Dear Friends,

Last night, over 400 Montanans gathered outside the Missoula County Detention Center to raise our voices and make it clear that “No human being is illegal. No child expendable.” Last night's rally and vigil came together in response to the “zero tolerance policy” criminalization of undocumented people that has resulted in an extreme upsurge of ICE arrests and deportations, family separations, and racial profiling in Montana and across the United States. In the past couple months, 16 people have been arrested in Montana for being in the country without proper documentation. Currently, six of those people are being held at the Missoula County Detention Center - right here in our own town - while at the border thousands of children are being separated from their parents and held in cages inside of an old Walmart. This is deplorable. A lack of documentation does not excuse a lack of humanity. These people carry stories and scars with them that we must try to understand. They leave their home countries for refuge, to support their families, and for a better life. We must remember that...

“no one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark. you only run for the border when you see the whole city running as well. you have to understand, no one puts their children in a boat unless the water is safer than the land. who would choose to spend days and nights in the stomach of a truck unless the miles travelled meant something more than journey.”

Warsan Shire

The rally tonight was a start towards showing up for the immigrant refugees living in our communities, whether or not they are undocumented. Please join us in the coming months as we continue to raise our voices and work for immigrant justice near and far.

Haley

JRPC Program Assistant
Calender

TODAY - Thursday, June 21, 5:30 pm, JRPC Community Room. Join us for the first of our annual summer presentations by Humphrey Fellows from around the world. This year, the presentations are grouped by subject area and will allow more time for discussion. This evening will focus on Natural Resources and Agriculture with representatives from Iran, Mongolia and Cuba. Following presentations over the summer include:

- June 28: South America – Ecuador, Columbia and Chile
- July 5: Urban Planning & Human Resources – Columbia, Mexico and Cuba
- July 19: Public Health Policy – Burma, Nepal and Togo

Thursday, June 21, 6 pm, YWCA Missoula. YWCA monthly Book Club in partnership with The Montana Racial Equity Project Book Club. JOIN to talk about the book So You Want to Talk About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo

Thursday-Sunday, June 21-24: Celebrate Vicki Watson's Retirement, Summer Solstice and the Launch of EVST's PIES Fund. After 35 years, Vicki Watson is retiring from her duties at UM, but celebrating the opportunity to continue working for a better world with the EVST family and wider community. A Public Interest Environmental Science (PIES) scholarship has been set up in her honor. Contributors to the fund receive raffle tickets and may win one of Vicki's famous pies. Plus, Solstice coincides with a celebration of the 10 year anniversary of removing Milltown dam and grand opening of the Confluence part of Milltown State Park—which many EVSTers helped bring about. For those who cannot attend, but would like to make a donation to the PIES fund: You may write a check to UM Foundation, add a notation, “Vicki Watson (PIES) Scholarship.” and Mail checks to UM Foundation, PO Box 7159, Missoula MT 59807-7159. You can donate online here: http://hs.umt.edu/evst/stories-folder/watson-pies.php

Celebrations include:

- Thursday, June 21, 7:30-11pm – Contra Dance at the Hip Strip Ballroom (aka Senior Center, 705 S. Higgins). There will be pies & ice cream. Admission – a donation to the PIES fund
- Saturday, June 23, 10-6 – Milltown Park Grand Opening (7700 Juniper Dr) details will be here.
- Saturday, June 23, 7-9pm -- PIES Potluck Party at River Road Farm (1657 River Road) food, drink, music. Feel free to bring a pie, or just come enjoy pies others bring (there will be ice cream). Food will include PEAS farm salad, pizza pies, and lots of pie ala mode. Admission—a donation to the PIES fund. RSVP your plans to attend to vicki.watson@umontana.edu so they can plan food
- Sunday, June 24 – work off the calories by hiking or rafting

Friday, June 22, 9 am-1:30 pm, MUD (1527 Wyoming St.) Missoula Urban Demonstration invites you to their Glass Pathways Install to demonstrate glass re-use and sustainable design. We are hopeful that the glass pathways will play a role in our community's efforts towards Zero Waste. Tour the facility, bring a picnic lunch and hang-out. Exciting to note, this is a Time Bank Community Chest event. Half of your volunteer time installing these pathways can be banked with the Missoula Time Bank to exchange for other Time Bank services. More details can be found here. RSVP to vista@mudprojectorg is appreciated, but not required.
Friday, June 22, 10-6 and Saturday, June 23, 10-4, Big Sky High School, Missoula Quilt Guild Quilt Show Masquerade featuring one of our very own JRPC Members and Missoula Peace Quilters, Suzanne Sterrett. www.missoulaquiltersguild.org

Sunday June 24, 10 am-12:30 pm, Garden of One Thousand Buddhas (34574 White Coyote Rd., Arlee) Compassion In Everyday Life Teaching by Ven. Jetsunma Jamyang Palmo. Every day we are confronted by personal struggles, family struggles, and struggles within our communities. In the Buddhist tradition, there is a way to be free of inner and outer conflicts caused by habitual patterns. In this teaching, we will learn methods of practicing compassion in day to day life. By developing love and compassion we can realize the perfect truth of ourselves and others. All levels welcome. Suggested Donation $10 though no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. 406-726-0555

Sunday June 24, 4 pm, Har Shalom (3035 S. Russell St.). Please join us in Missoula for the 50th Anniversary of the Dances of Universal Peace!! Potluck and story-sharing to follow at 6 pm. On June 24, 1968, Murshid Sam Lewis offered the first public Dances of Universal Peace in San Francisco. Since then, hundreds of thousands have participated around the world. On June 24, 2018, at least 101 DUP circles will celebrate the 50th Anniversary, including Brasil, Columbia, Russia, Bosnia, Chile, Ecuador, Spain, France, New Zealand, Mexico and Iceland. To learn more about the global 50th Anniversary events, click here. To learn more about the Dances of Universal Peace in North America, click here.

June 28, 7 pm, The Public House (130 East Broadway) You're invited to the Montana premier of the Sierra Club-produced film "Reinventing Power: America's Renewable Energy Boom", which takes us across the country to hear directly from the people making our clean energy future achievable. These individuals are working to rebuild what’s broken, rethink what’s possible, and revitalize communities. Over the film’s 50 minutes, you’ll meet people in eight states whose lives were changed by renewable energy while exploring various aspects of the clean energy industry, from innovation to installation. The film will be followed by a panel discussion and community conversation. Admission: Free! (Donations to the Montana Sierra Club accepted!) Questions to david.merrill@sierraclub.org or summer.nelson@sierraclub.org

Saturday June 30, 10 am – 12:30 pm, Garden of One Thousand Buddhas (34574 White Coyote Rd., Arlee) Wisdom in Everyday Life Teaching by Ven. Jetsunma Jamyang Palmo. Training our minds to recognize our true nature is the heart of the Buddhist path. In this teaching, we will explore what wisdom is and how to apply this wisdom to our daily lives. We will learn how to transform confused perceptions into the absolute truth that is beyond division. All levels welcome. Suggested Donation $10 though no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Please come. 406-726-0555

Saturday, June 30, 12 noon, Missoula County courthouse. Join communities across the country to send a clear message to Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress that Families Belong Together! More information or to RSVP, go to https://act.moveon.org/event/families-belong-together-attend1/20245

Saturday, June 30, 1-4 pm, Bonner Park Bandshell, Montana Innocence Project 10-year Anniversary Bash, with food and drinks will be provided at the event and a live band will be performing. Be sure to get a raffle ticket for your chance to claim exciting prizes! Mayor John Engen will speak at 2:00 p.m. to declare Montana Innocence Project Week! You will also hear from some of our exonerees (Fred Lawrence, Cody Marble and Richard Burkhart). Tickets are $5

Thursday, July 12, 5-9 pm, Caras Park. JRPC will be doing the Kid's Activities at Downtown Tonight. Stop and see us or come and volunteer with us!

Thursday, July 19, 9 am-2 pm, Har Shalom (3035 S. Russell St.) The Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN) is hosting Montana Interfaith Workshop on Countering Anti-Muslim Bigotry, a collaborative workshop with NATIONAL immigration organizations. This workshop is meant for clergy, faith leaders, and racial justice-rooted organizational leaders interested in countering anti-Muslim bigotry both locally and nationally. It will be facilitated by Montana Human Rights Network, Muslim Advocates, and Shoulder to Shoulder and shaped by attendees. Here is the registration link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdH1Yv6blBmr9rtc-5uRo90L8biTlyT9Y3OCE_EzoZr_MZx7dQ/viewform

Sunday-Saturday, August 12-18, Camp Mimanagish, Pride Family and Youth Camp for LGBT+ families, children, couples, individuals, or any combination of LGBT+. It will encompass a spiritually broad based program to assist attendees to connect with a God of their
An spiritual broad based program to assist attendees to connect with a God of their own understanding without fear of judgment or condemnation for who they are. Program Leader: Bobbie Zenker. Information: www.mimanagish.org

**Monday, August 13, 3-8 pm, Outside Griz Stadium.** Join the Festival @ Griz Stadium organized by Pearl Jam and Rock2Vote to celebrate the work of several local groups and support the work of groups fighting for MT values and voter engagement. JRPC is proud to be a Festival partner [https://pearljam.com/thehomeshows/missoula-mt/our-partners](https://pearljam.com/thehomeshows/missoula-mt/our-partners)

**Sunday, October 14, 4:30 pm, Missoula Fairgrounds.** Save the Date for our Peace Party!!

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**Action Opportunities**

MT Human Rights Network asks us to **calling on our Montana federal delegation** to: (1) Demand the Department of Homeland Security **NOT separate families** (2) Do **NOT further fund** the Department of Homeland Security to enact this costly and inhumane practice (3) Support more humane solutions and alternatives to the detention of migrant families seeking refuge.

- STEVE DAINES, 202-224-2651, (406) 443-3189 (Helena), http://stevedaines.com/contact/

**Plus, here are a few more ways you can help end the practice of taking children from their parents at our border:**

- Read this [article from Slate](https://www.slate.com/articles/news çıkarı/2018/06/how_you_can_fight_family_separation_at_the_border.html): “How You Can Fight Family Separation At The Border.” The article provides context on the policy the administration is using to justify the atrocities it’s committing and lists many organizations on the front lines fighting.
- Donate to those organizations listed in the article above. Organize fundraisers to support those orgs.
- Support the Keep Families Together Act. Read this informative [article in the NAACP](https://www.naacp.org/articles/keep-families-together-act/). Then call and email your senators and other elected officials. Clear directions and templates are in the article.
- Save June 30th for [Families Belong Together rallies](https://www.familiesbelongtogether.org/). People are gathering in DC and all across the US. There have been many rallies this past weekend. We have to raise the level of outrage.
- Ask your senators and representative to arrive unannounced to local detention centers and demand access to detainees so conditions can be documented.
- Write/call the White House and Jeff Sessions.
- Organize work parties in your neighborhood to call/email elected officials. Provide postcards, lists of elected officials and their contact information, and scripts of what to say.
- Follow Sleeping Giants on Twitter, [@slpng_giants](https://twitter.com/slpng_giants) is following the money and documenting contact info for people and companies benefiting from this cruel internment of children.
- Support the people around you who are distressed, despairing, afraid, and/or numb. Encourage those who can to take action.

**Do you like to sew/quilt? Gather to make comfort quilts for the children who have endured the heartbreaking separation from their parents at the border.** For more details, contact Teresa Jacobs at tcjmontana@gmail.com.

**Travel the world without leaving your home!** Embrace international visitors in your home for a weekend to support global mutual understanding. The Mansfield Center is seeking short, two-day homestays July 6-8 for undergraduate students from Brazil, Russia, India, China and Japan, here to study environmental issues for one month. Contact Deena Mansour at [deena.mansour@umontana.edu](mailto:deena.mansour@umontana.edu) or 243-2713 for more information.

Visit the [Missoula Resistance Library](https://missoularesistancelibrary.wordpress.com/) for great reading lists on topics that are relevant today.

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2019 award. Go to [https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/](https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/)

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**Fair Trade News**

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Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts!

Support Guatemala by buying fair trade products from Lucia’s Imports and other vendors in our store. Many vendors are giving a % of sales to relief organizations providing much needed assistance to volcano victims from El Fuego’s eruption at the beginning of June.
The latest news on the situation:

2,800 people have been left without homes.

The volcano has been erupting since June 3.

Authorities have just announced that search efforts in some areas have been permanently suspended.

The city of Escuintla was most affected by the eruption, with eruptions of gas and ash causing widespread damage.

Official figures state that as searches end, at least 110 people are dead, and a further 197 remain missing.

Please ask which products can help victims most directly. These wild bird mugs and other pottery are one of the many items we have that can support relief work!

Check out our online store at http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com

Ongoing Events and Meetings

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. Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com

Balanced View Clarity Online Call every Sunday, 11am-noon MT time. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org.

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!

350/Missoula 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 every other Wednesday, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonniertarses.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
**2018 Peacemaker Celebration** (July 10 @ 8:30 pm and July 11 @ 7:30 pm) and **Seeing the Elephant** (July 9 @ 8:30 pm and July 11 @ 9 pm) are scheduled to air on MCAT Ch. 189. The programs will also be available for viewing on our Video on Demand at [www.mcat.org](http://www.mcat.org), closer to the air date. Thank you!

University of Montana’s Archives and Special Collections has a collection of oral history interviews that were conducted by Dawn Walsh for the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center. The interviewees were former and current members of the Missoula Women for Peace and detail their interest and activities related to peace activism. We have just learned that those interviews (both the audio and transcripts) are now available online at this link [https://scholarworks.umt.edu/missoulawomenforpeace_oralhistory/](https://scholarworks.umt.edu/missoulawomenforpeace_oralhistory/).

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**Ways to Help JRPC**

*Thanks to all of you who respond to our call to increase your yearly donation to help us cover increasing costs or to volunteer your time -- your support means a lot to us!! We love our members, our donors and our volunteers!*

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](http://www.montanashares.org)

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