

**Pax Christi Income and Expenditure
January 2009–December 2009**

INCOME	General Fund	Projects Fund	Total 2009	Total 2008
Subscriptions	31,394	-	31,394	33,588
Donations:				
Members and supporters	7,269	2,700	9,969	15,443
Religious Orders Appeal	3,580	-	3,580	4,850
Peace Sunday	99,466	-	99,466	73,777
Pennies for Peace	1,463	-	1,463	1,842
Legacies	26,803	-	26,803	500
Grants	11,500	9,304	20,804	27,248
Sales of publications and other goods	19,771	-	19,771	20,223
Special events	325	-	325	185
Fees for work done	2,108	-	2,108	2,472
Miscellaneous income	853	-	853	223
Interest on bank deposit accounts	983	-	983	9,027
	205,515	12,004	217,59	189,378
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of generating funds	14,557	-	14,557	12,570
Cost of salaries	69,871	16,616	86,487	88,812
Payroll processing	485	-	485	584
Recruitment	-	-	-	1,497
Rent and services	6,666	2,222	8,888	8,712
Telephone and fax	1,581	-	1,581	1,610
Postage, stationery and photocopying	13,472	59	13,531	9,587
Publications, printing and purchases	27,668	181	27,849	25,500
Travel and volunteer workers expenses	2,644	2,429	5,073	5,276
Repairs and equipment	2,315	-	2,315	3,118
Insurance	201	-	201	166
Accountancy fees	975	-	975	943
Editing and other fees	5,038	-	5,038	6,234
Bank charges	153	-	153	142
Special events	2,659	5,631	8,290	6,124
Training	-	-	-	2,665
Hospitality and sundries	1,251	-	1,251	1,433
Donations	-	650	650	1,251
Affiliations - International Office	14,200	-	14,200	13,786
- others	736	-	736	1,397
Corporation tax	958	-	958	974
	165,430	27,788	193,218	192,381
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	40,085	(15,784)	24,301	(3,003)
Transfers between funds	(15,692)	15,692	-	-
Total funds brought forward	248,819	1,377	250,196	253,199
Total funds carried forward	273,212	1,285	274,497	250,196

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Family/small group £22.00 Organisation £30.00

Total enclosed £

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To the Manager _____

Bank Address _____

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Pax Christi
International Catholic Movement for Peace
Annual Report April 2009–April 2010

Report from our Chair

This year has been another full of action taken to produce peace and justice in a world where these attributes are in short supply. The breadth of the work undertaken is quite astonishing.

The team we have both to facilitate us and give us a lead in this work is second to none. Pat Gaffney, who has recently celebrated 20 years as General Secretary, Fausta Valentine our Administrator, and Matt Jeziorski, our new Education Officer are an inspiration to us all. The faithful backroom volunteers do vital work in the smooth running of things and we are grateful to them. The Executive are an inspiring group of people who give of their time and talents freely. You, the equally faithful members, are source of encouragement and give of your time and talents generously. All in all Pax Christi is a wonderful family!

By the time you read this a General Election will have taken place. What should we look for and for what may we hope?

There are two things I believe we need to pay attention to. First, as Psalm 146 v3 and 4 says 'Put no trust in princes, in mortal men in whom there is no help. Take their breath, they return to clay and their plans that day come to nothing.' (*Daily office Wed. week 4 morning prayer*). Secondly, as the Apostle Paul instructs us, we are to pray 'for kings and others in authority' (1 Tim.2:1,2). We do this because, as St Peter puts it, 'we look for new heavens and a new earth according to his promises, in which **justice dwelleth.**' (2 Peter 3:13 Douay Rheims). These things undergird all that we do particularly as we respond to the plight of our Christian sisters and brothers in Palestine and in Iraq.

This will be my 8th and last report as Chair. It has been an immense privilege to serve you in this capacity and to work with such inspirational people. I have been afforded so many wonderful opportunities to serve the cause of justice and peace and am grateful for this. I know that the new Chair will find this work immensely fulfilling and worthwhile. However, I am not going away - that's not a threat but a promise - as I will continue to serve this wonderful movement in whatever way I may be asked to.

Stewart Hemsley

People and Projects

Our work this past year reflects the enormous support we receive from members and partners without whom we would not be able to achieve so much. Whether it is creating exhibitions for use in the parish on Peace Sunday, offering hospitality to guest speakers, turning out for vigils and demonstrations, writing letters to Government on peace and security issues or being a roving Pax Christi resource person, Pax Christi members give so much to help to spread peace wherever they are.

Human security and disarmament

We have worked with the Fellowship of Reconciliation to draw attention to the links between security and human need. On the launch of *Security for the Common Good* we contributed letters to national press and articles in *The Tablet* and a variety of national websites to call for a reframing of the way we understand security—redirecting military spending to projects that tackle poverty, build democracy and improve global welfare. We will continue to use this resources with the new Government and intend to send the document to new MPs in preparation for the debate on the 2010 Defence Review.

We have also gathered to witness and speak out against the on-going nuclear weapons programme of the Government; at the annual Ash Wednesday witness at the Ministry of Defence which drew almost 100 people and the Aldermaston blockade and vigil where Bishop Thomas McMahon, a Vice-President of Pax Christi, participated in the prayer service.



Annual Advent Peace Service, London



Pax Christi volunteers receive award from the Mayor of Barnet



Bishop Thomas McMahon with Pax Christi group, Aldermaston

Pax Christi, St Joseph's Watford Way, London NW4 4TY

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People and Projects Cont...



Miri and Alicia

Middle East

Following the 2008/9 war on Gaza, we co-ordinated a tour of Physicians for Human Rights with speakers Sr Alicia Vacas and Miri Weingarten. They spoke movingly, and with great authority, of the human impact of that war on the people of Gaza and of how their report has been used within the European Parliament and the UN to call for Israeli accountability. They spoke at meetings organised by Pax Christi members in London, Coventry, York, Newcastle, Southampton and Cambridge.

To draw attention to the on-going wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and the conflict in Palestine-Israel, we took out advertisements in all the Catholic press at Christmas, giving details of the human and environmental costs of these wars and remembering the people, living stones, of that region as we celebrated Christmas.

Three of our Executive Committee, Stewart Hemsley, Rosemary Read and Ann Farr have done valiant work in offering workshops and talks on Palestine/Israel. Pax Christi is part of the Week of Prayer for Palestine and Israel and also a supporter of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. Ann Farr will go to Palestine in December for three months as an Ecumenical Accompanier.

Cultivating a spirituality of peace

Offering encouragement and inspiration for the longhaul of peacemaking is another role for Pax Christi. We hear from members how important are annual events such as the Ash Wednesday witness, the Advent Peace Service, the Franz Jägerstätter memorial gathering and the Hiroshima and Nagasaki vigils, and new events, such as the marking of the International Day of Nonviolence. Such gatherings create communities, allow us to be encouraged by the Gospel of peace and nonviolence and remind us that while the journey is long others have gone ahead and helped to map a clear way forward.

Last June the Pax Christi ICON of peace returned to the UK and has been the focus for meditation and reflection in a variety of venues. It was used by parishes in Rugby, Liverpool and Brentwood and displayed for events in Coventry and Nottingham Cathedrals. During Advent it was hosted by the Chaplaincy at Wormwood Scrubs prison and used in the 150th anniversary event of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace. It will remain with us throughout the year and is available for you to borrow.

Celebrations and goodbyes

One of our founder members, Bruce Kent celebrated 80 years last June here on our site in Hendon. In November he was awarded the Coventry Peace Prize as part of their annual peace month.

In July we said a sad goodbye to Hilary Topp who had brought new energy and enthusiasm to our Youth and Schools work. Hilary now works with the Student Christian Movement. Sadly a number of members died in the past year. Giovanni Scudiero, our webmaster and tireless support; Fr Pat Davies, deeply involved in J&P in Westminster Diocese and Kathy Wicks, former office volunteer. They and other deceased members will be remembered in our Mass at our Annual General Meeting.

Pat Gaffney, General Secretary

Finance and Membership

Our two most substantial sources of regular income are the annual Peace Sunday collection and member subscriptions.

Last year, as the accounts show, the Peace Sunday collection was not dramatically affected by the, then recent, financial downturn. However, this year, the Haitian earthquake on 12th January resulted, for many parishes, in the decision to make the emergency CAFOD collection on the Peace Sunday. Early indications are that this will have an effect on the 2010 accounts.

In recent years the number of new members joining each month has been declining with the result that the total membership is beginning to fall. Whilst this has not yet had a major impact on subscription income, there is a trend which will have only one outcome.

As a matter of good practice, Pax Christi has maintained appropriate reserves so that minor financial fluctuations will not limit our ability to carry out our basic work. Consequently, there is no immediate crisis, but it will be wise to see if we can reverse the falling membership. Several options are being considered at office level, but existing members can help at local level. Whenever you are holding a meeting or running a stall at an event, please make sure there are plenty of membership forms around and encourage people to join.

A less regular, but sometimes substantial source of income is legacies. In 2008 we received £500; in 2009 £26,803. Please keep Pax Christi in mind whenever you are reviewing your financial arrangements; just contact the office for any details or advice.

John Dowbekin, Treasurer
and Fausta Valentine, Administrator

Youth and Schools Outreach Work

Matt Jeziorski joined us in November as the new outreach worker. Prior to Matt's arrival, Pax Christi had taken part in the Brightlights Youth event in London where participants heard from Barry and Margaret Mizen about their work with young people to challenge violence, following the death of their son Jimmy. We will undertake more work with them in the year ahead.

In the months since taking over the reins of youth and schools outreach, the focus has principally been on getting into schools, meeting staff, and facilitating workshops for young people which afford the opportunity for critical engagement with a rich array of peace and nonviolence themes. Over eight-hundred young people took part in Pax Christi workshops during the first three months of 2010 in schools across England and in North Wales.

Pax Christi continues to be a key player in the Peace Education Network and the Live Simply Youth Network. The latter recently produced an excellent resource to accompany this year's General Election and encourage young Catholics to engage with the political process (www.whybother2010.org). Our specific contribution to this resource reflected the themes in Security for the Common Good with a session exploring models of Human Security.

The European Contest this year was won by a group of students from Woldingham School with a thoughtful reflection upon the life and work of Shirin Ebadi and how the life and work of this woman was particularly inspirational for students at an all-girls school. The trip to Casa per la Pace for the teams from the UK and France took place in April and was a great success. The event included a workshop exploring how nonviolence is being used to challenge social injustice in India, and experiencing some of the art and peace of Florence. Some students from this competition also showcased their work at the Peace History Conference in London.

Being new in post leads me to reflect a little on the future of our schools and youth work and how it might develop over the coming months. Two documents, 'What we can offer...', have been produced as an attempt to structure our work in schools and to begin to develop a clear university strategy. It is this university strategy which will be a particular focus in the coming year as we seek to develop a presence among Catholic students by offering retreats, talks and workshops through the chaplaincy and Cathsoc networks.

Much gratitude is due to the members, supporters and colleagues whose encouragement has been so valuable in these months and gives cause for great optimism for the ongoing development of the work.

Matt Jeziorski

Pax Christi materials can change your year...

Suppose you wanted to explain to a friend or colleague what Pax Christi stands for, how would you get it across? Seven publications we have produced this year would make a very good starting point - yet none of them is more than a few pages long.

In a nutshell they make connections and offer alternatives.

Security for the Common Good challenges the narrow interpretation of 'security' and shows how the redirection of military expenditure would serve real human needs, building 'security for the common good' at home and overseas. Of course we also address this in our 2010 Election Briefing, produced with other Christian peace organisations. It picks out the Middle East, current wars, the arms trade and nuclear non-proliferation as priorities for our politicians.

With British forces engaged in Iraq and Afghanistan, the morality of army careers is a hot topic, especially for young people who may be considering joining up. *The Armed Forces* is a discussion starter produced jointly with Young Christian Workers Impact groups.

As for alternatives, the *Nonviolence Works!* brochure lists 60 examples - drawn from widely varying situations where nonviolence has been successful in the past century.

Our materials provide ways to make peace connections throughout the year. During Advent, schools ordered 300 olive wood crib sets made in Bethlehem. Pax Christi added prayers, activities and a powerpoint to show everyday life in Palestine. January's Peace Sunday parish booklet and beautiful A3 poster expand on the Pope's theme 'To sow peace protect the earth'. Our postcards for International Women's Day in March can convey good wishes and solidarity around the world.

Look at your calendar now and plan when you could use our publications - for a stall or exhibition at church, the library, a local event or festival. Make the connections and offer people the alternatives which will shape a more peaceful world.

Valerie Flessati



Matt with Jess and Katrina, two of the team from Woldingham School, at the Peace History Conference, London

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..and many more who help with mailings and events!