

2016-2017 J&P OBJECTIVES

NOTE: These Objectives are directional – they indicate where we want to go and offer an outline of how to get there. They are not meant to be final in their present form and can be re-shaped during the ministry year. *Italics* represents new initiatives for 2016-17.

1. **By May 2017 the Justice and Peace Committee will increase its membership by 4 new members.**
 - a. The **Recruitment Committee (Jean M and Tony)** will continue to utilize its list of key parish groups whose membership best reflects the 25-40 age group.
 - b. *The **Recruitment Committee** will invite J&P Committee members to recommend inactive parishioners who are inclined to social justice issues.*
 - i. *Members will approach inactive acquaintances to personally invite them to join in J&P Committee activities.*
 - c. **Pertinent Parish Goal:** Revitalize our ministries.

2. **During the 2016-2017 parish year the J&P Committee will develop clear, distinct roles so that youth and young adults can actively participate in each of our parish activities.**
 - a. *The **Steering Committee (Jane S, John and Tony)** will sponsor a meeting of Youth Group and Young Adult leaders to discuss attractive ways to encourage participation in J&P activities.*
 - b. **Pertinent Parish Goal:** Increase participation of youth and young adults.

3. **In the fall of 2016 the Justice and Peace Committee will sponsor collaboration with and support for the Kay Lasante Haiti Clinic.**
 - a. *The **Kay Lasante Committee (Jane S, Richard)** will meet with Catholic Worker members to develop a plan for ongoing collaboration with the parish, to include:*
 - i. Posting on the parish website of a Needed Items list for the clinic.
 - ii. Recruitment of parishioners for a fall visit to the Haiti clinic.
 - iii. A plan for a **Kay Lasante Weekend** that will include the following:
 1. Clear financial goals for the Kay Lasante Weekend.
 2. Fall weekend dates for Kay Lasante Weekend to propose to the Parish Council. **Oct. 29-30, 2016**
 3. A PR schedule that will provide essential information through
 - a. Parish Bulletin
 - b. Bulletin Inserts
 - c. Email Blasts
 - d. Scripted Pulpit Notices.
 4. A plan for a Between-Masses program and refreshments in the LCH, to include
 - a. Bishop Gumbleton
 - b. Members of the House of Grace Catholic Worker.

- b. **Pertinent Mission Statement:** We serve all our sisters and brothers, particularly the poor and needy, by generous acts of charity and by working together with all people of good will for justice and peace.
4. **On the First Sunday of Advent 2016, Nov. 26-27, the Justice and Peace Committee will sponsor the annual Fair Trade Fair to promote human dignity, fair wages and ecological sustainability in developing countries.**
 - a. **The Fair Trade Committee (Mary F, Marita, Jane S, Helen, Cynthia, Nora B)** will plan, purchase and sell Fair Trade goods at the annual Advent Fair.
 - b. **The Fair Trade Committee** will oversee
 - i. PR that will provide essential information through
 1. Parish Website
 2. Parish Bulletin
 3. Bulletin Inserts
 4. Email Blasts
 5. Scripted Pulpit Notices.
 - ii. Between-Masses programs and refreshments in the LCH
 - iii. Collaboration with 10,000 Villages following the Advent event.
 - c. **Pertinent Mission Statement:** We serve all our sisters and brothers, particularly the poor and needy, by generous acts of charity and by working together with all people of good will for justice and peace.
5. **The J&P Committee will sponsor a Gun Violence Awareness event in the Spring of 2017: April 1 – 15 (Easter is April 16).**
 - a. The **Gun Violence Awareness Committee (Helen K, Jane B, Sr. Nora, John, Mary and Frank F,)** will continue to liaison with Heeding God's Call (HGC) on a regular basis.
 - b. The **Gun Violence Awareness Committee** will provide HGC information and announcements for appropriate inclusion in the Parish Bulletin and Email Blasts.
 - c. The **Gun Violence Awareness Committee** will host the annual Memorial to the Lost on the parish lawn in April 2017.
 - d. **Pertinent Mission Statement:** We serve all our sisters and brothers, particularly the poor and needy, by generous acts of charity and by working together with all people of good will for justice and peace.
6. **The J&P Committee will reach out to select groups in the Chester Community to develop strategies for social justice collaboration.**
 - a. **The Chester Initiative Committee (Mary C, John, Karen, Nora B, Jane B)** will invite the pastor and lay leaders of St. Katharine Drexel Parish to a joint meeting with St. John's leaders to discuss collaboration in social justice activities.
 - b. **The Chester Initiative Committee** will meet with the parish music leaders to study the feasibility of the parish hosting a Spiritual Song Event at St. John's in early 2017.
 - c. Going forward, the **Chester Initiative Committee** will conduct the **Chester Volunteer Expo on a biennial basis**, the next event to be scheduled for September 2017.
 - d. **Pertinent Parish Goal:** Increase our collaboration with Chester.

7. **The J&P Committee will promote the teachings of Laudato Si' in the parish community.**
 - a. **The J&P Committee** will propose to the Parish Council that **Care for Our Common Home** be declared the parish theme for 2017, as 'Year of Mercy' was for 2016.
 - b. **The Fair Trade Fair Committee** will study the feasibility of pairing the teachings of *Laudato Si'* with the parish's annual Fair Trade Fair.
 - c. **The Environment Committee (Nora, John, Cynthia)** will sponsor a *Laudato Si'* Weekend
 - i. to promote the teachings of the encyclical on Care for Our Common Home.
 - ii. To provide an Environmental Sabbath - a Day of Rest from consumerism, technology, isolation from nature.
 - d. **The Environment Committee** will prepare a plan to provide the Parish Bulletin with a steady flow of quotations from *Laudato Si'*, references to Catholic Climate Covenant (<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/>), announcements of current ecological initiatives like Earth Day, etc.
 - e. **The Environment Committee** will prepare a proposal for the Parish Council to recommend
 - i. The replacement of Styrofoam with paper products for parish Hospitality events.
 - ii. The development of recycling programs in the parish facilities.
 - f. **The Environment Committee** will investigate possibilities for creating a community garden on the SJC campus
 - i. The Committee will connect with current community garden leaders to understand the size and scope of such an undertaking, to include:
 1. Zoning and permits
 2. Construction costs
 3. Determination of membership
 4. Maintenance costs
 - ii. If feasible, the Committee will propose joint usage by both SJC and SKD parishioners and MPRCS.
 - g. **The Environment Committee** will work with parish educators to research education modules on the environment for PREP and MPRCS.
 - i. The Committee will review the communication links between the parish and the school to better understand opportunities for collaboration.
 - ii. If feasible, the Committee will encourage the use of a community garden as part of the overall Catholic social justice program.
 - h. **Pertinent Mission Statement** We serve all of our sisters and brothers... by working together with all people of good will for justice and peace.
8. **The Legislative Committee will investigate appropriate avenues for discussion and advocacy of faith-related social policy issues on the parish-level.**