

**Financial Report
FY 2016**

**Pax Christi Metro New York
2015-2016**

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Annual Report
September 1, 2015-August 31, 2016**

FUND BALANCE '15	\$54,201
INCOME	
Appeals/Individual Donations	26,054
Grants	20,950
Programs & Events	41,513
TOTAL INCOME	\$88,517
EXPENSES	
Personnel	48,476
Payroll Services	1,045
Insurance	3,849
Rent	9,240
Phone & Internet	1,685
Office Supplies & Equipment	1,746
Postage & Delivery	1,196
Programs & Events	11,761
Accrued Program Expense	700
Financial Fees & Charges	480
Miscellaneous	181
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$80,359
Net Income	\$8,158
Fund Balance '16	\$62,359

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Although our year didn't coincide exactly with the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy that Pope Francis called in late 2015, many of PCMNY's programs throughout the past fiscal year did address the sacred theme of Mercy directly or indirectly. This report highlights those events, and mentions a few others, as well.

Our annual **Human Rights Day/Feast of the Holy Innocents event** appealed for mercy for the Palestinian people. Our Director presented "Walking in the Footsteps of Palestine's Living Stones: Remembering God's Holy Innocents" based on the Pax Christi Pathways to Peace Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May, 2015.

The **Lenten Reflection** we circulated to well over 1,000 people on Ash Wednesday drew from *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis's Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

Our 34th consecutive **Good Friday Way of the Cross** invited us to "Live Lives of Mercy with Care and Compassion," to "Look with the Eyes of Mercy" on those who suffer in far too many ways at home and abroad.

On Pentecost Sunday, we honored this year's **Peacemakers**, all of whom incorporate works of mercy in their peacemaking and peacebuilding efforts. Our adult honorees were **Phyllis and Orlando Rodriguez**, co-founders of September 11th

Families for Peaceful Tomorrows; **Sr. Evelyn Lamoureux, D.W.**, Community and Peace Activist in Nassau and Queens Counties, serving the poor and working to end human trafficking; and **Fr. Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R.**, Peace and Social Justice Minister for the Redemptorist Order of Brothers and Priests of the Baltimore Province and PCMNY Board Member. We also recognized **Maloof Family Young Peacebuilders: Paul Thomas**, a senior at St. Raymond High School for Boys in the Bronx who has volunteered his time and talents in a hospital and soup kitchen and on a service trip helping to rebuild houses; **Caroline Bandigan**, a senior at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School in Brooklyn who has served food to the homeless, been a companion to the elderly, and helped teach religion and martial arts to young children; and **Jillian Eberlein**, a junior at Notre Dame Academy H.S. in Staten Island who teaches conflict resolution strategies to elementary school girls in the Ophelia Project, helps with Meals on Wheels, and provides gifts to adults and children at a homeless shelter each Christmas Eve.

In response to a call from Pax Christi International to join **Global Days of Solidarity, Prayer, and Fasting for Syria** on the fifth anniversary of the Syrian conflict, PCMNY planned and offered a public prayer service on the steps of Bryant Park in March. Our call to prayer began, “In this Holy Year of Mercy,” and continued: “We stand with Syria and offer a special prayer of peace and mercy for its people.” Our opening prayer beseeched “Creator of all, Your name is Mercy. Hear the cries of the people of Syria.”

Over the summer, we engaged in our **annual 40-Day Fast for Christian Nonviolence** from July 1st to August 9th. We also hosted our annual **Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial** to commemorate the atomic bombings of those two Japanese cities and to call for the abolition of nuclear weapons. We cannot claim to be merciful while we persist in possessing and upgrading nuclear weapons that can destroy all of God’s creation.

Our **UN International Peace Day event**, entitled *Promoting Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies from Grassroots to the UN*, focused on the protection of civilians in Syria and South Sudan, including humanitarian disarmament and arms control policies. Such efforts exercise mercy not merely in words, but in deeds.

In addition, we participated in the annual Day of Reflection hosted by the **Council of Ecclesial Movements** in the Archdiocese of New York. The theme was “The Beauty of God’s Mercy.”

For the second year, we also partnered with the **Migrant Center Film Festival** at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Manhattan, a series of films on the migrant experience which pled for mercy.

Even before the Year of Mercy began, PCMNY was honored to be part of one of the most special events of this past year, the papal visit to New York City. Our Director presented to the City Council a statement of support for a Resolution welcoming Pope Francis to our city. She also represented PCMNY at planning meetings for a GreenFaith initiative, a multifaith service and vigil held in conjunction with the Pope’s

visit and in appreciation of his encyclical, *Laudato Si’*. In addition, many Pax Christi members were privileged to attend one or another of the liturgies surrounding the papal visit.

Peacemaking through the Arts was a celebration of Thomas Merton on the closing of the centenary of his birth. Sr. Kathleen Deignan and the consort, Gadelica, performed.

At our **Lenten Retreat**, Dave and Carol Powell led us on a path to contemplative prayer with the theme, “The Quest for Peace Begins Within.”

Local PCMNY groups have organized and hosted Peace and Interfaith Walks and Peace Masses, and, with **Pax Christi International**, we have been welcomed to luncheons, receptions, and meetings that are always rich in information, encouragement, and community.

Finally, we continue to publish *Kerux*, our newsletter, and *Kerux Live!* which reports on activities in between newsletter issues. We offer seasonal reflections, prayers and actions; maintain a Facebook page and Twitter account; and provide e-mail action alerts and weekly bulletin inserts. During the Advent season we circulate our anti-war toys leaflet. We have a library of books and DVDs on numerous peace and social justice issues. Various workshops are also available.

With all of these accomplishments, I think you will agree that our Gold Star from Guide Star as a noteworthy nonprofit is well deserved. And with your continued support, we will be able to sustain it into the future.