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Annual Report 2010

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Summary of Remarks from Chairperson, Sally Hodges

It has been a privilege to chair this group once again this past year. As a former staff person said, Project Ploughshares is an oasis in Calgary for examining prevalent ideas and issues from a well-researched, humanitarian and open point of view. There is much to be concerned about in the world, but there are many good people making changes for the better at every level, inch by inch.

As most of you know, this group is the strongest of nine branches of the national group which was begun in 1976 as a program of the Canadian Council of Churches. Its purpose at that time was to show the links between military spending and development needs.

The Calgary group puts out 10 newsletters a year for 400 individuals and 90 organizations. We welcome Facebook page and twitter users to spread the word about our programs and perspectives. Last year we switched to a Facebook Page instead of a Facebook group.

In 2010 we held eight educational meetings and workshops on topics ranging from contemporary international peacebuilding and addressing armed violence in Canada and the Caribbean, to children's peace camps and how mayoralty candidates can build a culture of peace in Calgary.

In addition to our monthly work, we carried out five projects during the year. The Calgary Community Peace Pole and Plaza, for which we are the fiscal agent, required much patience as finishing touches were done through the year. At this point the Peace Pole Community have offered to gift the pole and plaza to the City, a plan to share the work and costs. We thank the groups and individuals who donated for a second time, especially one particular donor, and we continue to invite anyone to become a friend of the Peace Pole, to help cover expenses now and events in the future.

Associated with the Peace Pole was our first Alternative Remembrance Day event there. We held a moving multi-faith event that focused on peace and all victims of war. These themes echo a white dove campaign across

Project Ploughshares Calgary Income Statement 2010

Income	
Donations – Groups/Churches	6,380
Donations – Individual/Anonymous	13,616
Peace Fair	8,359
Singing for Peace	1,801
Garage Sale	1,090
Entertainment Books	1,080
Spring Workshop	1,181
Mini Workshop	290
Miscellaneous	87
Total Income	33,884
Expenses	
Total Payroll Expenses	21,440
Operating Expenses	
Rent	4,400
Telephone	1,091
Office Supplies	268
Courier/Postage	138
Printing/Newsletter	374
Bank Charges*	-846
Travel	400
Misc	62
Total Operating Expenses	5,886
Project Expenses	
Peace Fair	3,738
Singing for Peace	350
Spring Workshop	938
Mini Workshop	323
Entertainment Books	800
Garage Sale	49
Total Project Expenses	6,198
Total Expenses	33,525
NET INCOME	359.00
*Refund on EFT charges	

Project Ploughshares Calgary Proposed Budget 2011

(Does not include the Peace Pole)

Income	
Donations – Groups/Churches	7,000
Donations – Individual/Anonymous	18,300
Peace Fair	9,000
Singing for Peace	2,000
Spolumbos Sausage sale; 10,000 Villages	1,000
Entertainment Books	1,100
Spring Workshop	1,100
Miscellaneous/Interest Earned	500
Total Income	40,000
Expenses	
Total Payroll Expenses	24,000
Operating Expenses	
Rent	4,440
Telephone	1,200
Office Equipment	1,400
Office Supplies	500
Courier/Postage	250
Printing/Newsletter	500
Bank Charges	60
Travel	400
Misc	400
Total Operating Expenses	9,150
Project Expenses	
Peace Fair	4,000
Singing for Peace	500
Spring Workshop	950
Other Misc Projects	600
Entertainment Books	800
Total Project Expenses	6,850
Total Expenses	40,000

Canada. The thirty to forty people present felt that their perspective on Remembrance Day was well represented.

Our Puppets for Peace Program wound down last year, ending with a full month of very successful performances. Schools are less open to bringing in external groups now and they expect their teachers to handle teaching about bully-proofing. The program had sadly become no longer financially viable, after giving presentations to well over 40,000 Calgary elementary students and teachers over nine years.

Two other projects reached out into the wider community last year. The Mayors for Peace campaign worldwide has mayors from 4700 cities in 150 countries stating that we must eliminate nuclear weapons in order to have safety for our cities. The mayors of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Stony Plain had already joined thanks to our work but in 2010 we added the Mayors of Spruce Grove, St Albert, Red Deer, Medicine Hat and Okotoks.

We also sent letters to 60 Calgarian Order of Canada recipients inviting them to join an appeal called Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention. This campaign for Order of Canada recipients, dreamed up by Ploughshares founder Murray Thompson, Senator Douglas Roche and John Polyani helped bring about a unanimous vote in the Canadian Parliament and the senate this past December on a motion which stated that Canada will take leadership in bringing forward a nuclear weapons convention or treaty. Fourteen Calgarian Order of Canada recipients had joined 556 others in helping to bring about this vote. It remains to be seen what the new Government will do with this motion.

Our annual peace fair could be counted as a fifth project last year. \$22,500 worth of merchandise was sold by 29 vendors who represented fair trade, development and peace groups.

Financially we have managed to keep out of trouble in the last eighteen months thanks to the generous help of our supporters. A garage sale combined with the Singing for Peace concert brought in \$2600, and we received a \$1000 bequest. However, it takes a great deal of effort to bring in

the almost \$3000 a month that it takes to run Ploughshares. We do encourage supporters to sign up for monthly pre-authorized debit giving, and there is also now the possibility of donating by credit card for those who do not use cheques.

In an online survey we conducted last year people were asked what three projects or issues PPC should focus on in the next five years- conflict resolution, the role of the Canadian Armed Forces and assistance to US Iraq war resisters featured. We hope to see many of you at our Community and Trustbuilding workshop at the end of May which reflects the stated desire that we help build a community committed to peace in Calgary. Topping the list of what people thought we should focus on though was nuclear disarmament. Tonight represents 28 years of work and friendship centred on this topic.

The survey also asked, when you think of Ploughshares what comes to mind? The replies included the phrases 'passionate advocates', and 'hard-working people dedicated to one of the most important causes'.

I would like to end with a quotation from Martin Luther King Jr. which could refer equally to the minority that the peace movement and Project Ploughshares represent:

'The trailblazers in human, academic, scientific and religious freedom have always been in the minority. The **hope** in the world is still in dedicated minorities." Let us carry on.



2010 at a Glance

January - Update on US Iraq War Resisters with film screening of *War Resisters Speak Out*

February - The Coordination Challenge in Contemporary Peacebuilding

March – Building Momentum toward Zero Nuclear Weapons

April – The Art of Peace with Carolyn Pogue and Fif Fernandes

May – Small Arms, Big Impact: Addressing Armed Violence in Communities

June – The ABCs of Human Survival: A Paradigm for Global Citizenship and Ploughshares AGM

September – Helping Calgary Win Peace in the Mayor's Race

October – Singing for Peace with Paul Rumbolt and Jonathan Lewis

November – Remembering Peace for Remembrance Day
26th Annual Holiday Peace Fair

Upcoming Ploughshares Events for 2011

June 8 – Non-Killing Political Science (short video and discussion)

July 14th – Ten Thousand Villages 6 – 9 pm – 10% of all sales will be given to Project Ploughshares

July – August – Fundraiser featuring Spolumbo's Sausage. Project Ploughshares will receive a percentage of sales.

September 14th – Project Ploughshares Public Meeting – Topic TBA

September 21st – International Day of Peace at the Calgary Community Peace Pole

October 15th – Singing for Peace with Barry Luft

November 26th – Annual Peace Fair at St. David's