

Winter 2019



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Jeannette Rankin Peace Center is working to build a world that is nonviolent, socially just, and environmentally sustainable through connections, education and conversations that matter. We're so grateful to share that work with all of you.

Dear JRPC Members and Supporters:

It is quickly approaching one year since I joined the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center Coordinating Council. As I look back on this year, I feel incredibly honored to be a larger more active part of such an amazing organization. I have been a member of JRPC for many, many years but this has been a way to step into having more of a voice and a part in creating ways to work for peace and justice in our community and the larger world.

These are interesting times we are living through and it seems to me more important than ever to find ways to nurture compassion, connection and positive communication in every way I can. Additionally, I feel even more called to work as best I can for social justice. I have always valued connection and productive communication and as I entered into retirement and took time to think about where I next wanted to pour my energy, JRPC emerged as a great fit for me.

And, after a year of finding my place here, I feel even more clear about my choice to join the council. I have learned that JRPC activities are even more broad reaching and impactful than I realized. I am in awe of how much gets done in so many different arenas by a small staff and a great cadre of volunteers. We are a part of a community of organizations and individuals within a very special community here in Missoula and beyond.

As we near the end of 2019, please consider choosing JRPC as a place to make your end-of-year contributions. We need as much community support as we can get to keep doing our great work of building peace and creating social justice. There is so much work ahead of us, and we have a great team of staff, volunteers, council members. We need your financial support in an on-going way to keep on doing the great work we do here at JRPC. Thank you all!

Leslie Burgess, Chair JRPC Coordinating Council



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THANKS to our members and volunteers for all your support all year long! And for every fair trade purchase you make that helps us empower communities across the globe! You are **THE CHANGE WE ALL WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD!!**



Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Solstice, Kwanza or some other holiday, all of us at JRPC wish you a happy, safe and peaceful season. We look forward to seeing you in the store as 2019 ends. And as we begin 2020 together we look forward to:

- Seeing more of these around the state →
- A new program Director, Carol Schwartz joining us
- Getting the Peace sign hung behind our building — FINALLY!!
- New events and programs like our planned podcast !
- And of course hearing more of your ideas and suggestions!



Welcome in 2020 in peace — Be part of the First Night Luminary Peace Sign **December 31 from 4 pm to midnight.**



We are grateful for all Jenny did for us and the Olive Branch. We wish her well in her new adventures

And we welcome **Carol Schwartz** as our new Program Director who starts on December 5. Actually, she started years ago as a work study student, then my assistant and now this!! know she'd love to meet you & hear your ideas!!

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