

# “Peacenick”

I became a conscientious objector, and when I was offered to become a medic as alternative service (alternate service was required of COs), I refused; I counter-offered to work in a peace center, selective service refused. I persisted and became director of the Schenectady Peace Center, and there starts an amazing journey with clergy, students, protests in the Capital District, the White House, etc.

(Some of) the work was with the General Electric Production for Peace Project (working with a group in Lynn MA and another one in Texas), working with two other peace centers in the capital district - the Albany Peace Center (in the Friends Meeting House) and the Peace and Justice Center at RPI.

I was also the president of the student senate at Siena College where we closed down classes after the Kent State Massacre and offered alternate classes throughout the days - holding teach-ins, hosting debates (including one with Jane Fonda), and marched by candle-light to the Watervliet Arsenal where we left a coffin at the feet of National Guardsmen facing us with tears in their eyes, to represent dead Americans lost to the war.

—*Victor, Schenectady*