



CITIZENS *for* PUBLIC JUSTICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2004

Working with a minority government

The national political scene changed in June as the federal election produced a minority government, the first in 25 years. All spring CPJ anticipated the election call and guessed at the date, but we were kept waiting. When the call came, CPJ was ready. *What's This About Accountability?*, our federal election bulletin, alerted concerned citizens to the deeper issues around accountability for one another and encouraged good questions for candidates of all political stripes. 50,000 election bulletins were printed, half of them in British Columbia for inclusion in *BC Christian News*. Several church papers included the bulletin as an insert. Packages were sent to religious congregations, churches, schools and organizations and individuals connected with CPJ. And still there weren't enough! The document was also posted on our website; lots were downloaded and forwarded electronically.

CPJ kept a careful watch on the new minority government. Would February's budget promises of significant resources for early learning and child-care come through? New ministers were appointed. CPJ was ready to forge new relationships with the likes of Ken Dryden, the new Minister of Social Development. "Now is an excellent time to engage the many questions that cluster around arrangements for the nurturing of Canada's children." CPJ staff communicated this message directly to the minister in Ottawa on several occasions, promoting the needed mix of affordable housing, living

wages and support for early learning as well as adequate, affordable, available child care.

On the refugee front, CPJ provided behind-the-scenes support to KAIROS when sanctuary hit the news. CPJ followed up on this opportune moment with a letter to Immigration Minister Judy Sgro, emphasizing the underlying need for better refugee determination procedures and the unfulfilled promise of a Refugee Appeal Division. CPJ is watching carefully the new agenda with the new minister, Joe Volpe.

Networking with allies and decision-makers

CPJ continues to work with government officials, partner organizations and coalitions, ever growing its relationships and influence. All MPs were personally invited to the 40th anniversary celebration in Ottawa. Related to our refugee policy work, we met with the Canadian Council of Refugees, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and the Centre for Excellence on Research on Immigration and Settlement, to name a few. We're in the thick of the action on poverty issues with Campaign 2000, the Campaign Against Child Poverty, the National Council of Welfare, and the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition. We visited the Ontario Deputy Minister of Colleges and Universities and the Premier's Office to successfully urge implementation of student loans for refugees in Ontario, one of the last provinces to make the change.

We spoke to senior leaders of the Salvation Army on "Why Care About Advocacy?" We conducted a "Tools for Advocacy" workshop for the Anglican Church. CPJ is a regular and expected participant in these discussions, grappling with policy, politics and Christian values.

Ola! and exercising electronic citizenship

CPJ released 12 electronic *Ola!* newsletters through the year. Electronic distribution allows *Ola!* to be sent at special moments, such as November 24, the 15th anniversary of the all-party House of Commons resolution to end child poverty in Canada. This mini-*Ola!* encouraged readers to send a quick and easy e-card directly to the Prime Minister and opposition leaders. Another *Ola!* addressed the Alberta election with quick facts and Alberta voices speaking to current issues.

During the year *Ola!* provided educational electronic connections to the Caledon Institute paper authored by CPJ telling the story of policy change on student loans, to the Report on Grassy Narrows, to Ernie Regehr's article on why ballistic missile defence is bad news, and to a host of others.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS in March, 2005 (left to right): Donna Stewart (standing in for Wally Braul), BC/Yukon; Lisa Chisholm-Smith, North & Eastern Ontario; Colin Grimmond, Toronto; Janet Wesseliuss, Alberta-North/NWT, vice-chair; Judy Eising, at large, chair; Emily Hutten, Eastern Canada; Mike Hogeterp, at large; Bill Lodewyk, Alberta-South, secretary/treasurer. (Vacant: Saskatchewan/Manitoba/Nunavut and Southwestern Ontario.)



CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE

2004 Financial Statements*

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 2004

	2004	2003
Assets		
Cash	\$98,433	\$29,383
Accounts Receivable	\$1,030	\$0
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,125	\$0
Due from PJRC	\$0	\$49,120
Total Assets	\$100,588	\$78,503
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$21,264	\$32,125
Notes Payable	\$83,500	\$86,000
Deferred Revenue	\$17,000	\$17,000
Due to PJRC	\$26,901	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$148,665	\$135,125
Fund Balance	-\$48,077	-\$56,622
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$100,588	\$78,503

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND EQUITY

Year ended December 31, 2004

General Fund	Actual 2004	Budget 2004	Actual 2003	Budget 2005
Receipts				
Memberships	\$51,550	\$55,000	\$49,725	\$51,000
Donations	\$110,564	\$99,000	\$94,168	\$93,000
Grants	\$80,000	\$92,900	\$72,400	\$49,500
Other	\$6,216	\$6,100	\$11,948	\$6,700
Total	\$248,330	\$253,000	\$228,241	\$200,200
Disbursements				
Salaries & Benefits	\$135,016	\$130,600	\$142,795	\$100,500
Occupancy	\$25,683	\$20,600	\$26,844	\$20,900
Administration	\$16,724	\$14,200	\$15,038	\$11,800
Fundraising	\$7,028	\$6,000	\$7,566	\$4,700
Advocacy	\$11,100	\$18,300	\$13,817	\$13,400
Communications	\$44,234	\$53,300	\$46,267	\$30,700
Total	\$239,785	\$243,000	\$252,327	\$182,000
Excess receipts/disbursements	\$8,545	\$10,000	-\$24,086	\$18,200
Fund equity (deficit), beginning	-\$56,622	-\$56,622	-\$32,536	-\$48,079
Fund equity (deficit), end	-\$48,077	-\$46,622	-\$56,622	-\$29,879

*Audited statements with notes are available upon request.

CPJ's supporters are the lifeblood of the organization.

In 2004, memberships, donations and grants were all up over 2003 and we were able to reduce the debt by more than \$8,500. We're grateful! Thank you for your unflinching interest, financial support and prayers and for your faithful commitment to public justice.

Thank you!

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Ola! also gave *activist* electronic connections to the KAIROS website to join the Just Peace Campaign, to the Council of Canadians to support Saskatchewan farmer Percy Schmeiser in his case against biotechnology giant Monsanto, to la Ligue des droits et libertés to support Mohamed Cherfi, to name a few.

A reader responds, "I love these *Ola's*...the times are juicy indeed!"

Staggering statistics

That's the visits and hits to the CPJ website: a daily average of 226 visits, and 1666 hits in October, 2004, the highest yet. The stats confirm our decision to build a whole new website using up-to-date technology that lets staff rather than a third party post materials. Increased capacity will allow for lots and lots and lots of material to be posted, and a search capability will help you to find what you want quickly and easily. The work continues. Watch for the unveiling!

Working on the details

Student loan guides were updated to accommodate more provinces getting with the program. We published four *Catalysts* under the delightful guest editorship of Janet Somerville. And, acknowledging our middle age, we sorted, winnowed and reorganized 40 years of files, reports, publications, letters, working papers and all of the paraphernalia that accumulates on a four-decade journey.

Responsible Canadian citizenship – that's what CPJ is all about.

Citizens for Public Justice is a national, non-partisan, ecumenical organization of citizens which promotes justice in Canadian public affairs. We respond to God's call for love, justice and stewardship through research, education and advocacy.

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