

BE A PEACEMAKER! The Peace Resource Center (PRC) depends on community support to continue our work.

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Name _____ Email _____ [] Do NOT add me to e-list.

Address _____ Phone _____

Sign me up! Yes, I agree to the PRC Purpose and Code of Ethics (below) & enclosed are my membership dues:

___ \$40 Individual ___ \$25 Student/senior/low income ___ \$50 Family ___ \$50 Organization ___ \$100 Sustainer

I love the PRC! Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ for general operational support.

Please send me information about how I can volunteer with the PRC. I am especially interested in:

Membership in the Peace Resource Center (PRC) is open to all individuals and organizations who desire to associate themselves with and subscribe to our Statement of Purpose and Code of Ethics.

PRC Purpose Statement (Updated January 1995)

The Peace Resource Center was established to provide a clearinghouse of peace and social justice resources, issues and activities; to promote networking among peace-related organizations; to offer nonviolent alternatives in conflict resolution; and to carry on an expanding program of peace education in San Diego County. The Center provides an ongoing presence throughout San Diego County to counter and alter violent approaches to problem solving—interpersonally, nationally and internationally and works to point out the links among issues of peace, social justice and a safe, sustainable environment.

PRC Code of Ethics (Adopted February 2014)

Preamble: The Board of Directors, staff, and members of the Peace Resource Center (PRC) of San Diego are committed to powerful peacemaking as a process for living revolution and alliance building. Our primary work is presenting education aimed at creating a sustainable environment and culture of peace while acting as a catalyst for change in the San Diego community. We focus on practicing and promoting active nonviolence as a strategy for achieving social justice, equity, and an end to physical and structural violence. Working in an ethical, truthful, principled manner is the highest value for our organization.

Purpose: We are guided by the principles of nonviolence, tolerance, compassion and respect for diversity and invite all who are committed to these shared values to join us. This code describes standards and behaviors that representatives of this organization strive to meet or exceed. By holding these values as the principles of action, the PRC and our members pledge to be a reliable, accountable resource for the social justice community of San Diego County and beyond.

“The time is always ripe to do right” - Martin Luther King Jr.

- **Vision with Creativity:** We are inspired by the vision of communities working together to create and nourish a peaceful, nonviolent world. Our commitment to innovation is demonstrated through collaboration. Our Board of community representatives endeavors to initiate and implement new and thoughtful ideas that build a just and sustainable world.
- **Peace through Nonviolence:** We are devoted to a cooperative, empathetic culture that provides alternatives to aggressive, forceful behavior. We advocate practices based upon truth, love, compassion, and reconciliation when dealing with others.
- **Honesty & Integrity:** We strive to be truthful and transparent in our dealings with each other. We work to be consistent in our actions, honorable in our transactions, and dependable in a conscious effort to live up to our values.
- **Social Transformation:** In pursuit of equity and justice, we understand that increasing our awareness, knowledge, and skills in issues of race, class, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and the wise stewardship of the earth's resources is necessary. Equally important is connecting issues by thinking globally and acting locally with emphasis on solidarity through social action.
- **Meaningful Satisfaction:** We find value in providing exceptional service through our distribution of information and resources relating to peace and nonviolence. We recognize the significance and find joy in the work that facilitates personal development and brings us together to achieve our mission and shared values.
- **Service & Solidarity:** We empower ourselves, as individuals and as the PRC, by building connections and working in cooperation with others to gain broader understanding in our purpose of service. We are constantly evolving and responsive to change as a growing network concurrently sharing skills needed to create a peaceful, nonviolent world.
- **Building a Cooperative Community:** We are dedicated to the creation of new models for social change by promoting dialogue, understanding, and consensus decision-making. We believe a community is empowered through participatory democracy and shared leadership.

The Peace Resource Center of San Diego 2014 Program & Service Review

“So let us persevere.

*Peace need not be impracticable,
and war need not be inevitable.
By defining our goal more clearly,
by making it seem more
manageable and less remote,
we can help all peoples to see it,
to draw hope from it, and to move
irresistibly toward it.”*

~ John F. Kennedy

Founded in 1980, the Peace Resource Center (PRC) has been a consistent presence in our San Diego community, speaking out against violence in all its forms and providing local support for peaceful, just ways to solve interpersonal, community, and global problems. We are proud of our past 34 years of working for peace, social justice, and a sustainable environment!

As we step back to look at 2014, our communities, and world, we again find many challenges. This year, globally there were stalled negotiations on Iran's Nuclear Program, Russia-Ukraine conflict, two Malaysia Airline tragedies, renewed warfare by the US in Iraq and Syria, crashing oil prices, continued NSA surveillance issues, and more.

Yet, we also saw people standing up collectively to challenge and change the world. Communities worked together and rallied support locally and globally, ranging from action for missing students in Nigeria and Mexico, to the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong, to protests about Climate change and the Keystone XL Pipeline, and most recently actions around Ferguson's police brutality and broader racism.

Peace with justice takes time and concerted efforts. At the PRC, we begin by providing resources, building community, and promoting collaboration at our foundation. An important part of the “change” process is also review and reflection.

For our organization, highlights of 2014 include: the Arts for Peace exhibition that showcased community members' expressions of peace and civil rights through various mediums; film nights co-hosted around inequality, resistance on Jeju, a choir visiting Palestine, and award-nominated Dirty Wars; co-organizing and hosting a ‘Stop the Drones’ convergence; collaboratively putting on our Work-a-thon at the Centro Cultural de la Raza; hosting overnight visitors and the conference for the National War Tax Resisters Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC); permit assistance for the large People's Climate March; as well as coordination of and participation in both the California Peace Centers Gathering in Santa Cruz and the Peace and Justice Studies Association conference in San Diego.

But, there is so much more to be done... We are among the people who will do it, and YOU are part of the answer!

It takes concerted effort by all peaceable people working in partnership to achieve our shared goals. We look forward to joining together in 2015 to continue raising our combined voices and assembling hand in hand for peace, justice, and sustainability. We continue to build the awareness, mass movement, and creative thinking needed to address challenges and opportunities, today and ahead. Thank you for being part of our peace community!

OUR ORGANIZATION: A Clearinghouse & Information Resource for Community

Founded in 1980, the PRC works for peace by:

- ◆ **Educating** the public on peace, social justice, and environment issues
- ◆ **Facilitating** communication and networking among peace-related groups
- ◆ **Consulting** on peace education, program planning and nonviolent conflict resolution
- ◆ **Publishing** informational handouts and a calendar of peace-related events on our website at www.PRCSD.org
- ◆ **Functioning** as a central clearinghouse for information about community, national and international peace and social justice efforts and activities
- ◆ **Providing** speakers, workshops, and programs on a variety of peace-related topics, including nonviolence methods
- ◆ **Promoting** dialogue and understanding of the causes of violence, militarism, and injustice and promoting ideas for constructive nonviolent actions and solutions
- ◆ **Mobilizing** our membership for action

OUR HOME: The Peace Campus

Friends Center: In July 2011, the Peace Resource Center moved into the building called the Friends Center. This physical construction was dreamed and created as a collaborative effort for an enduring visual statement to advancing peace, social justice, sustainability, and spiritual growth. The environmentally “green” aspects are witness to our combined commitment for wise interaction with earth’s resources. The four partner organizations in that process and ongoing operation are the: First Church of the Brethren, American Friends Service Committee US-Mexico Border Program, San Diego Friends Meeting (Quakers), and us (PRC). Our efforts for this building demonstrate how organizations with common values can share resources and work together to create new models for social change. It also is a testimony to the power of the community because the very existence of this building depended on numerous financial donations and dedicated volunteers, and even today relies on continuing support. Check out SDFriendsCenter.org for tour scheduling, event rental, and how to get involved.



San Diego Peace Garden: With sustainability as a core value on campus, an extensive fruit orchard was planted and cared for by the “Gardeners 4 Peace” from 2004-2011. Then, working toward the three-prong efforts as a (1) community, (2) teaching, and (3) giving garden, the San Diego Peace Garden was formed with the guidance of Beth Townsend and a small committee. Thanks to her, many weekly volunteers’ dedication, and donor support, 2014 was able to include ongoing activities like the second Kale Festival, weekly work days, vegetable donations for local hunger relief, and construction of a pergola. You can visit SDPeaceGarden.org for update, to find out about getting involved, and even growing in individual beds.

TEACHING PEACE: Our Educational Programs

Our work around peace, nonviolence, sustainability, and a range of social justice issues shows through our participation in various annual community events, coordination of special programs and ongoing education, providing resources and speakers for events, creating and distributing fliers and informative handouts, and by mobilizing our membership around local and world events which we and they believe need response. As a *resource* center, we are committed to keeping up with current world issues and changing needs of the local community. With these tasks and the use of our permanent home inside the Friends Center, we endeavor to identify new opportunities and integrate them into our work. Program formats often include workshops, guest speakers, film nights, discussions, and support for direct action. We also provide an *on-site library* with nearly 2000 books and 100 dvd videos available for borrowing. You can go online to LibraryThing.com/catalog/prcsd to peruse our plentiful peace catalog!



Music performance at Arts for Peace inside PRC on Jan 25th



2014 Work-a-thon at Centro Cultural on May 31

CULTIVATING PEACE: Collaborations

The PRC supports various local, national, and international coalitions and networks by joining in meetings, campaigns, and action alerts. We also continue to serve in both assistance and coordinating roles for various events and smaller grassroots groups.

For example, since Sept 11th, 2001, PRC has participated on the coordinating committee of the San Diego Coalition for Peace and Justice (SDCPJ), an important voice for uniting people in San Diego who are opposed to the drive to keep us in a state of perpetual war and maintaining US hegemony and domination in the world. To help SDCPJ efforts succeed, the PRC also provides ongoing administrative support, meeting space, police liaison work, trains peacekeepers as needed, and serves as a point of contact.

KEEPING OUR PEACE WORK ONGOING...

Volunteers: People who give time are the backbone of our work. With limited staff, people who volunteer are our lifeline! Assistance ranged from simple office tasks like stuffing envelopes to actively serving on our Board. You could help update our resource library, “table” at events, participate on committees, and more. Please contact us with your interest in helping!

Funds: Our 2014 operating finances supported our programs and operations, including the modest part-time salaries of our Executive Director, Special Projects Consultant, temporary Executive Assistant and Brethren Volunteer Service intern.

Our income is primarily from YOU, the community, through membership dues, pledges, and general contributions.

In addition to this, our 2014 work was funded by our annual Work-a-thon for Peace & Social Justice (a collaborative activity with Project YANO in Spring) and sales of peace materials at various community events, including our own co-organized Peace on Earth Holiday Bazaar in December. We did not host our usual “Souper Supper” this year. (To become a member, please see the back page for details.)

We are also dedicated to **ongoing improvement** within this organization. We exist to serve you, our members, and the greater good of the community. We not only want, but need, your input and involvement to make sure that we are appropriately doing our job as a resource center for your efforts to create a peaceful, just world.

If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors or getting involved by volunteering, please contact us by filling out the form on the back of this report. You may also call or send us a message by email. Thank you for your support!



San Diego People's Climate March 9/21, Photo by Bob Davis



Circle of attendees at California Peace Centers Gathering in June
Photo by Sharat Lin from San Jose PJC