



FOSTERING
PEACE, ONE
SOUL AT
A TIME

2023

PACEM IN TERRIS
HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER
IMPACT REPORT



OUR MISSION *Pacem in Terris*, Latin for 'peace on earth,' is a hermitage retreat center founded in the Franciscan tradition of the Roman Catholic faith to provide a peaceful sanctuary where people of all faiths can be alone with God. Simple hermitages, nestled within the beauty of a natural wooded setting, provide silence, solitude, and an intimate space in which each guest may freely respond to God's invitation to "Be still and know that I am God" (PSALM 46:11).



WHAT IS PACEM'S IMPACT?

Pacem's Impact Report is filled with numbers, but the deeper question is what impact does Pacem in Terris Hermitage Retreat Center have on hermit guests, our local, regional, and national community?

As we say, our focus is "Fostering Peace, One Soul at a Time." How do you quantify peace?

Granting agencies want to know numbers served, how those in need have been clothed or fed. Pacem in Terris "clothes" and "feeds" in a less quantifiable, but vital way.

Pacem encounters the impact this ministry has on individual lives, relationships, marriages, and careers nearly every day. Those who come to Pacem often share their stories of the impact of Pacem. Four are shared on the back cover of this report.

One hermit guest who lost her spouse in a tragic accident shared

how Pacem helped her in her grief, gave her hope and an understanding that she is never alone. A caregiver shared how Pacem provided care, support, and prayer to be refreshed to return with strength to her life-giving work. A missionary shared how the Holy Spirit provided direction in the silence of the hermitage, helping him to know where he was to serve.

Guests continually share the peace that they encounter here, and that they carry with them to share with their families, co-workers, communities, and others. How can you quantify that?

We know what a lack of peace leads to... chaos, anxiety, indecision, misunderstanding, darkness, hatred, and violence.

Given what we hear routinely on the news, there is an escalation of these harmful elements. They manifest in our homes, schools, workplaces, and between individuals and nations.

In response to the question, "What's wrong with the world?" the late-British author G.K. Chesterton responded, "I am." How right he is. We cannot have peace in our homes, workplaces, and communities unless we first have it within our own hearts. It is



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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Checking/Savings \$68,479

Investments \$1,540,548

Books Inventory \$16,211

Fixed Assets \$1,774,632

Other Assets \$288,210

Total Assets \$3,688,079

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities \$119,019

Equity \$3,569,061

Total Liabilities and Equity

\$3,688,079



this peace that only Jesus Christ can give. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you,” Christ shares with his disciples (John 14:27) and us. He continues, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” This is the impact and the legacy of Pacem in Terris.

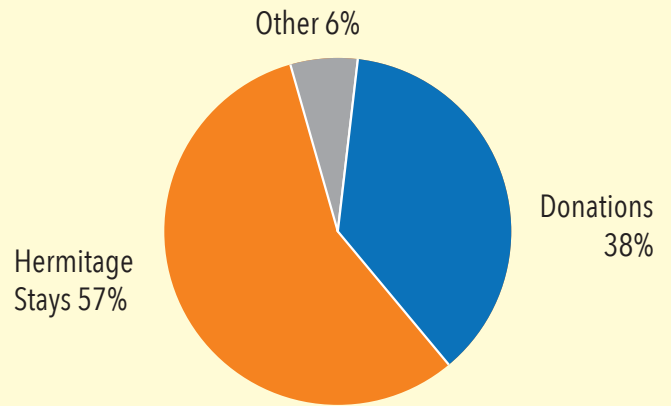
Thank you for your continued support of this ministry through your donations of time, talent, and treasure. You are peacemakers.

I echo Christ’s words: “Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9).

—TIM DRAKE,
Executive Director



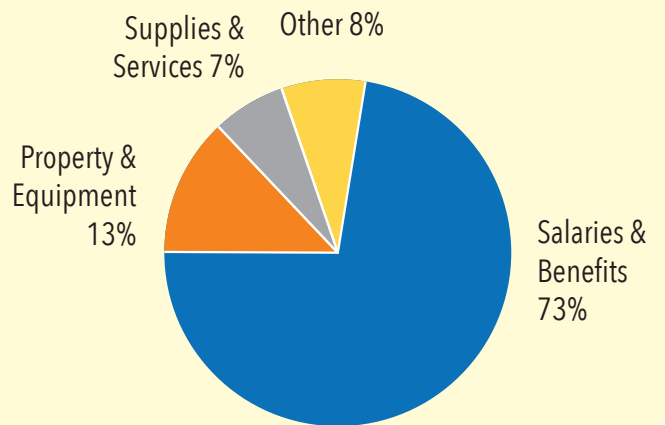
PACEM INCOME FROM OPERATIONS



2022 INCOME

Hermitage Income ...	\$236,926
Donations	\$157,685
Other	\$23,700

PACEM OPERATING EXPENSES



2022 EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$440,188
Property & Equipment ..	\$76,422
Supplies & Services	\$42,251
Other	\$47,908

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☞ *"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD." That is so easy to forget in everyday life, so easy to find in this place of solitude. I [came with] no clear purpose, nothing I needed to "figure out," no "agenda." I just knew that I needed to spend time with Jesus again, to let Him speak to me, and heal me. Even though I did not feel broken, Jesus revealed to me many areas in my life where I am broken, and I heard His words of comfort, love, and forgiveness so many times these last few days! I have been healed, I have much hope, I feel joy! Thank you for all the work you do—it is so needed in our world! –TERESA*

☞ *THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL ENVIRONMENT AND EXPERIENCE you provide hermits at Pacem. Your work and ministry helps one focus inward, in silence, as well as enjoy the beautiful nature outside. It's therapeutic. –ELVIS*

☞ *THIS WEEKEND STARTED WITH A SPEEDING TICKET (no joke!). In retrospect, I see it as a tangible call from God to slow down. Slowing down is not something I do easily, and in this past year of my life, as my husband and I have navigated tragedy and a sudden unforeseen career change for both of us, it has been particularly hard. I believe God brought me here—specifically to the hermitage of St. Therese of Lisieux - to teach me the "little way." This is not the fast-lane way of the world, in which we each create our own "Babels" in an attempt to secure our survival and happiness. It is the way of Jesus, of walking slowly through the trials that come with a deep trust that there not only will be manna enough for the road, but that the road is indeed leading us towards our highest good. I felt the voice of the Father this weekend in a way I haven't since I was a child. I felt taken care of, seen, and drawn into rest. The work of Pacem in Terris is Kingdom work, and this place is Holy Ground. Bless you all and what you are doing here. –ELLIE*



☞ *AS A MOTHER OF SIX CHILDREN (ages 7-18), I cannot begin to express what a humbling and gracious experience this was for me. Not only was I able to sleep as needed, I was able to pray, read Scripture, and take walks, but I was able to experience a feeling of renewal. My only hope is that I return to this beautiful sanctuary again in the future! May God continue to bless all of you who make this possible. With love and thanksgiving. –EMILY*

Photos by Debbie Trunk and Tim Drake.

PACEM in TERRIS

At a Glance

We had

1063

hermits stay with us for a total of

2258

nights

510

First time guests

130

Out of state guests

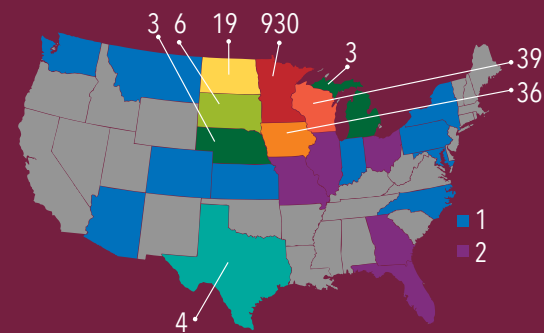
Furthest traveling hermit:

LEIPZIG, GERMANY

4447 miles away

HERMITS BY STATE

Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2023



OUT OF THE COUNTRY

Leipzig, Germany: 1

Nova Scotia, Canada: 1

Thunder Bay, Ontario Canada: 1