Dear friends,

70 years ago next Monday, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the UN General Assembly. The drafters had seen the horror of the Second World War and wanted to do something to instill in all peoples a sense of the responsibility we have to each other as fellow human beings. It was and still is a foundation on which we can build because even though we have made progress, we know there are many places in the world where the darkness of oppression still rule. But having this document is a call to action -- a call to peace - - to keep working for the rights of every person to life, liberty, security. I have always thought how fitting it is that this date falls at the beginning of many of our holiday celebrations. This declaration lies at the heart of peace on earth and goodwill to all. I urge you to celebrate the day by reading the articles and joining us on December 11 at the Payne Family Native American Center as several area organizations gather to accept and affirm our collective call to action...Betsy

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Thursday, December 6, 5-8 pm, Goodworks Ventures (129 W. Alder St) CLIMATE SMART MISSOULA'S YEAR 3 CELEBRATION!

Thursday, December 6, 6-8 pm, Western Cider. DIY Holiday Wreaths with Earth Within Flowers. Weave together local winter foliage, dried flowers and herbs into a circle that represents the gifts of 2018. $45 in advance, $50 day of. Two tickets for $80 (use code DIY2018 at checkout) https://earthwithin.com/workshops/
Friday, December 7, 5-8 pm, JRPC. It's our annual Kid's Night at the Olive Branch. Bring your kids for a kid-friendly shopping experience. You tell us what their budget is and we'll have volunteers on hand to help them find the perfect gifts for everyone on their list -- and we'll even help them wrap their gifts. Call us at 543-3955 with questions.

Sunday, December 9, 11am-6pm, the Adams Center. Come and visit JRPC at our Missoula Made Fair booth and support many other local artists by shopping for your local and handmade holiday gifts.

Tuesday, December 11, 2-7 pm, Payne Family Native American Center. In honor of the 70th International Human Rights Day and in opposition to Steve Bannon's divisive message, Missoulians, UM students, and human rights groups will gather to rally for human rights. We'll hear from amazing local speakers about the dangers of white nationalism and the importance of protecting human rights for all! Sponsors: Montana Human Rights Network, African American Studies Dept. University of Montana, Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, Montanans for Immigrant Justice, University Of Montana Black Student Union, Missoula

Rises. https://www.facebook.com/events/331062677449560/

Saturday, December 15, 4 pm-6 pm, Missoula Senior Citizens Center. Gingerbread House Decorating Contest fundraiser for a UM Grad Student's thesis project to study food borne pathogens. Open to teams of 4 adults and children. Houses will be baked upon arrival and ready to decorate. Complimentary dinner and drinks. Cost: $40 adults, $30 Children 9-18 and $10 Children 8 and under. To Purchase Tickets or get information, contact Shabnam at (406) 880-3340 or shabnam.qureshi@mso.umt.edu Online payment option available.

Tuesday, December 18, 6-8 pm, Western Cider. DIY Garlands with Earth Within Flowers. Dress up your home with a unique seasonal garland. We will have an assortment of dried local dried flowers, foliage and aromatics to play with. $45 in advance, $50 at the door. Two tickets for $80 (use code DIY2018) https://earthwithin.com/workshops/

Friday, December 21, 5:30 pm, Missoula County Courthouse. JRPC, the Poverello and other organizations are planning the annual Homeless Persons' Memorial. Pay tribute to the homeless folks in our community who have deid. There will be time to share and discuss at dinner after at First United Methodist Church.

Monday, December 31, 4 pm to midnight, Caras Park. New Year's Eve Peace Sign. Ring in 2019 with friends and family while spreading the message of peace by lighting a luminary to help create a giant symbol of peace in Caras Park on New Years Eve day.

Monday, January 21, 9 am-4 pm, Helena State Capitol. Join MT Human Rights Network for the 2019 MLK Jr Lobby Day. They will be providing training for how to talk about the issues, how to contact and find your legislators and give you an opportunity to engage your civic leaders and lawmakers. Contact garrett@mhrn.org

Saturday, February 16, 9 am-4 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. Dismantling Hatred: Skills and Strategies You Can Use. Presented by the MT Racial Equity Project.$80 per person. info@themtrep.org

Roots Action has an open letter to Bernie Sanders asking him to make opposition to militarism part of his policy proposals https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/open-letter-to-senator-bernie-sanders?source=20180105RA&referrer=group-rootsactionorg

World Beyond War asks us to Email Congress in support of legislation that would end or reduce U.S. military participation in the war on Yemen. Or phone: 1-202-899-8938. Roots Action has a similar petition at https://act.rootsaction.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13501

Roots Action has a petition asking Congress to save the INF Treaty banning long-range intermediate nuclear missiles.

Soft Landing Needs Our Help! As we now realize, the proposed "Public Charge" change could affect refugees as well, because many families could withdraw from SNAP or TANF out of fear, as they have done in the past. Please read this updated statement, with a link to the IRC's excellent toolkit. Please join us in making our voices heard BEFORE December 10th, when the public comment period will be closed and this could be a permanent change.

TESOL Certificate Program (Teach English to Speakers of Other languages). SPRING SEMESTER 2019 12-14 WEEKS ONLINE COURSE. 100 instructional hours focusing on language and culture, methodology, instruction and assessment, and professionalism. 20-hour practicum providing practical experience through observation and instruction. Instructors from UM's English Language Institute: Jeanie Castillo, MA Linguistics Josh Rosenberger, MA Applied Linguistics. Interested? Contact Josh Rosenberger: joshua.rosenberger@mso.umt.edu 406-243-2084

EmpowerMT announces the MLK Youth Art and Essay Contest. Submit a piece of 2-D art work or an essay, poem or letter of no more than 250 words in response to the quote, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others". Handwritten or typed essays will be accepted. Artwork may be any medium but no larger than 8.5 X 11 inches. On the back of each entry please include the student’s full name, grade, school, home address and home telephone number. To enter you must be a student in preschool12th grade in Western Montana. Entries are due no later than December 21, 2018 to the Missoulian (MLK Contest, Missoulian, P.O. Box 8029, Missoula,
MT 59807. Winners will receive a cash prize, be featured in the Missoulian, and recognized at the MLK Community Celebration on Monday, January 21, 2019. Contact Jamar Galbreath at 541-6891 or jamar@empowermt.org

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 award. Go to https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/

Fair Trade News

Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts.
Who wouldn't love a gift that brings more peace and justice to the world!!!

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Global Issues Study Group Third Monday, 4:30, JRPC
Spanish Conversation Group Thursdays, 12 noon-1 pm, JRPC. Jim, jimcook47@gmail.com, 529-1917 or Walter, wrwilde44@msn.com, 721-5289
Climate Smart Missoula First Thursday of every month. Topics vary. 5 - 7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co.
Contact: amy@climatesmartmissoula.org
Women in Black & Veterans For Peace Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com
Balanced View Clarity Online Call Sundays, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit http://www.Bright.how
Veterans For Peace first Monday of each month (September 11), 4-6 pm, JRPC. 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. jeenet@bigsky.net
Women in Black of Polson Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. c211p110@earthlink.net
Peace & Conflict Studies Group Thursday, 1-2 pm, JRPC. 406-697-5032. NO MEETING ON OCTOBER 11!
Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1–3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.
Jewish Reading Group One Wednesday a month starting on January 23. Read Allegra Goodman’s Katterskill Falls, readings@jewishmissoula.org
Nonviolent Communication Practice Group Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC. info@patrickmarsolek.com
The Cranium creates origami delights every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonniertexts.com
Time Bank Orientation Contact info@missoulatimebank.org for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.
Montana Moves To Amend statewide phone calls 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

Thank you to Helena’s City Commissioners who on November 19 unanimously supported a Resolution calling for a Constitutional Amendment to end Citizens United. https://helenair.com/news/local/helena-commissioners-pass-resolution-against-corporate-personhood/article_0f0df8d6-9837-55d9-b27c-a4cafa43958.html Here is the text of the resolution: Adopted Resolution Text

Thanks for your support so that PEACE PARTIES ON! Now, please support our donors with your business to say thanks to them! And check out Our Event Photos

Ways to Help JRPC

1. We want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or
2. creative energy to share, please call us.
3. We are always looking for good folks to help lead our organization by becoming great board members. Call and talk to us about his great opportunity to be a bigger part of our great family

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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