

Why Be Involved in Parenting for Peace and Justice?

- A community of support makes a difference in our ability to work for the well being of the global community.
- Reflecting, praying and discussing our values for parenting strengthens us in our hope of working for positive social change.
- To make a clear commitment to teach our children to be peace makers and justice doers.
- To give and receive support in the challenges of parenting.
- To engage in the social issues of our day in a family context.
- To create and build community with parents and children.

From the Project Developer



We are excited that you are interested in gathering new parents committed to peace and justice. Parents are our children's first and most influential educators. By coming together to discuss, reflect, and pray about values of peace and justice related to parenting, we hope

that you will be strengthened to continue to work for positive social change and to make conscientious decisions that teach your children how to be justice doers and peacemakers.

Lynn Herink

Who is IPJC?

The Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center promotes just structures in our Church and world. We are sponsored by 16 religious communities and collaborate with Catholic, ecumenical, interfaith and other groups in carrying out this mission.

We serve parishes, communities, organizations and individuals through:

- Workshops
- Retreats
- Publications
- Immersions
- Conferences
- Processes
- Community Organizing
- Corporate Social Responsibility



Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center

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Parenting for Peace & Justice



*Five Sessions with Resources
for a Group of Parents & Children*

A program of the
Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center

Parenting for Peace & Justice

The Parenting for Peace & Justice Program Strengthens Families to:

- Provide education and experiences on peace, justice and global issues for families
- Promote skill development for children to be justice-doers and peacemakers rooted in Catholic/Christian values
- Share, pray and develop a spirituality of justice in a family context
- Incorporate global citizenship concepts into family practice and community advocacy
- Remain active in community issues and advocate for positive social change in the context of parenting for the common good, (e.g. Catholic Charities and Catholic Campaign for Human Development)
- Build healthy communities and support family participation in the parish community

How to Form a Group

- Ask your parish pastoral staff for assistance in forming and starting a group in the parish
- Invite a few couples to make a plan for forming a group
- Call the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center to make a presentation, provide a sample session, or give assistance in getting started
- Create a bulletin announcement inviting people to meet regarding starting a Parenting for Peace and Justice Group

What Participants say...

We formed a greater sense of community in the parish... Our group was left wanting more, and is definitely interested in further offerings.
—Brigid, Wenatchee



I think the "Real Life Scenarios" and "What Would You Do?" questions push me to really evaluate my attitudes and actions.
—Sandra, Seattle

The program is easy to follow, well organized, comprehensive, and offers a thoughtful presentation of a specific topic.
—Susan, Wenatchee

Process

Season I Sessions

- Peace in the Family: Non-Violent Communication
- Simple Living and the Family
- Families that Care for the Environment
- Nurturing Respect for Diversity
- Living in a Global World

Season II Sessions

- Deeper involvement with the topics from the Year One Sessions
- Expanding outreach and action into the community
- Additional topic areas developed by the group

Season III

- Leadership development, resources and support for sustaining parenting groups

What IPJC Provides

- Promotional pamphlets and announcement flyers for your group
- A manual/facilitation guide with all the planning materials for each session
- A staff person to train your facilitators and answer questions
- Resources and support
- A link to the network of other Parenting for Peace and Justice Groups

