

**Annual Report**  
**Peace Resources Committee**  
**2011**

Dear Friends of Illinois Yearly Meeting,

We, the members of the Peace Resources Committee, hope this missive finds you, despite all that we struggle with, in the comfort of peace and compassion.

Over the past several years, PRC has sought ways in which to encourage Friends to examine their relationship with the Peace Testimony. PRC continues to feel a leading to focus our work in that direction. What follows are our plans and concerns.

First, PRC members plan to travel to monthly meetings and worship groups and meet with Friends during coffee and potluck fellowship. We will listen to concerns Friends have regarding difficulties working through conflict or to needs they might have as to how to deepen their relationship to the Peace Testimony.

Second, PRC will respond to specific requests for presentations and workshops that will facilitate Friends' explorations of their relationship to the Peace Testimony and how that might take expression within their Meetings and without.

Third, PRC would like to facilitate the collection of stories of Friends' expression of their Quaker spirituality through service. PRC believes it is important to collect these stories not simply for posterity, but to feed the flame of Quaker service for those who follow. PRC welcomes Friends' suggestions as to who might be approached for such stories and we further welcome assistance in collecting these stories.

Fourth, PRC has begun discussing "An Ecumenical Call to Just Peace," a document released earlier this year by the World Council of Churches and passed on to us by Tom Paxson. The committee plans to spend more time with this document. In the meantime, PRC recommends it to ILYM and further suggests that the document be circulated to Monthly Meetings for wider consideration.

Finally, on a somewhat different note, PRC would like to bring forward the following concern to ILYM. Our concern regards the ability of Friends, in these times of ever rising fuel prices, to travel to and participate in ILYM activities. PRC is well aware that Friends, when and where possible, carpool, utilize available public transportation and otherwise attempt to travel in as green a manner as possible. However, PRC is concerned that not all are able to do so, that they are prohibited from participating in ILYM activities because they simply lack the resources to do so. PRC thus encourages ILYM to keep this in mind when determining budget allocations so that, to the extent possible, assistance can be made available to those who lack the means to travel to ILYM gatherings.

Thank you.

In peace,  
Members of the Peace Resources Committee