"Peace does not arrive as a gift, and it's not up to anyone but yourself to make it happen."
~Thomas Moore

Dear friends,

A new year is the perfect time to take stock of where we are and where we are going, hence our propensity to make resolutions. We want to be somewhere we are not. All the businesses that promise to make us thinner, stronger, happier, more organized bombard us with advertising in the hopes of hitting our needy spots. Seldom are we sent the message that who and where we are is enough. But I have learned from experience that until I accept where I am, I cannot find the courage and will to make necessary change. My discomfort with where I am -- once it is great enough -- becomes the fire to fuel change. The search for peace may be the same. We don't like many things about our current world, our country and its leaders. But it is where we are. We can wallow in despair or we can use our discomfort to fuel action. Even one small act can make a difference -- just like the woman who threw starfish back into the ocean one at a time despite the hundreds that lay around her. Thomas Paine notes, “If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my children may have peace.” Let's keep working together through our discomfort to plant the seeds of peace for the future. We at JRPC are looking forward to tending that garden with you...Betsy

Calendar

Tuesday, January 1-Friday, January 11. JRPC will be closed for inventory and cleaning. Please call us if you want to help – 543-3955.

Saturday, January 12, 11:30 am-1 pm, 208 E. Main (Union Hall, 2nd floor). New Year Aikido Intro for Beginning Adults. Try the martial art of harmony with an orientation followed by two guided basics classes. For more information visit http://AikidoMissoula.com, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by January 9.

Monday, January 14, 5-7 pm or 7-9 pm, Doubletree. Session 1 of the Missoula Master Plan Public Design Workshop. Help create the future of downtown Missoula. Also see the following sessions:

- Tuesday, January 15-Thursday, January 17, 10 am-7 pm, The Public House. Stop by
anytime to see and share your ideas.

- **Friday, January 18**, 4-6 pm, The Wilma. See the final wrap up presentation.

**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, January 26, 9 am-12 noon, Payne Family Native American Center.** Join us for a follow-up to our last Unconference -- a workshop on cultural Identity presented by Dr. Udo Fluck. Free and open to all.

**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 danaeisenberg@bigsky.net or call 406-239-1106.

**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

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**Action Opportunities**

On January 18, 2019, the **Indigenous Peoples Movement** is marching on Washington to unite Indigenous Peoples across the world to stand together to bring awareness to the injustices affecting them. Event details: [https://indigenouspeoplesmovement.com/ipmdc19/](https://indigenouspeoplesmovement.com/ipmdc19/) and FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE.

Then on January 19, 2019, the **3rd annual Women's March** will take place [https://www.womensmarch.com/2019/](https://www.womensmarch.com/2019/)

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

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**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!!!

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**Ongoing Events and Meetings**

**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](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@bonnietsares.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
We the People: Your Freshmen Congresswomen Recite the Preamble to the Constitution

BEYOND SMALL TALK — NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION: CONDUCT A PASSIVENESS AUDIT

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 creative energy to share, please call us.
2. We are always looking for good folks to help lead our organization by becoming great board members. Call and talk to us about this 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](http://www.montanashares.org)

The JRPC e-newsletter is sent to our list serv 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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