



Pax Christi USA

Annual Report 2015

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Pax Christi USA: Four Principal Initiatives

SPIRITUALITY OF NONVIOLENCE AND PEACEMAKING

We are committed to a spirituality of non-violence and peacemaking because we believe in the Gospel call to conversion as found in the Beatitudes.

DISARMAMENT, DEMILITARIZATION AND RECONCILIATION

We are committed to disarmament, demilitarization, and reconciliation with justice because we believe in nonviolent alternatives to war as a way of life.

ECONOMIC AND INTERRACIAL JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES

We are committed to economic and interracial justice in the United States and to dismantling racism to guarantee the equality of all people because we believe in the social teachings of our Church and their transformative action which is rooted in the Gospel.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL RESTORATION

We are committed to human rights and global restoration because we believe in the reverence of all creation and the dignity of all our sisters and brothers at home and abroad.

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Note from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Peace and Justice-the Pax Christi USA Family,

As your Executive Director, I am pleased to submit this Annual Report to you as a summary of our 2015 activity. I am especially pleased, on behalf of the National Council and staff, to tell you that we had a very, very good year.

In past Annual Reports I have, unfortunately, had to tell you of difficult times we faced financially, which, of course, had impact programmatically because we weren't able to do things we had hoped to do. My goal in 2015 was to reverse this trend and I am pleased to tell you that *in 2015 we began the process of stabilizing our finances to such an extent that we have gone from a deficit budget to a small surplus – in just one year.* This has allowed us to concentrate more on being a leader in the effort to bring peace with justice to our country and the world, always with our work centered in Catholic Social Teaching.



Here are some of the highlights of our year:

- From a fundraising perspective, we have begun to put systems in place for raising the money we need to be more effective. In 2015, for example, we budgeted to raise \$8.52 and in fact raised \$134,668.28 – a 100% revenue over expenses. We did that by becoming much more intentional in communicating with our donors, especially our Major Donors, and by asking them to support us at higher levels. We began to emphasize Membership as a central way to mobilize and fund our organization. For our members, we budgeted to raise \$76,675. In fact we raised \$105,957. In FY2014 we had 3,671 members and in FY 2015, we have 3,855 members and our membership continues to see signs of growth.
- *We completely retired our debt to Pax Christi International.* We are proud members of Pax Christi International and know that we must support them with our monthly assessment. As of result of financial restraints in the past, we had fallen behind on our assessment to the tune of \$75,000. Thanks to the generosity of one of our major donors, we completely paid off what we owed to our International Office.
- We called or visited every single major donor to the organization. I personally flew to the Midwest to meet with several of our donors and *all of them* increased their already generous gifts to Pax Christi USA.
- We were advised to send our direct mail appeals to people who had supported us in the past but had stopped supporting us. This raised the number of year-end appeal letters we sent out from 3,617 to 9,000. I am pleased to tell you that for the Christmas appeal, for which we expected \$25,000, we actually raised \$46,467 and we expect even more to come in from that appeal in January.
- Much of this success also was due to stabilizing our databases. We now know who our friends are and are able to better communicate with them.

This financial stability progress has resulted in remedying a situation we have desperately needed to for some time. We are able in 2016 to again have all our full-time employees working 40 hour weeks and we are able to provide a stipend for health insurance. Pax Christi USA needs a full-time staff. Once again, now, we are almost there.

Our work in the financial area is not done however. We still need to improve in some areas and I commit to you that we will do this in 2016 to further take us on the road to stability.

We have had a good year together my friends. And the future is looking brighter than ever thanks to the fabulous National Council you have assembled under the leadership of Cathy Woodson and the great staff that can once again give its full attention to our work. Look in 2016 for several new initiatives from the council, including taking a harder look at our structure to make us all more effective, and the national office providing more service to our regional offices and local chapters.

We look forward to continuing our work together to one day see that goal of a peaceful and just world realized.

With gratitude and hope,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN".

Sr. Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN
Executive Director

In Gratitude for the 2015 Major Donors

Robert Aiello
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Robert Jones
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Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
Sisters of St. Francis
Donald and Mary Stirling
The Catholic Community of Pleasanton
Margot E. Worfolk

National Staff Reports for 2015

Programs

OUTREACH TO YOUNG PEOPLE: A local high school invited us to do some anti-racism education and training for their young people so that they could learn to appreciate the diversity that is on their campus. A university in Maryland has taken seriously their commitment to dismantle racism by inviting Pax Christi USA to do student orientations, work with their Justice Center and, in the near future, to work with their Cabinet and administrators. Both of these commitments are on-going and give us hope.

WE GROW TOGETHER: PAX CHRISTI USA AND CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF COLOR: We completed the last of our workshops with Pax Christi local group members and Catholic communities of color in Houston, Texas in February. These events have been a blessing for us and enriching for the participants. We are in the process of training trainers in the five areas of the United States where we led these workshops so that they, in turn, can continue the much needed dialogue around race and remain steadfast in making a positive contribution to the Beloved Community envisioned by Jesus, Dr. King and so many others.

WORK WITH INTERFAITH, D.C.-BASED PARTNERS: We continue to work collaboratively with varied interfaith-based communities in the D.C. area. We support one another with 'sign-on' letters to President Obama, Members of Congress on common areas of concern, i.e. immigration reform, support of the treaty with Iran, nuclear disarmament and race relations, to name a few. One event in particular that stands out was spending two days with the Episcopal clergy of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia in September presenting the vision, goals and work of PCUSA.

Communications

WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL NETWORK: Pax Christi USA reaches hundreds of thousands of Catholics around the world each year through our website, email lists and social media. In 2015, we had nearly

a quarter of a million page-views on the website, with almost 125,000 unique visitors. Our email network boasts over 9,000 members. Through Facebook and Twitter, we reached an additional 12,000 individuals.

MEDIA COVERAGE AND OUTREACH: In 2015 our work was featured in numerous media outlets, including *National Public Radio (NPR)*, *The PBS NewsHour*, *The Washington Post*, *National Catholic Reporter*, *Catholic News Service*, and *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. We also released official statements addressing the shooting massacres at Umpqua Community College in Oregon and at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C.

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER: We published three issues of our membership newsletter, *The Peace Current*, focusing each issue on a core priority area of our work, including "The Spirituality of Nonviolence and Peacemaking;" "Disarmament, Demilitarization and Reconciliation with Justice;" and "Human Rights and Global Restoration."

Resource Sales

Highlights of our 2015 resource sales efforts:

LENT AND ADVENT BOOKLETS: With a part-time coordinator, these two publications continue to be purchased by our membership. This year over 7,000 copies were purchased. In addition inquiries for the e-book version were made available after the hard copies sold out.

THOMAS MERTON BOOKLET: In 2015 Thomas Merton's 100th birthday was celebrated and we sold over 500 copies of the book *Thomas Merton and the Struggle with Peacemaking* by Jim Forest.

PRAYER CARDS: We printed or re-printed the following prayer cards:

- Muslim, Jewish and Christian Prayer for Peace
- Litany of Mary of Nazareth
- Let Peace Fill My Heart: Prayers for a Peaceful World
- Cry Justice-Cry Peace

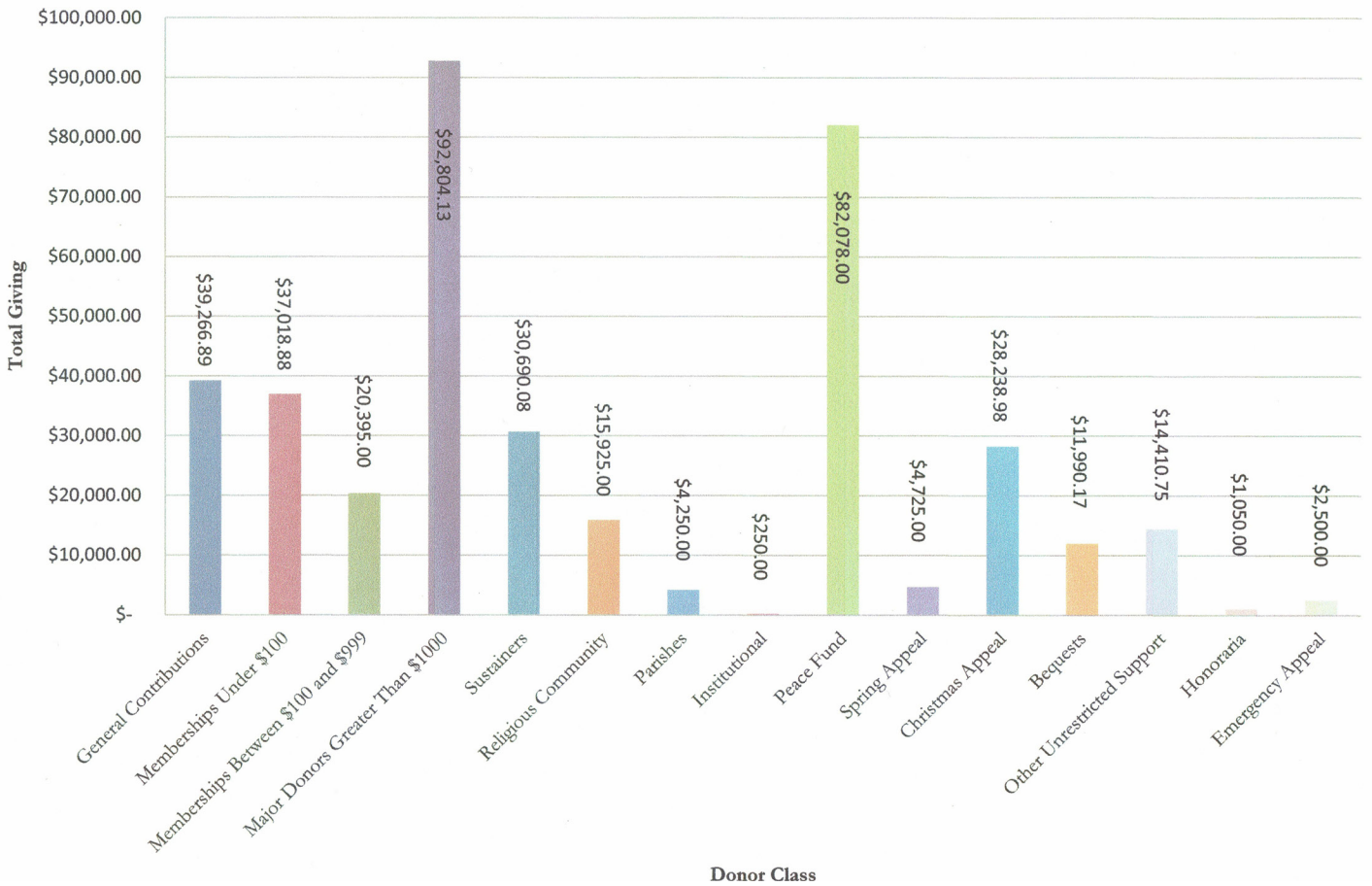
Individual and Unrestricted Support

The levels of support and volume of gifts per donor category. Increase in total by 32.08% from 2014. The details are captured in the following tables and charts.

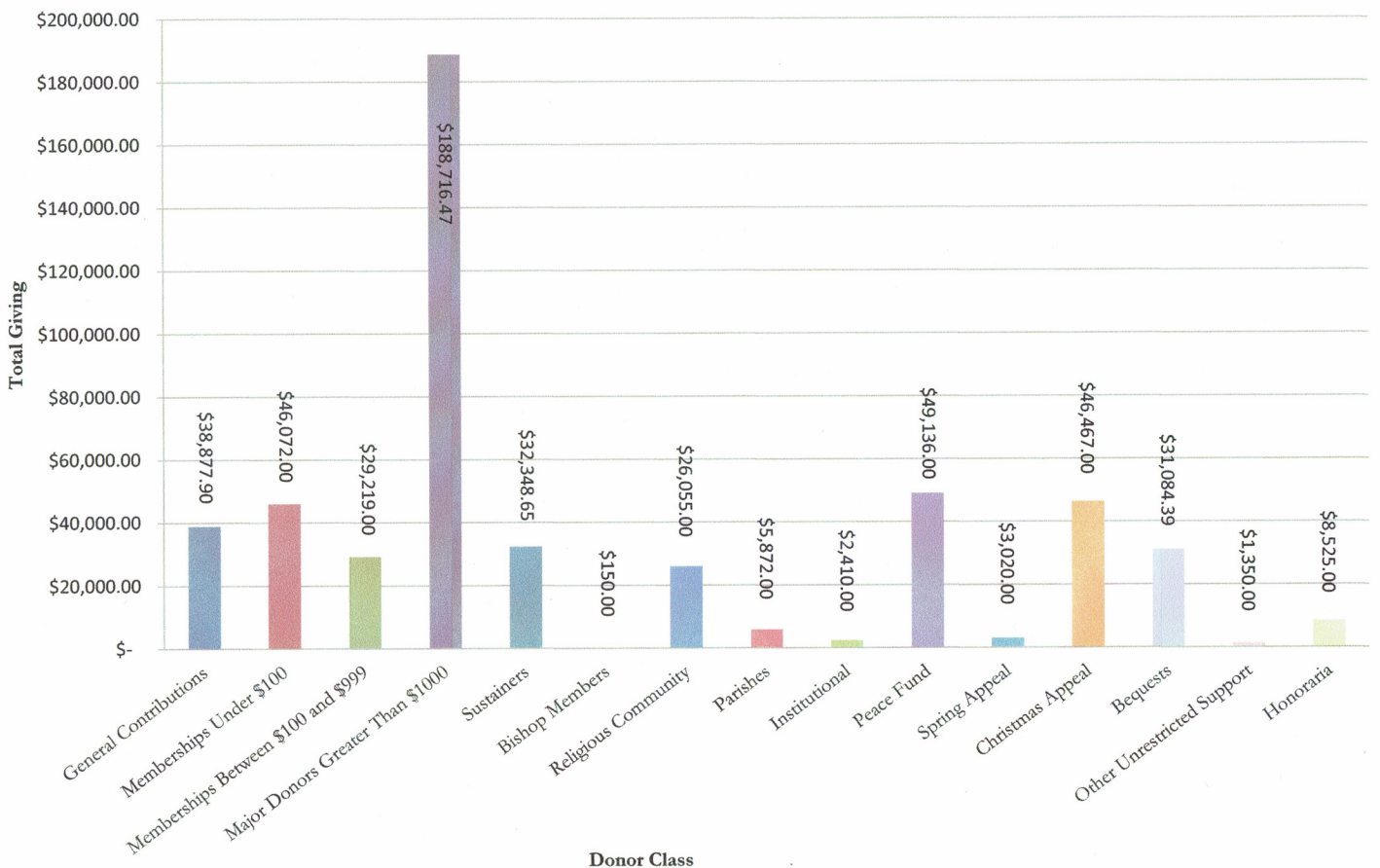


Donor Class	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		% Change in Total Giving
	Number of Gifts	Total Giving	Number of Gifts	Total Giving	
General Contributions	315	\$ 38877.09	305	\$ 39,266.89	-0.99%
Memberships Under \$100	630	\$ 46,072.00	545	\$ 37,018.88	24.46%
Members Between \$100 and \$999	210	\$ 29,219.00	190	\$ 20,395.00	43.27%
Major Donors Greater than \$1,000	28	\$ 188,716.47	25	\$ 92,804.13	103.35%
Sustainers	138	\$ 32,348.65	130	\$ 30,690.08	5.40%
Bishop Members	1	\$ 150.00	0	\$ 0.00	100.00%
Religious Community	140	\$ 26,055.00	110	\$ 15,925.00	63.61%
Parishes	35	\$ 5,872.00	30	\$ 4,250.00	38.16%
Institutional	16	\$ 2,804.00	2	\$ 250.00	121.60%
Peace Fund	910	\$ 49,136.00	1638	\$ 82,078.00	-40.13%
Spring Appeal	15	\$ 3,020.00	25	\$ 4,725.00	-36.08%
Christmas Appeal	420	\$ 46,467.00	245	\$ 28,238.98	64.55%
Bequests	3	\$ 31,084.39	2	\$ 11,990.17	159.25%
Other Unrestricted Support	1	\$ 1,350.00	10	\$ 14,410.75	-99.06%
Honoraria	3	\$ 8,525.00	2	\$ 1,050.00	99.91%
Emergency Appeal	0	\$ 0.00	25	\$ 2,500.00	-100.00%
Total	2865	\$ 509,303.41	3284	\$ 385,592.88	32.08%

Individual and Unrestricted Support 2014



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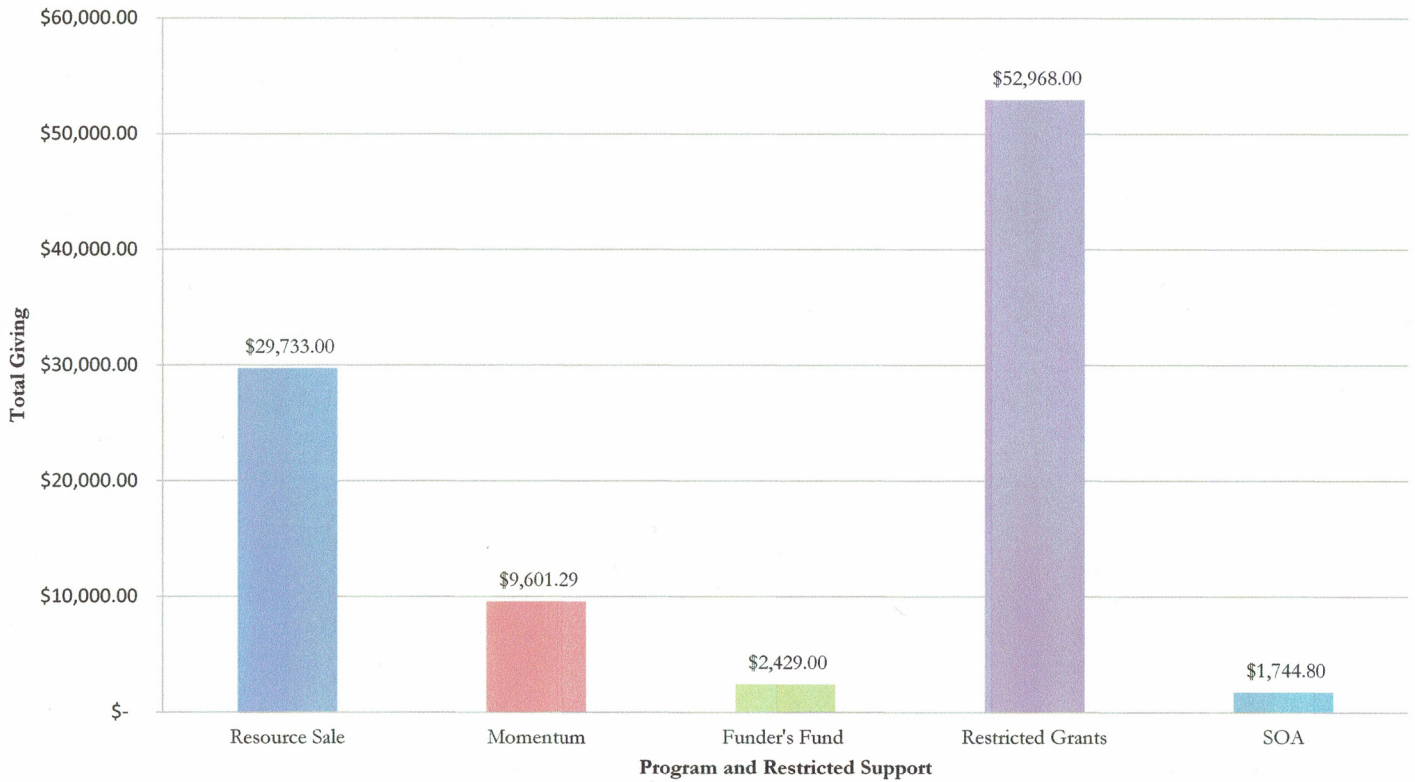
Program & Restricted Support: Each Having Directly Related Expenses

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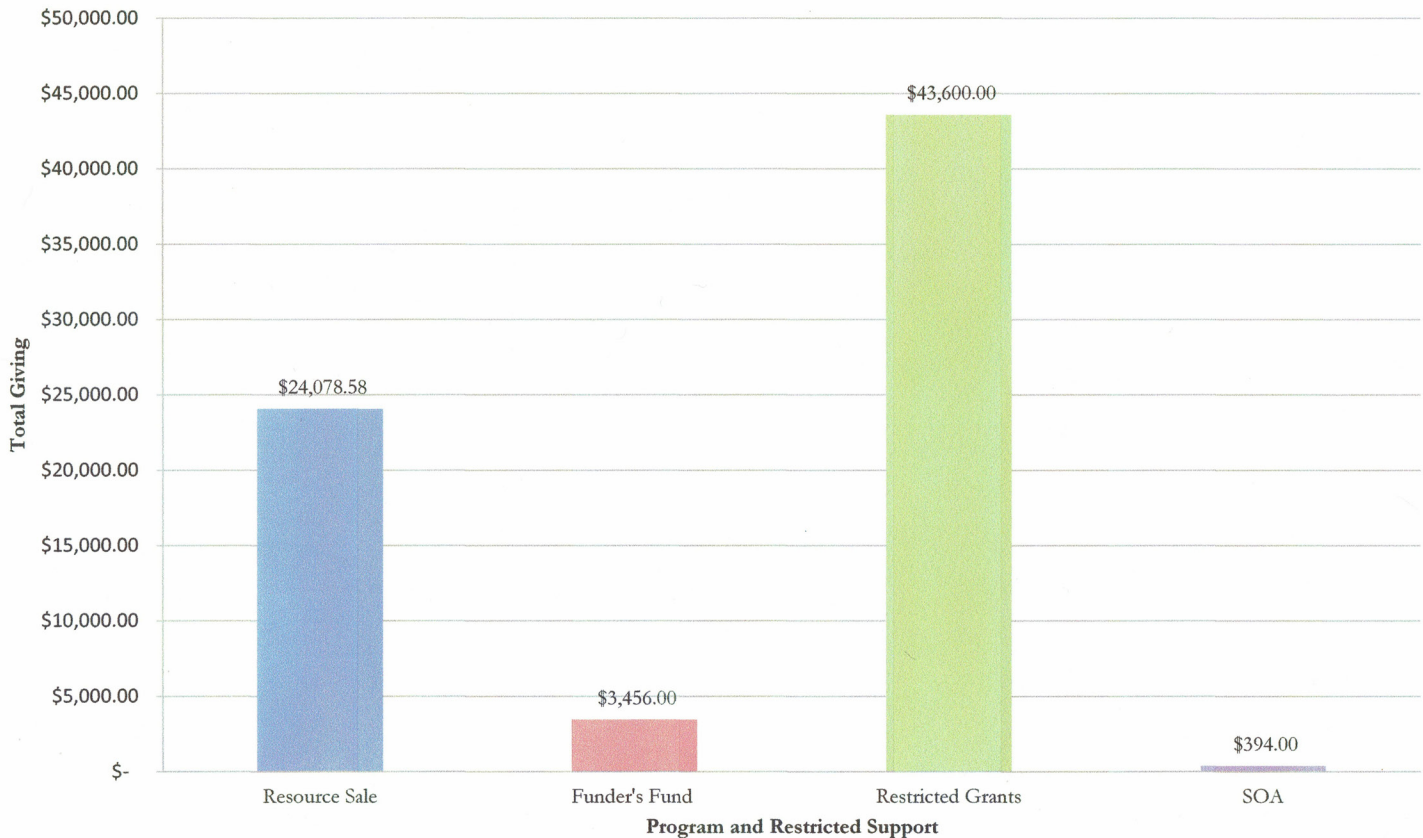


Program and Restricted Support	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		% Change in Total Giving
	Number of Gifts	Total Giving	Number of Gifts	Total Giving	
Resource Sales Per Annual Audit	665	\$ 24,078.58	697	\$ 29,733.00	-19.02%
Momentum (bi-annual)	0	\$ 0.00	136	\$ 9,601.29	-100.00%
National Assembly (bi-annual)	Not Applicable		Not Applicable		Not Applicable
Pax Christi Int'l. (See Note, Below)	Not Applicable		Not Applicable		Not Applicable
Founder's Fund (See Note, Below)		\$ 3,456.00		\$ 2,429.00	42.28%
Sakala (See Note, Below)	Not Applicable		Not Applicable		Not Applicable
Restricted Grants	2	\$ 43,600.00	3	\$ 52,968.00	-17.69%
SOA	15	\$ 394.00	25	\$ 1,744.80	-77.42%
Total	682	\$ 71,528.58	861	\$ 96,476.09	-25.86%
NOTE: "Pass thru" and Restricted for Use. Segregated From PC-USA Operating Cash					

Program and Restricted Support 2014



Program and Restricted Support 2015



Statement of Activities: Certified, Independent Auditor's Report for the Respective Years

The annual audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 was completed on April 3, 2016. The 2014 Form 990 has been posted to website at www.paxchristiusa.org/about/financial-information. The 2015 990 will be submitted for filing on June 15. A Comparative Statement of Activities, per the 2014 Certified Annual Audit, follows here.



	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	% Change
Revenue			
Development	\$ 509,677.35	\$ 388,553.23	31.17%
Sales	\$ 30,155	\$ 29,733.79	-19.02%
Other Projects	\$ 47,056.00	\$ 66,743.09	-29.50%
Interest and Dividends	0	0	-
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	0	0	-
Donated Services	0	0	-
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,700.80	\$ 1,664.53	62.26%
Total Revenue	\$ 583,512.73	\$ 486,694.64	19.89%
Expenses			
Payments to Affiliate Organization	\$ 107,784.56	\$ 33,909.84	217.86%
Program Services	\$ 256,515.02	\$ 362,713.41	-29.28%
Management and General	\$ 54,146.60	\$ 72,714.59	-25.54%
Development	\$ 29,720.54	\$ 24,833.99	19.68%
Total Expenses	\$ 448,166.72	\$ 494,171.83	-9.31%
Loss on Disposal of Real Property	\$ 135,346.01	\$ -7,477.19	191.12%
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	58.88%
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 276,000.00	\$ 248,000.00	11.29%
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 344,000.00	\$ 276,000.00	24.64%

Highlights of Our Grassroots Work in 2015

For over 40 years, Pax Christi USA has worked to build the Peace of Christ. In 2015, we accomplished this through a variety of programs, publications, events, and partnerships. The Pax Christi USA network, with 17 organized regions and more than 225 local chapters in 105 dioceses throughout 41 states, provides the infrastructure for action and outreach in proclaiming the Gospel imperative of nonviolence in our world today. Here are a few highlights of our work in 2015.

Around the Nation

WE GROW TOGETHER: CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF COLOR & PCUSA WORKSHOPS: Beginning in 2014 and continuing through 2015, Pax Christi USA has been hosting the workshop, “We Grow Together: Catholic Communities of Color and Pax Christi USA.” The day-long workshop has been offered in St. Louis, MO; Atlanta, GA; Los Angeles, CA; Miami, FL; Washington, DC; and Houston, TX. The workshop is organized by members of the national staff of Pax Christi USA, with input from the Pax Christi Anti-Racism Team and regional and local leaders. The workshop presenters include theologians of color who are members of the Catholic Theological Symposium. The entire day is situated in the context of prayer, mutual dialogue and a deep reverence and respect for the other.

PAX CHRISTI SEATTLE MEMBERS TAKE VOW OF NONVIOLENCE: On the Feast of the Holy Innocents at Mass at St. James Cathedral, Pax Christi members in the Seattle area took the Vow of Nonviolence. The program for the event thanked Fr. Ryan and the staff of the



Pax Christi Los Angeles members participate in a community prayer vigil to protest conditions at Los Angeles Men's Central Twin Tower Jail in September.

Cathedral, and invited all those in attendance to learn more about Pax Christi. “This is our third year in taking this vow publicly, in order to encourage others to join us. One thing we hope is that the community of people who gather around these words and the hope behind them will support one another through prayer and action in living them out. If we do this, we are hopefully confident that this community will grow.”



Participants in We Grow Together: Catholic Communities of Color and Pax Christi USA in Miami.

PC ILLINOIS ACTIVISTS HELP STOP PLAN FOR IMMIGRANT DETENTION CENTER: (featured in The Chicago Tribune) Bernie Kopera and Concetta Smart are so often together fighting for the underdogs that people often assume they are married to each other. They are not. Yet the pair of Southland residents have formed an alliance that has enabled them to successfully oppose plans

for a for-profit immigration detention center in the Chicago area. First in Crete, then in Joliet and Hobart, Ind., and most recently in Gary, they banded together with others to defeat the proposals. Recently they stepped in to help those fighting the latest plan — a center across from the Gary/Chicago Airport where undocumented immigrants would be held until they could be deported.

HOLY CROSS PAX CHRISTI CAMPUS CHAPTER CO-SPONSORS REFUGEE AWARENESS WEEK:

College of the Holy Cross students, faculty and staff, hosted “Refugee Awareness Week” in October. The week helped to raise awareness of the complex social justice issues surrounding the ongoing refugee crisis around the world. The Pax Christi chapter sponsored advocacy tables set up daily in the Hogan Courtyard to offer more information about refugees around the world, a chance to sign online letters and petitions to Congress regarding the crisis, and to collect monetary donations for the Jesuit Refugee Service. Pax Christi also sponsored a candlelight vigil as an act of solidarity with refugees from around the world.

PAX CHRISTI NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HOSTS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY:

Nearly 100 people gathered for PC Northern California’s assembly “Creative Non-violence: Peacemaking in the 21st Century” on Satur-



We Grow Together workshop presenters: Sr. Jamie Phelps, OP; Ronaldo Cruz, Sr. Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN; Sr. Anne-Louise Nadeau, SNDdeN

day, October 17th. They listened carefully as a panel featuring Sr. Megan Rice, Elizabeth Murray and Rivera Sun responded to questions from PC moderator Lorin Peters examining the signs of the times and what members of the faith community could do to respond. Rice is certainly known among many in Pax Christi circles, and for those with links to Pace Bene, Rivera Sun has been a widely-followed speaker on non-violence. Murray on the other hand is new to the movement. After spending 27 years with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as a Middle East intelligence officer, Murray retired and has dedicated her life to peacemaking. She resides at the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action outside Tacoma, WA as a volunteer. She is also a regular participant in talks given by Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity, founded by Ray McGovern.

PAX CHRISTI LOCAL AND REGIONAL GROUPS INSTRUMENTAL IN SUPPORT FOR IRAN DEAL:

PCUSA local groups and regions mobilized to encourage their senators, representatives and bishops to support the nuclear deal brokered by Secretary Kerry and representatives from other nations. A sampling of the efforts of local groups and regions: PC Dallas members met with aides to Sen. Cornyn at his Dallas office; PC Sioux Falls (SD) held a vigil in support of the agreement and met with their representative; PC Long Island (NY) and PC Metro NY members joined rallies outside Sen. Schumer’s offices; PC NJ members Fr. Gene Squeo and Carol Fay met with aides of Sen. Booker at his D.C. office and PC NJ released a statement after Sen. Menendez voiced his opposition to the deal; PC Beverly (MA) wrote letters to their bishop and letters-to-the-editors in support of the agreement.



Sr. Patty Chappell, SNDdeN, Executive Director of Pax Christi USA with our speakers at the School of the Americas Watch gathering: Kathy O’Leary, PC NJ coordinator; Yves Nibungco, Chairperson of Anakbayan USA; Nerissa Allegretti, Midwest Coordinator of the National Alliance for Filipino Concerns (NAFCON).

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