

Peace, Justice, and Hunger Commission Report

Our Commission uses our Baptismal Covenant as our guide in working for peace and justice for all people. We use prayer, education and advocacy to reach these goals. We work in collaboration with other Diocesan groups on mutual areas for social and economic justice.

Some of our activities this year have included a gathering to focus on faith in action. This September event featured The Rev. Mary Moreno Richardson, founder of The Guadeloupe Art Program as our guest speaker. Participants were given an opportunity to network and share how they personally or on a parish level do outreach ministry.

In August some of our commission members attended a CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice) sponsored educational forum on economic justice. The forum's focus was on increasing the minimum wage for fast food workers. This August event gave us the opportunity to meet and network with several community and faith based groups. This year we are co-sponsoring the Resolution on Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act of 2014. This Act addresses mass incarceration among men of color in California and re-direct funds to K-12 Schools.

We continue to support and work with the Diocesan Task Force to end gun violence and their efforts to have peace in our cities through cease fire walks and stand-ins. We were able to support and participate in the recently held St. Francis Day Convocation and Walk held in San Francisco.

Our commission makes small grants to diocesan and non-profit community groups that are working to end poverty and establish justice. So far this year we made grants to the Food Pantry at St. Paul's, and the Sabeel conference. We interested persons from our diocese to join with us in our work for justice and peace.

—Respectfully submitted,
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