

Financial Report (Corrected 12/28/22)

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Pax Christi Metro New York

2021-2022

Pax Christi Metro New York (PCMNY)

Annual Report

September 1, 2021-August 31, 2022

FUND BALANCE '21 \$71,476

INCOME

Appeals/Individual Donations	11,750
Grants	500
Programs & Events	14,714
Legacies & Bequests	-0-
Sales	1,232
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,196

EXPENSES

Personnel	16,230
Administrative Expenses	1,382
Payroll Services	1,001
Insurance (nonemployee)	3,194
Rent	2,854
Phone & Internet	1,392
Office Supplies & Equipment	2,943
Printing	262
Postage & Delivery	219
Financial Fees & Charges	475
Miscellaneous	234
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,186

Net Income (\$1,991)

Fund Balance '22 \$69,485

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Pax Christi Metro New York's 39th year reflects an ongoing effort to communicate with the community of Greater New York City while continuing to be challenged by the ongoing pandemic and adjustment to our new quarters at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 135 W. 31st St, New York 10001.

Mission Statement

Rooted in Gospel nonviolence, Pax Christi Metro New York (PCMNY) educates and advocates for peace and social justice, locally and globally, through prayer, study, and action.

The Year in Review

Responding to the challenges we faced this past year, for the most part we limited our program to those major events that have become traditional.

Our Fall Assembly, presented October 2 on Zoom, was attended by 35 people and began as usual with committee, regional, and special reports. Our speaker, John Amidon of Veterans for Peace, stressed the absurdity of government overspending on the military while neglecting the urgency of the climate crisis and social justice.

At the Annual Retreat March 19 on Zoom, the Redemptorist Terrence Moran presented an upbeat statement about the ways in which mysticism upsets worldly conventions so that we can be taken over by God, becoming

attuned to a true peace that is joyful and noisy, and, in the process, also becoming more common, more like others, more able to share and appreciate what others want to give us.

On Saturday, April 2, PCMNY, St. Francis of Assisi Church, and SOMOS Community Care co-sponsored a symposium on Catholic Social Justice, a topic that, oddly enough, is often ignored. We are truly grateful to Elda Luisi for making so many of the arrangements. John Carr of Georgetown University presented a lively introduction to the broad scope of Catholic Social Teaching across many areas of life, showing how easily it encompasses both sides of a question. For example, the primary principles of Catholic Social Teaching are solidarity—acting for the greater good, and subsidiarity—allowing small groups or individuals to work out what is best for them. Afternoon breakout groups learned about current areas of Catholic social action: poverty and health care, poverty and violence, empowerment of the poor, immigration, climate justice, and Pax Christi's work for peace.

On Ash Wednesday PCMNY joined PC New York State for the annual distribution of anti-war flyers at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Over 100 flyers were distributed.

For Good Friday, which fell on April 15, we conducted the Way of the Cross via Zoom for the second year in a row. Although the gathering had always happened in person on 42nd Street, once again Covid concerns kept us remote. But the advantage was that many

people whose location or health would have prevented them from participating were able to join us, perhaps for the first time. Attendance was over 600. The theme, a very appropriate one for addressing the disruptions of the pandemic, was "In the light of the New Creation and Nonviolence, Jesus calls us to make all things new."

June 11, we celebrated lifetime contributions to peace by Brendan Fay, anti-nuclear weapons and gay rights activist, filmmaker, and author; Sr. Mary Galeone, co-founder of Mercy Center in the Bronx and peace advocate; Pierre Fidelia, our PCMNY Service honoree for his many years on the Witness Committee and now Board Vice-President and member of the Development Committee; and Young Peacebuilder from Marymount School of New York: Caroline Costigan. Our annual Peacemaker Awards Reception took place at Xavier High School in Manhattan, both in person and via Zoom.

On August 9, 2022 we commemorated the 77th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Despite a heavy afternoon downpour, a small group of PCMNY members were able to gather in sunshine at Fr. Demo Square to leaflet, pray, sing, and toll a gong 77 times.

Lastly, we want to express our gratitude to Elda Luisi, to whom we are indebted in many ways. At St. Joseph's she became our sole employee and, after the move to St. Francis of Assisi, she had to adjust to a very different office setup. Elda made generous use of her connections at the new location as well as at

her nearby parish, St. Francis Xavier, and always to our benefit. At the Awards Reception it was Elda who scurried around, looking for someone to unlock the sound system, and she saved the day! Thank you, Elda, and God bless you!

Moving forward

Being blessed by the generosity of the St. Francis of Assisi community, our next step is to hire a new Office Coordinator. We are eager to return to a more normal in-person round of activities while continuing Zoom where possible, in order to accommodate the needs of all our members.

Keep up with us on our newsletter *Kerux*, our website, as well as on Facebook and Twitter, and sign up for our email action alerts.

THANK YOU for supporting our activities as well as our efforts to keep in touch with you!

We are looking for an Office

Coordinator-The position requires a person with strong interpersonal and planning skills to facilitate spreading our message of Nonviolence in the New York community and beyond, as well as flexible availability to work approximately 15 hours per week at the direction of the Board, mostly onsite at our 31st St. office but sometimes remotely. Vacation and holiday time to be determined.

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