Jeannette Rankin Peace Center

"Bless the poets, the workers for justice, the dancers of ceremony, the singers of heartache, the visionaries, all makers and carriers of fresh meaning—we will all make it through, despite politics and wars, despite failures and misunderstandings. There is only love." ~Joy Harjo, first Native American US Poet Laureate

Dear friends,

It seems the US and Iran are on a collision path to war even though public sentiment and reason lean the other direction. While no war is good -- they all bring destruction, death and a difficult path to healing -- war with the possibility of a nuclear component is certain devastation. 74 years ago next month, the world said, "Never again". And today, with unending wars we cannot resolve, over 70 million people already displaced by conflict and a national deficit we cannot sustain, those words must ring out loud and far. I echo the words of Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo and bless all those workers for justice and fresh meaning -- all those who will see us through. In one week, the nation will celebrate our founding. Let us look as a nation toward love and peace. We are planning to host an event on July 3 to give us a chance to gather in blessing to ring out the words "Never again" again. Please call us or watch our facebook page for details. And let us know your ideas. In the meantime, you can take action by:

- Reading this statement by Veterans For Peace
- Signing this petition from Women's Action for New Direction
- Signing CodePink's petition asking Congress to support legislation that will prevent war with Iran! https://www.codepink.org/nowariran
- Sending a Letter to Congress. Click Here to Take Action!
- Calling your Congressional Leaders at 202-224-3121

Calendar

Thursdays, June 27 and July 11 and 18, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC. Mark your calendar for our popular international discussion series with Humphrey Fellowship professional from
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A popular international discussion series with Humphrey Fellowship professional from around the world. This year will feature 15 mid-level folks from 15 countries in professions as varied as education, journalism and government. Tonight’s discussion will focus on Community Development with Fellows from Chad, South Sudan and Honduras.

**HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP**

**Community Dialogues**

**PUBLIC POLICY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JUNE 13**

**EDUCATIONAL POLICY JUNE 19**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JUNE 27**

**NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY JULY 18**

**THURSDAYS, 5:30-7 PM**

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**Thursday, June 27, 12 noon, UM Stone Hall, Room 308.** Central and Southwest Asian Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series: "Religious Persecution in the Middle East: the Christian and Baha’i Communities Under Attack", a roundtable presentation by Ray Risho and Joshua Hall. All presentations include sandwich lunches and soft drink. For info, contact info@montanaworldaffairs.org

**Thursday, June 27, 6 pm, MCAT Ch. 189. 2019 Peacemaker Celebration** will air on MCAT. It will be repeated on Saturday, June 29 at 7:30 pm and will also be available for viewing on MCAT’s Video on Demand at www.mcat.org, after the original air date.

**Friday, June 28, 12 noon-1 pm.** Gallatin Co. Courthouse (W. Main & 3rd Ave., Bozeman) Rally for US PEACE with IRAN -- Join Speakers Prof. Franke Wilmer, Political Science, MSU; Jo Anne Troxel, author and activist; Rabbi Ed Stafman; Bob Roughton, Veterans for Peace; Frank Kromkowski i, Helena Service for Peace and Justice; with Dan Lourie and Jan Strout. [https://www.facebook.com/events/326897074910560/](https://www.facebook.com/events/326897074910560/)

**Friday-Monday, June 28-July 1, Seabeck Conference Center, Seabeck, Washington. Fierce Vulnerability:** Direct Action that Heals and Transforms. [https://wwfor.org/annual-conference/](https://wwfor.org/annual-conference/)

**Sunday, June 30, 2-4:30- pm, Jeannette Rankin Peace Center.** Join us for an interactive workshop to learn tools and techniques to increase self-compassion and inner peace with Kristen Pedemonti, award-winning storyteller, speaker, author and coach. Suggested donation of $25, all amounts accepted! RSVP to Kristin@steeryourstory.com To learn more: [http://www.steeryourstory.com/survivors-tour](http://www.steeryourstory.com/survivors-tour)

**Wednesday-Sunday, July 10-14 Camp Mimanagish, Boulder River Valley, Montana. PRIDE Camp** for LGBT+ families and children, couples, children, individuals, or any combination of LGBT+. It will encompass a spiritually broad based program to assist families, children and their families, and individuals to connect with a God of their own understanding without fear of judgment or condemnation for who they are. [https://www.mimanagish.org/pride](https://www.mimanagish.org/pride)

**Friday, July 12, 8 pm, Place TBD. Lights for Liberty** -- Stand to voice our horror over the situation on the southern border- specifically in relation to detained children. Join with others in Missoula and around the nation. There are rallies planned for all across the country, including Helena and many other cities. For a listing near you, visit [https://www.lightsforliberty.org/](https://www.lightsforliberty.org/)

**Wednesday, July 17, 11 am-2 pm, Caras Park and 7--9 pm, Bonner Park.** The International Choral Festival gets underway with over 400 choir members coming from all over the world! Events on July 17 are free; ongoing performances Thursday-Saturday require a button that can be purchased for $20 at Fact and Fiction Fresh Market, Good Food Store, Orange Street Food Farm, and at the Festival office / (406) 542- FEST.
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HOST Families Needed to provide a room with sleeping space for a minimum of two choir members, most meals while they are here, and the ability to provide transport to and from choir events during the festival. If you can be a host, please go to the International Choral Festival website for more information and to sign up. Go to: https://www.choralfestival.org/

Sunday, July 21, 12-8 pm. Imagine Nation Brewing. Please join Recycling Works and Imagine Nation Brewing for our second glass drop-off event of the year! Drop-off in the back corner of Imagine Nation’s parking lot where that big ole crane used to be. Cost is $5 per 5 gallon bucket filled (these buckets will be at the event), and all recyclers get $1 off a beer or kombucha, courtesy of Imagine Nation! $2 off coupons will be given for those bringing 20 or more gallons.

Friday, October 18, 6-10 pm, Hilton Garden Inn. World Affairs Council invites you to the Global Gauntlet featuring a no-host bar, gourmet sit-down dinner, silent and live auction, wine “pull” and six rounds of very spirited team trivia. PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE! Please email the Council or call (406)728-3328 if you have any questions.

Sunday, October 13, 4-8 pm, Missoula County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building. Get Ready to Celebrate for Peace at our annual Peace Party. Details soon, but let us know if you have ideas or want to volunteer or donate!!!

Friday-Saturday, October 4-5, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Fairmont Hot Springs. Core Skills Training: Mindful Self Compassion, Presenter: Steven Hickman, PsyD, Executive Director, Center for Mindful Self-Compassion. Event sponsored by Montana Center for Compassion Education. Email brochure requests to: mtcenterforcompassioneducation@gmail.com.

Action Opportunities

Travel the World Without Leaving Home.

1) Be a host family for the Mansfield Center. Contact Deena at

- July 12:14: Global faculty and practitioners in workforce development. Host a pair from two of the following countries: Ethiopia, Algeria, Brunei, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Israel, Uganda, Ukraine, Suriname, South Africa, Ecuador, Myanmar, Latvia, Uzbekistan, Honduras, Albania, Tunisia
- August 30-September 1: Students and young professionals studying global environmental issues. Host a pair from two of the following countries: Brunei, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Timor Leste

2) English Language Institute Global Engagement Office is looking for community hosts for Japanese high school students arriving in July for 2 weeks. Contact Sarah Biortis at sarah.bortis@mso.umt.edu or 243-5885

3) International Choral Festivals needs hosts to provide a room with sleeping space for a minimum of two choir members, most meals while they are here, and the ability to provide transport to and from choir events during the festival. If you can be a host, please go to the International Choral Festival website for more information and to sign up. Go to: https://www.choralfestival.org/

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

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, 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!
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 to discuss fiction. Contact us at readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com.  Come once or come every time!

Spanish Conversation Group  
meets monthly at Iron Griz. Contact joann@rockisland.com for more information.

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@bonnietarse.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

Fifty years ago, LGBTQ protesters at the Stonewall Inn stood up against a system of oppression and dehumanization. The uprising was a critical moment in the fight for civil rights. How much do you know about the history of LGBTQ activism.  Find out all the history you don't know!

Have you read a good article that you'd like to share? Send us a link and we'll take a look!

Ways to Help JRPC

- We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:
  - Newsletter editor
  - Dish Pantry Coordinator
- We are starting the planning for our fall Peace Party -- and we need you!! Give us a call!

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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