

# Peace and Justice Ministry

## Annual Report for 2023

The Peace and Justice Ministry (formerly known as the Peace and Justice Committee), an outreach ministry of the Cathedral, meets certain months on third Tuesdays at 5:30 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.

Most of the Ministry's work in 2023 might be viewed as local implementation of The Episcopal Church's program "Out of Many, One: Conversations Across Difference". Under this banner were the monthly meetings of St. Paul's *Listening Hub* and a forum presentation in May entitled "How is Individual Religious Freedom Impacted by the Reversal of *Roe v. Wade*?"

Specific matters addressed or discussed by the Ministry in 2023 include:

- Promotion of the *Principles for Social Justice*.
- Maintenance of the Ministry's web page within the Cathedral website, <https://www.stpaulcathedral.org/peace-and-justice/>.
- Sponsoring the *Listening Hub*, under the direction of the Rev. Canon Richard Lief.
- Planning for forums, both for Sunday morning (Cathedral audiences) and Thursday evenings (public audiences).
- Support of the annual Gun Violence Vigil sponsored by *San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention*.
- Liaison with the ad hoc *Gun Safety Working Group* formed in 2023 under the Diocese.
- Concerns about immigration justice.
- Deliberations on what the Cathedral might be able to say or do following the demise of *Roe v. Wade*.
- Deliberations on what the Cathedral might be able to say or do toward preserving the separation of church and state.
- Communication with the St. Paul's community about peace and justice concerns.
- Concerns about our national life, particularly *discourse* and *truth*.
- Education in the community about voting rights.

The Ministry is always looking for new members. Please contact the Dean, Canon Richard Hogue, Canon Richard Lief, the chair, or [peacejustice@stpaulcathedral.org](mailto:peacejustice@stpaulcathedral.org) if you are interested.

On February 1, 2024 Paul Teyssier will be assuming the role of Chair of the Peace and Justice Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Hammond, Departing Chair