



# Pax Christi LITTLE ROCK

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**Blessed are the  
Peacemakers, for  
they shall be called  
the children of God.**

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## Bishop Anthony Taylor to Speak on Just Peace vs. Just War Theory

Bishop Anthony Taylor will be the featured guest at the Pax Christi Speaker series on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Bishop Taylor will provide background and discuss the impact of the Just War Theory, a teaching of the Church that originated during the time of St. Augustine. Historically, this theory has been used to help discern how and when military force might be applied in the defense of a nation in time of conflict.

It is significant that there are now many in the Church who have found the Just War Theory to be inadequate, particularly in this era of nuclear weapons. Bishop Taylor will make the case for a doctrine of Just Peace based on scripture, social teachings of the Catholic Church, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Bishop Taylor will also expand on the Pax Christi Catholic Nonviolence Initiative that was launched at the Nonviolence and Just Peace Conference held in Rome April 11-13, 2016 and co-sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. This initiative, a project of Pax Christi International, affirms the vision and practice of active nonviolence at the heart of the Catholic Church and is committed to the long-term vocation of healing and reconciling both people and the planet.

Pax Christi has identified and expand-



**Pax Christi Little Rock**  
Welcomes  
**Bishop Anthony Taylor**  
Diocese of Little Rock  
**Just War vs Just Peace:  
An Examination of the  
Church's Teachings on  
Nonviolence**

### LIVE MEETING VIA ZOOM

6:30 PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Bishop Anthony Taylor has recently written articles on the importance of re-examining the just war theory. He has reviewed the social teachings of the Catholic Church to make a case for Just Peace, which in the words of the Catechism is "the work of justice and the effect of charity." Bishop Taylor is a member of Pax Christi USA and refers to the nonviolent practices found in the [Pax Christi Catholic Nonviolence Initiative](#) as alternatives to warfare.

### Join Zoom Meeting at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8769414122>

ed on several different nonviolent practices and strategies that can be employed to de-escalate conflicts. These practices include nonviolent resistance, restorative justice, trauma healing, unarmed civilian protection, conflict transformation, peacebuilding strategies, mediated dialogue, legislative advocacy, economic sanctions and negotiated nuclear, biological and chemical arms reduction and elimination. A more complete description of these strategies can be found on the [Nonviolence Initiative](#) page of the Pax Christi International website.

**Peace Offerings****Goodwill Industries Offers  
Food Supplies to PCLR**

Goodwill Food Pantry

**The Director of Missions at Goodwill Industries, Kaylee Henson, contacted Lee Bass, a Pax Christi LR board member, to offer a donation of two pallets of food to the Pantry Box project that is part of Pax**

**Christi's work with Settled Souls and Jericho Way. The details of this donation will be worked out over the next few days and details will be forthcoming soon. Pax Christi continues its mission to connect with partners across the community in an effort to create more sustainable living conditions for those in need.**

**PEACE PARTNERS**

Peace Partners highlights various peace and social justice organizations that share our vision: active promotion of peace in our neighborhood, state, country and world. The goal is to increase awareness of the many organizations in our area that work for peace through social justice and invite joint ventures between these groups to increase the effectiveness of our mission.



Goodwill Industries works to enhance people's dignity and quality of life by strengthening their communities, eliminating barriers to opportunity, and helping them reach their full potential through learning and the power of work. Goodwill was founded in Boston by Rev.

Edgar Helms, a Methodist minister and early social innovator. Rev. Helms created the Goodwill philosophy of "not charity, but a chance" when he collected used household goods and clothing in wealthier areas of the city and then hired people without resources to mend and repair the goods. They were then sold or given to people who repaired them. More than 118 years later, Goodwill remains a household name and leading nonprofit provider of educational and work services.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**PAX CHRISTI LR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 at 6 PM**

**ALL BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SENT AN INVITATIONAL LINK FOR THIS ZOOM MEETING. IF YOU AREN'T ON THE BOARD AND WISH TO ATTEND, PLEASE EMAIL US AT [paxchristilr@gmail.com](mailto:paxchristilr@gmail.com).**

## Peace Offerings

# ARKANSAS PEACE WEEK 2020: SHAPING PEACE TOGETHER

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Arkansas Peace Week is a program of activities set up throughout our state with the mission of educating and promoting peacemaking in our society and raising awareness of organizations working to build a lasting peace in Arkansas. These events are planned in coordination with the nationwide [Campaign Nonviolence Week of Actions](#).

In 2020, in spite of coronavirus restrictions and the need to take extra precautions to keep people safe, there were over 40 actions carried out across the state. Pax Christi Little Rock was involved in the planning and execution of several of these events, either physically or virtually. Over the course of Peace Week, we experienced growth in our relationships with one another as well as with folks in partner organizations. The activities planned during Peace Week were designed to increase the understanding of how active nonviolence can change our world for the better. Although it is natural to think of these activities as educating others, it is important to realize how we also grow personally from these experiences.

**There is no path to peace;  
peace is the path. Gandhi**

## PEACE ACROSS FAITHS

In 2020, Peace Across Faiths Interfaith Service and Picnic featured the International Day of Peace connective



theme: "Shaping Peace Together." It took place at Allsopp Park on September 20 at 5 pm. This gathering of people from all different faiths and backgrounds initiated

Peace Week in Arkansas. Prior to the program, there was a "bring your own" picnic where folks gathered to eat at picnic



tables and on blankets. Guest speakers then shared their thoughts on Shaping Peace Together.

Speakers included Dr. Jay McDaniel, newly retired World Religion professor at Hendrix College, Lena Albeik, Teach-



er at the Madina Institute, Kwami Abdul-

Bey, board member of ACPJ, and the Reverend Betsy Singleton Snyder, senior pastor at the United Winfield Methodist Church.





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# ARKANSAS PEACE WEEK SUMMIT

Arkansas Peace Week Summit was an online event that took place on Saturday,



SAT, SEP 26 AT 1 PM  
Arkansas Peace Week Summit - Online Live  
Online Event

September 26 from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. It was livestreamed via Facebook and can still be viewed at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/arkansaspeaceweek/videos/>.

## Schedule –Saturday, September 26

**1:00 pm**-Panel Discussion: BLM and Social Justice in 2020-Hosted by Kwami Abdul-Bey

**1:45 pm**-The Importance of the 2020 Election, Voter Access and Democracy-Presented by Indivisible

**2:15 pm**-Ecology and Climate Change 2020-Hosted by Tristan Norman

**2:45 pm**-COVID-19's Impact of the Poor and Underserved- Presented by Poor People's Campaign

**3:15 pm**-Panel Discussion: The Role of Nonviolence, Service, Compassion, Kindness and Hope in the Face of the 2020 Crisis

## PEACE WEEK MURAL PAINTING



PCLR Art

Arkansas Peace Week added two murals to the array of murals already present at 2486 W. 7th Street in Little Rock. These additional artworks were painted by adults

and young people from Little Rock. "Patchwork Peace and Protest" and "Love is Greater than Fear" were supervised by Hamid Ebrahimifar



Hamid and Anika

and completed by individuals in the community who were interested in participating in three different painting sessions. Hamid provided the paint and the brushes and shared the theme of each painting with all who engaged in the project.

## PEACE CURRICULUM IN THE SCHOOLS

Three years ago, Pax Christi Little Rock worked with school counselor Mildred Calhoun to develop a peace curriculum for Rockefeller Elementary School that was first implemented during Peace Week 2017. Since then, this peace curriculum has been expanded in scope and has been incorporated by the Little Rock School District, Pulaski County School District, and Arkansas Catholic Schools. With the assistance of Bob Estes and Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice, the majority of the elementary schools in the state now have access to this curriculum of nonviolence.

In 2020, we invited all Arkansas schools and youth groups to participate in presenting these lessons teaching peacemaking skills to the youth in our state.

The Peace Curriculum can be found at:

[arkansaspeaceweek.com](https://arkansaspeaceweek.com).

Due to COVID restrictions, it was more

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difficult to gauge the participation in the individual elementary schools than in the past. However, schools are now beginning to send in pictures of their peace week activities. Despite the stress experienced by teachers and students during this challenging time, peace was still a topic discussed in several classrooms across the state during Peace Week.



**IF WE ARE TO REACH REAL PEACE  
IN THE WORLD, WE SHALL HAVE  
TO BEGIN WITH THE CHILDREN.**

**MAHATMA GANDHI**

## PEACE FEST 2020



Peace Cranes

Peace Fest was a little different this year due to COVID restrictions, but it turned out to be a beautiful day with several families

dropping by the LR Central High Historical Site to enjoy the diverse activities offered by different peace and social justice organizations. Beneath the trees in the park across from the National Historical Site museum, parents could walk their kids through seven stations that highlighted the Pledge of Nonviolence. Lessons were shared on respecting self/others, communicating well, listening, forgiving, recreating nonviolently, respecting nature and acting courageously.



Peace Rocks



Youth Volunteers

Other activities included sidewalk

chalk, making origami peace cranes, and painting peace rocks. Thanks to the many volunteers and groups who worked tirelessly to make this event a success.



Nonviolence Path



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## Pax Christi LR Completes Landscaping Project with Habitat for Humanity



Over a year ago, Pax Christi initiated a campaign to raise \$2500 in order to pull

several peace groups together to work with Habitat for Humanity to landscape one of their newly built homes. The fundraising went well and the money was raised over a period of a few months. However, the actual landscaping party was postponed due to the onset of COVID-19 restrictions in March, 2020.



Finally, on the morning of September 25, Pax Christi Little Rock, Arkansas Coalition for Peace and Justice, Arkansas WAND, Community of Christ and Braver Angels sent volunteer members to work with Central Arkansas Habitat for Humanity on landscaping what was initially planned to include 4 homes in North Little Rock off of Allen Street in a cul-de-sac called Potter Cove. It seemed no accident that this opportunity presented itself right in the middle of Peace Week 2020.



The crew of 11 arrived around 8 am on a perfect 70 degree, partly cloudy day. They were assigned to

complete landscaping on 4 homes. However, by 9:30 almost all of the work was completed on those houses. So, the Habitat supervisor asked if the crew could continue landscaping the entire cul-de-sac. The volunteers were more than willing, so Susi Blanco, Pax Christi member, was sent off with a credit card to get more bushes, mulch, etc. By 11:30, all seven houses were landscaped with an additional 14 potted flowers to leave on porches to welcome the new tenants.



To add to the fun, Lee Bass supplied donuts, Caroline Stevenson showed up with lemonade and

cookies and Pax Christi provided pizza once the job was completed. Thanks go out to Hamid Ebrahimifar, Matthew Bryant, Mary Hunt, Tamara Tahat, Jan Pipkin, Jacques Pierini, Susi and Jose Blanco, Lee Bass, Sherry Simon, and Caroline Stevenson for their hard work.

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## PAX CHRISTI HOSTS TABLE AT VIRTUAL LEGACY OF LIFE BANQUET



Pax Christi Little Rock has supported the Legacy of Life Banquet, a fundraiser for the Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center (APRC), for the past two years. In 2020, the program for the banquet will be aired online due to COVID restrictions. So, although PCLR cannot host a table in person, the group will give a donation to the Pregnancy Resource Center and discuss the possibility of a small gathering to watch the production online. It is scheduled to run via YouTube-Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center beginning on Thurs-

day, November 5 at 6:30 pm.

The Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center is a non-profit organization that has been working in Little Rock since 1977 to provide women with an alternative to abortion. APRC offers free and confidential services to pregnant women such as medical grade pregnancy tests, limited obstetrical ultrasounds, testing for STDs, parenting classes, options consultation, post-abortion healing and abortion pill reversal. They are located at 2 Office Park Drive and serve all regardless of age, race, gender, financial status, religious affiliation or sexual orientation.



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# MISSION RETREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Our Speakers will be  
**Fr. Mauricio Carrasco**  
and  
**Fr. Taryn Whittington**

Masks will be required; space is limited and must be reserved  
Online Registration is available at [www.ckmission.org](http://www.ckmission.org)

## SAVE THE DATE

**PAX CHRISTI LR  
SPEAKER SERIES  
STEPHANIE BYERS  
LINDSEY TAGGART  
SETTLED SOULS  
THURS., NOVEMBER 19  
6:30 PM CST**

**Meeting Via Zoom**

Email [paxchritlr@gmail.com](mailto:paxchritlr@gmail.com)  
to obtain link.

## CHRIST THE KING LITTLE ROCK HOSTING

### RETREAT FOR MISSION PARTNERS

Pax Christi members have been invited by Christ the King Catholic Church (CTKLR) to attend the Fountain of Grace Mission Retreat scheduled for Saturday October 24 from 8:00 am-3:30 pm. Father Mauricio Corrasco and Father Taryn Whittington will lead the retreat that will be centered around our connection to grace and how it makes a difference in mission ministry. If you have worked with the CTKLR mission ministry in any capacity, you are invited to attend. You can register to attend online at [www.ckmission.org](http://www.ckmission.org). All are welcome. Space is limited and must be reserved.