



**MUPJ and other grant recipients were welcomed at Adelphi Friends Meeting to speak about their activities at a second hour (Quaker gathering) on Sunday, February 26 at 12:00. (Please read the Full Report here)**

The meeting went well at Adelphi Friends, and Andrew's presentation was well received on behalf of MUPJ. Andrew started-off with a brief introduction of himself and background and how his experiences were quite aligned to MUPJ's goals. He then briefly talked about MUPJ's mission and goals.

He thanked Adelphi for the incredible support to fund MUPJ as well the huge support for accommodation. He further explained how the funds have been used to provide Stipends for three members including himself, for developing the website and showcase not just the work MUPJ does for peace and justice, but also the efforts of other member organizations that are part of MUPJ.

Andrew told Adelphi that 'MUPJ has in the past also successfully hosted Peace and Justice summits, and have encouraged member organizations to choose their issue themes. "MUPJ hope to carry more events like this with available support".

He acknowledged that the facilities and accommodation provided by Adelphi Friends allowed MUPJ to carry out it's several workshops and meetings.

He showcased the MUPJ's many activities at Adelphi, and talked about the recent meeting with Guest Speaker Kevin Martin the President of National Peace Action and how Kevin spoke on the theme: 'Creating Beloved communities based on Peace and Social Justice. Andrew expressed that during the workshop Kevin discussed with MUPJ about the organization becoming a statewide affiliate of Peace Action.

He told the gathering of Adelphi Friends and other grantees present that MUPJ's current source of income is from small membership dues and small donor fees. He explained that the Benjamin Peace foundation grants dried out and MUPJ is no longer eligible to receive it. Therefore MUPJ will rely on Adelphi and other small donors for support.

Looking forward, he mentioned that this April, MUPJ will host it's 30th year anniversary and we would not have come this far to provide peace and justice without strong support from Adelphi. Andrew reflected on the history of the first MUPJ event in 1987 dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King.

He mentioned other organizations such as Code Pink, LFFP, Green Party, Pax Cristi, MCC all of which have coordinating bodies within MUPJ. He says "this strengthening MUPJ's efforts for peace and justice broadly". He also mentioned briefly the core themes the organization MUPJ supports, such as abolition of nuclear weapons, peace promotion, reducing dependency on fossil fuels, non-violent conflict resolution, eliminating toxic chemicals, economic, racial, reducing corruption etc.

At the end of his remarks, He again thanked Adelphi and invited the audience to visit MUPJ's website for more information and took the opportunity to hand out brochures and flyers. He finally noted that the next MUPJ meeting will be on March 12th and everyone are invited to attend and provided contact information of Tony and Paulette

Other organizations who were also supported by Adelphi friends spoke about their activities. Organizations like Peaceful Means spoke about their peace camps and activities in Baltimore. The organization Jubilee Jobs shared their stories of helping to create jobs for about 36,000 people mostly in North West DC. and are ready to engage and hopeful. Most of the other presentations from the other groups talked about their work for refugee communities, minorities, assimilate in communities, conflict

resolution, mentally physically distraught, to handle stress and helps these communities to better meet people who might help. They also expressed dismayed that they felt worried, that the 'sensitive location policy can end at any time' and cited incidences of police who waited out of churches and ready to arrest people. A Quaker representative spoke about the Peace Quaker Memorial Sites, and brought a visual presentation through postal of activities and films they show on issues of peace, and concerts in Maryland and across America.