

Peace Resources Committee  
June 2013  
Report to Annual Session

Dear Friends,

The work of Peace Resources Committee continues to be rich and rewarding. We invite all members and attenders of Illinois Yearly Meeting to continue participating in the work of this committee; here are some highlights from the past year:

In 2012 PRC launched our newest initiative, the Quaker Peacemakers Archive Project. A total of five Friends were interviewed this year, including Sandra Tamari, Dick Ashdown, Sara Gmitter, Elizabeth Mertic, and Joey Rodger. Each can be heard sharing their personal thoughts about being peacemakers at: [peaceresources.wordpress.com](http://peaceresources.wordpress.com). 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. [On October 13](#), 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. A full report (including photos) can be seen here: <http://peaceresources.wordpress.com/2012/10/17/building-community-making-applesauce/>. Our second workshop was held on April 12-14, when 6 Friends gathered to experience ILYM's "Peace Testimony Workshop" and explore our individual and corporate witness to peace and peacemaking.

Our work with the committee's blog "How Do You See Peace?" continues successfully. We have now published 125 posts, ranging from book reviews and conference announcements, to personal essays and articles on non-violence & peacemaking collected from around the country. Friends have responded with dozens of new comments, and in total we have now had over 18,000 views to the site.

PRC continues to seek invitations to facilitate the "Peace Testimony Workshop" with local Meetings and learn more about interests in peacemaking. In this new year, it is our intention to reach out to meeting Peace committees (of various names) to facilitate better communications between Meetings regarding this work. We also continue to desire opportunities to listen to Friends and observe 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 and ideas can be sent to clerk Breeze Richardson at [breeze.richardson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:breeze.richardson@sbcglobal.net).

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