

Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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Newsletters

For our Spring 2016 Newsletter, we featured some major events that have taken place the past few months. Click the image to read an update about the Flying Pig, an educational article about labor trafficking, and our legislative corner. [Sign up to receive our Newsletters](#).

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Issues

A Newsletter of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

Death Penalty Lobby Day at the State Capitol

On Tuesday, April 12, a busload of anti-death penalty advocates traveled from Cincinnati to participate in the death penalty lobby day led by Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE) and supported by more than twenty co-conveners. The day was hugely successful in delivering a clear message to our legislators that support for the death penalty in Ohio is not only waning but active opposition to the practice is growing.

The morning program provided space for legislators sponsoring reform and abolition bills to give their support for those who would, hours later, be attending meetings with their state senators and representatives.

IJPC, along with the Archdio-

cese of Cincinnati, were instrumental in making this culminating event of the Faith Leader Initiative a success. An open letter with nearly 400 signatures from faith leaders of a variety of faith traditions was included in packet information, urging support of legislation implementing reforms recommended by the Ohio Supreme Court Joint Task Force to improve equity and fairness in the administration of Ohio's death penalty.

Hundreds of postcards from constituents were delivered in person to each representative, as well as packets of information and statistics. IJPC's Families That Matter (FTM) book entitled *Not Behind Bars, but Sentenced For Life* was given to all legisla-



Members of Families That Matter (FTM) Gloria Stewart, Lisa Davis, and Pat Jenkins deliver a FTM book to Sen. Cecil Thomas

tors. In the book, family members describe how they have been affected by the incarceration of a loved one on death row or their execution. During the program preceding individual lobby visits, one member of FTM, Lisa Davis, had the opportunity to share some of what that experience was like when her uncle Jerome Campbell was convicted and sentenced to die of lethal injection.

Military Spending Action on Fountain Square

The IJPC Peace Committee coordinated an action on Fountain Square on April 6 during the Global Days of Action on Military Spending, an international campaign. Eight people passed out 200 fliers regarding our military budget to a lunchtime crowd.

With military spending at \$1800 billion per year, 1% could meet the urgent unmet needs in the humanitarian sector. A single F-35 costs \$100 million to build and that same money could build 8 hospitals in Africa. [Currently, 53% of discretionary spending is dedicated to the military.](#)

To become involved with similar actions, attend the Peace Committee Meetings—typically the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 PM at IJPC.



Activists displayed information regarding the US Budget and the disproportionate amount dedicated to military spending.

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