

**Financial Report  
FY 2020**

**Pax Christi Metro New York  
2019-2020**

**Pax Christi Metro New York (PCMNY)  
Annual Report  
September 1, 2019-August 31, 2020**

<b>FUND BALANCE '19</b>	<b>\$71,628</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Appeals/Individual Donations	21,410
Grants	20,000
Programs & Events	12,614
Legacies & Bequests	-0-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$54,024</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Personnel	52,413
Payroll Services	974
Insurance (nonemployee)	2,739
Rent	9,240
Phone & Internet	1,387
Office Supplies & Equipment	1,406
Printing	235
Postage & Delivery	1,404
Programs & Events	437
Young Peacebuilders Award	500
Financial Fees & Charges	476
Miscellaneous	362
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$71,574</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(17,550)</b>
<b>Fund Balance '20</b>	<b>\$54,078</b>

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Fiscal Year 2020 started like most every other year in the life of Pax Christi Metro New York (PCMNY), but we all know it didn't remain that way. Six months into the year, covid-19 struck and many things changed for everyone, including PCMNY. This year's Annual Report will reflect our changing world, but what did not change is our commitment to "Spreading the Peace of Christ." Here is just a sampling of how we carried on with grit and determination.

We began the year with new staffing. Our Director, Rosemarie Pace, went to part-time status as we welcomed a part-time Administrative Assistant, Elda Luisi. The two share responsibilities to make sure we fulfill our mission of peacemaking and justice seeking.

In observance of UN International Peace Day on September 21<sup>st</sup>, when things were still "normal," we hosted a screening of the wonderful film, *The Nuns, The Priests, and The Bomb* in collaboration with Fordham University. Following the film, Sisters Carol Gilbert and Ardeth Platte, two Plowshares activists, and Helen Young, the filmmaker, formed a panel to answer questions.

In light of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, we held our third Interfaith Prayer Service on the UN International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza near the UN. The diversity of participating faiths was particularly gratifying.

As September drew to a close, we also led a Prayer Service for Migrants and Children at St. John's University in Queens.

Come November, Dr. Kevin Ahern, Director of Peace Studies at Manhattan College, hosted our Fall Assembly for the fourth year in a row. At this Assembly, entitled *Deadly Silence: Finding Our Voice*, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Robert Keeler, also a military veteran, offered reflections on why we need to speak against the nearly idolatrous worship of the military that so defines American culture. Several students from Manhattan College contributed invaluable to the discussion.

Later in the month, we led a prayer service at St. John's University in solidarity with Pope Francis's visit to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, expressing support for the abolition of nuclear weapons. We also joined a vigil at the Japanese Consulate in Manhattan.

Before the month was over, in time for the holiday season, we issued our annual anti-war toy/pro-peace gift-giving flier.

Our 2019 Human Rights Day/Feast of the Holy Innocents event brought the book, *Sacred Shelter: 13 Journeys of Homelessness and Healing*, to life. Speakers included one of the formerly homeless people featured in the book and the book's editor, as well as two founders of programs that serve the homeless and help in their recovery.

The new year wasn't even a week old when it looked like the U.S. was on the verge of all-out war with Iran. Our Director was invited to be the keynote speaker at a Candlelight Vigil for Peace at Middle Collegiate Church.

She spoke on "Waging Peace" and received a warm reception.

On January 11th, the 18th anniversary of the opening of Guantanamo prison, we joined the weekly vigil for Yemen to call for the closing of the prison and the end to the war, both crimes against humanity.

In late January, there was a public hearing at the NYC Council Chambers. Our Director was one of 60 people giving testimony in support of two bills to free NYC from the nuclear weapons nightmare.

Willow, a women's a capella chorus, made our Peacemaking through the Arts event a celebration of music from around the world and across faiths.

The Lenten Reflection we circulated on Ash Wednesday drew on Pope Francis's Lenten Message in which he implored us to be reconciled to God through prayer, compassion, and almsgiving.

Rounding out February, Our Director was honored to visit Pax Christi at The Mary Louis Academy where this year's Young Peacebuilder, Stella DiCicco, is the club president.

Just before the pandemic shut most things down, our Director was also able to facilitate two conflict resolution workshops for Catholic Charities' EOP program in the Archdiocese of New York.

Then came the cancellations, most especially our retreat and the Peacemaker Awards Reception, though we still hope to have the retreat on *Becoming Ambassadors of Peace*

with Sr. Cathy Murtha and the Reception honoring Betty Reardon and Nancy Lorence, as well as Stella, in 2021.

And, despite the virus, we were able to provide our Good Friday Way of the Cross prayers and reflections via e-mail. We published a "Statement on the Unwarranted Murder of George Floyd and the Eruption of a Nation on Fire." From July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup> we organized the annual Fast for Christian Nonviolence framed by opening and closing prayer services. And we hosted our very first Zoom webinar for our Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial. It combined text based on *The Nuclear Story: Seeds of Death, Seeds of Life* first published by Pax Christi USA and an accompanying slide show, along with music. In addition, our Director spoke on behalf of PCMNY at the Manhattan Project for a Nuclear-Free World webinar, also commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Our local groups provided additional ways to pray, study, and act for peace. We continued to lend our voice at the Council of Ecclesial Movements of the Archdiocese of NY and to collaborate with fellow peace organizations addressing such issues as global climate change, nuclear-weapons spending, armistice, and ending endless war. We met, marched, "zoomed," signed letters, endorsed statements, and co-sponsored events.

To know more, please visit our website, where we provide *Kerux*, our newsletter, and *Kerux Live!* seasonal reflections, prayers, and actions. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and sign up for our e-mail action alerts and weekly bulletin inserts.

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