

NETWORK NEWS



Join the Fight for Immigrant Rights

By Cindy Breunig, Voces de la Frontera and WNPJ Board Member

Written on the road to Washington, DC - March '10

Did you know that in 2009, Wisconsin was the ONLY state in the country to celebrate a legislative victory for immigrant rights? After over ten years of organizing by Voces de la Frontera, students, community leaders and allies, Wisconsin passed a provision for 'In State Tuition for undocumented immigrant students' in the 2009-11 State Budget, becoming the 11th state in the nation to offer tuition equity regardless of immigration status. We can be very proud of this step toward greater equity in our state.

Against all odds, we won this victory due to our collective efforts to support both In State Tuition *and* the Driver Card, which mobilized support from a new Coalition for Safe Roads partners and supporters from around the state. WNPJ members, board and staff played key roles in supporting both measures, volunteering time and energy to help mobilize support, making phone calls to legislators across the state, and attending lobby days in Madison. Thank you!

With this victory in Wisconsin in 2009, we entered into 2010 with an even more URGENT need for federal immigration reform to provide a pathway to citizenship for the 12 million undocumented workers who contribute positively to our communities each and every day.

The need for immigration reform is urgent to stop the tearing of families apart due to deportations.

The need for immigration reform is urgent to help economic recovery, insure greater worker protections, and help push for the creation of more living wage, family supporting jobs.



Wisconsin residents come to a State Assembly hearing on tuition equity and the drivers' card at the Capitol in Madison.

In Wisconsin, the need for immigration reform is urgent for the students who now have more equitable tuition to study at state colleges, but once they graduate, will have no legal means to find jobs in their professions to continue to fulfill their dreams.

The need for immigration reform is urgent for the moral, cultural and human fabric of this country where it is unconscionable to allow for the abuse, dehumanization, and exploitation of millions of people whose only crime was to risk their lives to migrate in order that their children would be able to eat.

We stand at a crossroads. In the fight for a more just immigration system, we must connect our work to the ongoing injustices at the root cause of forced migration, including neoliberal trade policies like NAFTA and CAFTA, militarization and wars, environmental destruction and resource exploitation, and the ongoing legacies of institutional racism both within and beyond the United States. Each and every one of us is connected to this reality, and each of us has a role to play in creating change.

The time is NOW to stand up and get involved. Ask yourself: What is the work that must be done, and what is the contribution I can make? Whatever it is that you can bring to contribute, we need you to come to the table.

As I write, tens of thousands of people are preparing to march in Washington, DC for the March For America: Change Takes Courage, to demand that Congress and President Obama fulfill their promise of immigration reform.

As I write, unemployed workers from Milwaukee and Wisconsin are traveling across the Midwest to join the March in DC with Voces de la Frontera, telling their stories to link the need for jobs to the need for immigration reform.

As I write, four young immigrant students are continuing their walk that began in January from Florida to DC on the Trail of Dreams, in support of the DREAM Act and Immigration Reform.

As I write, someone is crossing the desert, not knowing where their next food and water will come from, not knowing if they will see their families again. The time to act is NOW.

In This Issue

The theme of this issue is the ongoing struggle for immigrants' rights. We open with an overview from Board member Cindy Breunig, who invites you to join the fight. Inside are several pieces on activities of WNPJ member groups, and of WNPJ's immigration workgroup.

Editorial

Looking toward our 20th year
by WNPJ Chair, Jim Draeger

With great sadness, I must inform you that the WNPJ is no longer a member United for Peace and Justice, choosing instead to redirect our \$100 annual dues payment for that group towards efforts closer to home. UFPJ was a national organizing force for peace and justice and has laid off all of its paid staff this past year due to financial problems.

We don't want to kick UFPJ while they're down, but when we understand the lessons from UFPJ unraveling, we see this as the best decision for WNPJ and the peace movement at large.

What can we learn from UFPJ's experience? First of all, UFPJ needed to spend more time fundraising. I received many email solicitations asking for donations to UFPJ. I completely disregarded the emails most of the time. There was no intimate human connection. Lesson #1 – email does not raise money.

UFPJ needed to spend more energy on organizing. Most UFPJ action alerts consisted of national call in days with

simple asks of cutting military spending, but these actions were rarely part of systematic campaigns. Lesson #2 – email does not organize.

Please note the trend: the over-reliance on email and the false sense of community created by email. Change does not come from clicking a button. Change does not come merely from online social networking. Change comes from direct face-to-face contact. Change comes from systematic efforts.

So, WNPJ reluctantly pulled its UFPJ membership in order to use those resources more effectively here at home in Wisconsin. What will WNPJ members see from the network in our 20th year? – two things for sure: 1) more direct contact with members and member groups, and 2) more organized efforts like the Carbon-Free -Nuclear-Free and Safeguard the Guard campaigns. WNPJ plans to be proactive, rather than reactive, in our 20th year and beyond.

Jim Draeger can be reached at jim@wnpj.org.

Vets for Peace #80 displays a peaceful message



Photo from Andy Anderson of Veterans for Peace Chapter 80, Lake Superior Area

For the past three years Vets for Peace #80, a WNPJ member group, has driven this float to 12-14 parades each year. The group drives the display, which is 8 feet high, twenty feet long, and weighs over

a ton - to deliver their message across Wisconsin and Minnesota. They have met with varied responses, from welcome and support to 'stunned silence', according to VFP80 spokesperson, Andy Anderson. He says they have been resisted on occasion, thrown out of a parade once, but over the three years the opposition has dwindled while enthusiastic responses have grown. There has been resistance to specific messages such as the cost of the war, or the number of dead, so they have stopped featuring these rather than detract from their basic message: NO MORE WAR! Contact information: 218-729-6712.



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Fundraising through Community Shares

WNPJ IS proud to join 65 progressive agencies working for peace, social justice and a healthy environment in Wisconsin through Community Shares of Wisconsin (CSW). Donations to CSW currently support agencies working on issues affecting women, children and families; violence prevention, the environment and sustainable living; affordable housing, economic development; consumer protection; human and civil rights; and, beginning this year, the work of all WNPJ member groups.

As individuals you can now make contributions to WNPJ directly, or through www.communityshares.com, the CSW website. Alternatively you may be able to make your donation through a workplace giving campaign, such as the State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) or the workplace giving campaign at one of over 100 private employers. If you know of an employer who does not yet have a workplace giving campaign but might be so inclined, please contact our CSW representative, Sheila

Spear (spearshe@gmail.com). Smaller (less than 200 employees), stable (mostly full-time and permanent employees), innovative, democratically run, locally owned and progressively oriented companies make ideal candidates.



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100 WNPJ members responded to our poll - and many have opted for the on-line version of this issue.



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To Town of Merrimac board members, who unanimously passed a resolution calling on the U.S. Army to clean up groundwater contamination that is affecting private drinking water wells and is discharging into the wetlands and surface water of Lake Wisconsin at Weigand's Bay. Their action followed the release of a new Army study showing that concentrations of the carcinogenic explosive DNT exceed state groundwater standards and that low levels of solvents may have also migrated outside Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

To WNPJ member group the Benedictine Women of Madison who have attained LEED Platinum rating for their new building, Holy Wisdom Monastery, from the United States Green Building Council. Platinum is the highest level of certification awarded by LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). The new monastery building not only fit into this category, but achieved the highest rating ever given - 63 out of a possible 69 points. Holy Wisdom indeed.

To Wisconsin peacemakers. Since the U.S. invasion of Iraq in March of 2003, Wisconsin has often led states many times its size in the number and variety of pro-peace events held on the invasion's anniversary, and 2010, which marks the seventh year of the Iraq war and occupation, was no exception. Nineteen Wisconsin communities, from Chippewa Falls to Waupaca, held events that called for peace and marked the seventh anniversary, with roadside vigils, teach-ins, marches and public prayers.

To Family Connections, a program of Madison-area Urban Ministry, which brings children to visit their incarcerated mothers at Taycheedah and Burke Correctional Centers. They also provide "Reading Connections," videotaping moms reading books to their children and sending the books and tape to the children. MUM served as the fiscal agent and incubator for Family Connections from 1999-2000 when the program successfully spun off.



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To State Representative Glenn Grothman, who, in arguing against a bill requiring the state's Department of Public Instruction to review race-based school mascots, went so far as to claim that anti-native-American racism did not exist in Wisconsin. At a hearing about the bill, Grothman said, "I've never in my life to this day.... heard anybody, ever once in my life, say anything derogatory about Native Americans." Grothman is 55 years old and was a resident of Wisconsin during the late 1980's "walleye wars," in which white opponents of spearfishing added bumperstickers to their cars proclaiming, "Save a walleye, spear an indian."

To the five-member majority on the U.S. Supreme Court that struck down limits on corporate spending in U.S. elections, based on the argument that the spending limits were an infringement on the free-speech rights of corporations. The decision sparked a nationwide protest, including calls to amend the constitution to abolish the doctrine of "corporate personhood." (More at MoveToAmend.org.)

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Immigrants Rights activists all over the U.S. are gearing up for immigration reforms. The goal is to push Congress to pass immigration reform legislation in the year 2010. Reform has to happen, they say, to keep families together, to protect workers and to provide a path to legalization.

In December Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) introduced the "Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act of 2009" (CIR A.S.A.P. - HR 4321) in the House of Representatives. The bill is a sign of long awaited action to gain progress and momentum on real immigration reform. But at this point, rather than supporting a specific bill, reform advocates suggest a set of points activists can work towards.

Reform Immigration for America is a network of organizations from around the country that are fighting for fair and just immigration reform. The Madison Immigration Reform Coalition (MIRC) has adopted a list of points of unity as devised by the national organization Reform Immigration for America. For more information, contact Stefania Sani at stefania@wnpj.org or see www.wnpj.org/Immigrant_rights.

The Dream Act

About 65,000 students a year inherit the status of undocumented immigrants. They have lived in the United States all their lives and in many cases have no experience in the country of their parents' origin. But many face the loss of all they have known once they reach adulthood. The Dream Act (now incorporated in the C.I.R. A.S.A.P. bill) calls for a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students by enrolling in higher education or enlisting in the military service.

It is supported by many young people. Maria A. Santa Cruz of the Madison Student Coalition, says: "Most of us have

been here for many years, speak English and are like Americans; have learned to respect this country and what we get from it. We work hard, are talented and skilled but are afraid that we won't be able to use our college degrees because we can't do what we want without a social security number. We deserve the chance not only to do something big for ourselves but also to give back to the U.S. I guess many of us just want the chance to show that we can also do it and also work as hard as any other American."

The Dream Act would allow undocumented young people to enroll in college but would exclude them from financial aid programs. To Maria and her friends this really ignorant and unfair. "We should have the right to apply for financial aid. Undocumented students work hard but don't go on to college because their dreams are destroyed when opportunities offered in this country are denied to them. I guess if Obama really wants to improve education, then why does he not start by giving us the chance to become a SOMEONE?"

The DREAM ACT provision of citizenship through military enlistment is what makes this legislation controversial for some peace and justice activists. Critics point out that the act is misleading in suggesting that two years of military service offers permanent residency, since all military enlistment contracts are for eight years; and that nobody should be asked to die for a flag, compelled by opportunities for advancement. Also the Dream Act's promise of citizenship is very circumscribed. What it offers is a conditional permanent residency, which provides the chance to apply for legal permanent residency, which can then lead to citizenship.

Students like Maria are not unaware of these hidden traps. They point out with determination the importance of raising awareness about the plight and the future of these young people, raised and educated in the U.S., eager to be full-fledged, involved citizens.

For all of us white and privileged peace and justice activists this then begs the question: can we put ourselves in these kids' shoes to realize that their support and enthusiasm for the Dream Act comes from a position of need? That they themselves know they can't get what is right but are ready to start with what they can get? Are we ready to take their lead?

For more information on the Trail of Dreams, Coming out of the Shadows, and other amazing work being led by undocumented immigrant youth in support of the DREAM Act, go to www.dreamactivist.org and <http://trail2010.org/>.

Note: The Union de Trabajadores Inmigrantes (UTI) Youth Group which takes a more critical view of the Dream Act, has put together a web-based zine about recruiting and the dream act, which can be downloaded from www.uniondetrabajadores.org/UserFiles/File/antiarmy_zine_esp.pdf.

Wage Theft

Wage – Money that is paid or received for work or services -
Theft – The wrongful taking of personal property or money -
Some wage theft is accidental, the rest is intentional, all of it is unjust, all of it is illegal.

Each year, workers in the United States have billions of dollars stolen from them as a result of employers refusing to pay legally mandated wages. A recent study found that an average of \$51 a week are stolen from low wage workers in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Annually, a million workers are victims of partial or full wage theft.

Wage theft occurs at every income level, in every industry, in every state, and to people of all ages. Low-wage workers are the people most impacted by wage theft. And undocumented workers are especially at risk.



*Wage theft rally , November 15, 2009
Institute for Southern Studies*

A national campaign against wage theft has been launched by a number of groups, including 2 WNPJ member groups: The Workers Rights Center (WRC) and the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice (ICWJ) whose South Central Wisconsin chapter is a member.

Two cases have been fought in Madison. In one case, six workers at La Hacienda restaurant filed an unpaid wage complaint with the federal Department of Labor in June 2007. They are still waiting for the agency to conclude its investigation and make a determination.

In the Palis Cafe case, the state's Department of Workforce Development found on behalf of the workers. The investigator rejected the employer's claim that he promised a lower wage rate, castigated the employer for poor and non-existent recordkeeping and ordered that the employer pay the workers the money they are owed. The workers are preparing to go to small claims court to demand double lost wages plus attorney's fees if the owner does not pay promptly.

Thanks to Patrick Hickey, Director, Worker Rights Center, for this information. For more, see www.wagetheft.org, or contact the Workers Rights Center at 608 255 0376.

The Coalition for Safe Roads

In Wisconsin, the struggle continues to pass AB 777, a bill that would create limited-purpose driver's licenses for both undocumented immigrants and legal immigrants who are in immigration proceedings, who do not currently have

proof of their legal status but otherwise qualify for WI driver's licenses. Rep. Pedro Colón has introduced AB 777 and we were pushing for a public hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee this Spring. For more information on how to join the Coalition for Safe Roads, contact Cindy, at 608-358-0565 or cindyvoces@gmail.com.

WNPJ Immigrants Rights Workgroup

You can help bring about immigration reform locally and nationally by joining the WNPJ Immigrant Rights Workgroup. Help support the network in taking more coordinated action for immigrant rights.

So far 18 member organizations have accepted the challenges involved in working on immigrants' rights issues, in Milwaukee, Madison, De Pere, Fond du Lac, Green Bay and Waukesha. Contact Stefania Sani at stefania@wnpj.org for more information. Sign onto WNPJ's wnpjimmigrantsrights@googlegroups.com list-serve; and check out our website- www.wnpj.org/Immigrant_rights.

Immigrant Workers in Rural Wi

There has been an explosion in numbers of migrant and immigrant farm workers in the last ten years, and now over 40% of hired dairy farm employees in Wisconsin (over 5,300 people) are immigrants. Many of these workers are young men traveling alone and living in dormitories, while others arrive with their families. Some have started to find employment in non-agricultural industries like printing, bicycle manufacture, meatpacking or non-seasonal work like dairy farming. Each year a greater number make Wisconsin their permanent home.

Bethany O'Day, Comunidad Hispana, Merrill, WI writes At first no one really noticed them. They just started appearing in the small town

of Merrill in rural northern Wisconsin. Occasionally one or two would be seen in a gas station or grocery store. But some of them weren't just passing through. They were already living here. It took several years for people to realize that Hispanics were immigrating to Merrill. They were coming to do work few locals wanted to do—tending cows, making Christmas wreaths in season, and working night shifts in food processing plants.

Some in the community began to see that the newcomers needed help. A few concerned citizens began reaching out to the immigrants, helping them find apartments, medical care, and legal aid.

In 2004 the Holy Cross Sisters secured sufficient funds to found a community center in Merrill for Hispanics. Comunidad Hispana shifted the focus from simply providing services to effecting institutional changes and developing Hispanic leaders toward a larger goal of social justice. From the start, Hispanics have comprised a majority of the board of directors of the Hispanic center.

Under this Hispanic leadership, Comunidad Hispana has developed relationships with law enforcement, education, employers and health care providers to raise awareness and advocate for structural changes. The organization also bridges the cultural gap by offering food events at churches, providing informational presentations, hosting Latin dances, participating in the county fair, and contributing to Merrill's free meal program. Comunidad Hispana still provides direct services to Hispanic immigrants and helps them access community resources.

Once invisible here, Hispanics are now empowering one another and contributing much to the local community through Comunidad Hispana. The initial funding from CCHD is ending and the organization is now searching for funds to carry on its critical work benefiting Hispanic immigrants. To learn more write or call Comunidad Hispana, 608 East 2nd Street, Merrill, WI 54452-2417. Phone: (715) 536-0533.

REPORT FROM THE WNPJ OFFICE

From Judy Miner, Executive Director

WNPJ is heading into our 20th year, with a celebration planned in 2011, around the date of our founding, February 23rd. Watch for details! To get ready, we held a 20th year kick-off event April 29th in Milwaukee, celebrating the work of the Network & looking forward to what's ahead. Invited guests Kathy Kelly of Voices for Creative Nonviolence, Matt Rothschild of the Progressive Magazine, and co-founder Frank Boyle of Superior had a chance to speak about their connection with WNPJ. Thanks to all who sponsored and participated in this event.

WNPJ continues to grow in membership, adding five new groups this year: The People's Bookstore Coop – Milwaukee; Madison Area Bus Advocates, Peace Seekers of Washington Co, Progressive Democrats of America – WI, and Groundwork, whose anti-racism trainings are available throughout the state. We've added a new WNPJ staff person, too. Through a special grant from Veterans for Peace – Madison, Wisconsin National Guard veteran Steve Books of Mt. Horeb will be in the office a few hours each week, coordinating anti-war work with Veterans for Peace groups around the state. Contact: books24u@aol.com.

Other WNPJ updates:

Our website is a great resource, and we invite you to take a look – to see up-to-date news, photos, BLOG, job postings, & more. Our work groups have been busy with Carbon Free Nuclear Free lobby days, led by Diane Farsetta, Immigrant Rights work, and Safeguard the Guard campaigns. Our volunteers have been active with tabling events and outreach and fundraising phone calls: thanks to Fred Brancel, Cham Nusz, Barb Boehme, Karin Sandvik, & Will White. Board members and volunteers served up Pancakes for Peace on Valentine's Day in Madison. Thanks to Sheila Spear for representing WNPJ on the Community Shares of WI Board and Chuck Baynton for representing us in NYC for the International Nuclear Abolition Conference. And a special thanks to Henry St. Maurice, John McGinley, Vicki Berenson and the TAME team for the distribution of OPTIONS packets to high school counselors this winter, providing information to our kids on alternatives to military work post-graduation! Materials from the packets are now on the TAME website. To learn more, contact Vicki at: vicb@tds.net.

Upcoming events: We're busy planning our Spring meeting, May 15th in

Oneida, WI – an annual event for contacts of our WNPJ member groups. We'll have a tour of the Oneida Farm, learning more of sustainable management – as well as discussing how WNPJ will move into environmental justice work, with new allies. On Friday June 18th, we'll need volunteers again this year in Custer, WI – at the Midwest Renewable Energy Fair – as we collaborate with People for Peace to cook up a pancake breakfast. Come join us – contact: chamomile@arthaonline.com. We have a date for our 19th annual Fall Assembly on Saturday, October 2nd – now we're looking for a host community. Contact conference chair, Mary Beth Schlagheck with your idea at mbspeace1@charter.net or call 608-250-9240. And finally, we welcome your participation in WNPJ, inviting new members to our join our Board. If you're interested in playing a role in the direction of WNPJ in our 21st year, let us know.

We have many ways to get involved: Are you a WNPJ member, not yet getting our weekly e-bulletin of WNPJ events and Action Alerts? Do you have ideas you'd like to discuss with others from the Network? Send your e-mail address to info@wnpj.org and get linked to events, action alerts and our discussion list.

LETTER TO the Editor

From Jim Cory of Horizon Mapping

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There are several questions that need to be answered to determine the viability of nuclear power: carbon footprint, environmental safety, and economic feasibility. I looked in more detail at the carbon footprint evaluation in the Matthew Stewart article in the January-February issue of *Network News*.

There are a number of stages of resource use that collectively are referred to as the life cycle. The actual generation of energy is just one of the stages, along with extraction, plant construction, decommissioning and waste disposal. Each of these can

add to the overall carbon footprint. A September 2008 article in *Nature*, "Nuclear energy: assessing the emissions" suggests that overall life cycle of nuclear energy has a carbon footprint much less than natural gas and comparable to geothermal and wind. While debate about these findings continues, one cannot assess an energy source just by looking at one aspect of its life cycle.

There are no easy choices, because the old technologies are not very clean environmentally and we cannot yet switch over to new ones without major disruptions. So

we need to transition away from the climate destroying practices of the old and over time, create a cleaner, less resource-strapped world. The decisions we make will affect generations. We need to make sure we get it right. Thank you for your continued efforts towards peace and environmental justice. Keep up the good work.

Readers are invited to send comments, queries and news on this issue's main theme, Immigrant Rights, for inclusion in the Sept. edition of the Newsletter, due July 15th - to spearshe@gmail.com

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Calendar

May 1st Statewide events:

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5/1 Sat 9 am Walk a Mile in Her Shoes – Madison . Register online – www.wcadv.org. Proceeds from the event benefit GOT SHOES? WCADV is collecting women's shoes for the event.

5/1 Sat 10 am – 3 pm "Your Tax \$\$Dollars at War" Stand for Peace – Boscobel. At the corner of Oak St. and Hwy 61. Contact organizers Lois or Ann at awaitz@tds.net.

5/1 Sat 11 am Potluck and Annual Meeting of the Northland Chapter of Grandmothers for Peace – Superior . Public Library. All welcome. \$5 donation requested. Jan Provost, g4peace1@charter.net.

5/1 Sat 12 noon May Day Rally and March for Immigrant Rights - Milwaukee . Start at the Voces de la Frontera office, 1027 S. 5th. 414-643-1620

5/1 Sat 12 noon May Day March - Madison . Brittingham Park. All welcome to join UTI and allies on International Workers Day. 608-345-9544 or alexmgillis@gmail.com

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5/5 Wed 6 pm Screening of "Salt of the Earth" – Madison . Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St.[drama from the 1930s about a mining community strike in the SouthWest]. Hosted by the Immigrant Workers Union (UTI). www.immigrantworkers.org

5/6 Thurs 4:30 - 6:30 pm Wisconsin Democracy Campaign 15th Annual Meeting - Madison. Samba Brazilian Grill, 3rd Fl., 240 W. Gilman St. RSVP by April 30th to 608-255-4260 or meyer@wisdc.org.

5/6 Thurs 6-10 pm 2nd Annual Freedom from Gun Violence Awards event - Milwaukee . Artasia Gallery, 181 N Broadway in Milwaukee 's Third Ward. Music by Paul Cebar. All welcome. wave@waveedfund.org

5/8 Sat Special Screening of "The Good Soldier" - featuring Will Williams - Madison. Orpheum theater matinee. Details pending. Contact: Allen 608-255-0240 if you are interested in fund-raising and planning for this event.

5/8 Sat 5 pm 2010 Celebration of Leadership! – Madison. Monona Terrace Join GSAFE to celebrate. www.gsafesafeschools.org or 608-661-4141.

5/8 Sat 9th Annual Move Some Earth Day – Custer. At MREA. All-day event to improve our demonstration site at the ReNew the Earth Institute. All welcome. Bring gloves, tools, and outdoor work clothing. Reservations at 715-592-6595 or info@the-mrea.org.

5/13 Thurs Social Justice Center 10th Birthday Celebration - Madison . At Olbrich Gardens. sjcmadison@gmail.com

5/15 Sat 11 am - 4 pm WNPJ Steering Committee Meeting - Oneida. Representatives from our 168 member groups gather at this annual meeting. We will have a special opportunity to have a tour of the Oneida Farm, with news of sustainable environmental work. RSVP to info@wnpj.org

5/23 Sun 1 pm Eleventh Annual "Tour de Timor" bike ride - Madison. At the WORT Block Party, near the corner of Bedford and Doty Streets. Info and pledge sheets at www.aideasttimor.org, 608-241-2473 or madison@etan.org.

6/18 Fri 7:30 - 11 am WNPJ and People for Peace 'Pancakes for Peace' at the Midwest Renewable Energy fair - Custer, WI. Want to volunteer? Contact Chamomile at chamomile@arthonline.com



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| Alliance for Animals–Madison | Habiba Foundation–Janesville | PAX Christi–Madison | SW Grassroots Citizens for Peace– Dodgeville |
| ACLU - Madison | Hill Connections–Chaseburg | Peace Action Wisconsin–Milwaukee | The Madison Institute |
| American Federation of Teachers, Local 212 - Milwaukee | Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice - Madison | Peace Economics–Madison | Union de la Trabajadores Inmigrantes - Madison |
| American Jews for a Just Peace - Madison chapter | International Committee for the Peace Council–Madison | Peace North–Drummond | United Methodist Federation for Social Action, WI Chapter - LaCrosse |
| Anathoth Community Farm–Luck | Iraqi & American Reconciliation Project | PeaceSeekers of Washington Co | United Nations Association–Dane Co & Milwaukee Chapters & Wisconsin Division |
| Antigo People 4 Peace | -IARP - St. Paul, MN | People for Peace–Waupaca | UW-Milwaukee Peace Studies Program |
| Artha Sustainable Living Center, LLC - Amherst | Iraq Moratorium - Wisconsin | People's Bookstore Co-op - Milwaukee | UWW-P.E.A.C.E - Whitewater |
| Beloit Monthly Meeting of Friends | Iraq Veterans Against the War - Madison | Peregrine Forum–Madison | University United Methodist Church– Madison |
| Benedict Center - Milwaukee | Juneau County Peace Committee– Mauston | Physicians for Social Responsibility–WI | Uppity Wisconsin Project - Menomonie |
| Benedictine Women of Madison | Kickapoo Peace Circle–Viroqua | Plowshare Center–Waukesha | Veterans for Peace–Chapters #25- Madison; #102 - Milwaukee; #153 - Superior, & #114 Sheboygan |
| Bread for the World – Appleton | LaCrosse Interfaith Justice and Peace Network | Portage Area Peace Seekers | Voces de la Frontera - Milwaukee |
| Cable United Church of Christ | Lakeshore Peacemakers–Manitowoc | Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society - Madison | Voices for Creative Nonviolence - Chicago |
| Candlelight Coalition–Wauwatosa | Loaves and Fishes Catholic Worker– Duluth | Preserve Our Climate–Madison | Voices for Peace Institute, Eau Claire |
| Casa Maria–Milwaukee | LUCa - Latinos United for Change and Advancement - Madison | Progressive Democrats of America - WI - Trego | Volunteer Missionary Movement - Greendale |
| Church Women United of Wisconsin & Madison Branch | Lutheran Human Relations Association - Milwaukee | Progress Media - Oshkosh | Watertown Peace and Democracy |
| Citizen Action of Wisconsin - Milwaukee | Madison Arcatao Sister City Project | Racine Coalition for Peace and Justice | Waukesha Catholic Worker |
| Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger– Merrimac | Madison Area Bus Advocates | Racine Dominicans Justice Outreach | WAVE Educational Fund–Milwaukee |
| Coalition for Wisconsin Health– Madison | Madison Area Peace Coalition | Rainbow Bookstore Cooperative– Madison | Waysmeet Quaker Center–Richland Center |
| Code Pink–Boscobel | Madison Buddhist Peace Fellowship | Rapids Citizens for Peace - Wisconsin Rapids | We Are One World - Appleton |
| Colombia Support Network–Madison | Madison Friends of International Students | Red Cedar Peace Initiative–Menomonie | Weekly Gathering for Peace, Justice and Sustainability - Madison |
| Community Action on Latin America– Community Connections - Oregon | Madison Friends Meeting–Peace & Social Concerns Committee | Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin–Madison | Winds of Peace–Projects in Vietnam |
| Concerned Citizens of Newport, Inc.– Wisconsin Dells | Madison Hours Co-op | Rock County Citizens for Peace– Janesville | Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project |
| Congregation of St Agnes, Justice Peace & Ecology Office–Fond du Lac | Madison Infoshop | Rockford Peace and Justice Action–IL | Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence |
| Coulee Progressives–LaCrosse | Madison Mennonite Church | Rock Ridge Community–Dodgeville | Wisconsin Coalition to Normalize Relations with Cuba–Milwaukee |
| Dale Heights Presbyterian Church Outreach Committee–Madison | Madison Pledge of Resistance | Rock River Peace Group - Ft. Atkinson - Whitewater | Wisconsin Community Fund |
| DeKalb, IL Interfaith Network for P&J | Madison/Rafah Sister City Project | Rock Valley Fellowship of Reconciliation–Janesville | Wisconsin Council of Churches–Peace & Justice Committee |
| Democratic Socialists of America– Madison Area | Madison Unitarian Youth MUUYACM | Saint Bede Monastery–Eau Claire | Wisconsin Democracy Campaign |
| East Timor Action Network–Madison | Madison-area Urban Ministry | St. Norbert Abbey Justice and Peace Committee–DePere | Wisconsin Greens |
| Echo Valley Hope, Inc - Ontario | Many Ways of Peace - Eagle River | St. Norbert College, Peace & Justice Center–DePere | WI Impeachment/Bring Our Troops Home–Madison |
| ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod–Peace and Justice Committee | Marquette University Center for Peacemaking - Milwaukee | Sauk Prairie Area Peace Council | Wisconsin National Organization of Women - Madison |
| Family Farm Defenders–Madison | Mary House–Wisconsin Dells | School of Americas Watch–Madison | Wisconsin Resources Protection Council–LaCrosse |
| Fellowship of Reconciliation–Fox Valley Chapter | Midwest Renewable Energy Association– Custer | School Sisters of Notre Dame–Elm Grove | Wisconsin Women's Network |
| First Cong Church, UCC–Menomonie | Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition | SEIU District 1199W–Madison | Women in Black - Sauk City Bridge |
| First United Methodist Church, Church and Society Committee–Madison | Miracles Prisoner Ministry - WI Dells | SHAMA, Inc Projects - Plover | Women's International League for Peace and Freedom–Madison |
| FOCCUS - Madison | Money, Education and Prisons Task Force - Madison | Single Payer Action Network - Madison | Workers' Rights Center - Madison |
| Fox Valley Peace Coalition–Menasha | Mother Fool's Coffeehouse - Madison | Sinsinawa Dominicans–Sinsinawa | Yahara Friends Meeting–Monona |
| Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools | National Peace Foundation–Eau Claire | Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross– Green Bay | |
| Grandmothers for Peace–Superior | Northland Anti-War Coalition - Duluth | Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF | |
| Greater Wisconsin Committee - Madison | Northwoods Peace Fellowship–Wausau | Sisters of the Divine Savior–Milwaukee | |
| Groundwork - Madison | Nukewatch–Luck | Socialist Party of Wisconsin–Milw. | |
| | Offbeat Press - Oshkosh | Social Justice Center - Madison | |
| | Isky campaign - Madison | SOS Senior Council–Madison | |
| | One Wisconsin Now - Madison | South Central Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO–Madison | |
| | OutReach! - Madison | | |