



February is Black History Month, but in every month we honor the people who worked, and still work, for racial justice.

Hello to all Members and Friends of Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR)

[Click here for a list](#) of **many upcoming events** for justice and peace.

Note the virtual rally by the Poor People's Campaign (PPC) on [Monday Feb 15](#) leading up to the PPC [March on the State Legislature on March 2](#), one of many Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Statehouse Assemblies across the country. WWFOR is a Mobilizing Partner of the PPC. Also note that planning for [WWFOR's Spring Assembly](#) is underway, tentatively set for Sat May 18.

Tragically, the WAR IN GAZA continues. US tax dollars are being used to provide weapons to Israel, causing death, injury, home demolitions, unsafe water, starvation, and terror in Gaza. Only a minority of Congressional members have called for a Ceasefire, a first step toward ending the violence. Check whether your Rep or Senators has called for a ceasefire at <https://workingfamilies.org/ceasefire-tracker/> If they are on the list, you can use the resources below to thank them!

ACTION: Email Congress to demand a Ceasefire via the site by US Campaign for Palestinian Rights at <https://act.uscpr.org/a/%20stop-funding-israels-massacres>

ACTION: **Phone** Congress to demand a ceasefire and say no more arming genocide via the site by Jewish Voice for Peace at <https://act.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/a/no-more-weapons-israel-c2c>

ACTION: It would be wonderful if our letters, phone calls, emails, petitions, and nonviolent actions could stop the flow of weapons to Israel. Meanwhile, a **donation** to the United Nations World Food Programme can help prevent starvation, see <https://wfpusa.gospringboard.com/donate/send-food-families-gaza-and-west-bank-4>

Here are some CALENDARS with upcoming events relating to the GAZA WAR; sorry not much local WA in these calendars at the moment

- 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.



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- [March 16, Join Real Rent for Duwamish in Seattle St. Pat Parade](#)
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- [April 7, Death Penalty Action Webinar](#)
- + [May 3-5, 2024, FOR-USA Summit, Atlanta GA](#)
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- [Meaningful Movies, in person and online](#)
- [Parallax Perspective Programs, online or Thurston TV](#)

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Honoring Coretta Scott King. The wife of Martin Luther King Jr. was an activist in her own right both before and after MLK's death in 1968. Besides working for racial justice, she was an advocate for eradication of poverty, peace, gay rights, and other justice causes.

Coretta Scott King spoke out against the US war in Vietnam before her husband came out publicly on this issue. Both of them came under severe criticism for those principled stands. Her advocacy for equality for gay people was controversial even among her own children.

The King Center for Nonviolent Social Change and Microsoft have produced a virtual museum about the life of Coretta Scott King at <https://unlocked.microsoft.com/dear-coretta-king-center/> See also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coretta_Scott_King and <https://www.history.com/news/coretta-scott-king-civil-rights-leader>

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RALLY TO DEMAND THE END OF THE US BLOCKADE OF CUBA

Sun Feb 11, 11 am – 12:30 pm, at Capitol Hill Sunday Farmers Market, E Denny Way between Broadway & 10th Ave E (aka E Barbara Bailey Way), Seattle

- Bus routes: 8, 9, 10, 11, 43, 49 and 60 provide service to within a few minutes walk of the market.
- Light Rail: The Denny entrance at the Capitol Hill Station opens right onto the farmers market.
- Car Parking: Street parking is free on Sundays.
- ADA Parking: 11th near intersection with Denny (SE corner)

Seattle/Cuba Friendship Committee will rally to demand an end to the US government blockade of Cuba, and to get the Biden Administration to remove Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism List.

Informational picket & hand out flyers (we'll bring banner, signs & flyers).

Co-sponsored by the US Women and Cuba Collaboration, ANSWER Seattle, Party for Socialism and Liberation Seattle, Seattle Anti-War Coalition, Socialist Workers Party, and Veterans for Peace 92.

Info <https://www.instagram.com/seattlecuba/> ,
seattlecuba@gmail.com , <https://www.seattlecuba.org> ,
<https://www.facebook.com/seattlecubafriendship/>

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SOUTH AFRICA V ISRAEL - THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION AGAINST GENOCIDE

Sun Feb 11, 8 am Pacific time, Zoom

As the world watches the bombings of homes and hospitals, killing mostly children and women, the murder of healthcare and aid workers and media, and the denial of basic necessities to Gazans, civil society has risen in solidarity with Palestine with major demonstrations, efforts to blockade weapons and other supplies to Israel and legal cases to stop the genocide and hold individuals accountable. One expression of this resistance is a new International Coalition to Stop Genocide in Palestine, which currently has over 2,000 endorsing organizations from 100 countries.

Webinar speakers include:

- Ajamu Baraka: National Organiser of the Black Alliance for Peace and member of the UNAC Administrative Committee.
- Margaret Flowers, Director of Popular Resistance and members of the UNAC Administrative Committee for the United National Antiwar Coalition
- Suzanne Adely, Pres. National Lawyers Guild, US Palestinian Community Network.

They will discuss the case against Israel and the new coalition and actions being planned to support the South African case against Israel.

Registration

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PIJPTpgkTraRdZJg2Bav5Q

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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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TRAINING AND PALESTINE PEACE ADVOCACY

Choose one of the Training Sessions by Zoom

- Tues Febr 13, 8 pm
- Sun Feb 18, 7 pm

Registration for either at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScREoGxBOU9SiGwIxah9J6EoX0GCXcmc4p0QBdkS6Oetl6usg/viewform>

Peace Advocacy Day for Peace in Palestine

Tues Feb 20, 9 am – 5 pm, Olympia

Join the Washington Coalition for Peace and Justice for a Palestinian-led advocacy day on Feb 20. Call on your elected representatives to take action towards peace, justice, and equity for Palestine. We ask you to join us in Olympia where we will turn our desire for peace into action, and raise our voices as constituents.

Our Advocacy Day will focus on urging our state legislators to:

- Call for an immediate, long-term, and permanent ceasefire in Gaza to prevent further loss of innocent lives.
- Take urgent action on the requests outlined in our petition at <https://wa4peaceandjustice.org/>

- Demand inclusivity and equity in bills that affect the lives of all Washingtonians around the state.

Details: Please be prepared to bring your own lunch or purchase lunch from a local restaurant. Expect to be outside, convening with our community, for the majority of the day. Dress for rain or shine! Benches for seating and restrooms are located inside the Capitol. Please bring lawn chairs and outdoor blankets for outside!

ACCESSIBILITY: All buildings at the Capitol have ADA wheelchair accessible entrances. There are designated ADA parking spots. There are ADA accessible bathrooms in all floors of the Legislature Building and family restrooms available (which can be accessed as gender neutral bathrooms as well).

Peace and Justice Advocacy day info and registration

<https://wa4peaceandjustice.org/advocacyday/>

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PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE: PHILADELPHIA, PA TO WASHINGTON, DC
DEMAND A CEASEFIRE

Feb 14-21

Join a coalition of faith leaders, artists, and activists on a Pilgrimage for Peace to demand a Ceasefire in Gaza. You can join for any part or the whole pilgrimage

Faith leaders, activists, and artists will march from Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA to the White House in Washington, DC to urge President Biden call for an end to the war in Palestine.

Moved by our conscience, we stand united to address the ongoing tragedy in Gaza, where the death toll has reached over 27,000, the deadliest conflict in the 21st century. As we continue to mourn the loss of innocent Israeli lives on October 7, we firmly believe that responding to violence with more violence is not the solution.

We urge President Biden and Congress to halt weapons funding to Israel and, instead, channel efforts towards increasing humanitarian aid to Palestine. It is our collective responsibility to advocate for a peaceful resolution and uphold the principles of justice and compassion. We will either sow seeds of nonviolence today or reap nonexistence tomorrow.

Partnering/Sponsoring Organizations: Faith for Black Lives, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, Rabbis for Ceasefire, Hindus for Human Rights, and The Pennsylvania Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Philadelphia), Fellowship of Reconciliation, and many others

Info and Register at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/pilgrimage-for-peace/>

Info <https://pilgrimageforpeace.org> or susanhsmith@forusa.org or ethanvf@forusa.org

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JEWISH DAY OF ADVOCACY FOR PEACE

Weds Feb 14, The day will be approximately 4-6 hours, schedule coming soon, at Washington State Legislature, Capitol Building, Olympia, WA or online

Join Jewish Voice for Peace-Seattle and participating groups from around the state for a Jewish-led advocacy day in solidarity with the movement for Palestinian liberation, to support the freedom and collective safety of Jewish and Palestinian communities locally and globally. We hope to see you there, as we continue to channel grief and rage into action and raise our voices as constituents.

Jews and allies from around the state, individuals who are new to advocacy, or seasoned advocates are all welcome!

Our Advocacy Day will focus on urging our State legislators to:

- Add their voices to urge President Biden and Washington Members of Congress to call for a meaningful and permanent ceasefire - to prevent further death and suffering, facilitate humanitarian aid and hostage exchange, and pave the way for continued liberation struggles
- Call for an end to unconditional military funding to Israel and reallocation of funds for Washington State needs
- Protect the right to criticize Israel like any other nation state and not conflate anti-Zionism with antisemitism
- Combat rising antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian discrimination, and repression of Palestine solidarity activism with equal attention and resources

What to expect for Advocacy Day:

- A pre-day briefing/training via Zoom to learn about the policy agenda, materials, and logistics the first week of February
- A day-of full group gathering to connect in community, learn about legislative priorities, and practice advocacy skills
- Meetings with legislators by district
- Lunch and advocacy debrief
- Opportunities to join meetings virtually

More info and Sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/JewishAdvocacyDayWA>

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VALENTINE'S DAY IS SWEET
BUT CHILD SLAVE PRODUCED CHOCOLATE IS BITTER

Feb 14, and everyday, everywhere

Sign the petition: Demand Hershey's, Nestlé, and Mars end child labor practices Now!

The link between American chocolate and child slave labor in West Africa has come under scrutiny in the past. But when a measure to create a federal labeling system to indicate whether child slaves had been used in harvesting cocoa didn't pass, the chocolate industry—adamant that it didn't need federal regulation to fix the problem—compromised with the federal government.

Though they promised to eradicate child labor from their supply chains 20 years ago, today, these same companies say they cannot guarantee

that the chocolate you buy is free from child labor -- child labor remains a huge part of the supply chain!

Sign at <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-hershey-nestle-and-mars-end-child-labor-practices-now>

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN VIRTUAL RALLY

Mon Feb 15, 7 pm Pacific time, online

Virtual Rally as we ramp up to the [March 2](#) Mass Poor People's & Low Wage Workers' Moral March to State House Assemblies. Growing Power through Unity on March 2; Understanding the moment and the movement towards voting in 2024

Join us as we grow Beloved Community with the Nationally-Coordinated Direct Action to bring the demands of 140 million Poor and Low-Wealth People to lawmakers at our State Capitols on March 2. Come February 15 to share love, hope and solidarity in the efforts to bring about positive changes. Learn more about the excitement we are building for March 2!

National Fellowship of Reconciliation, WWFOR, and several of our chapters are Mobilizing Partners of the Poor People's Campaign.

Register at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/virtual-mobilization-rally-growing-power-through-unity-on-march-2-understanding-the-moment-and-the-movement-towards-voting-in-2024>

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CHRISTIANS FOR A FREE PALESTINE MASS CALL

Thurs Feb 15, 5-6:30 pm Pacific time, online

Join Christians across the United States for a mass call to learn about our plan for direct action against the US-funded genocide in Palestine, and the manipulation of Christianity by Christian Zionists.

A brand-new movement of activist Mennonites has formed in recent weeks, mobilizing urgently for a ceasefire in Gaza and to end the occupation of Palestine. Last month, this initiative, Mennonite Action, mobilized hundreds of its new members to Washington DC: 135 were arrested in the Capitol Building while singing hymns and sitting-in for a ceasefire in Gaza. Next Thursday, inspired by the efforts of these Mennonites as well as Muslim and Jewish groups who have organized mass nonviolent actions nationwide, more than 1,000 Christians from across the ecumenical spectrum will convene for an open call to coordinate creative public witness efforts, including nonviolent direct actions, to leverage the moral voice and influence of congregations and denominations in this critical moment. Watch the beautiful video of the Jan. 16th action in the Capitol at <https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2K3TXMum2z/> , and register for Christians Against Genocide's February 15th organizing.

Sponsored by Christians for a Free Palestine

Register at <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/christians-against-genocide-mass-call/>

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CLIMATE: OIL COMPANIES SUING GOVERNMENTS WEBINAR

Thurs Feb 15, noon Pacific time, Webinar

Public Citizen presents a discussion on the Investor-State Dispute Settlement system, which allows multinational corporations to sue governments for getting in the way of their profits.

Right now, the U.S. and Canada are each facing exorbitant ISDS cases launched by fossil fuel companies from the other's country. U.S. fossil fuel company, Ruby River Capital LLC, is suing the Canadian government for \$20 billion dollars in "lost future profits" for refusing it a permit for a massive liquid natural gas export terminal. Meanwhile, the Canadian Canadian oil company TC Energy is suing the U.S. government for \$15 billion following the White House's refusal to authorize construction of the highly unpopular Keystone XL pipeline.

We will be ramping up pressure against ISDS throughout the year, and we'll need a lot of help along the way!

Registration

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QD1QakwaSf-7WSHAXC1jZA#/registration

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SUPPORT FREEDOM FOR WHISTLEBLOWER JULIAN ASSANGE

Sat Feb 17, starting at 2:30 pm, Banner drop and sign waving at the 45th Street I-5 overpass, Seattle

Support journalistic freedom. Free Assange Seattle has organized a series of events leading up to Assange's final UK trial February 20-21, when it will be decided whether he will be extradited to the U.S. or go free after years of imprisonment. The two-day hearing may be the final chance for Julian Assange to prevent his extradition to the United States. If extradited, Assange faces a sentence of 175 years for exposing war crimes committed by the United States in the Afghan and Iraq wars.

Info on the case <https://assangedefense.org/>

Organizer <https://twitter.com/Seattle4Assange>

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILM SHOWING:
FANNIE LOU HAMER'S AMERICA**

Sat Feb 17, 7 pm, doors open 6:30, at New Freeway Hall, 5018 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, On the #7 bus line and near the Columbia City light rail station

In her own words, powerful civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer describes the risks and challenges of organizing in the 1960s Jim Crow South, amid extreme political polarization that resonates today. The film traces her early years in rural Mississippi, fight for the right to vote,

work in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, opposition to the Vietnam war, and more. Open discussion will follow the one-hour documentary.

\$3 door donation, Light supper available for \$8 donation

Hosted by Freedom Socialist Party. Info, childcare, or volunteer to help, contact 206-722-2453 or Seattlefsp@socialism.com

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GAZA, PROTEST, AND THE SUPPRESSION OF FREE SPEECH

Sun Feb 18, 10 am – noon Pacific time, Webinar

A Webinar on Gaza, Protest, and the Suppression of Free Speech – The Situation in Germany and Here.

The global wave of protest against Israel’s conduct of the war in Gaza has drawn crackdowns on speech from the streets to university campuses. One place government repression aimed at individuals and groups supporting Palestine has been particularly notable has been Germany. United for Peace and Justice will present a webinar featuring a variety of voices from Germany, and accounts of similar experiences in the United States. Learning about what is happening in Germany, a country with a history of official regulation of how the Holocaust can be discussed and how “anti-Semitism” should be defined, could provide new insights into the challenges we face in promoting a fair and open discussion of the Gaza crisis, and the history that has led us here.

Registration info will be posted at <https://www.unitedforpeace.org/>

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VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND FILM & DISCUSSION

Sun Feb 18, noon Pacific time, online

Four short videos revealing what it's like for Palestinians to live under occupation, hosted by Voices from the Holy Land, moderated by FOR-USA's Director Ariel Gold

Watch the films for free at your convenience; then join the Q&A Discussion with:

- Michael Lynk: Associate Professor of Law at Western University, former UNHCR Special Rapporteur for Palestinian territories
- Omar Haramy: Director of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem
- Tariq Hathaleen: Palestinian activist in the South Hebron Hills and English teacher
- Ariel Gold (moderator): Executive Director, Fellowship of Reconciliation-USA

With the world's attention focused on Israel's "War on Gaza" it is easy to overlook increased Israeli military actions and growing settler violence against Palestinians in the West Bank. More than 700,000 Israeli settlers live in 279 illegal settlements across the occupied West Bank, including 14 in the occupied East Jerusalem. Since October 7, 2023, Israeli military and settler attacks have killed more than 320 Palestinians. Both the United States and the United Kingdom have announced visa bans on violent settlers due to this flare-up.

You must register to receive access to the films and then join the discussion on Feb 18 Register here: <http://Tinyurl.com/VFHL-February2024>

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Tues Feb 20, starting at 4 pm, Tabling outside of the HUB on the UW Seattle campus.

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Info on the case <https://assangedefense.org/> .

Organizer <https://twitter.com/Seattle4Assange>

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION READING ROOM MEETING

Tues Feb 20, 7:30 pm Pacific time, Zoom

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility is offering a new book club called the “Nuclear Abolition Reading Room” with a goal to engage, educate, and support people new to nuclear weapons issues. All are welcome! Join us.

Reading Room participants will be discussing the book "Hiroshima" by John Hersey and selecting the book for the following month. For book info see

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/79149/hiroshima-by-john-hersey/>

Info wpsr@wpsr.org. Registration

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkd-GspjssHtcz9HalN_oLFqgkKTnpKevg

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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/>

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

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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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LIVE FROM JERUSALEM WEBINAR

Sat Feb 24, 8 am Pacific time,

Live from Jerusalem webinar, featuring Sheikh Mousa Qous, the Executive Director of the African Community Society based in Jerusalem. Sheikh Mousa will discuss his work and life as an Afro-Palestinian living in a historically Black quarter of Jerusalem. Eyewitness Palestine Board Member, Khaled Farrag, will also be taking us on a very special virtual tour of Jerusalem! Join Eyewitness Palestine as Khaled takes us around the Old City and to the Mount of Olives. You don't want to miss this special event! Register now at the link below.

Participation in this event is free as Eyewitness Palestine is seeking to highlight voices in Palestine as broadly as possible. Donations are appreciated.

Info and Register at <https://eyewitnesspalestine.org/upcoming-events?sourceid=1110361>

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Sacred Salmon Town Hall 2024

Sat Feb 24, 10-11:30 am, at LeRoux Conference Room, Seattle University

Stand in solidarity with our community as we raise our collective voices to elected officials to advocate for the respect and upholding of tribal treaties, the preservation and restoration of salmon and our common home, and for the removal of the four lower Snake River dams!

Free and open to the public. Presented by Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center <https://ipjc.org/>

Registration and info <https://ipjc.org/sacred-salmon-town-hall-registration/>

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HISTORY OF SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Sun Feb 25, 1 - 3:30 pm, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1515 Harrison Ave NW, Olympia, WA

Learning Right Relations presents Lisa Johns, member of the Squaxin Island Tribe. Lisa works for the Squaxin Island Museum Library and Research Center. She has been with the museum for 9 years and has great passion for her work. Lisa is a story teller, and tells the history and knowledge of her people with the public at many different presentations. She enjoys distributing the magazine “A Peoples History of the Seven Inlets” and letting the public know they are standing on Squaxins’ Ancestral Land. She shares the story of her three-time Great Grandfather Dick Jackson and how he would paddle his canoe from Squaxin Island to Steh-Chass, to what is known now as downtown Olympia to bring food and water back for his people.

We look forward to joining Lisa Johns as she shares the history of her people.

Info learningrightrelations@gmail.com

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POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN, MARCH TO STAY ALIVE

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

- Gathering starts at 10 am in Sylvester Park.
- March from Sylvester Park to the Capitol starts at 11 am (0.6 miles).
- Assembly begins at noon at the steps of the Legislative Building.

One of PPC gatherings in 31 states 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.

What Is the Purpose of the Rally?

- bring the demands of 140 million poor and low-wealth people to our state lawmakers across the country

- make people aware that poverty is the 4th leading cause of death in the U.S. and demand that that be changed
- activate 85 million poor and low-wealth eligible voters across the country
- act in conjunction with 30 states to make our demands heard in unison

Why Have the Rally at the State Capitol In Olympia?

- the most destructive policies take place at the state level, which is why the rally is meant to bring these values to as many state capitals as possible in rallies across the country that will be planned to take place at the same time.
- We cannot let poverty have the last word in our state when 2.5 million Washingtonians experience poverty

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

Info <https://www.washingtonppc.org/> or washington@poorpeoplescampaign.org and promo video at <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/march2/>

Fellowship of Reconciliation USA, Western Washington FOR, and 4 WWFOR chapters are PPC Mobilizing Partners (see

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DEATH PENALTY ACTION WEBINAR

Sun March 3, and most first Sundays, 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.

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

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WAR AND THE ENVIRONMENT

March 4 - April 14, online course

World Beyond War offers this all-online course with modules you can take at your own time, plus 3 optional Zoom sessions. Course facilitators include Dr. Phill Gittins (England); Candy Diez (The Philippines); Dr. Ignatius Onyekwere (Nigeria); Dr. Ivan Velasquez (Bolivia); Dianarose Njui (Kenya) and Kathy Kelly (USA).

As the world races to prevent climate collapse, the global community is searching for new ways to better address the unprecedented environmental challenges we face today. While debates on the causes and solutions to climate change continue, it is crucial to take a closer look at the elephant in the room: an elephant called war.

War is peace and development in reverse. It is at the core of many of the world's most pressing challenges, including geopolitical conflicts, refugee crises, humanitarian emergencies, economic debt, and environmental collapse, playing a key role in impeding global collaboration on these issues and contributing significantly to the risk of new and nuclear apocalypse. Given this, it is surprising that a 'missing piece' in many pro-environment and peacebuilding endeavors today is the lack of spaces where people can meet and engage in reflection and dialogue about the role and impact of war.

By understanding the costs of war to our species, the planet, and the economy, those involved in both the climate change and peace movements can work together more effectively to advance their common goals of protecting the planet and ensuring a safer world for everyone. This online course is designed to enable this collaborative learning to take place and will provide insights into what we need to know and do in order to avoid two existential threats: war and environmental catastrophe.

Sliding scale \$25-250. Info education@worldbeyondwar.org

Info and Registration <https://worldbeyondwar.org/war-and-the-environment-2024/>

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“TAX DAY 2 EARTH DAY 2024” PLANNING

Weds March 6, and subsequent first Wednesdays, noon, on Zoom

Earth Care not Warfare's monthly meeting. What will we do to celebrate "Tax Day 2 Earth Day 2024"? Join us to plan actions to move our tax dollars from war & weapons to caring for our earth and each other. During April, 2024, peace, climate and other groups around the state are planning ways to build and connect our peace, climate and other movements. We will meet with our representatives, watch films, rally, march, sing, and more. Then, share your other action updates and hear others' plans at our next monthly meeting

Info: Beth, bebrunton@hotmail.com

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88593762472?pwd=MkphcTlqQTROWVZIRzllbkNJZFJUUT09>

Info: Beth, bebrunton@hotmail.com

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BOOK CLUB: WAR IN UKRAINE WITH NICOLAS DAVIES

Thursdays March 7-28, noon - 1 pm Pacific time, online
[note corrected day of week]

World Beyond War will be holding a weekly discussion each of four weeks of War in Ukraine: Making Sense of a Senseless Conflict by Medea Benjamin and Nicolas J.S. Davies with a preface by Katrina Vanden Heuvel. The book will have just been released in an updated edition. The discussions will be led by Nicolas Davies. We will send each participant a signed paperback copy of the book -- or an electronic or audio book if you prefer. We'll let you know which parts of the book

will be discussed each week along with the Zoom details to access the discussions.

Info david@worldbeyondwar.org

Registration \$75 <https://worldbeyondwar.org/book-club-war-in-ukraine-with-nicolas-davies/>

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JOIN REAL RENT AND STAND WITH THE DUWAMISH ON ST. PAT'S DAY

Sat March 16, Real Renters will gather at noon, James St & 4th Ave and proceed at 12:30pm to Jefferson St & 4th Ave, Seattle

Wear your Real Rent and Stand With the Duwamish attire!

Real Rent is a program of voluntarily paying monthly “rent” and it acts to uplift the Duwamish Tribe as First Peoples of Seattle in the face of the U.S. government refusing to honor the Point Elliott Treaty of 1855. Descendants of European settler families continue to benefit greatly from the resources of the land incorporating the city we know as Seattle. Those of us who are not from the tribes of these lands might benefit in different ways from being here, whether we live, work, or visit this beautiful place. As guests to this land, we can create a story of equity and action instead of being complicit in dishonoring the treaties. Often people think of treaties as ancient history, but we know from our Duwamish friends that this story continues to impact all of us. This land has a story. What role will you play? Info and sign up <https://duwamishtribe.networkforgood.com/>

RSVP to duwamishsolidaritygroup@gmail.com if you would like to attend an optional pre-march zoom gathering to talk about parade logistics and learn more about experiences of colonization and solidarity related to the Duwamish Tribe and the Irish diaspora. No need to have Irish ancestry to attend either the march or the zoom gathering.

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NISQUALLY TRIBE LEADERS SPEAK

Sun March 24, 1 - 3:30 pm, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1515 Harrison Ave NW, Olympia, WA

Learning Right Relations presents Guest Speakers: Willie Frank III, joined by other Nisqually leaders.

Info learningrightrelations@gmail.com

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EARTH CARE NOT WARFARE MEETING

Weds April 3, and subsequent first Wednesdays, noon, on Zoom

Earth Care not Warfare's monthly meeting to connect the peace movement with the climate justice movement. Representatives of local peace and climate groups share their recent actions and plans so that we can support each other's actions. We discuss collective actions such

as meeting with our elected representatives, joining marches and rallies, sponsoring meaningful movies and learning events.

Info: Beth, bebrunton@hotmail.com

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DEATH PENALTY ACTION WEBINAR

Sun April 7, and most first Sundays, 6 pm Pacific time, Webinar

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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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THE AUNTIES – WOMEN OF THE SALISH SEA, EPISODE 2

Thurs May 16, 7:30 pm, at Washington Center Main Stage, 512
Washington St. SE, Olympia, WA 98501

The Aunties – Women of the Salish Sea features stories by Native American and First Nations Matriarchs, told live from stage to be immortalized in an online series of shorts. The term Aunties is an honorific that signifies a woman or non-binary person who holds a place of significance and respect in their communities. This original Indigenous Performance Production features women and non-binary Aunties who have spent their lives dedicated to serving their communities through the creation of hope, opportunity and connection. The Aunties amplifies their life’s work through a once-in-a-lifetime event featuring traditional storytelling, theater and multimedia arts.

We pay tribute to Aunties and the important role they play in Indigenous communities-of which they have long been recognized as vital caretakers of its connection, tradition and cohesion. Through shared storytelling, Aunties provide a space for everyone to gather to collectively reflect on their pasts and shared identity, as they look for ways towards a better future. The Aunties are the Keepers of their

Community. We celebrate them now, at an especially important time due to the loss of so many elders from Covid-19. As Native and Indigenous communities bear the burden of those lost including their leadership, guidance and connections, The Aunties honors their contributions and preserves their stories for future generations to come.

In Partnership with Indigenous Performance Productions

Presented By: The Washington Center for the Performing Arts

Info and Tickets <https://www.washingtoncenter.org/event/the-aunties-women-of-the-salish-sea-episode-2/>

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WWFOR SPRING ASSEMBLY tentative information, please check back!

Sat May 18, 9 am-12:30 pm, Zoom

Planning for Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation’s Spring Assembly is now underway! Theme “Supporting International Organizations and Movements For a Just and Peaceful World”

Info 206-789-5565, wwfor@wwfor.org and <https://wwfor.org>

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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)
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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, 4-5 pm **spring-summer-fall hours resume on Feb 2**
(Mid Winter vigils start 3 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.

February 2024 program: Interview providing information, insights, and enthusiasm for supporting social and economic justice through the Poor People's Campaign.. You can also watch this program at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKQ_hwDF0tw

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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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