



Project Ploughshares Calgary Annual Report 2013

*If we have no peace, it is because
we have forgotten that we belong
to each other. ~ Mother Teresa*





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Summary of Remarks from Chairperson, Sally Hodges

This year's Calgary Peace Prize winner, Dr Samantha Nutt jolted those in the large audience with her insights about conflicts happening in the world today and their relevance to us. She says in her book, 'If the untold loss of life (of present wars) and the threat of planetary obliteration (by nuclear weapons) cannot rouse us from our domestic bunkers, consider this: war is never as far away as we believe it to be. It is in our pockets (as electronic devices), it is generating annual returns for our pension funds, encircling our ring fingers and filling up our cars, among other luxuries. This means that we have a far more direct influence over armed conflicts....than we might otherwise believe.

Here in Calgary this past year, Project Ploughshares has continued to provide awareness and a peace perspective of some of these conflicts and the suffering involved. We have also generated some new initiatives for parents and children here in Calgary. In regard to the latter, we are very pleased to be associated with three parenting experts for whom peace is a key tenet. Should everyone in the world raise their children in the ways they advocate, wars would be replaced with heated discussions which result in respect and peace.

This year we agreed to be partners with four other peace groups in order for all groups to avoid audience fatigue. We partnered with the Calgary Centre for Global Community for programs on Climate Change and Syria. We were integral to 2020 Vision for Humanity's symposium entitled Toward Human Security Worldwide. And we were pleased to advertise and have a booth at Mennonite central Committee and Public Interest Alberta events.

I am very proud of our Project Ploughshares annual events all of which continue. If you have not attended the Calgary Peace Run and Walk I would very much encourage you to do so. It is a marvelous event that should involve thousands of Calgarians. You can sign up anytime now. It is Saturday, September 20 this year. The November 11 gathering at the

Peace Pole each year looks not only at the past but what we need to do in the future to prevent more wars. The Peace Fair (November 29 this year) has changed location to Parkdale Church, with delight expressed by shoppers and vendors alike. The upcoming Spring Workshop on Peace and Social Justice Education, for educators as well as the public with two internationally renowned facilitators.

On the international scene the very first global Arms Trade Treaty was signed in May. According to the UN website on this treaty, it will foster peace by "thwarting uncontrolled destabilizing arms flow to conflict regions" to "prevent human rights abusers and violators of the laws of war from being supplied with arms."

Significantly, the United States signed it. Even more significantly for us, Canada has not. The national Ploughshares group contributed serious research to help pave the way for this treaty. Our Calgary group benefitted from their work in a spring workshop a few years ago, hearing about research on drugs traded for arms from South America in the Caribbean.

Our cornerstone topic, nuclear weapon abolition, has seen some movement this year. An amazing lawsuit was commenced on April 24. The citizens of the Marshall Islands are victims of massive nuclear testing in the 40's and 50's. Their Government is now suing all nine nuclear-armed states over the horrors they faced and continue to face. This is truly a David and Goliath case. Project Ploughshares Co-founder Murray Thomson's group, Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, now comprises more than 760 Canadians who have received the Order of Canada. They are organizing annual Parliamentary Fora to keep the call for a Nuclear Weapons Convention in front of Senators and MPs. About 70 Canadian Members of Parliament belong to the global group Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND). Good news is that the two new co-chairs for PNND Canada are both from Alberta, one an NDP and the other a Conservative from Wetaskawin. Our very own resource person, Bev DeLong, continues to faithfully chair the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons which aims primarily to communicate with the public and the government, our deep concern over the need for a Nuclear Weapons Convention (Treaty). Project Ploughshares Calgary is usually the group in Calgary that brings the nuclear weapon issue to the public but we partner with 2020 Vision for Humanity on the Hiroshima Day Lantern Event.

Also here in Calgary we are encouraging Mayor Nenshi to call on the other 102 Canadian Mayors for Peace to join him in a letter requesting the Prime Minister to implement the unanimous motion of Parliament in 2010. That motion called on the "Government of Canada to engage in negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention..." and "to deploy a major world-wide Canadian diplomatic initiative in support of preventing nuclear proliferation and increasing the rate of nuclear disarmament."

Our work is done by our Program Director, Karen Huggins, by the Executive and by you, the volunteers. Thank you so much your time, financial support and your heartfelt commitment to peace. We run largely on donations, so our existence today is because of your generosity and belief in this organization's work. Thank you.

And the last word is a wry challenge from George Bernard Shaw: 'Peace is not only better than war, but infinitely more arduous'.

Let us never give up.

2013 Project Ploughshares Calgary Events

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| January | The Harmonious Spirit of Cooperative Board Games: An Interactive Evening |
| February | Playing with Power: the impacts of and alternatives to violent toys and games |
| March | Restorative Justice Programs for Calgary Youth |
| April | How to Start a Revolution – The Work of Gene Sharp |
| May | Empowering Children in the DR Congo: The Gilbert Care Centre. |
| June | The 1325 Key to Peace – Readers' Theatre |
| September | Climate Change, Displacement & Community Resiliency Yoga for Peace at the Calgary Community Peace Pole |
| October | Syria: Is International Law the Enemy of the Good? |
| November | Creating Peaceful Homes: Toy Audit Results/Peaceful Parenting Presentation & Discussion |

Special Annual Events

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| April 27 | Spring Workshop - Building Alliances for Change: Nonviolent Popular Action |
| September 21 | Calgary Peace Run |
| October | Calgary Toy Audit |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day |
| November 23 | Holiday Peace Fair |



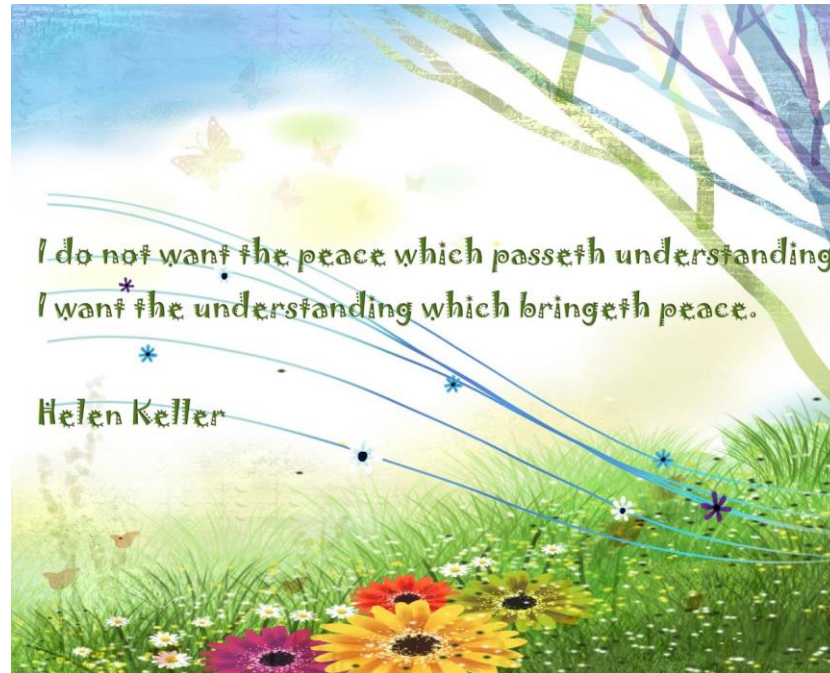
**Project Ploughshares Calgary
Balance Sheet as at December 31**

| ASSETS | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash | | |
| Designated Funds - Tollefson | 2,909 | 2,909 |
| Designated Funds - Peace Pole | 2,315 | 2,315 |
| Designated Funds - Peace Run | 2,243 | 6,908 |
| Total Designated Funds Account | <u>7,467</u> | <u>12,132</u> |
| General Operating Account | 17,164 | 20,906 |
| Total Cash | <u>24,631</u> | <u>33,038</u> |
| Receivables | | |
| Receivables | 1,582 | 780 |
| Project Ploughshares - National | 4,111 | 2,820 |
| Total Receivables | <u>5,693</u> | <u>3,600</u> |
| Investments | | |
| Mennonite Foundation Deposit - Restricted | 26,000 | 26,000 |
| OIKO Credit Investment -Unrestricted | 5,000 | 0 |
| Total Investments | <u>31,000</u> | <u>26,000</u> |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Office Furniture & Equipment | 5,751 | 5,751 |
| Accumulated. Amortization | -4,357 | -4,357 |
| Total Fixed Assets | <u>1,394</u> | <u>1,394</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>62,718</u> | <u>64,032</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts Payables | 1,792 | 2,078 |
| Vacation payable (payroll) | 354 | 396 |
| Project Ploughshares - National | 4,111 | 2,820 |
| GST Owing (Refundable) | -654 | -287 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>5,604</u> | <u>5,007</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Restricted Funds | 26,000 | 26,000 |
| Retained Earnings - Previous Year | 33,026 | 31,127 |
| Current Earnings | -1,911 | 1,898 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | <u>57,114</u> | <u>59,025</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u>62,718</u> | <u>64,032</u> |

(2012 comparative figures on the Balance Sheet and Income Statement have been restated to reflect year-end accounts payable & accounts receivable that were not previously recorded)

Project Ploughshares Calgary
Income Statement for the Year Ending December 31

| INCOME | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Donations | | |
| Donations – Individuals | 8,071 | 14,415 |
| Donations – Charities | 3,650 | 3,808 |
| Donations - Anonymous | 12 | 404 |
| Rent Rebate | 0 | 250 |
| Total Donations | <u>11,733</u> | <u>18,877</u> |
| Revenue/Other Income | | |
| Peace Run | 21,343 | 14,475 |
| Spolumbo's Sales | 8,088 | 4,484 |
| Peace Fair | 7,358 | 6,674 |
| Spring Workshop | 1,710 | 2,080 |
| Interest Income | 754 | 1,623 |
| Entertainment Books (net) | 230 | 176 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 429 | 11 |
| 30 th Anniversary Dinner | 0 | 2,685 |
| Speaker Revenue | 0 | 200 |
| Total Revenue/Other Income | <u>39,912</u> | <u>32,408</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>51,645</u> | <u>51,285</u> |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Payroll & Honoraria | <u>18,072</u> | <u>23,966</u> |
| Operating Expenses | | |
| Telephone | 1,515 | 1,499 |
| Bookkeeping | 1,299 | 0 |
| Office Supplies | 862 | 2,197 |
| Printing/Newsletter | 796 | 1,310 |
| Bank Charges | 252 | 21 |
| Misc (Advertising, licences, donations) | 120 | 508 |
| Rent | 0 | 370 |
| Travel | 0 | 679 |
| Total Operating Expenses | <u>4,844</u> | <u>6,584</u> |
| Fundraising/Project Expenses | | |
| Peace Run | 20,626 | 10,507 |
| Spolumbo's Purchases | 6,186 | 3,541 |
| Peace Fair | 2,488 | 2,474 |
| Spring Workshop | 1,340 | 1,424 |
| Nuclear Weapons (Doug Roche) | 0 | 697 |
| 30 th Anniversary Dinner | 0 | 194 |
| Total Fundraising/Project Expenses | <u>30,640</u> | <u>18,837</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>53,556</u> | <u>49,387</u> |
| NET INCOME | <u><u>-1,911</u></u> | <u><u>1,898</u></u> |



**Thank you for your
continued support of
Project Ploughshares Calgary!**

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