Dear Friends,

You're Invited! Peace and Conflict Social Study Group - Tuesdays at noon at JRPC.

Peace and Conflict are two concepts that we are all familiar with. But often the idea of identifying a universal concept of peace is quite difficult. That is why I would like to invite you, the peace community, to explore these concepts together.

Every Tuesday at noon there will be a study group at JRPC where we explore different terminology, methods, and brainstorm to educate ourselves on the topics and issues revolving around Peace and Conflict. This is all about educating ourselves as a community and learning how to support each other in our pursuit of understanding. When one person is behind, we all do what we can to help them understand.

I'm looking forward to creating a space where we educate ourselves about topics we may know little of, and together finesse our communication about these subjects. This is not only to have others present to motivate us to keep exploring topics that sometimes we find it difficult to understand, but to also have a shoulder to lean on and a hand to reach out to when we ourselves are emotionally or mentally/conceptually struggling to persevere.

So, I hope you will mark your calendars! The first study group will be Tuesday, July 10th at noon, and we will explore the concept of peace, and identify different resources that we will hopefully be using when we meet each week. Don't be scared to miss one week, please come back to the next one! I am no expert, just someone who wants to learn with the people that are a part of this community. I look forward to seeing you there! All faces and walks of life are welcome!

Thank you!

- James Knepper

JRPC Member & Volunteer
Calender

**TODAY - Thursday, June 28, 5:30 pm, JRPC Community Room.** Join us for one 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 South America with representatives from Ecuador, Columbia and Chile. Following presentations over the summer include:

- **July 5:** Urban Planning & Human Resources – Columbia, Mexico and Cuba
- **July 19:** Public Health Policy – Burma, Nepal and Togo

June 28, 7 pm, The Public House ([130 East Broadway](http://www.130eastbroadway.com)) 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](mailto:david.merrill@sierraclub.org) or [summer.nelson@sierraclub.org](mailto:summer.nelson@sierraclub.org)

**Friday, June 29, 3-5:30 pm, JRPC Community Room.** Help create and send comfort quilts (40"x44") to children detained at U.S. border facilities, apart from their parent(s). With this project, volunteers can join hearts, heads and hands in a vigil of creativity - even as we share news and otherwise advocate for justice and compassion. New sewing experience necessary - there are many ways to help! The first scheduled work session is this Friday, June 29th, followed by two more on:

- **Tuesday, July 3, 5:30-8pm**
- **Tuesday, July 10 5:30-8pm**

For more information, please contact Teresa Jacobs at tcjmontana@gmail.com.

Saturday June 30, 10 am – 12:30 pm, Garden of One Thousand Buddhas ([34574 White Coyote Rd., Arlee](https://www.gardenofthousandbuddhas.com)) **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_attend1/20243](https://act.moveon.org/event/families-belong-together_attend1/20243)

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.

**Friday, July 6, 5-8pm, JRPC.** First Friday Art Show "Healing Roots" - visiting artist Betsy Beebe. Featuring pastels, watercolors and acrylic painting of the natural world and wildlife. Enjoy wine, beer, art and fair trade shopping! **Artist statement:** "Each of my paintings becomes a meditation of finding myself. I work in pastels, watercolors and acrylics. The natural world with far off horizons, clouds and the intensity of the owl's stare captures something inside of me. I become immersed in this place and find comfort in staying there for a while. After the death of my son, this place (Montana) calls to me frequently. So, I paint and sometimes I can feel those that have passed before us surround me with love."
Monday, July 9, 6-8:30 pm, Har Shalom (3035 S Russel St.) Indigenous Justice Workshop. Please join us as Meg Singer, Indigenous Justice Program Manager of the ACLU of Montana, will teach a short and dynamic workshop on Indigenous justice. She will share stories of activism and organizing, and teach exercises to help us think differently by looking at our explicit and implicit biases. To explore together how we can create a culture which: supports restorative justice, stands up for criminal justice reform, puts Native knowledge at the forefront of the educational agenda, and works for economic justice. The goal is for participants to walk away with a renewed sense of hope and urgency in our responsibility to build justice, and become allies for future actions in Montana. Meg also promises that this will be ‘fun’ and a learning experience for her as well as for us. Food provided: Pizza, salad, beverages, and dessert. Free will offering to help with food & building use.

Tuesday, July 10, noon - 1 pm, JRPC. Join us for our first weekly Peace and Conflict Social Study Group! Bring your lunch. Every Tuesday at noon there will be a study group where we explore different terminology, methods, and brainstorm to educate ourselves on the topics and issues revolving around Peace and Conflict. This is all about educating ourselves as a community and learning how to support each other in our pursuit of understanding. We will work to educate ourselves about topics we may know little of, and together finesse our communication about these subjects. This is not only to come together to motivate each other to keep exploring topics that sometimes we find it difficult to understand, but to also have a shoulder to lean on and a hand to reach out to when we ourselves are emotionally or mentally/conceptually struggling to persevere. Questions? Please contact James Knepper at jamesaknepper@gmail.com.

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/1FAIpQLSdHYv6bI6bmr99rtc5uRo90L8b1TlyT9Y3QC_EZoZr_MZX7dQ/viewform

Tuesday, July 24, 10:30am - 2:30pm, Caras Park. Kids Fest is a community celebration for, by, and about the youth of Missoula. Kids Fest includes entertainment, great food, carousel rides, fun games, interactive booths, arts and crafts, science displays, stage acts, mascots, musicians, face painting, raffles and other activities - all fun for the young and young at heart. There will be a free lunch for attendees from The Missoula Food Bank and there are no visitor fees for any of the entertainment or games! Visitors will only be asked to pay for their carousel rides or raffle tickets. Please, save the date and plan to bring your family, day care, school, camp, or guests for a wonderful celebration!

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 own understanding without fear of judgment or condemnation for who they are. Program Leader: Bobbie Zenker. Information: www.mimanagish.org

Tuesday-Sunday, August 7-12, Missoula Fairgrounds. The NEW MADE fair Marketplace at the Western Montana Fair will showcase over 65 artisans per day in the historic commercial building. JRPC will be the featured local non-profit on Sunday August 12th! Come visit us and support local artists and non-profits at the fair this year!

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

Sunday, October 14, 4:30 pm, Missoula Fairgrounds. Save the Date for our Peace Party!!
Share your community. Learn about the world. Host an international Student.
The English Language Institute seeks hosts for short-term (one day) and long-term (1-5 months) homestay opportunities. This is a fantastic
doctor to build international friendships and expand your world. Long-term hosts will receive intercultural communication orientation
and a stipend (up to $155/week). Contact Sarah Bortis, ELI & Special Programs Assistant, (406) 243-5885, sarah.bortis@mso.umt.edu

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: “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. 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. 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] is following the money and documenting contact info for people and companies
benefiting from this cruel interment 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 or 243-2713
for more information.

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

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2019 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!

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**

**Peace and Conflict Social Study Group.** Tuesdays, 12 noon - 1pm, JRPC. James jasonaknepper@gmail.com

**Spanish Conversation Group.** Thursdays, 12 noon-1pm, 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 Brewing. Contact Scott at scottbovard@gmail.com

**JRPC Coordinating Council** Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!

**Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee** third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. leemat@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@patrickmarsalek.com

**The Cranium** creates origami delights every other Wednesday, 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**

**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, 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/.

**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)

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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