

MISSION STATEMENT

To work together to build a world of nonviolence, social justice and environmental sustainability.

THE VISION OF THE PEACE CENTER

- We envision a world free of violence and world filled with generosity and the spirit of cooperation.
- We seek new ways of developing positive relationships with each other and the earth that sustains us.
- We work to reduce our ignorance and fear, to develop nonviolent peace-making skills between individuals, groups, and nations, and to promote lifestyles that acknowledge our interdependence with the environment.
- We acknowledge our interdependence and seek to model positive relationships with each other, striving to create a world free of violence, filled with generosity and the spirit of cooperation.

THE VALUES OF THE PEACE CENTER

The mission of JRPC implies certain values of nonviolence, social justice and environmental sustainability. In addition to these, there are certain additional values and ideas that allow our mission to "live" in the decisions we make and extend to all our actions and events from renting our space to planning events to conducting business.

- Reduce, reuse, recycle and continual evaluation of our carbon footprint and openness to change
- Balance and flexibility
- Compassion, accountability and respect
- Consensus
- Education
- Empowerment and Action
- Inclusion
- Open Space both as an environmental concept and as a meeting and workshop format
- Community, which implies the nurturing of relationship with certain community partners, including:
 - Sustainable Business Council (SBC)
 - Students For Peace & Justice (SFPJ)
 - Missoula Women For Peace / Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF)
 - Women's Voices for the Earth (WVE)
 - National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI)
 - Western MT Gay & Lesbian Community Center (WMGLCC)
 - Community action for Justice in the Americas, Asia, Africa (CAJA³)
 - Missoula In Motion (MIM)
 - World Affairs Council (WAC)
 - University of MT International Department
 - Bike Walk Alliance of Missoula (BWAM)
 - Montana Peace Seekers (MPS)
 - Fair Trade City Missoula (FTC Missoula)
 - Ministerial Alliance

THE GOALS OF THE PEACE CENTER

- In a world fraught with violent responses to conflict, deep misunderstanding among nations, cultures and races, and widespread degradation of our natural environment, a need exists to teach and nurture the fundamental skills of peacemaking, to enhance understanding of other cultures, races and lifestyles, and to teach and model ways of living which sustain our community and our environment. The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center seeks to meet these needs.
- We will maintain an extensive library on issues such as conflict management, nonviolence training, disarmament, regional conflicts, global cultures, minority issues, peacemaking and more.
- We will sponsor workshops and programs and/or conduct work in local schools that will contribute to the education of our community in nonviolence, social justice and environmental sustainability.
- We sponsor a fair trade store featuring crafts from cooperatives in Second and Third World countries, thus supporting the artisans' cooperative efforts, educating ourselves and our customers about these cultures, and helping to support the Center.
- We provide programs and information about other local, regional, and national peace and justice issues and regularly publish a newsletter and peace calendar.
- Our presence in the community provides a place for the meeting of hearts and minds to occur to work toward a just and peaceful world.
- We maintain a community meeting space and a shared dish pantry as a measure of community and cooperation.
- We act as fiduciary agent for fledgling non-profits whose mission is aligned with ours.