

Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

Discrimination, Detention, and Deportation: Immigration & Refugees

<https://ijpccincinnati.org/news/2016-2017-annual-report/>

Annual reports

Our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 was finalized before our Pursuing Peace in Cincinnati event. Click on the picture below to learn more about our impact educating, challenging, and transforming systems this past year.

IJPC **educates** and **advocates** for peace, **challenges** unjust local, national, & global systems, and promotes the creation of a nonviolent society

	Educates	Advocates	Challenges
	<p>The U.S. immigration system is more complicated than "get back in line" and the death penalty doesn't act as a deterrent for crime. Through presentations at schools and churches, in blogs and newsletters, and by hosting events, IJPC educates.</p> <p>In 2016-2017,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee members gave 21 trainings on human trafficking to identify red flags and prevent human trafficking.• Staff and volunteers dispelled immigration myths for more than 400 high school and college youth.• 46 volunteers were trained as IJPC Dialogue Facilitators, including 30 new volunteers. <p>"In such a polarized time in our country, it's important to walk into difficult conversations with intention and awareness." -T.R., dialogue participant</p>	<p>Systemic change is possible when the voice of one is joined by the voices of many. By sharing community concerns with elected officials and community leaders, IJPC advocates to transform the status quo and create a more just world where the vulnerable are protected.</p> <p>In 2016-2017,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three local universities engaged in IJPC's "Critical Issues in the Criminal Justice System" exhibit. With this experience, 240 students put on virtual reality headsets to understand the anguish caused by solitary confinement. 56% of participants advocated for change as a result of this experience.• In collaboration with Ohioans to Stop Executions, IJPC assisted by calling more than 200 individuals when Governor Kasich called of the moratorium of the death penalty.• Members of IJPC's Peace Committee visited Congressman Steve Chabot's office to advocate against increasing military spending in the national budget and instead advocated for diplomacy and peacebuilding efforts to resolve international conflicts.	<p>IJPC challenges systems to be more just and individuals to deepen their understanding. We build community by showing up and inviting everyone to put their souls and bodies into the work.</p> <p>In 2016-2017,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 245 individuals plugged into genuine conversations about racism through the Rethinking Racism initiative challenging the narrative about racism in Cincinnati.• IJPC proudly stood alongside CAIR - Cincinnati to speak out against the travel ban targeting Muslim majority countries and to challenge racist and xenophobic policies.• Ten interns from local colleges and universities contributed to the work of IJPC and were challenged to learn more about social justice during their 1,450 hours of service.• IJPC YES leaders pressured elected officials to protect immigrant dignity and rights through rallies and media outreach #NoBanNoWall and #DefendDACA

Financial Report

Income: \$219,361

Grants - 14%	Programs - 5%	Other - 1%
Fundraising Events - 21%	Individuals and sponsors - 59%	

Expense: \$212,337

Fundraising - 12%	Admin - 14%	Programs - 74%
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Information reflects the 2016-2017 fiscal year

IJPC Founding Sponsors:

- Congregation of St. Joseph
- Sisters of Charity
- Sisters of Mercy
- Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
- Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg

IJPC Sponsors:

- Anawim Community
- Belarmine Chapel
- Cincinnati Friends Meeting
- Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship
- Comboni Missionaries
- Congregation of Divine Providence
- Dominican Sisters of Hope
- Franciscan Sisters of the Poor
- Franciscans, St. John the Baptist Province
- Glenmary Home Missioners
- Sisters of Notre Dame of Covington
- New Jerusalem Community
- St. John Unitarian Universalist Church
- Ursulines of Brown County

Staff:

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Immigration Program Organizer
- Mary Ellen Huss
Operations Manager
- Andrea Koverman, SC
Program Manager
- Allison Reynolds-Berry, MSW
Executive Director
- Samantha Searls, MSW
Program Manager

Board of Directors:

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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.