

# Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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## Newsletters

For our Winter 2016 Newsletter, we have included what our New Years Resolutions would be for each of our program areas! Please read for our resolutions, ways that you can be involved, and for Flying Pig 2016 information! [Sign up to receive our Newsletters](#).

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# Issues

A Newsletter of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

### Anti-Death Penalty Resolutions

In 2016, IJPC will work during the extended moratorium of executions in Ohio, to build and strengthen a base of opposition that will not allow executions to resume in 2017 and contributes to abolishing the death penalty.

According to Death Penalty Information Center's (DPIC) Year End Report, death penalty use declined sharply in 2015, in both executions and new death sentences.

Public opinion is also shifting as well; opposition to capital punishment polled higher than any time since 1972. IJPC will build upon nationwide momentum to shed light on flaws beyond repair within the death penalty system. IJPC will look for positive movement of SB: 162 (Excluding the seriously mentally ill from eligibility for death sentence) out of committee, support in the Senate, and then in the House. We



**6 new people exonerated in 2015, bringing total exonerations to 156 people**

Source: DPIC Year End Report

will promote new legislation around murder victim family rights and wrongful convictions. This is the year to get to know your legislator and their aides on a first name basis so they are continually hearing from their constituents.

#### Actions You Can Take

- Attend Anti-Death Penalty committee meetings, 2nd Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm at IJPC. (Next one is Feb 16th)
- Attend educational programs offered throughout the region
- Join on 4/7 for Lobby Day with Ohioans to Stop Executions. Email [info@IJC Cincinnati.org](mailto:info@IJC Cincinnati.org) if interested in a rideshare from Cincinnati to Columbus.

### Peace and Nonviolence Resolutions

In 2016, IJPC will promote and advocate for nonviolence and dialogue with a focus on racial equity, global conflicts, and alternatives to war. It is imperative to be a voice for peace as political figures use violence and hate speech to capitalize on fear and win elections.

IJPC staff are honing skills in the dialogue process with facilitators and are engaged with community members to bring people together to explore challenging topics. We will offer training to individuals and groups who want to learn to become facilitators, thereby spreading the use of respectful communication and strategies of nonviolence throughout the city. IJPC is currently involved



Christina Brown of CHRC introduces Rethinking Racism

in several local movements in the areas of racial equity, human rights violations and aggression, and alternatives to war. In collaboration with the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC), we have started a Rethinking Racism initiative to look at and find solutions to institutional racism within Cincinnati and need everyone's voices and action in this conversation. We will celebrate different cultures and the need for peace through events like the World Peace Festival. *Continued on page 4*

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The Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center educates and advocates for peace, challenges unjust local, national and global systems, and promotes the creation of a nonviolent society. IJPC is supported by faith-based organizations and individuals who work together to educate around justice issues, take collaborative action and do public witness. We address local, national and international concerns focusing on the death penalty, immigration, human trafficking and peace and nonviolence.