



Public Justice Resource Centre

ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The CJL Foundation, operating as the Public Justice Resource Centre

2005 was again a full year of promoting public justice. PJRC's research continued primarily in the areas of refugee policy and socio-economic issues.

WELCOME THE STRANGER

The refugee work took a broader turn this year. Significant research and writing in the summer provided important background information to support our new *Welcome the Stranger: Becoming Neighbours* initiative. The www.welcomethestranger.ca web address leads to lots of information, including refugee basics, problems in legislation, and our proposals as well as stories, endorsements and a biblical reflection on the refugee experience.

LIVEABLE INCOMES

In socio-economic work, PJRC had a look at liveable incomes as another context in which to think about poverty and the plight of new immigrants. We reviewed history and learned that the term was coined in the 19th cen-

tury, but living wage movements are growing again because today people just can't make ends meet on minimum wages.

FIRST NATIONS RESEARCH

We had a fine opportunity to facilitate important research on behalf of First Nations people. The Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation provided a grant for Aboriginal peoples' analysis and engagement regarding the Great Lakes Charter Annex. PJRC contracted with the Olthuis Kleer Townshend legal team to complete the research for *Bridge over Troubled Waters: Canadian Law on Aboriginal and Treaty Water Rights, and the Great Lakes Annex*. The report has been widely distributed and is highly regarded. Follow-up workshops and discussions were held with First Nations across Ontario.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

Our detailed analysis of the February federal budget, entitled *A Temperate Budget that Leaves Some People Out in the Cold*, looked at what had been called for and what had been delivered. From a public justice vantage point, PJRC reviewed the commitments made to childcare, municipalities, health, tax cuts and debt reduction, as well as what the budget held for immigrants and refugees, seniors and Aboriginal peoples.

Some of these indeed delivered on previous promises. And we noted the items that were missing, like affordable housing, which is so important in the mix to sustain good health and ensure effective support for children. Knowledgeable supporters joined the

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2005 STAFF: (front from left) executive director Harry Kits, socio-economic policy analyst Greg deGroot-Maggetti, financial development/membership coordinator Bruce Voogd; (behind from left) refugee policy analyst Chris Pullenayegem, receptionist/administrative assistant Jenn Neufeld, communications coordinator Louise Slobodian, business/office coordinator Claire Veenstra, bookkeeper Marian Heinen. (Not pictured: contract writer and editor Janet Somerville, part-time administrative assistant Antonella Scali, summer research assistants Jeanette Unger and Lisa Aldworth.)



2005

WE ARE –

a faithful response to God's call for love, justice and stewardship.

WE ENVISION –

a world in which individuals, communities, societal institutions and governments all contribute to and benefit from the common good.

OUR MISSION –

to promote public justice in Canada by shaping key public policy debates through research and analysis, publishing and public dialogue, by encouraging citizens, leaders in society and governments to support policies and practices which reflect God's call for love, justice and stewardship.

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discussion with commentary on the environment and international aid spending.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

PJRC participation in public dialogue included attending a conference on Faith and the Media, active participation in meetings of the Canadian Council for Refugees and collaborating with Campaign 2000 and the Worker Action Centre to create an information bulletin on wages and working conditions in Ontario. We joined Kairos' Anti-Poverty Forum to develop a vision for Canada without poverty, and we were part of the National Anti-Poverty Organization living wage network as well as the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition and Campaign Against Child Poverty.

ENCOURAGING CITIZENSHIP

To encourage responsible citizenship, we led workshops in Ottawa related to our work on living wages and welcoming the stranger as neighbour. We talked to fourth-year sociology students about the conceptualization of poverty. We began a partnership with World University Services of Canada in welcoming refugees into Canadian society, especially at the university level.

The official launch for *Welcome the Stranger: Becoming Neighbours* was a resounding success at the Canadian Council for Refugees conference in London, Ontario, in November. The ongoing call for all citizens is to warm up the climate in Canada for newcomers by changing our own hearts and our personal worlds to ensure that fear doesn't dominate our lives.

GROUNDING IN GOD'S CALL

God's call for love, justice and stewardship continues to be the reason for our work. *Groundings*, always the last page of *the Catalyst*, ensures that we are

grounded in that call. *Ola!* never closes without a prayer to inspire, strengthen and renew us and our work.

VIEWPOINTS

Your *Viewpoints* arrived in great numbers this past spring. In April we invited about 3000 of you, in a combination of email and paper, to share your views. 804 replied, a 27% response rate – that's incredible in the survey world! And responses were thoughtful. We learned much and we're continuing to factor your messages into our plans for the future.

GOING FORWARD

You affirmed that promoting public justice in Canada continues to be our distinctiveness and that our work is important. With the help of new guidelines from Canada Revenue Agency, we are folding in the work of our sister organization Citizens for Public Justice. Going forward we'll be *CJL Foundation, operating as Citizens for Public Justice* – simpler, more effective, putting public justice front and centre.



THE BOARD FOR CJL FOUNDATION, now operating as Citizens for Public Justice, photographed at direction-setting meetings on March 4, 2006. From left to right: Mike Hogeterp, at large; Judy Eising, at large; Kathy Vandergrift, Ottawa; Danielle Shaw, Toronto; Emily Hutten, Eastern Canada; Janet Wesselius, Alberta North/NWT; Ruth van Mossel Adema, Saskatchewan/Manitoba/Nunavut; Sue Wilson, Southwestern Ontario; John Hiemstra, Edmonton. (Missing from the photo are Wally Braul, BC/Yukon; Lisa Chisholm-Smith, North & Eastern Ontario; Colin Grimmond, Toronto; and Bill Lodewyk, Alberta South.)

Financial Notes

Seed campaign and special projects: In 2005 we defined strategic directions for CJL Foundation and raised “seed campaign” funds to enable this special project. We undertook a significant survey, engaged in long-range planning, refined our mission and worked with fundraising consultants. The special project expenses were allocated to salary and benefits and to fundraising and campaign costs. Thank you to all who supported this special effort!

We also enjoyed **significant support from grantmakers** in 2005, including the Grey Sisters of Pembroke, the Hawthorne Foundation, the Maytree Foundation, the Reid Trust, and the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation. We're pleased to partner with these organizations, furthering our missions together.

Our faithful supporters continue to be the largest source of revenue for our work. As always, we are grateful for your confidence, trust, participation, prayers and financial gifts.

Thank you!

2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Hiemstra
~ chair

Kathy Vandergrift
~ vice-chair

Danielle Shaw
~ secretary/treasurer

Judy Eising

CJL FOUNDATION operating as
PUBLIC JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTRE
2005 Financial Statements*

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 2005

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash	\$31,665	\$65,616
Accounts Receivable	\$12,058	\$4,123
Prepaid Expenses	\$2,713	\$2,213
Works of Art	\$100	\$100
Short-term Investment	\$-	\$49,090
Due from Citizens for Public Justice	\$30,192	\$26,901
Total Assets	\$76,728	\$148,043
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$1,798	\$1,364
Notes Payable	\$89,125	\$97,800
Deferred Revenue	\$1,000	\$46,220
Total Liabilities	\$91,923	\$145,384
Fund Balance	-\$15,195	\$2,659
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$76,728	\$148,043

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND EQUITY

Year ended December 31, 2005

	Actual 2005	Budget 2005	Actual 2004
Receipts			
Donations	\$228,040	\$285,350	\$260,107
Churches	\$27,975	\$30,000	\$32,688
Grants	\$147,345	\$113,900	\$138,240
Other	\$5,503	\$7,250	\$4,969
Seed Campaign (see <i>Financial Notes</i>)	\$101,500	\$100,000	
Total	\$510,363	\$536,500	\$436,004
Disbursements			
Salary/Benefits	\$335,457	\$279,400	\$288,840
Occupancy	\$59,259	\$62,500	\$56,468
Administration	\$28,062	\$25,900	\$30,562
Fundraising & Campaign costs	\$44,578	\$13,600	\$12,282
Research	\$6,499	\$10,000	\$8,587
Education	\$54,362	\$45,100	\$40,549
Special Projects (see <i>Financial Notes</i>)		\$100,000	
Total	\$528,217	\$536,500	\$437,288
Excess receipts/disbursements	-\$17,854		-\$1,284
Fund equity (deficit), beginning	\$2,659		\$3,943
Fund equity (deficit), end	-\$15,195		\$2,659

*Audited statements are available upon request.



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now operating as Citizens for Public Justice

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CPJ becomes one organization in 2006!

Late in 2003, Canada Revenue Agency published guidelines that clarified rules for registered charities. This allowed us to fold the work of Citizens for Public Justice into the CJL Foundation. So, we are dropping the name "Public Justice Resource Centre" and going forward officially as *CJL Foundation, operating as Citizens for Public Justice*. You'll still know us simply as *CPJ*.

Since the budget is for the new, combined organization, we've provided you with combined 2005 financial information for better comparison with the 2006 budget. Tied to this new reality is a major gifts campaign to allow us to expand our impact, which is already reflected in the 2006 budget. You'll be hearing more about this in the months to come.

CJL FOUNDATION operating as CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE 2006 Budget				
	Actual 2005 CJL Foundation "old PJRC"	Actual 2005 "old CPJ"	Actual 2005 Total	Budget 2006 CJL Foundation operating as CPJ
Receipts				
Memberships	-	\$47,950	\$47,950	\$51,000
Donations	\$228,040	\$107,843	\$335,883	\$304,000
Churches	\$27,975	-	\$27,975	\$30,000
Grants	\$147,345	\$62,000	\$209,345	\$120,000
Other	\$5,503	\$6,128	\$11,631	\$24,700
Major Gifts Campaign	\$101,500	-	\$101,500	\$329,100
Total	\$510,363	\$223,921	\$734,284	\$858,800
Disbursements				
Salaries & Benefits	\$335,457	\$100,703	\$436,160	\$484,600
Occupancy	\$59,259	\$21,060	\$80,319	\$86,100
Administration	\$28,062	\$15,130	\$43,192	\$102,600
Fundraising & Campaign	\$44,578	\$4,017	\$48,595	\$103,500
Program	\$60,861	\$55,566	\$116,427	\$82,000
Total	\$528,217	\$196,476	\$724,693	\$858,800

Charitable Registration Number: 89438 3512 RR0001