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While the Ministry of Reconciliation (MoR) provides direct services such as facilitation and mediation, the main way MoR builds peace is by fostering healthy reconciliation skills through workshops and training events. Thanks to Bethany Theological Seminary ministry intern Audrey Hollenberg Duffey, we began the work of updating our flagship Matthew 18 workshop, including a survey of past participants and trainers. Rooted in Christ’s teachings, participants in this workshop learn the biblical basis for reconciliation, how to deal with anger, a method of Christian conciliation, and the impact of forgiveness. The update will include, among other things, increased flexibility, an expanded Bible Study, and a new section on dignity.

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To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of On Earth Peace, we want to help you come together with people who are different than you—across the gaps of generations, ethnicities, genders, economic conditions, theologies, philosophies, cultures, politics, and other markers of personal and group identity—to share your respective “Visions & Dreams of Building Peace” for the next forty years. Sharing stories is a radical form of peacebuilding. The noted peacemaker Gene Knudsen Hoffmann taught that “an enemy is one whose story we have not heard.” Receiving each other as Jesus is the first act of discipleship. Listening is the perfection of grace. The Apostle Paul wrote of a fullness of light when “[w]e shall know, even as we are known”—which comes with hearing and being heard, seeing and being seen. This is the gift we would like to share with you in celebration of our anniversary: to publish the conversations you have with people who are different from you in some way, as you each talk about your “Visions & Dreams of Building Peace.”

Will you come to our party? Here are a few suggested interview questions to help you get started:

• What does building peace mean or look like to you?
• What are some ways of building peace that are most appealing to you?
• Tell me something about your life experience that makes you want to build peace.
• Tell me about one of your most positive experiences with building peace.
• How does your family or ethnic heritage feed your visions or dreams of building peace?

At various times and places throughout the year find someone who seems very different from you and talk with each other about one or more of these questions or other questions of your own.

You can do this safely without anyone thinking you are crazy because it is part of a program—the “Visions & Dreams” anniversary project of On Earth Peace. This gives you an excuse and makes it legit.

Record these conversations in video, audio, photo, or text and post them to the #BuildPeace on Earth Peace blog and your preferred social media feeds with the hashtag #BuildPeace.

Financial Report

Thanks to the steadfast commitment and generosity of our individual and congregational supporters and foundation grantors, On Earth Peace has been able to expand our work of helping you build peace—in yourself, family, church, community, nation, and world. Here is our financial stewardship report for calendar year 2013. Our audited financial report is available upon request.

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Total Income                            | $550,488        |
Total Expenses                           | $557,043        |
Net Operations                          | ($6,555)        |

From March through September 2013, the 3000 Miles for Peace campaign got people moving in honor of Paul Ziegler, a young peacebuilder who died tragically on his bicycle in a highway accident. Paul had planned to ride his bike across the continent after his graduation from McPheron College—as a witness for peace, gathering fellow riders along the way and raising funds for building peace. Inspired by his life and his planned epic ride, over 1,500 people took part in more than 50 local events which included biking, walking, canoeing, hiking, running, and even dribbling soccer balls and lifting weights. People of all ages participated, including significant leadership contributions from young adults in organizing events and helping to run the peer-to-peer blogging and fundraising platforms needed to support the campaign. This year’s campaign was the inspiring 62 mile trek by Bob Gross from his hometown of North Manchester, Indiana, to Paul’s home congregation, the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. In his 44 days on the road, Bob met with 30 groups in different locations along the way and attracted over 500 supporters to donate to the campaign. Together, these efforts completed more than 10,000 miles, and raised over $90,000 for the work of peacebuilding in communities across the country and beyond. Part of the funds raised were used to create the Paul Ziegler Young Peacebuilders Fund which will continue to receive contributions and will make possible new efforts in peace education and active nonviolence.

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