## **Wisconsin Network for Peace & Justice**

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## 2022 Year in Review

**Our 73 member organizations** foster racial justice, healthy communities, thriving natural resources, voting rights and voter engagement, better federal and state budget priorities, safer neighborhoods, alternatives to policing, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, education, spiritual uplift and more.

WNPJ helps to connect people throughout the state, and to highlight the efforts of our member organizations and all who are working towards a world of sustainable peace.

**We sent out email News & Alerts every week** in 2022, to more than 1300 recipients, and shared over 1000 items on our website and Facebook page, including Action Alerts, <u>News stories</u>, <u>Events</u>, <u>successes</u> and Member "Spotlights".



WNPJ organized and co-sponsored the January 20 forum "Fair Maps for All: Front Line Communities Speak Out!" where representatives of communities most impacted by the gerrymandered legislative maps in Wisconsin shared their stories.

At the **Spring Steering Committee** meeting more than 24 member organizations shared what they have been doing and made connections.

Our Fall Assembly was held in Milwaukee and broadcast virtually. For the first time in 3 years, members and attenders were able to meet again in person! At the assembly we introduced our focus on Abolition: Addressing the Root Causes of Violence, with keynote



speaker and abolitionist educator Angela Harris. We presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Art Heitzer and the Peacemaker of the Year Award to Claude Motley. And we elected a new <u>Board of Directors</u>. Watch the recordings at <u>wnpj.org/post/photos-from-the-wnpj-fall-assembly</u>.

We held **monthly "Weaving the Web"online meetups** where members discuss issues and ways to collaborate.

And...

- We published our <u>Fall Network News</u> highlighting the work of some of our members and focusing on our Fall Assembly theme of Abolition.
- We received grants from the Yip Harburg Foundation to help support WNPJ operations. and the PC Foundation for 'War is NOT the Answer' yard signs.





- **We continue our focus on** <u>Just Transition</u> an all-encompassing framework developed by the Climate Justice Alliance, which centers communities most affected.
- We reinvigorated our Facebook page: <u>facebook.com/WisNPJ</u>
- We created a new website, which includes a toolbox for members, with the help of a summer intern. <a href="https://www.wnpj.org">www.wnpj.org</a>

Sarah Hinkley took her departure as Network Coordinator. We are grateful for her work and direction. We are currently working as a board to determine our next steps.

We welcome volunteers and additional board members who align with our guiding principles: wnpj.org/who-we-are

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