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Sister Elizabeth Greim to Address PCLR on Peace Building

Sister Elizabeth Greim, Director of Jericho Way Resource Center, will be the quest speaker at the next Pax Christi Little Rock board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 27 at 6 pm. The board will meet for one hour and Sister Greim will begin her talk at 7 pm. PCLR will meet on the third floor of the Christ the King Catholic Church Ministries Building. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend.

Sister Elizabeth of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul, an order of nuns devoted to serving the homeless and poor, came to Little Rock in 2015 from Macon, Georgia

where she founded the Daybreak Center in 2012. It should be noted that she was selected as the 2013 Person of the Year in Macon, GA. She directed the re-opening of Jericho Way homeless day center in Little Rock on March 30, 2015. This facility continues to provide support to the homeless in the downtown area. Jericho Way provides resources to improve health, education, and economic status to help those served become financially self-sufficient and find and retain housing.

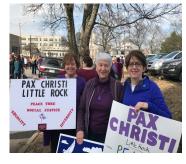
At our meeting, Sister Elizabeth will share information about her work with the homeless in Little Rock.
Additionally, she will share



her extensive experience working towards peace through social justice in the various communities she has worked with and in over the years.

"I would hope that someone coming to Jericho Way now would say they were treated with respect," Sister Elizabeth said. "They are an adult who has ability . . . to be the agent of their own change."

Pax Christi LR Participates in Women's March For Arkansas



Several members of Pax Christi Little Rock joined with other peace-minded organizations including the Episcopal Peace Movement, Campaign Nonviolence and WAND to march in the Women's

March for Arkansas held on Saturday, January 21. It is estimated that around 7000 women marched to the state Capitol to stand in solidarity, protesting some of the divisive tenets endorsed by the current administration.

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PCLR Members Attend Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice Annual Meeting

The Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice (ACPJ) held it's annual membership meeting on Friday, February 11 at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Their featured speaker was "Save our School" Campaign's activist Andrea Hogan-Lewis. ACPJ is an association of individuals and organizations seeking to promote peaceful and just relationships between individuals, communities, organizations, governing bodies and the environment through education, dialogue and action. PCLR was well represented as

the board voted to become an organizational member of ACPJ. Board members of PCLR participated in round table introductions to several peace and social justice groups active in the state. PCLR was invited to share it's vision of peacemaking with the other organizations present that evening.

We look forward to working collaboratively with all of these groups in the future. Plans are already being made to help organize and sponsor the LR Pilgrimage for Peace that will be held on April 23, 2017 as well as an associ-



ated speaking engagement with Fr. John Dear on April 19-20.

Bob and Jane Estes Awarded Peacemakers of the Year

The highlight of the ACPJ annual meeting was the recognition of Bob and Jane Estes as Peacemakers of the Year. This was the 11th straight year for the award to be presented to a person or persons for their continued efforts to propagate the values of peace and justice in Arkansas. The Estes' were honored for their outstanding commitment to Arkansas Peace Week, for leading grassroots political organizing and for their par-

ticipation in various community groups such as Women's Action for New Direction and the AR Homeless Coalition, and over 12 years of combined service on the board of ACPJ.



Bob and Jane Estes receive Peacemaker of the Year award from ACPJ President, John Coffin.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."