



# Pax Christi USA

## 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

*"Movements like Pax Christi are precious. They draw people's attention to the violence which shatters the harmony between human beings which is at the heart of creation. You help to develop conscience, so that justice and the search for the common good can prevail in the relations between individuals and peoples. These are the foundations for lasting peace..."*

*Through your words and your life, the world may recognize that peace is a gift of God; that peace is possible for the world in Christ..."*

*- Pope John Paul II, Address to Pax Christi International, May 29, 1995*



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Like the Holy Father, Pax Christi believes that peace is possible for the world. That is why we, the community of Pax Christi, have tried for more than 30 years to spread the good news of peace and justice throughout the world.

Anniversaries are a time to help us remember, celebrate and recommit, and 2002 marked the 30th Anniversary of our "precious" movement. For these 30 years, Pax Christi USA has faithfully spoken out against war, injustice and violence of any kind and has faithfully brought its message, in good times and bad, to all in the Catholic Church. Because of its faithful and simple message of peace, Pax Christi has gained a reputation within the Catholic Church that has enabled it to continue its vital work from a position of respect and integrity. Never was this voice needed more than in the past couple of years, or now as we move into 2003.

The urgency of Pax Christi's message continued to be heard in 2002, a year that began with bombing campaigns in Afghanistan and ended with an impending crisis in Iraq, as well as a potential nuclear showdown between the United States and North Korea.

Pax Christi USA's work during the past year has been highlighted by *USA Today*, *Reuters*, *C-Span*, *Vatican Radio*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post*, *CBS News*, *MSNBC*, *Religious and Ethics Newsweekly*, *U.S. Catholic*, *National Catholic Reporter*, *Our Sunday Visitor*, *America*, *Sojourners*, *The Other Side*, *Catholic News Service*, *Church World*, diocesan papers across the country and even on the floor of the U.S. Congress.

The past year also saw Pax Christi USA undertake many varied and ambitious projects. With the help of our local groups, regions, national office staff, national council and Pax Christi International, we were able to initiate an agenda that was both creative and imaginative. It was indeed a year where our members used their creativity to imagine a world without war. The following are just a sample of the many projects that were undertaken by Pax Christi at all levels of the movement.



## ✿ 9/11-Response

Much of our work continues to be closely related to the terrible tragedy of September 11 and the U.S. led War on Terrorism:

- ✿ In March, Pax Christi brought Catholic leaders from around the country to commemorate the six month anniversary of September 11 in Washington, D.C. PCUSA gathered its national council, staff and regional leaders for an unprecedented summit to discern the movement's next steps and bring the message that violence only breeds more violence to policymakers in the nation's capital during lobby visits.
- ✿ In June, Pax Christi organized a delegation to Pakistan, and National Coordinator Dave Robinson, Pax Christi International Vice President Marie Dennis and Bishop Thomas Gumbleton participated in a delegation to Afghanistan.
- ✿ In July, Pax Christi held its national assembly for over 750 people, with workshops on nonviolent conflict resolution, scripture, anti-racism work and many other topics. Speakers included Bishop Thomas Gumbleton and Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB.
- ✿ In October, Pax Christi co-published a new resource for youth groups and religious education programs on war, terrorism, violence and our response to these as people of faith and peace. (See *Young Adult Organizing* section)

## ✿ Iraq

For many, the past year was consumed with the impending war with Iraq.

- ✿ While the U.S. was issuing deadlines and ultimatums, Pax Christi published a prayer card by Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB, *Prayer for World Peace*. The demand for this prayer card has been high and reprints of 200,000 cards were needed to keep pace with our orders.
- ✿ Together with Voices in the Wilderness and other co-sponsors, Pax Christi organized *The Mirror of Truth* bus tour against war with Iraq and weapons of mass destruction. From September through November, the caravan and speaking tour visited weapons sites and college campuses all along the East Coast.
- ✿ In September and October, together with NETWORK and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Pax Christi organized two Emergency Lobby and Prayer Days in Washington,

D.C., to oppose war against Iraq.

- ✿ Since July, Pax Christi has been promoting the "Iraq Peace Pledge" and "Pledge of Resistance" so that people can organize against war with Iraq and take action through letter writing campaigns, educational events, prayer services and nonviolent direct action.
- ✿ Pax Christi hosted "War Without End: The SOA, The War on Terrorism and Bush's Liberal Imperialism," a panel discussion attended by more than 500 people at this year's School of the Americas protest and vigil.
- ✿ In December, National Coordinator Dave Robinson was part of a delegation of religious leaders that traveled to Iraq. While there, Dave met with a diverse group of people, from ordinary citizens to Iraqi Catholic bishops. Pax Christi steered all the media work for this delegation.

## ✿ Local /Regional Organizing

As the specter of war and increased human suffering loom, people are seeking a different, better way to meet the needs of humanity and develop true peace and security. They are turning to Pax Christi USA and its message of peace through justice.

- ✿ The number of Pax Christi local groups in parishes and communities across the country increased by 33 in 2002.
- ✿ Pax Christi USA's email network, The Rapid Response Network (RRN), engages nearly 2,000 contacts, representing parishes, universities, religious communities, peace and justice organizations. The RRN reaches around the world providing participants with Pax Christi USA statements, action alerts, resources and other information pertinent to peacemakers, and has proven to be an effective organizing/mobilizing tool. It is our hope that these 2,000 contacts, which increase in number daily, will share Pax Christi USA's message of gospel nonviolence with thousands more.
- ✿ PCUSA continued to publish the *Organizer*, which offers concrete ideas, clip art, quotes, programs, calendar events and various resources from which our grassroots groups and members can adapt initiatives. This valuable little publication serves as a vital resource for parishes, communities and local groups across the U.S.

## ✚ Anti-Racism Initiative

Through its *Brothers and Sisters All* anti-racism initiative, Pax Christi seeks to embrace a multicultural identity and to filter all its work through an anti-racist perspective. This past year saw the anti-racist team active in all areas of Pax Christi's work.

- ✚ The team met twice in 2002 and continues to become more cohesive in its vision and goals.
- ✚ PCUSA continues to build stronger relationships with organizations of color, including the National Black Catholic Congress, in order to broaden our pool of writers and speakers who are passionate about nonviolent peacemaking.
- ✚ The team presented a well attended seminar at our National Assembly in Detroit.
- ✚ A six hour introductory workshop was developed for Pax Christi regions that introduces the anti-racism analysis to our members and encourages them to take some first steps in building relationships with communities of color.
- ✚ Members of the team conducted a well received workshop at the National Black Catholic Congress this past summer.

## ✚ Globalization

Understanding the context and dynamics of globalization are key to every effort at personal and social transformation today. Pax Christi believes that the current forms of globalization are destructive to the human community and contrary to Catholic Social Teaching, in that it forces millions of people into poverty, creating cultural conflicts and social instability. The current War on Terrorism can only be understood within this complex, emerging reality.

- ✚ As part of our education and outreach efforts, the Pax Christi national office produced a comprehensive prayer, study and action packet, *Toward a Globalization of Solidarity*, to assist people of faith in identifying key issues involved in the process of globalization from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching.
- ✚ Our reflection book for Advent 2002, *Bringing Forth Justice in the Global Economy*, by Sr. Arlene Flaherty, OP, D. Min., also focused on our contemporary experience of globalization.
- ✚ PCUSA placed a two-page ad in the December issue of *St. Anthony Messenger* that reached 350,000 Catholics. The ad called for a world that demands justice, feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, clothes the naked, cares for the sick and speaks out against violence.

## ✚ Human Rights

- ✚ PCUSA Joined with other social justice groups in a day of solidarity action for International Human Rights Day.
- ✚ We co-sponsored "From Death Row to Freedom," an anti-death penalty tour that featured three exonerated death row inmates.

## ✚ Young Adult Organizing

The Pax Christi Young Adult Forum continues to be an important part of our movement, providing the opportunity to explore nonviolence and build community with other young adult peacemakers. This area of our work continues to be a pri-

ority because so many of our youth are inundated by icons of violence and war. It is imperative to invest in the peacemakers of tomorrow.

- ✚ During the 2001-2002 school year, over 20 new campus/young adult Pax Christi groups started across the nation.
- ✚ The PCUSA Young Adult Forum held two very successful retreats. In particular, the retreat in New York City, which looked at the relationship between racism and war, was the largest Forum retreat to date, with over 100 participants from 19 states.
- ✚ An important pilot project was initiated, the New York City Young Adult Organizing Project, which aims to do concentrated organizing among students and young adults in important geographic areas of the country for a period of one year.
- ✚ Along with the Institute for Peace and Justice, PCUSA co-produced an educational publication on peacemaking post-September 11 entitled *If Only Today You Knew. . . The Things That Make for Peace*. This resources comes in two versions; one for high schools and youth groups and another for grades K-8 and parish religious education programs. They provide an introduction to the key leaders and themes of the peace movement and are aimed at teachers, youth ministers and other people who work with youth.
- ✚ An important tool for our young adult membership is the newsletter "Locusts and Wild Honey." Developed by the Young Adult forum, this publication is increasing in importance as a source of communication and resources. It is also a great resource for those who minister to youth and young adults. In 2002, PCUSA published four issues that were sent at strategic points during the school year.

## ✚ Conflict Resolution

The year 2002 saw the official launching of our multicultural conflict resolution initiative, Pax Christi Weavers. The program consists of three basic components: multiculturalism, conflict transformation and nonviolence. The goal of this creative program is to give communities the "tools" to appreciate diversity among people, to understand how culture influences each of us, and to respond appropriately to conflicts resulting from misunderstandings between cultures.

- ✚ Workshops were conducted for a variety of groups, including women religious, school administrators and school principals.
- ✚ Proposals for training are in progress for such groups as diocesan offices, parish social justice ministers, college staffs and ecumenical groups.
- ✚ A new brochure detailing the program was produced for distribution.

These projects and their impact show the breadth of work that has been undertaken during a very difficult time. It is important for Pax Christi to be able to respond rapidly in an ever-changing political climate. And this means new initiatives, resources and strategies that cannot always be foreseen nor planned for. Despite the overwhelming need, Pax Christi USA has been able to respond capably and articulately, even as the need for voices of peace and reconciliation increases.

## Pax Christi Staff

### Full time

Amanda Bennett – Administrative Assistant  
 Jo Clarke – Development Director  
 Jody Drakes – Membership Data Analyst  
 Phyllis Jepson – Local/Regional Director  
 Mike Jones – Communications Associate  
 Heather Lipinski – Administrative Assistant  
 Julie Manno - Administrative Assistant  
 Lori Nemenz – Sales Coordinator  
 Nancy Phanco – Operations Director  
 Barbara Richardson – Administrative Assistant  
 David Robinson – National Coordinator  
 Sue Steadman – Mailroom Coordinator  
 Jean Stokan – Policy Director  
 John Zokovitch – Communications Director

### Part-Time

Patty Gaines – Weavers Coordinator  
 Ray LaPort (Volunteer)  
 Shannon McManimon – Program Associate  
 Kathy Szympruch – Administrative Assistant

### Interns

Emily Howard

## National Council

Bishop Walter Sullivan – Bishop President  
 Eric LeCompte – Chair  
 Cathleen Crayton – Vice-Chair  
 Ron Dolan – Treasurer  
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 John Kelly  
 Kathy McGinnis  
 Beatrice Parwatikar  
 Tricia Sullivan  
 Tom Webb  
 Christine Vladimiroff, OSB  
 Bishop Gabino Zavala

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## REVENUE

Contributions	659,224
New Membership Outreach	51,691
Appeals	78,198
Grants	83,649
Sales	196,925
Programs/Projects	22,649
National Assembly	78,459
Local/Regional/Youth Organizing	4,320
Interest and Dividends	10,204
Unrealized (loss)/gain on Investments	-39,110
Miscellaneous	2,823
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT, REVENUE</b>	<b>1,149,032</b>

## EXPENSES

Development	146,370
Cost of Sales	187,879
Marketing	57,675
Programs/Projects	
Assembly	Weavers
Sign-On Advertisement	Catholic Peace Voice
National Action	Priority Areas
Brothers and Sisters All	Membership Resourcing
Local/Regional/Youth Organizing	Haiti
Pax Christi International	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>642,958</b>
Administration and Coordination	192,729
Depreciation and Amortization	24,150
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,251,761</b>

**Decrease in Net Assests** -102,729

The Strategic Plan Fund (SPF) is an investment fund created to support strategic projects of PCUSA and is intended to be liquidated over a period of several years. The 2002 support from the SPF totaled \$82,093. Strategic projects that continue after this fund is depleted will need to be supported by new sources of funding. Expenditures from this fund are made with the approval of the PCUSA national council.

## EXPENSE OVERVIEW



## ASSETS

Cash	190,550
Investments	299,258
Receivables	27,661
Inventory	126,466
Prepaid Expense	23,351
Building, Equipment, Vehicle less Depreciation	189,772
Other Assets	830
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>857,888</b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	41,205
Accrued Taxes, Payroll, Withholdings	12,307
Deposits	5,302
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>58,814</b>

## NET ASSETS

Undesignated	480,936
Board Designated	266,241
Purpose Restricted	51,897
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>799,074</b>

## TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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