

# Grand Rapids Peace Team

Promoting Nonviolent Solutions to Conflict

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Dear Peacemaker,

Michigan Peace Team (MPT) has come a long way since its beginnings in the Michigan Faith and Resistance movement. Shaped by the vision of Father C. Peter Dougherty, it has become a nationally-recognized peace organization. This year, Father Dougherty is being awarded the annual Teacher of Peace Award by Pax Christi USA.

Now MPT has become a more fixed part of our local community. An extension of MPT – the Grand Rapids Peace Team (GRPT) – has organized in West Michigan and teamed up with the Institute for Global Education (IGE) to better realize MPT's vision of nonviolent transformation throughout Michigan.

One of GRPT's first public activities was a trip to Washington, D.C. the weekend of April 20 to visit with lawmakers and march for peace. Our pilot issue of *Grand Rapids Peace Team News* chronicles this watershed event for one local member.

We would be pleased to send you this bi-annual newsletter on a regular basis should you want to keep informed of our activities. Just fill out the form below and drop it in the mail, or contact us at the phone number, fax, or e-mail listed above. You will be added to our mailing list. **If we do not hear from you, we will not add you to our mailing list.**

GRPT meets every fourth Tuesday at the IGE office in Grand Rapids from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information, see our web site at [www.michiganpeaceteam.org/grandrapids](http://www.michiganpeaceteam.org/grandrapids).

In Peace and Solidarity,



Mark M. Mattison  
Co-Coordinator



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