with Me, took place on Sunday, May 22, with an attendance of about 30.

On April 11, more than one hundred people gathered at the Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary to recognize four Peacemakers. The first posthumous Lifetime of Peacemaking Award honored Jorge Perez-Rico and was received by his family. Jorge worked many years in our Hispanic community, especially with young people. Christopher Fee accepted the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award for his work with the homeless. The Peacemaker of the Year Award was received by Judy Young, a retired Methodist minister, for her efforts to raise awareness and seek solutions to the problem of gun violence. The William J. Collinge Award, for extraordinary service to ICPJ, was given to Lynda Taylor for her many years of work on the Heritage Festival.

In May the board adopted a formal Document Retention and Archive Policy for ICPJ.

Peace Camp was held at the Fairfield Mennonite Church, June 6-10. Denise Weldon-Siviy and Deysy Salgado were Co-Directors, and the theme was “Loving Our Neighbors: America’s Refugees Past, Present, and Future.” Ricky Czar was music director. Fifty-six campers spent a week learning about how our nation is a country of immigrants and how our lives have been enriched by the cultures of the countries from which they came. The children enjoyed a variety of guest presenters, crafts, food, and song relating to these cultures. Grant support for Peace Camp came from the Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg, the McSherrystown Home Association, the Knights of Columbus, and Gettysburg Friends Meeting.

On June 10, ICPJ had a booth at the FunFest, sponsored by the Adams County Library. Bill Collinge, Annie Byrne, Peter Boving, and two of Annie’s co-workers staffed it. Annie had prepared an activity related to the children’s activities at the Heritage Festival. We made contact with other non-profits and recruited some for the festival.

Christopher Fee delivered the fifth annual William K. Collinge Lecture, “Entertaining Angels: Homelessness and the Hospitality of Faith in Adams County,” on June 22 at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center.

The 25th Anniversary Adams County Heritage Festival took place on September 18. Featured performers were Tom Jolin, with the Barnstormers and the Rock Candy Cloggers; Roya Bahrami (Iranian fusion); Klingon Klez (klezmer); Forastero y los Potrillos (Mexican); and N-A-Chord with Tyrone Burwell (R&B, doo-wop, soul). In threatening weather, the attendance was around 1000. Photos by Rosalie Moore are available at <http://img.gg/Ruwt9Jo>.

On September 15, ICPJ co-sponsored a Concert to End Gun Violence, held at the Lutheran Seminary. The principal sponsors were the Gettysburg Gun Safety Study Group and the Adams County Human Relations Council. ICPJ also co-sponsored a Vigil for the Victims of Gun Violence, held on December 14 at the Lutheran Seminary.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 5 at Trinity United Church of Christ. 31 people were present. Peter Boving, who was leaving the board after six years’ service, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. The featured speaker was Sarah Kipp, Conservation Coordinator for the Land Conservancy of Adams County, who spoke on “My Gap Year(s).”

ICPJ took part in the Adams County Community Foundation’s Giving Spree on November 15.

2017

Officers were Chris Kellett (President), MJ Duffy (First Vice President), Dennis Murphy (Second Vice President), Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other board members were Bob Appleton, Loretta Baryeh, Pat Crowner, Mary Furlong, Mary Gemmill, Mary Heaton (student representative), Wendy Mizenko, Rukhsana Rahman, Susann Samples, and Charles Strauss.

The newsletter appeared four times. *Gettysburg Times* columns were:

January 23, 2017	Christine Kellett	"A visit to Cuba"
February 27, 2017	Dennis M. Murphy	"Housing is a justice and peace issue"
March 27, 2017	Bob Appleton	"Peace and Justice Around the World"
April 25, 2017	Charles Strauss	"Peace Camp for area youth"
May 22, 2017	William Collinge	"Interfaith and Ecumenical"
June 26, 2017	Odila Madiamba	"World Refugee Day 2017"
July 24, 2017	Mary Heaton	"Peace Camp: Where everyone is"
August 28, 2017	Janet Powers	"Travel the world at the Heritage Festival"
October 23, 2017	Bob Appleton	"Peace and justice around the world"
November 27, 2017	Christine Kellett	"ICPJ: What do we do?"
December 26, 2017	Rukhsana Rahman	"Bring the gift of literacy to others"

On April 24, the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award was given to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, soon to become part of United Lutheran Seminary. The award was accepted by Dr. Michael Cooper-White, President of the Seminary. Joseph and Maria Levenstein received the Peacemaker of the Year Award for their work in interfaith relations. The ceremony was held at the Lutheran Seminary. In June, ICPJ received a grant from Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church to support the Peacemaker Awards.

Peace Camp was held June 5-9 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Littlestown. The Director was Tania Reyes, with Analy Blanco as Assistant Director and Ricky Czar as Music Director. The theme was "Taking Care of Our Common Home," and daily topics included insects and pollinators, recycling and composting, healthy living, biodiversity, and water. 49 campers completed the camp. Peace Camp received grant support from Gettysburg Friends Meeting, Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg, Home Association of McSherrystown, and McSherrystown Moose Lodge 720.

On June 9, ICPJ participated in the Library's FunFest. Bill Collinge and Annie Byrne staffed the booth; Annie had organized activities for children. About a hundred children took part.

Charles Strauss oversaw a major update of the ICPJ website.

On June 15, Lou Charest of Catholic Relief Services gave the sixth annual William K. Collinge Lecture, "Refugees and Migrants: The Duty to Welcome," at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center.

The 26th annual Adams County Heritage Festival took place on September 17. For the first time, ICPJ entered into a partnership with the YWCA Gettysburg and Adams County in organizing the festival. Featured performers were Across the Pond (Celtic), Washington Toho Koto Society (Japanese), Vox Cubana with Ernesto "Gato" Gatell (Afro-Cuban), Barynya (Russian dancers), and Dixieland Express. Attendance was estimated at 1100. Photos by Rosalie Moore are available at <http://img.gg/X098rul>.

A committee comprising Chris Kellett, Dennis Murphy, and Bill Collinge revised the bylaws for the first time since they were adopted in 1985. They completed a process initiated by Lea Czar in 2011. The board approved the revised bylaws at its meeting of October 3, and the membership approved them at the Annual Meeting. The bylaws are posted on the ICPJ website.

ICPJ again took part in the Adams County Community Foundation's Giving Spree, held on November 9. We raised an unprecedented \$2347.61.

About 36 people attended the Annual Meeting, held on November 9. The featured speaker was board member MJ Duffy, who spoke on her work with Mennonite Disaster Services on reconstruction after flooding in West Virginia. The previously announced speaker, Pastor Brenda Walter, had to cancel for health reasons.

ICPJ co-sponsored an Interfaith Vigil for Victims of Gun Violence on December 13 at the United Lutheran Seminary.

2018

Officers were MJ Duffy (President), Dennis Murphy (First Vice President), Dawn Smith (Second Vice President), Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other board members were Loretta Baryeh, Pat Crouner, Mary Furlong, Mary Gemmill, Chris Kellett, Marie Levenstein, Wendy Mizenko, Rukhsana Rahman, Charles Strauss.

Bob Appleton and Susann Samples were named emeritus board members, a new category created in the 2017 bylaws revision.

The newsletter appeared four times.

Gettysburg Times columns were:

January 22, 2018	Susan C. Mapp	Fight human trafficking
February 2018	No column	
March 26, 2018	MJ Duffy	Mennonite Disaster Service – in times of need
April 23, 2018	Darren Glass	Building community at summer camp
May 28, 2018	William Collinge	Three builders of peace
June and July 2018	No column	
August 27, 2018	Janet Powers	We listened to you [Heritage Festival]
September 24, 2018	MJ Duffy	ICPJ Seeks youth-oriented peace projects
October 2018	No column	
November 26, 2018	MJ Duffy	ICPJ holds annual potluck dinner
December 24, 2018	Rukhsana Rahman	Interfaith dialogue: Why now, what it is, what it is not

The Peacemaker Awards ceremony was held on April 16. Merle Forney and the Reverend Sandra Mackie received Lifetime of Peacemaking Awards. Jenny Dumont, the founder of Gettysburg Rising, received the Peacemaker of the Year Award.

ICPJ again participated in the Library’s FunFest, held on June 8. Rukhsana Rahman, Chris Kellett, Mary Gemmill, and Bill Collinge led a rock-painting project and a book display promoting intercultural understanding.

Peace Camp was held June 11-15 at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren. 51 children participated. The director was Maribel Gonzalez. The theme was “Building Peaceful Communities.” Ray Owen gave a special musical performance.

Bill Collinge gave the William K. Collinge Lecture, “Person, Peace, and Planet: Catholic Social Teaching and Why It Matters,” June 16, at St. Francis Xavier School. About thirty people attended.

After the better part of a year’s work of planning and organizing, the Heritage Festival, scheduled for September 16, had to be canceled due to wet grounds and the prospect (not actually realized) of further rain. The committee began to look for an indoor location to serve as an alternate for 2019.

The fourth Let It Begin with Me was a competition for up to \$1500 to fund a peace-related project. It was aimed toward high-school age youths, a population for which ICPJ had not sponsored programs in recent years. It sought to promote and encourage youth peace leaders in Adams County. The successful application was received from Collaborating for Youth (Center for Youth and Community Development), for the

building of a Peace Garden in the back yard of their office at 233 West High Street. It would be open to the community as a peaceful, comfortable, and safe space.

Dennis Murphy and MJ staffed the ICPJ table at the Adams County Community Foundation’s Annual Giving Spree, November 8. The event brought the ICPJ nearly \$3000.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg on November 10. Forty-one people attended. The speaker was Yeimi Gagliardi, Adams County Latino Health Educator for Wellspan and Chair of the Latino Services Task Force. She spoke of problems faced by families separated through the deportation of one parent, and also of a proposed rule change that might render legal immigrants who have received various forms of government assistance ineligible to receive green cards.

2019

Officers were MJ Duffy (President), Dennis Murphy (First Vice President), Rukhsana Rahman (Second Vice President), Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other board members were Loretta Baryeh, Pat Crowner, Mary Furlong, Mary Gemmill, Darren Glass, Chris Kellett, Wendy Mizenko, Rukhsana Rahman, Melissa Rosenberger, Charles Strauss.

The newsletter appeared four times.

Gettysburg Times columns were:

January 28, 2019	Christine Kellett	Showing good will to seek peace
February 15, 2019	Bob Appleton	Global issues of peace and justice
March 25, 2019	MJ Duffy	Celebrating visionary women: Champions of peace and nonviolence
April 29, 2019	Liliana Hoedemaker	ICPJ Peace Camp superior experience
May 27, 2019	Bill Collinge	Sacred space for discourse, allowing understanding
June 24, 2019	Bill Collinge	Wisdom from those gone before us
July 2019	No column	
August 28, 2019	Janet Powers	Passports featured at 28 th Heritage Festival
September 23, 2019	Rukhsana Rahman	Hispanic culture enhances America
October 28, 2019	MJ Duffy	Join ICPJ’s annual dinner meeting
November 25, 2019	Christine Kellett	Gratitude twice blessed
December 2019	No column	

Father James M. Donohue, Professor of Theology at Mount St. Mary's University, delivered the William K. Collinge Lecture on March 21 at St. Francis Xavier School. His topic was "Working for Peace and Justice: Wisdom from Those Gone before Us." Forty-two people attended.

The Peacemaker Awards ceremony was held on April 29. Janet Morgan Riggs, who was about to retire as President of Gettysburg College, the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award. Kerr Thompson received the Peacemaker of the Year Award for his work in founding and leading the local Better Angels Alliance.

At the invitation of Annie Granger and Annette Ehly of Upper Adams Middle School, Rukhsana Rahman, Dennis Murphy, Melissa Rosenberger, and Wendy Mizenko conducted seven workshop sessions as part of a program titled Project Elevate, May 24 at the Middle School. The program was supported by a Teaching Tolerance grant. The presenters' subject was peacemakers; they were surprised at how little the students knew.

ICPJ again took part in the Adams County Library's FunFest on June 14. The project and the team were much the same as in 2018. There was plenty of traffic at the booth.

Peace Camp was held June 17-21 at the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren. The theme was "Color of Peace." The director was Tania Reyes, assisted by Analy Blanco. Approximately 42 campers and 10 junior counselors participated.

Recovering from its 2018 rainout, the 2019 Adams County Heritage Festival, held on September 15, had perfect weather and the biggest attendance ever recorded, estimated at more than 1500. All the bands that had to be canceled in 2018 were brought in for the 2019 festival:

- Rovin' Bog Hoppers (Irish)
- Shree Academy of Arts (Indian dance)
- Rebolu (Afro-Colombian)
- Klinger McFry (zydeco and roots music).

A special feature of the festival was a series of display booths illustrating numerous foreign cultures, including Albania, Iran, Myanmar, Cambodia, Japan, East Timor, and West Africa. Children could get "passports" stamped or signed at each of those international booths and in the process learn more about lesser-known countries. The Festival also included the bicycle parade/pedestrian walk that has become traditional. The committee had arranged for an alternate location at the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County in case of inclement weather but, daunted by the logistics of moving the festival, breathed a sigh of relief when it became evident that the festival could take place at the Rec Park.

The Let It Begin with Me project, the construction of a Peace Garden at Collaborating for Youth, was completed. The report was that the garden was beautiful, but there was no formal dedication ceremony. Board members questioned the extent of youth leadership in the project.

As an outgrowth of the Let It Begin with Me project and the Project Elevate program at Upper Adams, the Board formed a committee on Youth Leadership Development to plan future events.

ICPJ again took part in the Adams County Community Foundation's Annual Giving Spree, held November 7. Dennis Murphy, Rukhsana Rahman, Chris Kellett, and MJ Duffy staffed the booth. From the Giving Spree, ICPJ received an astonishing \$5537.18, nearly double the previous year's amount and enough to pay ICPJ's entire budget for most years, aside from the Heritage Festival.

ICPJ co-sponsored two events organized by other groups. These were the Abolitionists Day celebration, March 2, organized by the Thaddeus Stevens Society, and a showing on November 9 of *Las Madres de Berks*, a film about mothers and children detained at the southern border who now live in a detention facility in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

ICPJ's 34th Annual Meeting took place on Saturday, November 9, at Trinity United Church of Christ. About 35 people attended. The meeting began with a brief commemoration of long-time member and supporter Dick Wood, who had died on November 1. In the business meeting after the usual potluck, Reza Djalal, Annette Ehly, Patricia Green-Rodgers, and Alisha Sanders were elected as new board members and Loretta Baryeh, Bill Collinge, Dennis Murphy, and Rukhsana Rahman were re-elected to the board. José Pérez-Zetune was introduced as the board's new Youth Director. The evening's featured speaker was Mary Furlong. Her topic was "Malawi—The Warm Heart of Africa," and she addressed the culture of nonviolence, the role of women, and the impact of climate change in Malawi.

2020

2020 was the first year of the great COVID-19 pandemic, and many events had to be canceled or altered.

Officers were Dennis Murphy (President), Rukhsana Rahman (Vice President), Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other board members were Loretta Baryeh, Pat Crouner, Reza Djalal, Annette Ehly, Darren Glass, José Pérez-Zetune (Youth Representative), Patricia Green Rodgers, Chris Kellett, Rukhsana Rahman, Melissa Rosenberger, Alisha Sanders, and Charles Strauss. Alisha Sanders resigned from the board in February and was replaced by Wendy Mizenko at the March meeting. Monthly board meetings from April onward took place electronically via Zoom.

The newsletter appeared three times.

Gettysburg Times columns were:

January 27, 2020	Mary Furlong	Vulnerability and change in Malawi
February 25, 2020	Patricia Green Rodgers	Crossing bridges to embrace differences begins from within
March 2020	No column	
April 27, 2020	Rukhsana Rahman	Abrahamic faiths celebrate during pandemic
May 2020	No column	
June 22, 2020	Bill Collinge	Will there be an Adams County Heritage Festival this year?
July 2020	No column	
August 24, 2020	Janet Powers	Adams County Heritage Festival month
September 28, 2020	Christine Kellett	Raining lemons during pandemic
October 26, 2020	Rukhsana Rahman	Giving Spree connects donors, charitable organizations
November 2020	No column	
December 28, 2020	Athar Rafiq	Unequal access to educational resources

ICPJ co-sponsored the Abolitionists Day program on March 7, whose main sponsor was the Thaddeus Stevens Society.

The Peacemaker Awards were given, but due to Covid no public ceremony was possible. Plaques were given to the winners and books were ordered for the Library in their names. Vickie Corbett, longtime Executive Director of the United Way Adams County, was chosen for the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award; Chad-Alan Carr, Founding Executive Artistic Director of the Gettysburg Community Theater, was selected Peacemaker of the Year for his efforts both with the theater and his work to promote support for the local LGBTQ community. A new award was created to recognize Youth Leadership and was presented to the Gettysburg Area High School Amnesty International student group.

Kathleen Bonnette was scheduled to give the annual William K. Collinge Lecture on March 31, but it had to be postponed indefinitely due to Covid.

Peace Camp was canceled due to Covid. The Board decided to use some of the funds budgeted for 2020 to donate to the Adams County Library in order to purchase materials related to this year's focus on environmental justice. Other Peace Camp funds were donated to the Adams County Farmers Market to support nutritional programs for those in need.

Responding to racial and political confrontations in the Gettysburg area in the summer, ICPJ purchased an advertisement in the *Gettysburg Times* stating, “Our community celebrates diversity and respectful dialogue. Violence and threats of violence are not and will never be welcome here.” Nineteen other local organizations signed on to the statement which appeared in mid-July.

The Heritage Festival could not be held as a public event, but it was held online as a virtual event. It featured personal narratives and musical and artistic performances representing different national and cultural heritages in Adams County. It remained online for the entire month of September, and much of the material continued to be accessible on the website for a longer period. Another part of the festival was an art project, in which children and adults were encouraged to submit drawings or other art works reflecting their heritages. These were displayed in the window of a vacant store in downtown Gettysburg.

The Annual Meeting was conducted via Zoom on November 14. Shawn Palmer was elected to the board, Pat Crowner, Darren Glass, and Charles Strauss were elected to new terms, and MJ Duffy was named an emeritus board member.

2021

In its second year, the Covid-19 pandemic relented enough for some ICPJ events to go on as customary, but others were curtailed in various ways.

Officers were Dennis Murphy (President), Rukhsana Rahman (Vice President), Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other board members were Loretta Baryeh, Pat Crowner, Reza Djalal, Annette Ehly, Darren Glass, Shawn Palmer, José Pérez-Zetune (Youth Representative), Patricia Green Rodgers, Chris Kellett, Rukhsana Rahman, Melissa Rosenberger, Charles Strauss. Patricia Green Rodgers resigned as of the February board meeting. Annette Ehly resigned on June 30. José Pérez-Zetune left the board when he went to college in September. Monthly board meetings took place electronically via Zoom through June but were in person from July onward.

The December 2020 issue of the newsletter was mailed on January 8. It was not delivered in the Gettysburg area until the first week of April. Newsletters for 2021 were mailed in May, September, and December. With the December issue, Patti Robinson joined Bill in editing, and the newsletter took on a new look, with more graphics and photos.

Gettysburg Times columns were:

January 25, 2021	Rosie Bolen	A social justice approach to global vaccine distribution
February 22, 2021	Dennis Murphy	Many challenges exist before we can defeat COVID

March 22, 2021	Christine Kellett	Women's history and the challenges ahead
April 2021	No column	
May 24, 2021	Melissa Rosenberger	Building cultural competency in Adams County
June 29, 2021	Reza Djalal	Food should be harvested in a just way
July 26, 2021	Melissa Rosenberger	Rebuilding peaceful communities one DAC at a time [DAC = Dialogue Action Circle]
August 23, 2021	Janet Powers	Heritage Festival celebrating 30 th anniversary
September 27, 2021	Christine Kellett	Time to say so long, work still to be done
October 28, 2021	Dennis Murphy	Preparing for annual meeting, Giving Spree
November 22, 2021	Rukhsana Rahman	Celebrating Native American Heritage Month
December 2021	No column	

At the March 9 board meeting, Pastor Jay Zimmerman, who had died of Covid on January 13, was awarded the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award posthumously. The board chose Judy Leslie for the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award and Scott Hancock for the Peacemaker of the Year Award. The living winners and Pastor Jay's widow were given plaques, and books were ordered for the Adams County Library in honor of all winners, but no public ceremony was held.

Due to Covid, Peace Camp was smaller and later than had been customary, but it was successful. It took place July 26-30 at Vida Charter School. There were 17 campers and 8 junior counselors. The director was Melissa Rosenberger, and the theme was "Rebuilding Peaceful Communities."

The Heritage Festival was held outdoors on its usual third Sunday of September date, September 19 this year. A Covid-19 vaccination booth was provided by WellSpan. The weather was excellent, and an estimated 1100 people attended. Mainstage acts were Coyle School of Irish Dance, Downtown Tumbao, Penn Lions Chinese Dancers, and N-A Chord. A Sharing Our Stories oral history project recorded narratives from local residents. The absence of state grants meant that ICPJ had to make up for a large deficit. Sufficient food vendors were not enlisted until days before the event. But in all the committee judged the festival to be a success.

Kathleen McKee Bonnette gave the William K. Collinge Lecture, postponed from 2020, on October 11, in the William K. and Rita M. Collinge Multipurpose Room at St. Francis Xavier School, a spacious and well-ventilated venue. Her topic was "The Law of Love

and the Rule of Law: Faith, Justice, and Irregular Migration.” Fifty-two people attended. An article based on her lecture appeared in the Winter 2021 issue of the newsletter.

The Annual Giving Spree sponsored by the Adams County Community Foundation, concluding on November 5, yielded \$6947.01 for ICPJ, up from 5453.54 in 2020.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 6 over Zoom. Seventeen people attended. Rosie Bolen and Melissa Rosenberger were re-elected to the board, and Alisha Sanders was elected to a new term. The featured speaker was Judy Leslie, winner of the 2021 Lifetime of Peacemaking Award. Her topic was “My Eyes Were Opened.” She spoke of her experiences teaching English as a Second Language and helping refugees to resettle. The text of her lecture appeared in the Winter 2021 issue of the newsletter.

2022

Officers were Dennis Murphy (President), Melissa Rosenberger (Vice President), Bill Collinge (Secretary); Rosie Bolen (Treasurer). Other board members at the start of the year were Loretta Baryeh, Pat Crowner, Reza Djalal, Darren Glass, Shawn Palmer, Alisha Sanders, and Charles Strauss. Patrice Smith joined the board in May. Loretta Baryeh left the board in June. Rachel Hartnett and Odila Madiamba joined the board in August.

The Newsletter was mailed three times.

Gettysburg Times columns were:

January 24, 2022	Dennis Murphy	ICPJ seeks nominations for Peacemaker Awards
March 1, 2022	Pat and Dave Crowner	Making new residents feel at home
March 28, 2022	Patrice Smith	We need Peace Child now
April 2022	No column	
May 23, 2022	Melissa Rosenberger	Earth justice, people, peace, and planet
June 28, 2022	Dennis Murphy	Peacemaker honorees represent diversity
July 2022	No column	
August 25, 2022	Janet Powers	Heritage Festival 2022, appreciating all of
August 31, 2022 (for September)	Melissa Rosenberger	ICPJ’s Peace Camp 2022 taught important lessons
October 26, 2022	Darren Glass	Asking for support at the Giving Spree
November 30, 2022	Patrice Smith	A look at Mayor Rita Char Beth Frealing
December 27, 2022	Dennis Murphy	ICPJ meets in person, seeks Peacemaker nominees

Covid-19 did not disappear, but the pandemic abated enough that ICPJ could hold its regular events, though not always on the usual schedule. June was a very active month.

The Peacemaker Award ceremony was held in person, for the first time in three years, on June 13. Yeimi Gagliardi received the Lifetime of Peacemaking Award, and Blessing Shahid and Alex Hayes received Peacemaker of the Year Awards. About fifty people attended.

Peace Camp was held at Vida Charter School from June 20 to June 24. Melissa Rosenberger was Director. The theme was “Earth Justice: People, Peace, and Planet.” Forty or fifty children attended, including junior counselors.

Charles Strauss delivered the tenth William K. Collinge Lecture on June 20. His topic was “‘The Church as Field Hospital’: St. John Neumann, St. Francis Xavier Parish, and Catholic Social Teaching.” Upwards of fifty people attended.

The Heritage Festival took place on September 18 in excellent weather. An estimated 1200 people attended. Mainstage performers were River Rhythm Ramblers, Di Dim Sae and Washington Samulnori (Korean drum and dance), Storyteller Oni Lasana, and Los Monstros (Latin fusion). The festival included ten cultural display booths, representing twenty-one countries; children could have “passports” stamped by visiting the booths. A group of AYUSA exchange students added vigor to the festival. It was again a scramble until the last minute to find food vendors, but eventually a satisfactory amount of good food was available.

ICPJ again took part in the Adams County Community Foundation’s Annual Giving Spree, November 3, and realized \$6361.47 from the event.

The Annual Meeting was held Saturday, November 5, at Trinity United Church of Christ. Twenty people attended. The speaker was Gettysburg Mayor Rita Frealing, who spoke of growing up African American in Gettysburg. Jesse Holt Jr. was newly elected to the board. Bill Collinge and Reza Djalal were re-elected to regular terms on the board. Rachel Hartnett, Odila Madiamba, and Patrice Smith, who had been added to the board by the board, were elected to regular terms.

On November 21, emerita board member and 2010 Peacemaker Award winner passed away. Four other Peacemaker Award winners died in 2022: Jean Odom (1995), Lou Hammann (2004), Paula Olinger (2009), and Merle Forney (2018).

At its December meeting, the board elected officers for 2023. Elected were Darren Glass, President; Melissa Rosenberger, First Vice President; Charles Strauss, Second Vice

President; Bill Collinge, Secretary; Rosie Bolen, Treasurer. Other board members for 2023 are Pat Crowner, Reza Djalal, Rachel Hartnett, Jesse Holt Jr., Odila Madiamba, Shawn Palmer, Alisha Sanders, and Patrice Smith.