

Peace, Justice and Earthcare

I. Purpose

- The Peace, Justice & Earthcare Committee serves Burlington Friends Meeting by interfacing between members and the larger community on the issues of peace, nonviolence, equality, and right-living. It strives to cultivate a deeper awareness of our connections with all of creation

II. Responsibilities

- The Peace, Justice and Earthcare committee consists of those in meeting who wish to focus on making the world a better place. Given the fact that committee members come together with many different ideas of what to work on, the committee needs to spend some time discerning where to focus. Having found that focusing on large issues such as climate change, leads to feeling overwhelmed and frustrated, the committee has been joining with other groups and working together with them . In the past year, we joined with a number of peace organizations including the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, to help with a conference on a "World without War." One of our committee members lobbied with Physicians for Social Responsibility to get countries to support the signing of an agreement to ban nuclear weapons. When the organization that wrote this agreement, the International Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons won the Nobel Peace prize. PJ@EC joined with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) to give a presentation at the Fletcher Free Library on the day the prizes were given. We streamed the ceremony and our committee member who has been involved gave a presentation about nuclear weapons in our country and lead a discussion. We also showed the documentary, "Citizen Jane" at the library. Since the movie is about organizing to resist urban renewal, we followed the film with a panel discussion of proposed urban renewal projects in Burlington. We are an active committee and welcome everyone who wishes to get involved.
- Revise or re-approve this document in November of each year so it is up-to-date when Gifts and Service begins its work.

III. Number of Members

- Variable. With more members, more can be accomplished.

IV. Time Commitment

- The Peace, Justice and Earthcare committee meets the first Sunday of the month at the rise of meeting for about an hour. Time spent outside of meeting will vary depending on what initiatives the committee undertakes.

V. Last revised: 13 January 2018