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"If we take care of the means, we are bound to reach the end sooner or later."

~Mahatma Gandhi

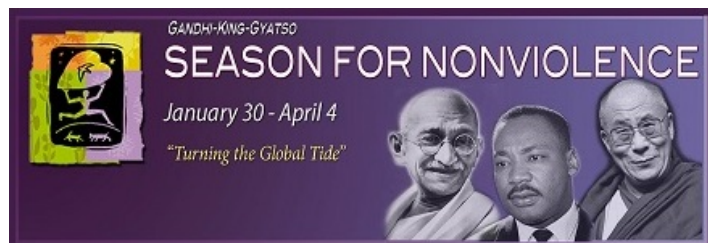
Dear peace community,

In 1998, I was privileged to help plan and participate in the 1st Season for Nonviolence in Seattle. Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, was our special guest, and led a crowd of up to 10,000 in a walk to Puget Sound, symbolic of Gandhi's walk to the sea to establish Indians' right to have free salt. I have celebrated the Season every year since.

The Gandhi King Season for Nonviolence commences on January 30, in cities across the globe. The annual 64 day campaign, co-founded in 1998 by Dr. Arun Gandhi of M.K.Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, the Kingian Nonviolence: Lafayette & Associates, and The Association for Global New Thought (AGNT), is an educational, media and grassroots awareness campaign beginning January 30th, the anniversary of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, and ending on April 4th, the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The theme for this 20th Celebration of the Season is **"Turning the Global Tide"**. <https://www.facebook.com/seasonfornonviolence/>

The purpose of the campaign is to focus educational and media attention on the philosophy of attaining peace through nonviolent action as demonstrated by legendary leaders Mohandas K. Gandhi, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar E. Chavez, and President Nelson Mandela, as well as living legends such as His Holiness, Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet. Spiritually guided citizen leaders in 900 cities in 67 countries have participated since the campaign began in 1998. (from the website) How will you participate?

Gratefully Maggie Lough



Calendar

Thursday, January 26, 2 pm, Payne Family Native American Center, UM. Campus-wide Walkout Against Climate Denial. Thousands of students across the country are walking out of class in protest of the new administration's dangerous denial of climate change.

Friday, January 27, Missoula County Fairgrounds. Project Homeless Connect will be held. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Loreen Hamilton at loreen.hamilton@usw.

salvationarmy.org or [406-549-0710](tel:406-549-0710)

Friday, January 27, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation. **Biomimicry** is an approach to innovation that seeks sustainable solutions to human challenges by emulating nature's time-tested patterns and strategies. Marie Zanowick Bourgeois is a creative civil engineer with 25 years of experience working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the areas of pollution prevention and sustainability and she will be talking about biomimicry and her experience working with it.

Saturday, January 28, 3 pm, Union Club (New Location!). **Where Do We Go From Here?, a post-women's march assessment.** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1330414170365437/>

Saturday, January 28, 9 am-1 pm, Bitterroot Public Library. You are invited to a participatory event to dialog as a community around what is happening at Standing Rock. This is a follow up event after the meeting that filled the Hamilton county courthouse with four panelists who came from the protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline to go under the Missouri River in North Dakota upstream from the Standing Rock Souix Reservation. The question that all attendees can dialog about is: **How do we best "Defend the Sacred"?**

Sunday January 29, 5:30 pm, Har Shalom. **Dances of Universal Peace.** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1639638406337891/>

Monday, January 30, 12 noon, Capital Rotunda, Helena. **Rally for Public Lands.** RSVP and find a ride at https://docs.google.com/a/jrpc.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoIHRpkC_ic2z-9AJsw0ukHttaM2_1spWfbJVhAlyqObg-Q/viewform

Thursday, February 2, 5:15 pm, Imagine Nation. Climate Smart Missoula will hold it's monthly meet-up with the topic – **Toward Zero Waste**

Thursday, February 2, 4 pm, Draught Works. If you're curious about solar, Montana's energy policies, or what the future could look like, come see **the Solar Guy.** <http://www.chargeMT.org>

Wednesday, February 8, 7 pm, University Center Theater. 350 Montana and nine co-sponsors are organizing a panel discussion called "**Making Renewables Work for Montana**"

Sunday, February 12, 2-5 pm, Har Shalom. EmpowerMT is holding an ally training day, **Building Skills for an Inclusive Community.** \$15-\$30 sliding scale based on ability to pay. Trainings are also held in Helena, Whitefish, Bozeman and Billings. <https://www.empowermt.org/buildinginclusivecommunity/>

Wednesdays, February 15-March 15, 6 pm, Payne Family Native American Center. Empower Montana and YWCA Missoula are returning with the **True Colors Training**, a series of workshops created in an effort to address the unique challenges faced by people of color, as well as white allies taking action against racism. The True Colors training invites community members to rethink race, history, and community. [Register by filling out this form.](#)

Friday, February 17-Sunday, February 26. The **14th annual Big Sky Documentary Film Festival** is proud to announce the OFFICIAL SELECTIONS of the 2017 festival screening at several locations in Missoula.

Thursday, March 2, 5:15 pm, Imagine Nation. Climate Smart Missoula will hold it's monthly meet-up with the topic – **Healthy Community**

Saturday, June 10, 9 am-5 pm, University Congregational Church. Save the Date for our annual **Un-conference.** More details to follow. Call us if you'd like to be on the planning committee. 543-3955

Sunday, October 15, 3-7 pm, Home Arts Building at the Fairgrounds. Save the Date for our annual Peace Party. Call us if you have ideas or want to help with planning!

Friday-Sunday, October 20-22, 2017. **Reflections of the Revolution: The October Revolution and Global Order, 1917-2017**, is an international conference to be held at the University of Montana. This conference commemorates the 100th anniversary of the 1917 October Revolution in Russia. Presentations and discussions will focus on revolutions of the past as well as explore the possibility or impossibility of revolutionary scenarios today. Paper proposals are being accepted through February 20, 2017. Visit the conference website for more information: www.umt.edu/sell/cps/revolution/default.php.

Action Opportunities

[SB 97](#) (Reiger, Kalispell), banning "foreign law" (Sharia Law as main target) will go to executive be voted on sometime in the next few days, so please send messages ASAP! Please take a few minutes to send a message to legislators on the Montana State Senate Judiciary Committee which heard SB97 this week, <http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2017/billpdf/SB0097.pdf>

MoveOn is mounting a visible display of **opposition to Trump's plans to ban Muslims and build a wall**. [Will you print out one \(or more\) of the signs MoveOn and our allies are distributing tonight, and will you hang the sign publicly tomorrow so that you and your community can be counted as part of the resistance?](#)

Church World Service urges Faith leaders and others to do the following in response to pausing resettlement efforts and particularly for certain nationalities and/or religions. **Sign [this petition](#)** stating opposition to any plans to stop refugee resettlement. **Tweet your message [@realDonaldTrump](#) & [@POTUS](#)** and send the White House a **Facebook message** at [Facebook.com/WhiteHouse](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteHouse)

Stay Woke has put together a Resistance Manual for the days ahead https://www.resistancemanual.org/Resistance_Manual_Home

Sign and Promote MoveOn's Democratic Principles. We can expect the coming years to be difficult and painful, but also rich with the human impulse to turn toward and not against each other. We must nurture this impulse. The future of our humanity and our democracy depends on this, on you, on us. Here are 6 Democratic Principles for Antidemocratic Times. Add your name today: http://bit.ly/2j5xvDshttp://petitions.moveon.org/sign/democratic-principles?source=c.em&r_by=15265967

- **If you come for any of us, you will have to go through all of us**
- **Support Freedom Fighters and defend targets of political retaliation**
- **Never give up on Democracy**
- **Keep our hearts open and our eyes on the prize**
- **Demand a free press that doesn't censor itself to maintain access to Trump**
- **Build an attractive, alternative vision that reflects people's needs**

JRPC is in need of someone to help us with an update and overhaul to our Wordpress website -- call Betsy at 543-3955 or email peace@jrpc.org if you can help!

The West Suburban (Chicago) Faith-Based Peace Coalition is sponsoring a Peace Essay Contest with a \$1,000.00 award to the winner, \$300 for the runner-up, and \$100 for third place. Essays have to be directed to a person who can help promote knowledge of the Kellogg-Briand Pact (KBP) and, from whom a response is expected. Essays will be judged not only on the quality of the essay but on the impact of the response. Everyone is eligible to participate; there are no restrictions regarding age or country of residence. Participants are required to take the following 3 steps:

1. To enter the contest send a Peace Essay Request email to coordinator Frank Goetz at frankgoetz@comcast.net. Provide your Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, Phone Number, and, if under 19, Age. Also, provide the Name and Position of the person or persons to whom the Essay will be directed. Your application acceptance as a contest participant will be acknowledged in an email containing your assigned 4-digit Essay Number. [If information is missing or confusing you will be contacted by email or phone.]
2. In 800 words or less write your essay on: How Can We Obey the Law Against War? As soon as possible but at least by April 15, 2017 send the essay to the person named in your application and a copy to frankgoetz@comcast.net with your Essay Number in the Subject line.
3. By May 15, 2017 send Essay Response documentation to frankgoetz@comcast.net with your Essay Number in the Subject line.

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2018 award. Go to <https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/>

Fair Trade News



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Ongoing Events and Meetings

Women in Black Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com
JRPC Monthly Potluck & Global Dialogue, Second Sunday of each month 5:30 pm at JRPC. peace@jrpc.org
Veterans For Peace first Monday of each month, 4-6 pm, JRPC. [406-363-6150](tel:406-363-6150) or pvaughan184@gmail.com
Citizens Climate Lobby, 2nd Monday of every month, 6pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Contact Scott at sebovard@gmail.com
JRPC Coordinating Council, Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!
350Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. leemet@bigsky.net
Women in Black of Polson Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. c211p110@earthlink.net
Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1-3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.
Nonviolent Communication Practice Group Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC info@patrickmarsolek.com
The Cranium creates origami delights Wednesdays, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonnietarses.com
Time Bank Orientation Contact info@missoulatimebank.org for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.
Missoula Moves To Amend Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

Fight Fake News -- Know who is reputable. <http://imgur.com/gallery/iPLkz>

SALAM's 3-step plan forerasing anti-Muslim

bigotry https://gallery.mailchimp.com/97419f055285534c346fcaee/files/SALAM_Three_Steps.pdf?utm_source=SALAM+General+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=dae33b3aab-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_01_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ba5b6987db-dae33b3aab-10037713

Trump! How Did This Happen. <http://blogs.spectator.co.uk/2017/01/trump-how-did-this-happen/>

Why Trump's Inauguration is not the beginning of an era but the end. <https://shift.newco.co/https-medium-com-peteleyden-why-trumps-inauguration-is-not-the-beginning-of-an-era-but-the-end-72a86833f0a3#.7yxhsotgj>

Have you read an article that inspired you? Share it with us so we can share it with others!!

Check out the Library at JRPC for lots of great resources. Donations are always welcome!

Ways to Help JRPC

1. JRPC is in need of someone to help us with an update and overhaul to our Wordpress website -- call Betsy at 543-3955 or email peace@jrpc.org if you can help!
2. We are desperate for some storage space. Do you have some we can use? If so call us at 543-3955.
3. Want to be of service? JRPC is looking for **board members**. Call Betsy to discuss this opportunity .
4. Have a car you'd like to donate? Check us out on **Vehicles for Charity!**
5. Purchase Rhanda Johnson's song, "**Peace Walk**" about a certain peace sign on the hill and some of the profits go to JRPC. <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/rhandajohnson3>
6. JRPC is now enrolled as a participating organization in **Thrivent Choice**, a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center has been in Missoula since 1986, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. We are pleased to be a member of the Montana Shares Network, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Give to JRPC through your workplace. www.montanashares.org

The JRPC e-newsletter is sent to our listserv each Thursday. Deadline for calendar items is noon, Wednesday. We always appreciate your contributions, comments and suggestions. If you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please unsubscribe below. To sign up, click this link.

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