

## Projects and Activities Served by the PJRC

The Peace and Justice Resource Center has played an important, occasionally crucial role in support of a variety of educational and advocacy projects over the years. Here are a few notable examples:

\* The PJRC has offered assistance to more than 100 libraries and resource centers in colleges, universities, schools and communities around the U.S. For most of the 1990s, the PJRC served as coordinator of the **Resource Center Network** for the Consortium on Peace Research, Education and Development (the largest professional association of its kind, since merged to form PJSA). PJRC leaders organized and facilitated workshops at COPRED annual conference during those years.

\* The PJRC has played a central role in many programs in **schools**. One such project, developed from 1992 to 1996, resulted in a set of thirty curriculum units, activities, and resources on *Conflict Education: Personal to Global*, used in hundreds classrooms around the U.S.

\* The PJRC organized and hosted the reception and post-showing discussion for the Seattle Film Festival's premier of *A Force More Powerful*. This documentary film, narrated by Ben Kingsley, is a superbly-produced depiction of nonviolence in action around the world. It was released as a 6-part series for use in schools and libraries, and broadcast on every public television station in the U.S.

\*The PJRC co-led many **public forums** at libraries and community centers centered on *A Force More Powerful* including a workshop for teachers at the KCTS studios in support of classroom activities using the series. The PJRC has since helped thousands of teachers and community leaders make effective use of this valuable resource, including helping hundreds of schools and groups purchase copies of the video, DVD, discussion materials, and/or the companion volume to the series.

\* PJRC leaders have contributed to a series of **computer-based educational activities** (2001-06), two of which were adopted by the largest project on critical thinking in U.S. public education, currently being used in over 8000 classrooms across the nation. The most recent one on federal budget priorities has been used by over 500 groups since 2004.

\* Our exhibit of peace and justice activity throughout history, *The Wall of Hope*, has proved helpful and inspiring for over 600 schools, colleges, conferences, and workshops, including displays at the Peace and Justice Studies Association, the Intercollegiate Peace Conference in Canada, Peace Day Seattle at the Seattle Center under the city's landmark Space Needle, and Youth Gatherings of more than 40,000 young people in New Orleans, Atlanta, and San Antonio.

\* The PJRC served as the hub of one of the most effective research and outreach efforts in the years leading up to the **UN Decade for Peace** (2001-10) passed by the UN General Assembly in 1998. The PJRC helped hundreds of schools, community groups, churches, government agencies, and national organizations discuss and in many cases endorse the Decade for Peace. In part because of this work, the PJRC's director was chosen to represent the U.S. at international meetings held in India in 1999 in which two dozen leaders from every part of the world made plans for the Decade.

\*During that time the PJRC played a major role in helping Seattle and Washington State become the region with the strongest support in the nation for the **UN Decade for Peace** including endorsements from the Seattle City Council, King County Council, Seattle Public Schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Ys, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wash. State, and over 30 other groups. The statewide effort was launched at a major event at the Seattle Center under the city's trademark Space Needle.

\* The PJRC served **university and college programs** in Community Leadership at New York City Community College (1975-79), Consumer Advocacy and Leadership Development at City College, Queens College (1979-82), and in Peace Studies and Global Studies at Clark University (1987-90), and has supported course development at many other colleges and universities.

\* The PJRC has served in a similar role with a wide variety of **civic organizations and projects**, notably: the Health Task Force (1976-85), Peace Task Force (1982-87), International Resource Center (1990-94), Peace Action (1990-97), Arms Trade Project (1991-95), Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (1992-present), Curriculum Project (1992-96), Lutheran Peace Fellowship (1994-present), and the NW Coalition for the Decade for Peace (1997-02).

\* The PJRC has also served as a significant **resource for authors** working on a variety of articles and books. Examples include such prominent writers as Jim Douglass, author of *Resistance and Contemplation*, *Dear Gandhi*, *Now What?* and *The Nonviolent Coming of God* and Paul Loeb, author of *Hope in Hard Times*, *Generation at the Crossroads*, *Soul of a Citizen*, and best-selling collection *The Impossible Will Take a Little While* (named best book of 2004 by the History Channel). Paul credits the PJRC's director for recommending more material used in the book than any other source.

\* An enduring PJRC activity has been compiling **bibliographies** and **resource guides** and providing research assistance to community leaders, teachers, and journalists on topics of interest in the public arena. Many are updated regularly on such topics as: Leadership Training (from 1975-to the present), Nonviolence (1975-), Health Care (1975-86), Economic Justice (1976-), Hunger & Development (1977-), Community Leadership (1978-), Global Education (1978-), Prescription Drug Policy (1979-82), Budget Priorities (1983-), Challenging Racism (1984-6), Tools of Peacemaking (1985-), Social Movements and Peace Heroes (1985-), Nuclear Proliferation (1986-02), Peace Studies (1987-01), Gender & Nonviolence (1987-02), The Arts and Social Change (1988-03), International Peacemaking (1988-01), Environment (1989-), Iraq, Middle East (1990-), Global Arms Transfers (1991-02), Religion & Social Change (1991-), Children, Families, Parenting (1994-), Landmines (1994-), Globalization (1999-), Simple Living (1999-).

\* Over the years, PJRC leaders have written and helped with scores of **analyses** and **fact sheets** on a wide range of public policy issues. Several dozen have been published in a variety of publications from the *Seattle Times* to *NY Newsday*, *Fellowship* magazine to *The Peace Chronicle*, as well as in study packets by Sojourners and the Fellowship of Reconciliation to name a few.

\* The PJRC has sponsored **book tables** at several hundred conferences and school, college, church, and community events; plus gym-sized **Book Sales** almost every year since 1996. PJRC members and affiliates are eligible for reduced rates on titles from PJRC bibliographies. All told, libraries, schools, civic groups, and individuals around the U.S. have purchased more than 25,000 books and nearly as many have been donated to Books to Prisoners, Tribal Schools, and a network of shelters.

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