

Frequently Asked Questions About the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice

What does the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice do?

ICPJ brings together people of different faiths and backgrounds, including people with no faith affiliation, for shared work on peace and justice issues.

What are you working on?

Our work is based in volunteer-led committees that take on work on various issues. Our current projects include:

- **Food Stamp Challenge:** President Bush has proposed cutting food stamp benefits to help plug the budget hole caused by the war in Iraq. The average food stamp benefit is just \$21/week, or \$1 a meal. From September 4-10, we're asking folks to take the Challenge and to try to live on just \$3 a day.
- **Better World Breakfasts:** Our Globalization Task Force hosts a "Better World Breakfast" every other month to discuss a current issue and to take action through letter writing on that concern.
- **Human Rights in Latin America:** Our Latin America Task Force has an ongoing campaign of education and action for human rights. The high point of the year is participating in the annual vigil for justice in the Americas at outside of Ft. Benning, GA.
- **CROP Hunger Walk:** Each year the CROP Hunger Walk raises awareness and funds about hunger in our community and around the world.
- **A Just Peace in the Middle East:** ICPJ works to bring together Jews, Arabs, Christians, Muslims, and others to listen, to share, and to find common ground for a just peace in the Middle East.
- **Nuclear Disarmament:** Nuclear weapons threaten all life on earth, so our Disarmament Working Group promotes grassroots action to promote an international effort to dismantle these weapons of mass destruction.
- **Racial & Economic Justice:** ICPJ is engaged in a wide variety of programs to promote racial and economic justice, from our Welfare Simulations to promoting community discussions on racial justice.

How do I learn more?

Sign up for our weekly email update and our periodic print newsletter. This is the best way to stay up-to-date about the work that ICPJ does to promote justice and peace, and how you can get involved. You can also learn more at www.icpj.net

How do I join?

Membership dues are \$25 regular, \$10 for students/low income. You can pay online at www.icpj.net/donate or send you tax-deductible donation to ICPJ, 730 Tappan, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Do you have to be a member to participate? Do you have to be religious?

Almost all ICPJ events and programs are open to all, members and nonmembers, people of all faiths and none. You can serve on committees, attend events, and receive the newsletter without being a member. Only members may vote at ICPJ's annual meeting, however.