



A wonderful diverse group of people participated in the Emergency Summit for Gaza on January 12 & 13, despite a huge snowstorm in Chicago. This was hosted by the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, and Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR-USA)was among the organizers. You can watch several clips from the Summit at https://forusa.org/gaza_summit_videos/. CEASEFIRE NOW!

Hello to all Members and Friends of Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR) & Happy MLK Day!

[Click here for a list](#) of **many upcoming events** for justice and peace, including the next program sponsored by [three WWFOR Chapters](#) on Resisting US Led Wars, Jan 21.

But first, some quick actions and calendars

DO THIS RIGHT AWAY, SENATE VOTE EXPECTED TUESDAY JAN 16!

ACTION: Support Resolution introduced by Senator Bernie Sanders on Jan 10 to Investigate Human Rights Abuses in order to STOP ISRAEL'S ATTACK ON GAZA, info <https://www.congress.gov/congressional-record/volume-170/issue-5/senate-section/article/S67-2>. Write letters to your Senators starting at

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/investigate-human-rights-abuses-2>
Or phone Sen. Murray (202) 224-2621, Sen. Cantwell (202) 224-3441.

ACTION: Call for U.S. STATES TO SUPPORT CEASEFIRE IN GAZA. Go to <https://act.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/a/state-local-ceasefire-letter> to contact State Legislators.

ACTION: Don't fuel a wider war in the Middle East! Sign a petition to STOP US BOMBING OF YEMEN!
<https://act.demandprogress.org/sign/biden-yemen-bombing>

ACTION: Sign the petition - Demand a Stop to the cruel relocation of ASYLUM SEEKERS in America! No human should be used for a political stunt. <https://secure.everyaction.com/mZR0qPNge0aISS2VL26pjQ2>

ACTION: It's not Democracy unless everyone has equal opportunity to vote! SUPPORT THE FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT at <https://act.commoncause.org/petitions/tell-congress-honor-dr-king-by-passing-voting-rights-legislation/>

Here are some CALENDARS with upcoming events relating to the GAZA WAR

- Compiled by Samidoun, Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, <https://samidoun.net/2023/12/calendar-of-resistance-for-palestine-2024/>
- Compiled by US Campaign for Palestinian Rights <https://uscpr.org/oct-2023-protests/>
- Compiled by CodePink, <https://www.codepink.org/events>
- Compiled by World Beyond War <https://events.worldbeyondwar.org/>

Please email us information about other calendars and events!

Our **organizational information** such as how to contact us is at the end.

UPCOMING EVENTS LIST (click on links to fast-scroll to event details)

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- [Jan 27, Building a World Without Nuclear Weapons, Zoom](#)
- [Jan 30, Understanding and Responding to Hate Crimes, online](#)
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- [Feb 8, Interfaith Advocacy Day, Olympia](#)
- [Feb 12, Nonprofit Action Day, Olympia](#)

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- + [March 2, Poor People’s Campaign March, Olympia](#)
- + [May 3-5, 2024, FOR-USA Summit, Atlanta GA](#)

[Weekly & Ongoing Events](#)

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- [1st & 3rd Fridays, Mt Vernon Abolish Nukes Banner](#)
- + [Olympia FOR Weekly Peace Vigils, Weds and Fridays](#)
- + [Fire Mt. FOR Centralia Weekly Peace Vigils, Saturdays](#)
- [Bellingham Weekly Peace Vigil, Fridays](#)
- [Meaningful Movies, in person and online](#)
- [Parallax Perspective Programs, online or Thurston TV](#)

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION READING ROOM New Book Club

Tues Jan 16, 7:30 pm, Zoom

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility is offering a new book club called the “Nuclear Abolition Reading Room.” This is the first introductory meeting. Following that, we'll be meeting monthly every third Tuesday with a different book to discuss, the first one being John Hersey's “Hiroshima”.

Our goal is to engage, educate, and support people new to nuclear weapons issues. All are welcome!

Registration <https://secure.everyaction.com/iT3HlZeLbE-z9x4DPBl-ZA2>

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IMMIGRANT JUSTICE ADVOCACY TRAINING

Tues Jan 16, 7 – 8:30 pm Pacific time, online

Join Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice Northwest for Take Action for Immigrant Justice: A JCIJ Advocacy Training to kick off Legislative Session.

Hear WA Immigrant Solidarity Network's Policy team share about legislative priorities and make an individual action plan for this legislative session.

This is a free virtual event, and registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Hope to see you there!

Info and registration <https://givebutter.com/jcijadvocacy24>

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TEACH-IN FOR CUBA ADVOCACY DAY

Tues Jan 16, 5 pm Pacific time,

ACERE (Alliance for Cuba Engagement and Respect) Advocacy Teach-in in preparation for SSOT Advocacy Day on January 24.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the current status of Cuba's SSOT (State Sponsor of Terrorism) designation, the SSOT's impact on the Cuban people, the January 24 Advocacy Day, and how to be an advocacy superstar.

Register:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEdeqhqz0pGdIBQ6qWit_90ZPjkvOWfdNq#/registration

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DEBRIEF: SOUTH AFRICA V. ISRAEL GENOCIDE CASE

Tues Jan 16,

join CODEPINK's Congress: Debrief: South Africa v. Israel. As the International Court of Justice considers South Africa's case against Israeli genocide, CODEPINK explores the legal and political implications of putting Israel on trial for genocide. Our guests will debrief recent World Court hearings on South Africa's case, discuss statements from other countries—Bolivia, Venezuela, Cuba, Jordan, Malaysia—in support of South Africa's case and explore the impact on the Biden administration should the court rule that Israel is guilty of genocide.

Join us as international law expert Marjorie Cohn returns to CODEPINK Congress, this time with scholar Adrienne Pine who is organizing global support for countries to submit a Declaration of Intervention (similar to a friend of the court brief) in support of South Africa at the World Court. To date, over 1,000 organizations from far corners of the globe have signed an open letter in support of South Africa's case charging Israel with genocide.

Registration <https://www.codepink.org/cpc116>

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RANKED CHOICE VOTING LOBBY DAY

Weds Jan 17, 7:30 am – 4 pm, at Washington State Capitol Building, 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98504

Join FairVote Washington for our first ever Lobby Day! Together, we will show our legislators that Washingtonians are not just ready for ranked-choice voting -- we're demanding it Now!

Throughout the day, we will meet with legislators, join together for actions on the Capitol Steps, and learn more about ranked choice voting in breakout sessions.

Before lobby day, you can expect to be trained on: 1. Talking points for our bill 2. How to have an effective meeting with your legislator 3. Logistics, carpooling opportunities, and community building. We're so grateful we're on a team together, and look forward to showering our Capitol with excitement for RCV!

Accessibility questions? Reply to your registration email to confirm your requirements or request more information.

Info and registration

<https://www.mobilize.us/fairvotewa/event/589773/>

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RALLY FOR PALESTINE

Fri Jan 19, 11:30, WWU Red Square, Bellingham

Join WWU students for continued rallying for Palestine. Suppression will not stop us!

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN MARCH, SPEAKERS, WORSHIP SERVICE

Sat & Sun Jan 20 & 21, in Longview WA

Saturday Unity March; gather at Civic Circle, 1525 Broadway St Longview, WA 98632, at 11 am and march to Victoria Freeman Park, 951 Delaware Street Longview, WA 98632, beginning at 12:30 pm. There will be a variety of speakers speaking and a lighting of an "Eternal Flame" at Victoria Freeman Park.

Sunday.- There will be a Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival themed Worship Service. There will be songs from the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. The service will be held at Longview Presbyterian Church, 3808 Pennsylvania Street Longview WA 98632, beginning at 10am.

ALL are welcome and encouraged to join us for both events! Info washington@poorpeoplescampaign.org

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UNDOCUMENTED RESOURCE FAIR AND FILM

Sat Jan 20, 1-4:30 pm, Centilia Cultural Center, 1660 S Roberto Maestas Festival St, Seattle, WA 98144 Seattle

The Scholar Fund Undocumented Resource Fair and Film Screening. This celebration is a special gathering aimed at connecting our community and providing essential resources and opportunities for undocumented individuals in Seattle.

Community Resource Fair (1-3 pm): Explore a variety of resources, programs, and services provided by organizations dedicated to supporting immigrant communities.

Film Screening (3 -4:30 pm): Join us for a screening of El Digno Retorno by Jose Eduardo Aguilar, a powerful film exploring the nuances of return migration in Mexico.

Info <https://www.scholarfundwa.org/events>

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3 FOR CHAPTERS HOST RESIST US WARS

Sun Jan 21, 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm, Zoom

Carly Brook from RESIST US-led War will bring members of the Seattle group -- Nikhil, Charlotte, and mb -- to talk about the world-wide anti-

war RESIST Movement (see <https://www.resistusledwarmovement.com/>) and their work in Seattle. The Seattle group has been especially involved with teaching and actions about cutting the ties between the University of Washington and Boeing. They are currently doing protests with the United Front for Palestinian Liberation in Seattle against the current situation in Gaza and the Middle East.

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE THIS MONTH. We will meet at 6:45 pm for announcements, including information about how to support the [WA Poor People's Campaign Mass Mobilization on March 2nd](#) in Olympia. Presenters from RESIST will join us at 7 pm.

Sponsored by the Olympia, Tacoma, and Seattle chapters of Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Info 206-789-5565 or wwfor@wwfor.org

Zoom info Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82398825669?pwd=NURWQ1I1cVVDUmQydE5LUFF2Z084QT09>

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INDIGENOUS TRIBES TREATY DAY FILM FESTIVAL

Sat Jan 20, 10 am – 3 pm, at Pickford Film Center, 1318 Bay St,
Bellingham, WA 98225

Children of the Setting Sun Productions presents the 6th annual Treaty Day Film Festival (TDFF). TDFF was created in remembrance of the 1855 Point Elliott Treaty. It is celebrated today to unify and educate the community on Indigenous perspectives and the issues we face today.

All theaters are ADA accessible with wheelchair seating. Closed captioning and assistive listening devices are available at the box office.

Info <https://www.pickfordfilmcenter.org/treaty-day-ff/> or 360-738-0735 or info@pickfordfilmcenter.org

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CELEBRATE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Sun Jan 21, 2-3 pm, at the intersection of Division St. and Harrison St in West Olympia. Meet at West Central Park, on that corner.

Join our gathering to celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons going into effect. Bring your Bells! The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW) is one of many organizations worldwide celebrating the 3rd anniversary of when the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons went into effect on Jan. 22, 2021. The global organization that promoted the Treaty is the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, www.icanw.org. They won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. See information about the treaty at ICAN's website and at the "Nuclear Weapons" part of Glen Anderson's blog, www.parallaxperspectives.org

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The TPNW bans a wide range of activities, such as using, possessing, developing, testing, and transferring nuclear weapons, making them illegal under international law as of January 22, 2021. (Currently, 93 are signatory nations, of which 69 ratified it.)

Sponsored by Olympia Coalition Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Veterans for Peace Chapter 109, Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation, The Rachel Corrie Foundation

Info jdufour473@gmail.com

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GATHERING VOICES IN CONVERSATION WITH SOLDIER TURNED PEACEMAKER AND AUTHOR, DIANA OESTREICH

Tues Jan 23, 1 pm Pacific time, Zoom

Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR-USA) executive director Ariel Gold in conversation with soldier-turned-peacemaker, Diana Oestrich. Diana Oestreich served 407 days as a combat medic in Iraq. But when she was commanded to run over an Iraqi child to keep her battle buddies safe, she became a peacemaker instead. She is the author of the beautiful and gut-wrenching memoir, *Waging Peace*, which exposes the false divide between loving our country and living out our faith's call to choose love over fear.

Speaking across the country, she empowers us to identify our own rural, urban, political or religious divides to cross our own "enemy lines" in order to remake the world and heal all that's tearing us apart.

In advance of the conversation with her, pick up her book at <https://waging-peace-book.square.site/s/shop> (or you can download a chapter for free <https://www.dianaoestreich.com/> to try it out) and catch up on her podcast (check out the episode with FOR Executive

Director, Ariel Gold) either on her website, see above) or Spotify
<https://open.spotify.com/show/5KWxzqBbIBPVchrEFfUedF>

Registration https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrf-uprT0vGNFv7E6H8rUhCBwf44_G_tNE

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VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND FILM: SCREENING OF ISRAELISM

Sun Jan 21, noon Pacific time, Zoom

Israel is central to the political and cultural life of the American Jewish community. But it has also become a deeply divisive subject, as painful generational cracks have emerged within the Jewish community over the Israel-Palestine conflict, inspiring argument, protest and even censorship.

Focusing on the stories of two young Americans raised to defend Israel at all costs, Israelism traces their awakening to Israel's dehumanization of Palestinians and the ongoing violence of the occupation. The film explores the past, present, and future of the relationship between American Jews and Israel, as growing numbers question whether support for Israel should condition and define their Jewish identity. Featuring a range of American Jewish thinkers, community leaders and activists, Israelism asks how and why Israel became the cornerstone of American Judaism, what the consequences have been, and what will happen as divisions continue to grow.

Register below. Watch the film on our Vimeo link. Then join us on for a Q&A discussion of these topics in light of the Gaza war and Israel's response. Our panel will be:

- Erin Axelman: filmmaker, co-founder of Tikkun Olam Productions
- Simone Zimmerman: Jewish American activist, co-founder of IfNotNow
- Lubna Alzaroo: instructor at University of Washington specializing in settler colonialism

Our moderator will be Peter Beinart, who is editor-at-large at Jewish Currents, professor of journalism at CUNY and Publisher, The Beinart Newsletter.

NOTE: When you register, you will get a "You have successfully registered..." note - then look in your email for an email From: Zoom with the Subj: Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon: "Israelism" Confirmation. Use the link and password to watch the film.

Watch the Trailer: <http://tinyurl.com/VFHL-IsraelismTrailer>

Registration

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsfuigqj4vG9Ic0mUlKDRr_wkHHZXmUhr7f

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NICARAGUA: A LEADER IN COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE

Sun Jan 21, noon Pacific time, Zoom

Please join Alliance for Global Justice for a Nicaragua Webinar on Zoom, featuring Valdrack Jaentschke, who led the Nicaragua government delegation to the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly known as COP28. Learn how Nicaragua is combating climate change, both in Nicaragua through its renewable energy and other programs, and in the international arena through its leadership and concern for the earth.

Registration https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SavX3-yoT9maXl62SfG2CA#/registration

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DEMOCRACY LOBBY WEEK

Jan 22 – 26,

The League of Women Voters of Washington’s annual Democracy Lobby Week with Fix Democracy First will be taking place again in January 2024. There will be nightly sessions plus the opportunity to meet with Legislators during the week.

Info <https://lwvwa.org/event-5475122>

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11TH ANNUAL FARMWORKER TRIBUNAL AT WA STATE CAPITOL

Tues Jan 23, 1:30-5:30 pm, at State Capitol Campus Cherberg BLDG 2nd Floor: JAC A/B/C, Olympia

Join the Community Alliance for Global Justice at the 11th Annual Farmworker Tribunal at WA State Capitol in Olympia. Join us as we witness Familias Unidas por las Justicia and Community to Community present Tribuna. CAGJ's director Heather Day has been invited to preside as one of the tribunal's judges. Farmworkers recognize that their issues are symptoms of an unjust and unsustainable for-profit agricultural industry locally and globally. Since 2013, Farmworkers have converged on the state capitol for the annual Tribunal to present evidence of mistreatment and engage lawmakers in policy solutions. "Nothing about us without us!" Tribunal starts at 1:30 pm; Celebration and Dinner at 4 pm. Location:.

CAGJ will help provide carpools from Seattle to Olympia and back - sign up at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1y5nRpwEwko_FcQZ-tP6fGImiZr9qu5ToO_8uVmXnRFo/

Info Victor Rodriguez alternativeconsulting2@gmail.com or 206-405-4600

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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FUNDAMENTALS

3 sessions: Jan 23, Feb 13, March 5, each 4-6 pm, online

Join the Nonprofit Association of Washington for 3 free Webinars. Build a solid foundation for your organization through the Nonprofit

Fundamentals Series. Strengthen your board's performance, decision-making, and ability to take action. Through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series, you have access to guides, activities, checklists, samples, reflection questions, and more that you can use immediately with your board and nonprofit. Register for the series and attend the following virtual workshops.

- Boards in Gear: Jan 23, 4-6 pm, Topics covered include: board responsibilities, board operations, composition and development, fundraising, and advocacy. Registration and info <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-boards-in-gear-01-2024/>
- Finance Unlocked for Nonprofits: Feb 13, 4-6 pm, Topics covered include: balance sheet, income statement, IRS Form 990, giving, and oversight. Registration and info <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-finance-unlocked-for-nonprofits-02-2024/>
- Let's Go Legal: March 5, 4-6 pm, Topics covered include: state law, federal law, fundraising, employment law, and intellectual property. Registration and info <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-lets-go-legal-03-05-2024/>

Or register for the full series at <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/online-nonprofit-fundamentals-series-2/>

Info (855) 299-2922 x108 or learning@nonprofitwa.org

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ACLU & PARTNERS CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM REFORM ADVOCACY

Weds Jan 24, 9 am – 5 pm, in Olympia

Plus virtual training Jan 22 & optional community hour Jan 23

Join us in Olympia for a day of advocacy to transform the criminal legal system.

The ACLU of Washington, partners from across the state, and community members who have been impacted by the criminal legal system will gather for our annual day of advocacy, and we hope you can join us.

We will bring our power and resources to Olympia to urge lawmakers to pass meaningful criminal legal system reform. This is an opportunity to learn about the legislative process and bills that impact communities, and most importantly, to have your voice heard!

Registration

<https://secure.everyaction.com/1b18Qdf02E6CHGOhCI3vVg2>

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EYEWITNESS PALESTINE'S LIVE FROM JERICHO

Weds Jan 24, 9 am Pacific time,

Join Eyewitness Palestine <https://eyewitnesspalestine.org/> for our Live from Jericho Webinar, featuring speakers who call Jericho home, including former professional athlete, Tariq Samarat.

Despite the escalated violence imposed on Palestinians, they persist. Palestinians have resorted to developing small agricultural plots and construction jobs to survive during this time. This move back to

agriculture, even if temporarily, reflects the variety of skills and steadfastness Palestinians possess. Tariq, whose income has been deeply affected by the lack of tourism, implores non-Palestinians to come visit to truly understand how Palestinians are forced to live. He says, "They [Zionists] have created this false image about Palestinians and our lives. To understand who we are and how we live under occupation, you have to come see for yourself. Then you will see how hard it is for me, as a Palestinian, to try to live or even pray in Al-Aqsa Mosque."

For Tariq and many other Palestinians like him, one of the strongest ways people can support Palestine is by bearing witness to the horrors of their daily lives and using that experience to speak truth in the face of intentional misrepresentations of Palestine.

Free, donations appreciated, registration <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/92ce4f0c-75ec-44a5-ac33-67c3d6ac3b34>

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CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE ON REBUILDING LIVES
ETHIOPIA – TIGRAY

Thurs Jan 25, 9 am Pacific time, Zoom

Join Center for Victims of Torture <https://www.cvt.org/> for their Next Rebuilding Lives Experience program,

Each month we will take a look inside a different CVT program that helps heal survivors, train and equip human rights defenders, and advocate for a world free from torture. These 30-minute virtual

experiences are the perfect way to stay up-to-date on innovations happening at CVT, to see the impact of your support, and even to introduce someone new to the important work of torture rehabilitation and human rights advocacy.

In our first Rebuilding Lives Experience of the year, we will be taking a look at CVT's program in Tigray, Ethiopia and what this program is doing now to support the community after enduring violent conflict in the region. You'll hear directly from program staff about how CVT is helping the community heal and rebuild after the conflict, and what we are doing to support our staff in the process.

Free, registration

https://cvt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fmY8h82xR7i5-GBZJcXG_g

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WE CHARGE GENOCIDE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION
PERMANENT CEASEFIRE NOW

Fri Jan 26, Everywhere

Join in a Day of Action on January 26 to amplify pressure on the targets of a lawsuit brought against President Biden, Secretary Blinken, and Secretary Austin for their failure to prevent – and complicity in – Israel's unfolding genocide of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Palestinians in Gaza and the U.S., together with our partners at the Center for Constitutional Rights filed a lawsuit last November seeking an emergency court order to halt U.S. support for Israel's genocide. On December 8, the U.S. government responded, and are unsurprisingly

attempting to evade legal responsibility, saying their participation in this genocide is a policy rather than legal question. On January 26, while lawyers for Palestinians will be urging the court to end military support to Israel, we call on you to take action wherever you are to ramp up the pressure on Biden, Blinken and Austin.

The law is on our side, morality is on our side, and the multitude is with Palestine, but it will be an uphill battle.

Our partners continue to pursue this case with urgency on behalf of millions who are enduring the devastating effects of Israel's rampage. U.S. government leaders have the power and the legal responsibility to stop the genocide. And the court has the authority to force them to do so. If powerful countries are not held to their human rights obligations to prevent genocide, the law must be taken into the streets.

Endorsed by: 18MR; Adalah Justice Project; Anti Police-Terror Project; Arab Resource and Organizing Center; Bay Resistance; Center for Constitutional Rights; Ekō; The Feminist Front; Grassroots Global Justice Alliance; Jewish Voice for Peace; Movement for Black Lives; Movement Law Lab; Palestinian Feminist Collective; Rising Majority; US Campaign for Palestinian Rights; US Palestinian Community Network

Info <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/biden-got-sued-national-day-of-action-for-permanent-ceasefire-now/>

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CELEBRATE WITH DUWAMISH TRIBE

Sat Jan 27, 11 am – 2 pm, at the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center, 4705 W Marginal Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106

The Duwamish Tribe is celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center's grand opening in January 2009. For many years, our tribe had no central gathering place. We fought hard for the land that the Longhouse sits upon, an important location in close proximity to the Duwamish River and the largest archaeological dig of a Duwamish village site to date. With overwhelming community support, we were persistent in raising enough money to build the Longhouse the way we wanted. Decades later, it stands as the only Longhouse in the city of Seattle. We invite you to join us in celebration.

A traditional Native salmon lunch will be provided for all guests. Due to capacity constraints, there will only be about 100 seats provided on a first come basis: RSVP

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0ml9z6DoUZ9pF_Ww3W9tN0pAT96GQgIJCWGAAsPwaC6sXyQ/viewform

Info (206) 431-1582 or info@duwamishtribe.org or <https://www.duwamishtribe.org/>

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BUILDING A WORLD WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS: AN URGENT IMPERATIVE

Sat Jan 27, 11 am – 1 pm, Zoom

Pax Christi Massachusetts in association with Pax Christi USA presents this event. As we approach the third anniversary of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entering into force, we invite you to examine the existential threat and moral implications of nuclear weapons, to enter into dialogue about solutions, and to pray and act as individuals and groups.

This online forum will focus on the grave concern regarding the increasing threat of nuclear war and what ordinary citizens can do to prevent it. The speakers are:

- John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, NM, who in 2022 led the way in the U.S. Catholic Church with his groundbreaking pastoral letter on nuclear disarmament
- Dr. Ira Helfand, past president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and member of the International Steering Group of ICAN
- Marie Dennis, senior director of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative and past co-president of Pax Christi International
- Moderator: Claire Schaeffer-Duffy, Center for Nonviolent Solutions

Registration

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6BVQy1piRsOzNOcF12pD-A

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UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO HATE CRIMES

Tues Jan 30, 8 – 10 am Pacific time,

The International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism <https://icsve.org/> , in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice is excited to bring to you its latest innovative training - Understanding and Responding to Hate Crimes. Director of ICSVE, Dr. Anne Speckhard will be sharing our experience and knowledge regarding hate crimes, what constitutes a hate crime, insights into why offenders commit them as well as address specifically how law enforcement can work to prevent hate crimes, provide the best response for those affected, help our communities to stay safe and best practices in tracking and reporting.

Free, registration <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-responding-to-hate-crimes-tickets-792180652657>

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NONPROFIT FUNDAMENTALS

Jan 31 – March 27, Lewis County

Join the Nonprofit Association of Washington for 3 free in-person Workshops. Build a solid foundation for your organization through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series. Strengthen your board's performance, decision-making, and ability to take action. Through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series, you have access to guides, activities, checklists, samples, reflection questions, and more that you can use immediately with your board and nonprofit. Register for the series and attend the following virtual workshops.

Boards in Gear: Centralia, Jan 31, 11 am – 3 pm, info and registration <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/centralia-boards-in-gear/>

Finance Unlocked for Nonprofits: Salkum, Feb 28, 10 am – 2 pm, info and registration <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/salkum-finance-unlocked-for-nonprofits/>

Let's Go Legal: Salkum, March 27, 10 am – 2 pm, info and registration, <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/salkum-lets-go-legal/>

Info (855) 299-2922 x108 or learning@nonprofitwa.org

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DEATH PENALTY ACTION WEBINAR

Sun Feb 4, 6 pm Pacific time, Webinar

Join Death Penalty Action for a review of the issues and action opportunities surrounding the next several executions scheduled in the United States. This project of Death Penalty Action recurs (normally) on the first Sunday of each month.

Death Penalty Action works to stop executions and abolish the death penalty through advocacy, education, and action.

Registration https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GQi-Z-U0QyyvyVOoYaL3nA

Info info@deathpenaltyaction.org or <https://deathpenaltyaction.org/>

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IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE ADVOCACY DAY

Weds Feb 7, 9 am – 6 pm, at 116 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Join Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) annual Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day; 2024 Día de Cabildeo de Inmigrantes y Refugiados de WAISN

WAISN's Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day is an opportunity to be present, visible, and vocal at our State Capitol and speak directly to our Representatives and Senators to demand change.

In addition to discussions with our elected representatives, we will have a day of skill-building workshops, training on our campaigns, a discussion panel with immigrant justice community leaders from around the state, and a rally at the Capitol steps, among other fun activities. It's a packed agenda! All programming will be bilingual in English and Spanish, and we will provide meals to sustain us while you do this important work.

Transportation: WAISN will be providing bus transportation from the following areas.:

Eastside: Tri Cities, Yakima, Ellensburg

Westside: Seattle

Register by Jan 12 at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/2024-immigrantrefugeeadvocacyday>

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INTERFAITH ADVOCACY DAY

Thurs Feb 8, 9 am - 3 pm, at The United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Earth Ministry/WA IPL is honored to join with coalition and community partners during Faith Action Network's 2024 Interfaith Advocacy Day (IFAD). Earth Ministry/WA IPL will continue our support of this wonderful advocacy day by facilitating sessions on environmental justice.

During IFAD, you will be able to join plenaries and workshops that will explore the issues on FAN's 2024 Legislative Agenda, meet with advocates from your legislative district to prepare for your legislative visits, and meet with your legislator or their legislative assistant!

This year we are limited to 200 participants due to regulations at The United Churches of Olympia. We encourage you to sign up early so that we can guarantee you a spot. Be sure register, the deadline is January 29.

Info and registration

<https://fanwa.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=266>

Info <https://fanwa.org/interfaith-advocacy-day/>

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NONPROFIT ACTION DAY

Mon Feb 12, 9 am - 3 pm, at United Churches of Olympia, 110 Eleventh Ave SE, Olympia, WA, 98501

Nonprofit Association of Washington presents a day to Join nonprofits from across the state to advocate for nonprofit priorities. NAWA is organizing dozens of meetings with legislators and their staff. Register to advocate with other nonprofits from your district. We aim to foster deeper relationships among nonprofit partners and lawmakers and communicate nonprofit sector priorities for the 2024 legislative session.

To help you prepare for Nonprofit Action Day, you are invited to a brief orientation on Feb 6, noon– 12:45PM. The orientation will be recorded and sent to all Nonprofit Action Day registrants, so if you cannot make it you can watch the recording.

Looking for something fun to do afterward? Become a member <https://nonprofitwa.org/membership/> to join the Legislative Reception 4-6 pm.

Accessibility: Interpretation: Please indicate during registration if you have an interpretation request. Typically, we need at least a month in order to schedule an interpreter. Visual Descriptions: Presenters will include visual descriptions of themselves and the slides to give a person who is low-vision or blind a sense of space and place. If you have additional accessibility requests, please let us know when you register.

Who Should Attend: Nonprofit leaders, staff, board, volunteers, and anyone who cares about nonprofits. Free. Info and registration <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/olympia-nonprofit-action-day/>

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NONPROFIT FUNDAMENTALS

Feb 21 – April 17, Stanwood

Join the Nonprofit Association of Washington for 3 free in-person Workshops. Build a solid foundation for your organization through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series. Strengthen your board's performance, decision-making, and ability to take action. Through the Nonprofit Fundamentals Series, you have access to guides, activities, checklists, samples, reflection questions, and more that you can use immediately with your board and nonprofit. Register for the series and attend the following virtual workshops.

Boards in Gear: Stanwood, Feb 21, 9 am – 1 pm, info and registration <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/stanwood-boards-in-gear/>

Finance Unlocked for Nonprofits: Stanwood, March 20, 9 am – 1 pm, info and registration <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/stanwood-finance-unlocked-for-nonprofits/>

Let's Go Legal: Stanwood, April 17, 9 am – 1 pm, info and registration <https://nonprofitwa.org/event/stanwood-lets-go-legal/>

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CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLIDARITY WITH NATIVE PEOPLES

Thurs – Sat Feb 22-24, Seattle

Ignatian Advocacy Summit NW 2024 by Seattle University Campus Ministry; youth led, adults welcome to join in these events

Thurs evening dinner, screening of Covenant of the Salmon People, discussion

Fri evening Intergenerational discussion on Faith and Justice

Sat morning, public witness and action on Salmon Watershed Protection and Native leadership

Registration \$0 to \$75, suggested \$25. Info and registration <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ignatian-advocacy-summit-nw-2024-tickets-757929486497>

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN, MARCH TO STAY ALIVE

Sat March 2, noon, at the State Capitol, 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Olympia

One of PPC gatherings across the nation!

We will put our state legislature and our governor on notice in Olympia- far, far too many people in Washington live in poverty or are just one emergency away from it despite living in one of the wealthiest states in the wealthiest nation in the world.

we will shift the narrative and demand public policies that fully address the interlocking injustices we face every day. We will call for an end to war-first policies and demand investments in housing, health care, and education. A shift from death to life.

RSVP <https://actionnetwork.org/events/wa-poor-peoples-campaign-day-of-action-in-olympia>

Info <https://www.washingtonppc.org/> or washington@poorpeoplescampaign.org

Fellowship of Reconciliation USA, WWFOR, and FOR chapters are PPC Partners

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NATIONAL FOR CONFERENCE

May 3 – 5, in Atlanta GA

Join FOR-USA the national Fellowship of Reconciliation in a conference “Forging Peace in a Violent World”

Info <https://forusa.org/2024summit/>

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ONGOING AND WEEKLY EVENTS BELOW

LAKE FOREST PARK PEACE VIGIL

Saturdays 11 am to noon, at the corner of Bothell Way NE (SR 522) and Ballinger Way NE (SR 104) Lake Forest Park 98155

Standing for peace every week since December 2002 with signs including “Abolish Nuclear Weapons” and “Renounce Militarism.”

Info Glen Milner 206-979-8319 or gk_milner@comcast.net

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MOUNT VERNON ABOLISH NUKES BANNERING

Twice monthly, 1st and 3rd Fridays, 3 pm, at the downtown Mount Vernon I-5 overpass, above the Skagit Valley Food Co-op parking lot

Bannering continues in downtown Mount Vernon! We will continue to protest nuclear weapons by bannering with our “NO NUKES” banner plus American, Ukrainian, and Peace flags.

Parking is available North of the overpass on Fulton Street, where the old YMCA was, or South in a parking lot for \$1/hour, or on the street. Bring your own sign, use ours, or simply wave at motorists!

Info <https://www.nomorebombs.org/>

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OLYMPIA FOR VIGILS AND EVENTS

Wednesdays and Fridays

Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation Chapter Wednesday Vigils, noon – 1 pm, NW corner of Sylvester Park, at Legion & Capitol Way, Olympia, **PEACE VIGIL**, come for all or part of the hour to witness in a friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Wear a facemask and stand at least 6 feet apart. **Olympia FOR's** witness for peace and nonviolence is ongoing since 1980. info Glen 360-491-9093, glen@parallaxperspectives.org or Olympia FOR 360-561-3627

Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation Chapter Friday Vigils, 4:30 – 6 pm, south end of Percival Landing, south of 4th Ave, just west of Water Street, Olympia; Please join **Olympia FOR** in a friendly **PEACE VIGIL** all or part of the time. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. Wear a facemask and stand at least 6 feet apart. info Glen 360-491-9093, glen@parallaxperspectives.org or Olympia FOR 360-561-3627

FUTURE OLYMPIA FOR EVENTS will be posted at [Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation | Facebook](#)
[\[https://www.facebook.com/groups/OlympiaFOR\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/OlympiaFOR)

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FIRE MOUNTAIN CENTRALIA VIGILS

Saturdays

Fire Mountain Fellowship of Reconciliation Chapter (Centralia-Chehalis area) Saturday Vigils. Every Saturday from noon to 1:00 pm, on the edge of Washington Park at Locust & Pearl in downtown

Centralia, **PEACE VIGIL** is sponsored by Lewis County's "Fire Mountain"
FOR chapter. info: Larry Kerschner peacepoet@protonmail.com

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BELLINGHAM WEEKLY PEACE VIGIL

Fridays, **Winter hours now in effect**, vigil will start 3 pm
(Spring-summer-fall hours 4-5 pm)

Fridays, corner of Cornwall and Magnolia, Bellingham; Longest running
PEACE VIGIL in the Nation! Join the weekly Bellingham-Whatcom
Peace Vigil, ongoing since 1966

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MEANINGFUL MOVIES PERSISTS!

Ongoing, various dates. Now online, in preson, and hybrid events.

The Meaningful Movies Project started in 2003 as a project of
Wallingford (Seattle) Neighbors for Peace and Justice, a neighborhood
affiliate of SNOW (Sound Nonviolent Opponents of War) with free
weekly showings of films with social meaning, followed by discussion.
Other neighborhood groups all over Washington State and beyond
joined in this project with film viewings in their neighborhoods. See a
list of these groups <https://meaningfulmovies.org/events/locations/>

The pandemic motivated the project participants to convert to online
formats which continue, along with a partial return to in-person events.
See <https://meaningfulmovies.org/events/> for scheduled films.

MMP films and discussions, in person or online, are free, but donations are needed and gratefully accepted at <https://meaningfulmovies.org/donate/> or at Meaningful Movies Project, P.O. Box 31005, Seattle, WA 98103

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GLEN'S PARALLAX PERSPECTIVES NEW PROGRAMS MONTHLY

Thurston County TV 3 times a week and on the Web Any Time

Watch on TV: cable TV subscribers in Thurston County WA can watch on cable channel 22: Mondays 1:30 pm, Wednesdays 5:00 pm, and Thursdays 9:00 pm.

EVERY MONTH a new program, see <https://parallaxperspectives.org/> for a list of programs available online as well as the current program available on cable TV in Thurston County.

January 2024 program: Update on Nuclear Weapons Treaty. You can also watch this program through Glen's blog:

<https://parallaxperspectives.org/11233-2>

Info (360) 491-9093 or glen@parallaxperspectives.org

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Organization Information for Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR)

SUBMITTING EVENT INFORMATION: We are always happy to hear about additional events! On request we will consider posting events on our web calendar and in future WWFOR email messages. Please allow as much lead time as possible. We give priority to events by FOR Chapters and will consider all events consistent with FOR values. Submit events by email wwfor@wwfor.org, phone, or postal mail at the contact info below.

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Website: <https://www.wwfor.org>

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HOW TO MAKE A DONATION:

We welcome checks at our postal address (see above), and online donations can be made through our website [Donate - Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation \(wwfor.org\)](#)

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Best wishes from the WWFOR Office Volunteers