The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center and the Missoula Peace Quilters have chosen to honor

**Fernanda M. B. Krum & Robert Rivers**

as the 2019 Peacemakers

Fernanda and Robert's life has been a gift — to each other, to countries around the world struggling to recover from conflict and rebuild lives and a gift to our community of Missoula. They met while working for Nonviolent Peaceforce in Romania. When they settled in Missoula, they built a Center for Transformation in a brewery called Imagine Nation Brewing Company (INBC). It has become a focal point for many critical conversations. INBC has not only brought groups together to talk and learn from each other — something that is critical in our current climate. But additionally, almost half of the brewery profits have gone back into the nonprofits in our community. You might see the symbol of a buffalo when you arrive at Imagine Nation. That's because it is the only animal that turns toward a storm, an appropriate metaphor for the work on INBC. Robert and Fernanda are guided by the African concept of UBUNTU...

“I am who I am because of who you are, and we are who we are because of each other.”

**Search for Peace Award**

In 2001, Fr. Jim Hogan challenged the community to look to young people as we struggle to find peace in our world. He believed that our children and young adults could inspire and challenge us. We are continuing Fr. Hogan's tradition by honoring stories of young people making peace in our community.

This year we are recognizing:

- **Cecilia Spencer**, a 4th grader who is active in the constant effort to promote justice and harmony;
- **Kara Good, Blake Lindemer and Emma Stevenson**, from Seeley Lake who are bravely spreading awareness about discrimination, injustice and environmental issues;
- **University Congregational Church of Christ Missoula Youth Group** who are active in a broad spectrum of social justice issues such as food insecurity, homelessness and Native American reservation issues;
- **Lily & Maizy Miller**, middle school sisters who raise money for girls to go to school in Nepal and Malawi; and
- **Allison Moran**, a first-grader who lives to spread kindness.

We will be recognizing their efforts and choosing one to serve as our Youth Peacemaker on May 18 at 1:30 pm at Imagine Nation Brewing. Please join us!

**Please join us Saturday, May 18 for this special celebration**

1:30-2:30 pm  Peacebuilding Workshop and discussion with Denis Matveev
3-3:30 pm  Fr. Jim Hogan Search for Peace Award
3:30-4:30 pm  Presentation of the 2019 Peacemaker award to Fernanda Menna Barreto Krum & Robert Rivers

Celebrate with us after at a reception to honor our peacemakers. Music provided by Good Old Fashioned

Drinks and food truck items are available for purchase. A portion of beverage sales all day will benefit Nonviolent Peaceforce, an organization dear to Fernanda and Robert.

If you cannot attend, please consider a donation to Nonviolent Peaceforce in honor of Fernanda and Robert: nonviolentpeaceforce.org Thank you!
Guess What?! We now have fair trade clothing at The Olive Branch!

We all have to wear clothes each day, and we especially like to buy a few new pieces for our closets when the seasons change. It’s so important to know where are clothing comes from. Much of the clothing we wear is made in factories that are unsafe and the workers are not paid a fair wage. In extreme cases, children are exploited in the making of our clothing. Stop by and consider instead some of our spring and summer fair trade, handmade, organic cotton dresses and tops, made by talented fairly-paid seamstresses from Ghana, Peru and India.

Putting Montana on the map as a national fair trade leader!

Our very own, Jenny Zaso, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Fair Trade Federation (FTF), a national trade organization that holds both its wholesaler and retailer members in the U.S. and Canada to very high fair trade standards. Her new position puts JRPC’s fair trade store, The Olive Branch, on the map as a model small retailer in the U.S. and she hopes to be instrumental in moving the fair trade movement forward in our country and the state of Montana through expanding JRPC’s fair trade reach across the state and by influencing other small retailers across the nation to offer more fair trade products.

She is one of nine Board members from the U.S. and Canada. She has just returned from her first Board meeting and FTF’s 25th Anniversary Conference in Austin, TX with some great new handicrafts from new artisan groups around the world. Stop by and consider instead some of our spring and summer fair trade, handmade, organic cotton dresses and tops, made by talented fairly-paid seamstresses from Ghana, Peru and India.

Welcome to our new board members:

They join, Debbie Norheim, Diann Stewart, Leslie Burgess, Faisal Akrami, Hana Meshesha, Lisa Robertson, Paxson Swierc and Peter McDonough to lead us forward and guide our work for peace. The Council will be meeting for a day-long retreat on April 28 to do some team-building and make plans for the future.
Donations made in honor of or in memory of your loved ones in the last quarter.

in Honor of:
Paxson Swierc
Mae Coover
Appreciation for Ethel MacDonald
Appreciation to Nancy Braun

in Memory of:
Erik Jorgensen
Vivian Brooke
Meyer “Mike” Chessin
A tree for Mike Chessin (to be planted this spring!)

FROM:
Lisa Schiff
Jacki Schonbachler
Jacki Schonbachler
Jacki Schonbachler

FROM:
Christine Jorgensen
Karen Feather
Vicki Lenihan and Richard & Jane Solberg
Jim Parker, Tom & Carol King and Jon & Anne Bertsche

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for choosing a peaceful community...and Happy Volunteer Month to each and every one of you...

We are excited to have a new database, and we are in the process of transitioning our email system. We appreciate your patience as we make this change.

Going forward we want to honor all of the people who sustain us. So anyone who makes a donation to JRPC will now be considered a member. We will still have suggested levels, the same member benefits, and we’ll notify you when your “donation” is due again. But this allows us to show our appreciation to everyone who is part of our JRPC peace family!

Won’t you join us??

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in”.

~Author Unknown
“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is right now.”
~Ancient Chinese Proverb

Happy Earth Day!!!

Upcoming Events:

“Forgiveness” with Dr. Roni Johnson, UM Counseling Dept. April 29th at 5:30 pm

Missoula gives, a 24-hour online giving day for you to support your favorite nonprofits — and a few new ones. Thanks for making JRPC one you choose!! 5 pm, May 2–8 pm, May 3.

India Night at the Olive Branch with Ekta Gupta May 16 at 5:30 pm

Peacemaker and Youth Search For Peace, May 18

Choffee-Con (a chocolate-coffee convention), June 1

Humphreys Fellows presentation, June-August