

# Christian Peacemaker Teams



## YEAR IN REVIEW

**FYE 2011** • 1 November 2010 - 31 October 2011



Participants in Peacemaker Congress XI celebrate CPT's 25th anniversary.

**Twenty-five years of building partnerships to transform violence and oppression through faith-based peacemaking and creative nonviolent action.**

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# Celebrating 25 Years



Palestinian demonstrators stand in nonviolent resistance to Israeli military.

It was a year of nonviolent resistance – the gathered tide of a multitude of droplets bathing the planet in acts of courage for peaceful change.

## ***Steady stream of community action!***

The people of Las Pavas, Colombia nonviolently confronted corporate greed and its armed protectors.

CPT supported the community with on-site accompaniment, focused nonviolent direct action, and an outpouring of prayer and advocacy.

The farmers and families of Las Pavas returned to their land bouyed by a world of grassroots solidarity.

## ***Long-standing river of nonviolent action!***

First Nations communities stand as they have stood for centuries, speaking for the land and the people in the face of entrenched colonialism and profiteering.

CPT stood as allies and witnesses to refreshing victories of truth this year by several persevering partners in the courts, the community and the forests.

## ***Vast ocean of mass action for change!***

Throughout the Middle East, justice seekers shook the foundations of dictators and occupiers. Some oppressive structures toppled dramatically. Others teetered and lashed back with crushing force.

CPT was in the eye of the storm in Iraqi Kurdistan and Palestine – being present, bearing witness and shining a spotlight for the world on the hope incarnated in the people's persistence.

**“Let justice flow like a river and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”**  
- Amos 5:24

Through 25 years of active nonviolence, CPT has remained close to the bedrock of grassroots action, and those communities have disciplined us in the daily walk of peacemaking.

Our faith is strengthened by the ever-flowing stream of our partners' faithfulness. Our eyes are opened to the vision of a world of communities living peaceably together. Our lives are molded by a deepening practice of respect that dismantles oppression.

I tell you in the long run, war and domination don't have a chance.

Drop by drop the stone is worn away.

We are grateful that you are with us on this voyage of liberating love.

Every prayer, every penny, every e-mail, every drop counts!

Carol Rose  
Co-Director



CPTer arrested at Chicago Body Shop store in support of Las Pavas land claim.

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# Aboriginal Justice

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a periodic presence since February 1999

CPT's Aboriginal Justice Team (AJT) is committed to undoing colonialism and supporting Indigenous communities seeking justice and defending their lands against corporate and government exploitation without their consent.

Based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, AJT partners with Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nation (Grassy Narrows First Nation or GNFN), Algonquins of Barriere Lake (ABL), Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI), and Haudenosaunee of the Grand River Territory (Six Nations) to:

- advocate for the basic and collective human rights of indigenous peoples;
- build relationships between settlers, indigenous peoples and the land;
- become effective and visible political allies to indigenous peoples.



CPTers join 200 people at a "Truth and Reconciliation" rally demanding respect for Six Nations' rights to the land.

**"If they want a just and honourable settlement and some reconciliation, then they have to include the Algonquins in the discussion. Include the people who live here."**

- Robert Lovelace, Algonquin Leader  
referring to First Nation's blockade of clear-cut logging  
in the sacred Beaver Pond Forest without community consent

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## Peacemaker Delegations

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In FYE 2011, 133 people participated in 15 short-term CPT delegations (7-14 days). Delegations offer participants first-hand experience in supporting local partners' nonvio-

lent struggle for human rights and serve as a primary mechanism for further involvement in CPT's peacemaking ministry. Delegates serve an important advocacy role back home on behalf of communities resisting violence.



CPT delegates around the campfire at Slant Lake blockade site, Treaty #3 Territory.



# Colombia

a continuous presence since February 2001



Las Pavas farmer finally back home where he can care for the land and produce food for his family.

Violence continues in the Magdalena Medio region of Colombia with threats against individuals, assassinations, massacres, disappearances and torture.

A resurgence of paramilitary activity, especially from a group known as the Black Eagles, has heightened tensions in many of the areas where CPT works.

CPT-Colombia partners with communities throughout the region who organize to overcome fear, assert their rights and nonviolently resist the ongoing assaults on their dignity and their livelihood.

Your advocacy efforts on behalf of subsistence farmers, artisan miners, indigenous communities, displaced persons, women's groups, and conscientious objectors make a difference.

**“We waited almost two years, but now we are finally here on our ancestral lands. We thank God for giving us the strength to keep struggling.”**

- Don Misael  
Las Pavas community leader



Members of CPT partner CAHUCOPANA demonstrate that “Dialogue is the way.”

**“Thanks to the constant accompaniment of [national and international] organizations, we have found the strength to face the most difficult moments of fear and sadness and organize our return home.”**

- Las Pavas community members

# Iraqi Kurdistan

a continuous presence since October 2002



Kurdish Iraqi peacemakers form a “peace wall” between 5000 demonstrators and 1000 security forces in Suliemaniya during the 62-day Kurdish uprising, part of the “Arab Spring.”

**“We made this wall for security, to protect the protesters... We want to prevent violence and return peace to our streets.”**

- Leader of a federation of non-governmental organizations

As cross-border bombing of the border areas by Iran and Turkey continues, the Kurdistan Regional Governate (KRG) has begun building permanent camps for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). CPT is one of the few international organizations providing an accompaniment presence to villagers in the border areas.

CPT’s local partners appreciate our consistent presence, mobility, and willingness

to respond to unexpected or urgent situations such as demonstrations and follow up with the difficult and unresolved cases of prisoners from the spring 2011 protests. Much of this activity remains unknown outside the region since the KRG severely restricts the work of journalists. So CPT’s presence and reporting is one of the few outlets that local peacemakers can access to tell their stories.

**“The truth has been unleashed and it cannot be silenced, not even by more soldiers.”**

- Young Kurdish protester



CPTers partnered with local non-governmental organizations to maintain a “peace wall” in Freedom Square during massive street protests in Suliemaniya last spring.



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# Palestine

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a continuous presence since June 1995



Palestinian students protest the treatment of their teachers by Israeli soldiers at checkpoints in al-Khalil/Hebron.

**“We will resist Israeli attacks peacefully, not with violence.”**

- Palestinian partner of CPT in al-Khalil/Hebron

The Israeli Occupation of Palestine continues to oppress two entire nations.

CPT partners continue to ask us to stand with them.

CPT-Palestine remains committed to supporting Palestinian-led, grassroots, nonviolent resistance to the Occupation and the unjust structures that uphold it.

Based in the Old City of al-Khalil/Hebron, team members accompany school children harassed by Israeli soldiers, monitor military checkpoints, and document abuses by soldiers and settlers.

After 7 years, CPT drew a close to its full-time presence in the South Hebron

Hills village of at-Tuwani. The shepherds of at-Tuwani and surrounding communities are now part of a large nonviolent resistance network, making CPT’s presence less critical.

CPTers consider that their accompaniment work helped create a safer space and eased the pressures of living under occupation so that villagers had more time and energy to organize themselves.

Team members continue to visit communities in the South Hebron Hills and respond to specific requests for support.



CPTers on school patrol in Palestine.

**“I consider the presence of CPT really something great. They support the Palestinians and their nonviolent resistance.”**

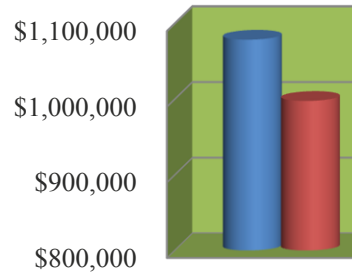
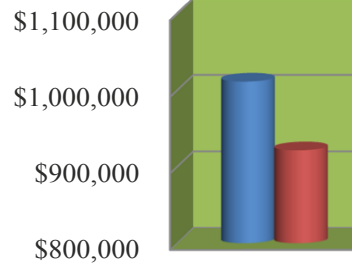
- Hafez Hereini, CPT partner in al-Khalil/Hebron

# Financial Summary

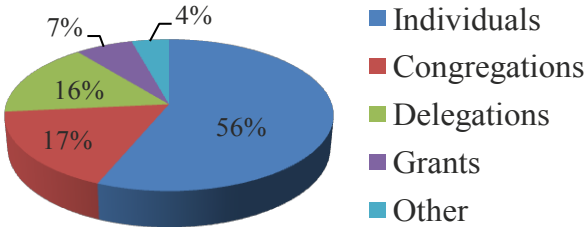
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Income	
Individuals	\$568,400
Congregations	\$174,300
Delegations	\$160,300
Grants	\$ 65,600
Other	\$ 42,700
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,011,300</b>
Expenses	
Program	\$594,300
Peacemaker Corps	\$408,200
Administration	\$ 65,200
Other	\$ 11,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,078,700</b>

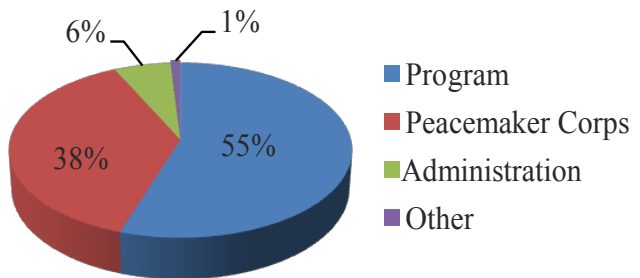
## Income/Expense Comparison



## FYE 2011 Income - Percent



## FYE 2011 Expenses - Percent



Contributions	FYE 2011	FYE 2010
Individuals	3,188	2984
Churches & Groups	340	321
Delegations	493	348

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## Personnel

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CPT's Peacemaker Corps is made up of trained peacemakers committed to full-time, part-time, or Reserve service.

In FYE 2011, a total of 195 people from 5 Canadian provinces, 4 Colombian departments, Czech Republic, Egypt,

England, Germany, India, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Palestine, Philippines, Scotland, Sweden, Taiwan, Wales and 30 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia served in the Corps.

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## Steering Committee

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CPT is sponsored by • Church of the Brethren / On Earth Peace (COB/OEP) • Friends United Meeting (FUM) • Mennonite Church Canada (MC-Canada) • Mennonite Church USA (MC-USA) • Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) • Basilian General Council (BGC) • Every Church a Peace Church (ECAPC) • Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF)

The work of CPT is guided by a Steering Committee representing sponsoring denominations and groups, CPT's Peacemaker Corps (PC) and Race Relations Council (RRC), and members at-large (AL).

Steering Committee Members serving in FYE 2011 were:

• Tony Brown - MC-USA • Eloy García - PC/RRC • Julián Gutiérrez - PC/RRC • Omar Harami (Jerusalem) - AL • Maureen Jack - PC • Rachel Long - COB/OEP • Rafael Lopera - BGC • Alix Lozano - PC • Susan Mark Landis - MC-USA • Phil Miller - COB/OEP • Sylvia Morrison - RRC • Eric Olfert - MC-Canada • Janet Plenert - MC-Canada • Garland Robertson - PC • Wilson Tan (Singapore) - AL • Sarah Thompson (Indiana, USA) - AL • Terra Winston - PPF • Brian Young - FUM



160 people gathered in Chicago in October to sing and celebrate CPT's 25th anniversary.

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