

Learning/Service Opportunities at the Institute for Peace and Justice

Christian Education

Curriculum. We have extensive curricula on peace, justice, and environmental issues for pre-school through adult and intergenerational education, mostly from a Christian perspective, but some for public education. Some of these resources are focused around IPJ's Pledge of Nonviolence. All of these resources can be borrowed.

Workshops. We do workshops on these issues for students, faculty, adult and intergenerational groups, some of which offer opportunities for observation and/or shared leadership.

Clowning. Dr. Jim McGinnis, in his persona of "Francis the Clown," does presentations for K-8 students on the School Pledge of Nonviolence. He welcomes the opportunity to have others observe and evaluate his presentations and would love to work with ministry students interested in clowning.

Teaching and Mentoring Ex-Offenders and Their Teens

"SOS" ("Solving Our Situations") classes. With ex-offender facilitators taking the lead, IPJ staff and interns conduct classes for women ex-offenders, for men ex-offenders, and for the teenage children of these ex-offenders on this unique problem-solving and anger management process. Ministry students are welcome to participate.

Mentoring. IPJ staff work with mentors for both ex-offender women and men. Ministry students interested in being mentors can volunteer for the training and become short-term mentors (up to 6 months for men; 12 months for women).

Advocacy

Public witness. Ministry students are welcome to participate in on-going public advocacy campaigns that IPJ staff are involved in, currently focused primarily on ending the war in Iraq.

Research and outreach. We need help researching other important peace, justice, and environmental issues and mobilizing letter-writing, email, and phone campaigns. The "Advocacy" webpage on IPJ's website (www.ipj-ppj.org) offers another opportunity to reach out to wider audiences.