

ILYM Peace Resources Committee
Fall 2011

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The committee has begun work discerning where each of us as Friends serving on PRC this year might be interested to lend our efforts, across five project areas: The Peace Testimony Workshop; the "How Do You See Peace?" blog project; a Quaker Peacemakers audio archive project (new); Peace House on the Prairie visioning; and continued work on the Ecumenical Call for Just Peace as called for by the World Council of Churches. We are communicating online and planning a retreat at Clear Creek House for early 2012.

There is interest in sending a letter to each Monthly Meeting clerk with the offer to come sit with Friends, across our 21 affiliated local Meetings, as stated in the PRC Annual Report. The offer is travel "to be among Friends during times of fellowship - after-Meeting coffee and tea, potlucks. We will listen to concerns they might have regarding difficulties working through conflict or to needs they might have as to how to deepen their relationship to the Peace Testimony." Out of this work, we anticipate next steps with possible interest to explore The Peace Testimony Workshop, participate in a Quaker Peacemakers audio archive project, or join with other ILYM Meetings to encourage more attention towards the Ecumenical Call for Just Peace. Information about these additional initiatives will be included in the offer letter.

NOTE: Breeze Richardson will be attending the November 19 site visioning meeting on behalf of PRC to assist continued thinking around the Peace House on the Prairie.

No specific actions are being asked of the Continuing Committee, though any requests or recommendations are welcome.