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When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful." ~Malala Yousafzai

Dear friends,

Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, who we will honor this next Monday talked often about building beloved community, where everyone matters and truly cares about and works for the welfare of all. Thanks to the courage of many indigenous women, we are learning about an epidemic that must be addressed in our communities so we can move the needle a little closer to "beloved". Native American women and girls around the country are disappearing and being murdered at an alarming rate -- 5,712 reports in 2016, which begs the question -- "how many remain unreported?" Even more disturbing is the reality that these cases rarely are reported in the media, are more slowly responded to by law enforcement if ever and are subject to victim-blaming and other descriptions that perpetuate negative stereotypes. Montana is one of the states most affected. However, in Montana and across the nation, the voices of Indigenous people have united to raise awareness of this issue. And in 2017, the Urban Indian Health Institute in Washington state began a study aimed at assessing the demographics of these cases in cities across the United States.

This Saturday, while women across the nation march, Missoula has the opportunity to make our voices powerful by supporting the local Native American women who have organized a vigil to shine a light on the issues that keep them in harms way. As long as they remain victimized and we remain unaware and uneducated, we are not yet "beloved". I believe Dr. King's spirit will be with us on Saturday from 12 noon to 2 pm on the UM Oval and I hope you will be as well. Look for the JRPC banner and come stand with us...Betsy
Calendar

Friday, January 18, 9 am, Helena State Capital. There is still room on the Sierra Club's bus to Helena for the NorthWestern Energy presentation at the Capitol before the Public Service Commission and the energy committees of both the Montana House and Senate. The presentation begins at 9 a.m. and there's a public comment period. The bus is leaving super-early from Missoula and we'll be back mid-afternoon. Join us and reserve your seat on the bus by sending an email to david.merrill@sierraclub.org.

Friday, January 18, 4-6 pm, The Wilma. See the final wrap up presentation of the Missoula Master Plan Public Design Workshop. Help create the future of downtown Missoula.

Saturday, January 19, 12-2 pm, UM Oval. This year, in lieu of a march, local Women will gather to rally in support of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Please join us.

Sunday, January 20, 1-4 pm, UC Ballroom and Monday, January 21, 1-4 pm, The Roxy. Movie Screenings of King in the Wilderness as part of the MLK, Jr Missoula Celebration.

Sunday, January 20, 6 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co. Slammin' Poetry for Change -- EmPOWER CommUNITY! with poetry that matters--in these times! Audience expect the unexpected -- Hear Impassioned poets. Open spots! Text Rita aka “Radska” host 406.544.9026

Monday, January 21, 5 pm, Caras Park. We Were Made for These Times Youth Rally to begin the MLK Celebration. The rally will be followed by a Community Social at St.Anthony’s Church 6 PM (217 Tremont Street). For more information, go to http://missoulamlkday.com

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

January 22, 5-9 pm, Caffe Dolce (500 Brooks St) Caffe Dolce will donate a portion of proceeds from each sensational meal to Planned Parenthood of Montana. So please -- order dessert, too! Reservations are encouraged -- if you’d like to note your support, let the staff know you are coming to support Planned Parenthood. Call 406-830-3055 or visit https://www.opentable.com/cafe-dolce to book your table.

Wednesday, January 23, 12-1 pm, MT State Capital, Helena. Clean Power For All: Rally at the Capitol. Hosted by Northern Plains Resource Council https://www.facebook.com/events/399521607256260/

Wednesday, January 23, 7 pm, Missoula Public Library large meeting room. The Missoula League of Women Voters presents "Montana Legislature 101: How Citizens Can Be Involved" a training session on the steps involved in passing a bill into law, how to find bills of interest on the legislative website, track bills’ progress through the process, identify key times and explain various options of how to contact legislators.

Wednesdays, January 23-April 24, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual Global Public Health Lecture Series tackles some of the most pressing global health issues facing the world today. Free and open to the public. A full schedule is online at http://bit.ly/2RxFKt1. For additional information visit http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth, call program coordinator Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or email kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu.

- 1/23 Kevin Dietle, BSN, M.Ed. UM Campus PeaceCorps Representative "Health Education Experiences with the peace corps.
- 1/30 Kirsten Tucker Pre-medical & GlobalPublic Health student, & Global Grizzly at UM "Healthcare in Uganda: Three Months of Observing and Learning"

Saturday, January 26, 9 am-12 noon, Payne Family Native American Center. Global and Cultural Affairs in Arts Missoula is excited to partner with the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center to offer Know Thyself: Cultural Identity Workshop hosted by Dr. Udo Fluck, Director, Global and Cultural Affairs and Betsy Mulligan-Daque, Executive Director, Global and Cultural Affairs in Arts Missoula.
Jeannette Rankin Peace Center. Our Seeing the Elephant Unconference in June last year, organized by JRPC facilitated many conversations about the question "Does my world look different from yours? And How does culture contribute to that view?" Cultural Identity, a person's self-conception and self-perception, is related to nationality, ethnicity, religion, social class, generation, locality or any kind of social group that has its own distinct culture. Everyone has a cultural identity. Knowing where you come from can give you a sense of belonging and a sense of self. The event is Free with coffee, tea and snacks provided. Have questions? Call (406) 543-3955

Saturday, January 26, 9am-5pm, Red Willow Center. Emotional In Intelligence: The 5 Emotional Cancers, based on the work of Dr. Stephen Covey -- the 5 C's that drain our potential: criticizing, complaining, competing, contending and comparing. $95. Register HERE! 406-880-2639

Sunday, January 27, 1:30-4:30 pm, Har Shalom. Introduction to the Community Resiliency Model of the Trauma Resource Institute, a free 3 hour workshop. You will leave the workshop with a better understanding of the nervous system, a few new strategies to help yourself and/or others, manage stress or trauma triggers, and perhaps a newer, gentler perspective on why we (and others) behave in the ways we do. RSVP to danaeisenberglcsw@gmail.com or call 406-239-1106.

Monday, January 28 at 7pm at City Council, 140 West Pine: Mayor’s Annual Proclamation to Overturn Citizens United by supporting the We the People Amendment: Please come to show Missoula’s support for calling on the US Congress to pass the We the People Amendment that says “Corporations are not People and Money is not speech.” Contact Sue 240-0610 of Montanans Move to Amend for more information.

Wednesday, January 30 at 6pm at Missoula City Library, 301 East Pine: Free Chili Feed and Speak Out celebrating 9 years of progress against Citizens United and the bill in the Montana legislature that calls for the Amendment to overturn it: Come learn and share the possibilities! What will our country look like when our ideas can be heard because Money is no longer speech and Corporations no longer have unfair rights as people...Will we fight so many wars? Will we protect our future and our people differently? Will the workplace change? Will farming change? Will journalism change? Learn how you can support the bill in the Montana House that calls on the US Congress to pass the Amendment to the states. Please contact Sue 240-0610 of Montanans Move to Amend with questions or to volunteer.

Thursday, January 31, 6:30 pm, Goodworks Ventures (129 West Alder). Legislative briefing sponsored by the Montana Environmental Information Center.

Friday-Sunday, February 15-2, The Big Sky documentary Film Festival comes back to Missoula. JRPC is proud to again be sponsoring part of the festival. View the film selections at http://www.bigskyfilmfest.org/festival/current-films

Saturday-Monday, February 16-18, UM Campus. The University of Montana’s Black Student Union and The Student Involvement Network are pleased to announce the second annual Black Solidarity Summit, a time to celebrate black excellence and bring together representatives from black student unions, African student associations, and black studies programs around the Northwest to address issues of racial discrimination, political disenfranchisement, social organization, black academic enrollment, retention, and recruitment at their respective campuses. All social justice groups are welcome.

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

Monday, February 18, 9 am-3 pm, Helena State Capital. Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day. RSVP

Wednesday, March 6, The Roxy. Details pending. In celebration of Women's History Month, every Wednesday there will be films directed by women, starring women. The film selection highlights particularly creative approaches to the art of filmmaking and offers points of view from America to around the globe. This week will feature FRIDA. Other films include:

- March 13 - THE LURE
- March 20 - PERSEPOLIS
- March 27 - WAITRESS
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Annual Women’s March on Washington Saturday, January 19 -- https://www.womensmarch.com/?fbclid=IwAR3Opn8tYK1W36gIsgPi0oPY-C47qaUQhe3JdUwQYvgs0kdIN8g5gLw4n4 and Women's Marches around the state of Montana January 19:

- Bozeman: https://www.facebook.com/WomensMarchofGallatinandParkCounty2019/
- Great Falls: https://www.facebook.com/events/1178685008960658/
- Butte: https://www.facebook.com/events/2237907859820611/

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

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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

**Climate Smart Missoula**  Second Tuesday 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

**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.

**Jewish Reading Group**  One Wednesday a month starting on January 23. Read Allegra Goodman’s *Kaaterskill Falls*. readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com

**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@bonnietarses.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

**Good Friendships Make Good Neighbors: Immigration, Shutdown, and Robert Frost**

**When Women Ruled the World: Six Queens of Egypt** by Kara Cooney

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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