

Peace and Justice Ministry

Annual Report for 2022

The Peace and Justice Ministry (formerly known as the Peace and Justice Committee), an outreach ministry of the Cathedral, meets once a month on a Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. Its standing concerns are social justice, gun violence, treatment of immigrants, and homelessness. We support the work of the Simpler Living Ministry to address the climate crisis and environmental stewardship. Other matters of justice are addressed on occasion as they arise.

In 2022 we met in February, March, April, July, October, and November. Needless to say, the work of the Ministry was still somewhat hampered by the Covid-19 pandemic, due to reduced presence and limits on activities at the Cathedral.

Most of our meetings during 2022 were online although we held a retreat in September and a regular meeting in October at the Cathedral.

The Ministry-sponsored *Principles for Social Justice* was re-adopted by the Cathedral Chapter in April with two small revisions in wording. In November a framed display of the *Principles* was mounted in the narthex of the Great Hall.

Specific matters addressed or discussed by the Ministry in 2022 include:

- Promotion of the *Principles for Social Justice*.
- Mounting of the Ministry's web page, led by Marshall Moore, within the Cathedral website.
- Establishment of the *Listening Hub*, in furtherance of the Episcopal Church's theme "Out of Many, One", under direction of the Rev. Canon Richard Lief, following a forum presentation in May by Canon Richard and Marshall Moore.
- Liaison with the San Diego Organizing Project.
- Planning for more forums, both for Sunday morning (Cathedral audiences) and Thursday evenings (public audiences).
- Deliberation on possible Cathedral participation in a San Diego "Raw Tools" demonstration.
- Voting rights.
- Deliberation on what the Cathedral might be able to say or do following the demise of *Roe v. Wade*.
- Communication with the St. Paul's community about peace and justice concerns.
- Concerns about our national life, particularly *discourse* and *truth*.

The Ministry is always looking for new members. Please contact the Dean, Fr. Richard Hogue, Canon Richard Lief, or the chair, if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,

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