

Plainfield Area Peace Committee, 1983-1998*Conference flyer, 1985***Overview of the Collection**

- Title:** Records of the Plainfield Area Peace Committee, 1983-1998
- Creator:** Plainfield Area Peace Committee
- Accessions:** PPL-2013-058
- Size:** 0.5 linear feet of records, comprised of:
(1) legal-size document box
- Repository:** Plainfield Public Library, Local History Department, 800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060
- Abstract:** The Records of the Plainfield Area Peace Committee document the history and activities of this interfaith, non-profit organization which brought together people from Plainfield area communities who believed that by using their religious roots they could work toward the common goal of peace. The collection includes by-laws, meeting minutes, promotional material, and correspondence, from the organization's inception in the early 1980s through its continued work into the late 1990s.
- Language:** The records are in English.

Historical Information

The Plainfield Area Peace Committee was an interfaith, non-profit organization, without political affiliations, which brought together people from Plainfield area communities who believed that by using their religious roots they could work toward the common goal of peace. The Committee was formed in 1982, and began by organizing teaching conferences on issues related to peace and justice. Monthly meetings were held at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church. In 1988, the organization focused on local educational issues, specifically introducing conflict resolution curriculum into Plainfield schools. In 1989, their curriculum guide that promoted multi-cultural understanding and respect, conflict resolution techniques, and self-esteem building was adopted by the Plainfield School District and used in elementary schools. That same year an essay contest on the subject of peace, named for Plainfield community activist Sanford M. Freundlich, was held and co-sponsored by Plainfield High School. The first prize winner was sent to Moscow to participate in the USA/USSR Youth Ambassador Youth Summit Project. This prize was funded by Freundlich's family, in his memory. The Committee raised funds to award scholarships to the second and third place winners. The Plainfield Area Peace Committee continued to hold meetings and promote programs throughout the 1990s.

Scope and Contents

The Records of the Plainfield Area Peace Committee date from 1984 to 1998 and include a constitution and by-laws, IRS applications for non-profit status, meeting minutes, correspondence, membership lists, brochures, flyers, and clippings. An item of note is a booklet with excerpts from the Sanford M. Freundlich Peace Essay Contest held in the spring of 1989. Plainfield High School students addressed the topic "What Peace Means to Me."

Administrative Information

Access & Restrictions

The Records of the Plainfield Area Peace Committee are available for research.

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Steve Saltzman in November 2013.

Processing Information

This collection was inventoried and processed by Sally Weiner in December 2022. The finding aid was written by Sally Weiner in February 2023. Finding aid content follows the guidelines suggested by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Collection Inventory

Box	Folder	Title/Description	Date(s)
1	1	Conference brochure	1984
	2	Constitution and by-laws	1989-1990
	3	IRS application and attachments	1984-1991
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