

# Peacemaking/ Social Concerns



## FOOD BANKS

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Food Bank Sunday. Barrels will be in the breezeway for your staple food contributions. All food contributed in May, as well as cash given in the pink Food Bank envelopes, will go to Valley View Community Food Bank in Youngtown. Jesse Ramirez, director of Valley View Food Bank, is developing a coalition of small independent food pantries to help share resources and reach more people in need of food. We will be following this development with interest and will try to keep you informed.

## TALKS AND SOME ACTION ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

It is encouraging that more talks and some action on nuclear weapons are going on in the world!

The United States and Russia have agreed on a new strategic nuclear weapons treaty to replace the START treaty of 1991. It will require the two countries to cut long-range warheads from 2,200 (at present) to 1,550; launchers from 1,600 to 800; and cap at 700 each the number of nuclear armed missiles and bombers.

On April 12-13 a nuclear security summit was held in Washington, D.C. The President of China, among other world leaders, planned to attend this summit which was mainly to discuss the threat posed by nuclear terrorism and the corresponding measures of countries and the international community.

The Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) will have its review conference in May at the United Nations. Sergio Duarte, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs said in an interview that states parties are "poised to make significant progress" at the Review. While it is impossible to predict the outcome, he said there is "a general atmosphere in which the parties to the NPT seem to think that this is the time to achieve some progress". **LET US PRAY THAT THIS WILL BE SO!!**

## SECOND OF TWO PROGRAMS ON IMMIGRATION

On Tuesday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m. the second of two programs about the Conference on Immigration held in Phoenix in April will be presented by Michael Costello and Ray Primas. Even if you were unable to attend the first session on April 27, you are most welcome to join the group on May 4. Mike and Ray will continue sharing some of the content of the conference and lead us in discussing immigration issues. These sessions are sponsored by the Christian Education, Mission and Peacemaking Committees.

*Submitted by Ruth Mehl*



## Food Bank Donations for May

**Boxed Meals, Canned Meat**

**Please place your donations in the bins  
in Illingworth Hall. *Thank you!***