

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Way Collective Campus Ministry Report, August 20, 2017**

Thank you continuing to support 3<sup>rd</sup> Way Collective – Penn State's only campus ministry focused on Christ-centered peace, justice, and faith.

With fewer students around for the summer, Ben enjoyed some well-deserved rest and relaxation with his family but also did some great planning for the upcoming fall semester. He continues to produce weekly Peace Signs podcasts which can be heard at [www.3rdwaycollective.org](http://www.3rdwaycollective.org) or at iTunes, and ongoing activities include weekly home cooked meals or pizza/movie night, monthly grad student pub night, monthly Receiving with Thanksgiving meetings, and continued support for local advocacy (Standing at the Gates for Justice, Community and Campus in Unity, Learning to Live, Centre LGBTQ Support Network, etc.)

Upcoming special events include a 3<sup>rd</sup> Way Back to School Ice Cream Social, International Day of Peace March, weekend trip to Philadelphia to work with Kingdom Builders Construction (an Anabaptist-sponsored community renovation project), a weekend visit from Rachel Held Evans (author of “Keeping The Bible Weird”), and a weekend visit from Peter Enns and Jared Byas (authors of “The Bible For Normal People”). The full calendar of events can be found at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/events/>

We are excited about the student officer team for the coming year which includes one student who is returning for his second year as an officer and three students from peace-church traditions (Mennonite, Quaker, and UBBC).

We have been in discussions with University Baptist and Brethren (UBBC) about becoming a supporting congregation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Way Collective. As a result, UBBC has pledged \$5000 toward 3<sup>rd</sup> Way for the 2017-18 fiscal year, we received an additional \$5000 from individual members of UBBC, and two members of their congregation have joined the Advisory Committee. We are excited about this partnership, and feel that it's an appropriate step in working to create a sustainable financial model for the future.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Way Advisory Committee for the coming year includes Marv Friesen (ex officio), Leland Glenna, Joyce Hall, Ieva Perkons, Jim Rosenberger, Tom Cook (UBBC), and Karen Moser (UBBC).