

PRC - Continuing Committee Report (Fall 2012)

Peace Resources Committee
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Report to Continuing Committee (Fall 2012)

Dear Friends,

The work of Peace Resources Committee continues to be rich and rewarding. Having recorded a successful pair of interviews at the 2012 Annual Sessions, we have launched the committee's newest initiative, the Quaker Peacemakers Archive Project. Sandra Tamari and Dick Ashdown can each be heard sharing their personal thoughts about being peacemakers today at: peaceresources.wordpress.com. Our next recordings will take place on November 4 at Evanston Monthly Meeting with nominated Friends Elizabeth Mertic, Sara Gmitter, and Joey Rodger. We are also working to schedule recording dates with Friends at Columbia Monthly Meeting, 57th Street Meeting, and the Howenstines of Upper Fox Valley.

Nominations for the Quaker Peacemakers Archive Project can be submitted at: <http://peaceresources.wordpress.com/peacemakers/>

This year has also seen the beginnings of Peace House on the Prairie programming at McNabb. Our inaugural workshop brought together 13 Friends from throughout the region to learn how to preserve apples during a day-long event facilitated by Beth Schobernd and Grayce Mesner on October 13. A full report (including photos) can be seen here:

<http://peaceresources.wordpress.com/2012/10/17/building-community-making-applesauce/>

The committee will host a second program in Spring 2013, facilitating our "Peace Testimony Workshop" with a date to be announced soon.

As ILYM continues to explore the evolution of our McNabb Campus, PRC is actively participating on the Ad Hoc Property Use Committee. Clerk Breeze Richardson attended the October 14 committee meeting and will continue to represent PRC as this work continues.

And our work with the blog "How Do You See Peace?" continues to go well. We have now published 95 posts, received 215 comments, and enjoyed nearly 14,000 views.

Lastly, PRC continues to seek invitations from area Meetings to learn more about their interests in peacemaking and to speak about the various initiatives of the committee that are available for their participation. It is our intention to sit with Friends and listen to how Friends seek to deepen their peacefulness - among Friends and out in the world - and to collect input regarding how Quakers can have a positive impact on our communities. Invitations can be sent to Breeze Richardson at breeze.richardson@sbcglobal.net.

Peacefully submitted with committee review, October 24, 2012.