

# NETWORK NEWS



## IN THIS ISSUE:

In this issue we honor the memory of Chuck Goranson, founder of Vets for Peace in Madison, and long longtime activist and friend to the peace movement. We include reports on three of these.

Despite many disappointments on November 4, there were encouraging successes in the form of referenda around the state on which WNPJ members and organizations had labored.

WNPJ was born in 1991, at the outbreak of the First Gulf War. Today the state of war appears to have become permanent, and may in fact have come home. What is the role of a coalition of groups and individuals working for peace and justice? WNPJ's Board has initiated a strategic planning process to explore responses to that question. This issue contains the outcome of the first of three sessions, held in November. WNPJ members are invited to provide feedback. Please send comments to WNPJ Board Officers, Barb Munson - [barb@munson.net](mailto:barb@munson.net), 715-571-9296; Liz Bruno, [elizabet.bruno@gmail.com](mailto:elizabet.bruno@gmail.com), 608-515-0280 or Carl Sack, [northlandiguana@gmail.com](mailto:northlandiguana@gmail.com), 608-712-8335.

We are \$280 away from our \$2000 matching grant for new members. Give the gift of peace this season by signing up a new WNPJ member and help us reach the goal!



## WNPJ STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

The Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice

A coalition of activist groups and citizens of conscience within Wisconsin.  
Founded in 1991

**Mission:** WNPJ facilitates activities, cooperation and communication among Wisconsin organizations and individuals working toward the creation of a sustainable world.

**Vision:** WNPJ, Advancing a peaceful, just and sustainable world

### Values statements

- \* We welcome all people in a peaceful effort for social change
- \* We value coalition building and support grassroots efforts within our communities
- \* We work through consensus to find common ground
- \* We celebrate the dignity of all humans and of all life.
- \* We uphold the virtues of compassion and nonviolence
- \* We are passionate about creating a just, vibrant, peaceful and sustainable world, for ourselves and future generations.
- \* Our vision of justice includes ending all systems of oppression.
- \* Peace is possible.

A group of dedicated WNPJ members, including current and former Board members, met at the Farley Center for Peace and Justice in mid-November, to explore ways to more fully fulfill the above mission, vision and values. Of particular focus is our role in the work for racial justice. The group was ably led by Kristin Brock-Petroshius of member organization G-SAFE.

This was the first of three sessions; the other two will be held in January and May. The first session examined WNPJ's mission and history, to establish a grounding in what WNPJ had worked on and achieved in the years since its founding. It was an impressive list. We then reviewed what we hope to achieve in this process and came up with the following:

- \* Clarify intended impact of WNPJ's work
- \* Define strategies/programs to achieve intended impact
- \* Develop structure and benchmarks to support programs given the organization's capacity
- \* Clarify how WNPJ positions itself as a racial justice organization: Does it see itself primarily as a white ally organization and/or strategically becoming multiracial and/or people of color-led?
- \* Develop process for feedback from member groups and other stakeholders
- \* Clarify process for plan approval and develop plan for implementation and accountability

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## Strategic Planning *from front page*

After carrying out an analysis to uncover our internal and external strengths and challenges (see below), we discussed what we see as the intended impact of the network, before brainstorming, sifting and winnowing strategies/programs to achieve that impact. We reviewed our current mandates, and our renewed determination to emphasize racial justice.

Over the holiday season the planning team members will be working on the following assignments to be discussed in January: Engaging member groups; Community outreach; Engaging WNPJ folks in campaigns or other work; Racial Justice Plan; Youth involvement; Communications; and Events.

### 3. Threats

- \* Burn out from disillusionment and too many issues
- \* Isolation
- \* Lack of welcoming diversity
- \* Acceptance of corporate or governmental solutions/takeover of issues

### 4. Opportunities

- \* Beyond electoral politics
- \* Coming together in many ways
- \* Rebuilding (opportunity, everything is falling apart. Strategic planning process)

Do you have reactions to this report on our first discussion? If so, don't stay silent. Please send them in to WNPJ Board Officers, Barb Munson - [barb@munson.net](mailto:barb@munson.net), 715-571-9296; Liz



*The first session was held on November 14th. In attendance: Liz, Annie, Dena, Rob, Barb, Steve, Z!, Mary Beth, Sheila, Jackson, Carl, Janet, Hans with Kristen at the easel.*

## Outcome of the SWOT analysis

### 1. Weaknesses

- \* Lack of Diversity: Age, Race in leadership and membership
- \* Lack of Engagement of member groups: Geographical? Capacity? Need? Perception that too Madison-centered? Spread too thin?
- \* How we work to build community and sustain the network
- \* Lack of clarity about building community: strategic planning, aligning practice to vision

### 2. Strengths

- \* History gives confidence and a sense of resiliency
- \* Support passionate individuals
- \* Create a network that recognizes organizations as complex entities

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## AN ONION TO...

**State public service commissioners** who approved a change in the rate structure for Madison Gas & Electric customers, nearly doubling the fixed monthly charge, but slightly lowering the rate on the amount of power used, a disincentive to the use of renewable energy sources such as solar power, and to decreasing energy use.



The Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice facilitates activities, cooperation and communication among Wisconsin organizations and individuals working toward the creation of a sustainable world, free from violence and injustice.

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## BADGERCARE SUPPORTED IN A LANDSLIDE

*Robert Kraig, Kevin Kane*

Advisory referendums asking Wisconsin to accept enhanced federal dollars for BadgerCare won by a landslide on Election Day. Statewide, 73% of voters supported the measure in the 20 counties and cities where it was on local ballots. The referendums did well in south-central Wisconsin, garnering 62% in Jefferson County, 65% in Rock County, and 82% in Dane County.

Whether they voted for Scott Walker or Mary Burke for governor, a vast majority of Wisconsin voters understand access to affordable health care is not a luxury but a necessity in the 21st century. They under-

stand tens of thousands of young parents needlessly thrown off BadgerCare and now uninsured are one major illness away from a potentially life-threatening situation and financial devastation. In the case of BadgerCare, the referendums make it clear Wisconsin voters would like the governor and Legislature to work constructively to expand access to affordable health care.

Voters of all perspectives understand that when a person is uninsured, illnesses that could have been caught early through screening and preventive care are much more likely to become serious, risking the long-term health of the patient and costing

us all more in the long run.

The fact is that the majority of voters supported Gov. Walker and BadgerCare. We profoundly hope our state leaders will take the voice of the voters seriously and look for a pragmatic solution. The people of Wisconsin deserve no less.

*Robert Kraig is executive director and Kevin Kane is lead organizer for Citizen Action of Wisconsin, an advocacy group that champions quality affordable health care for everyone in Wisconsin: [citizenactionwi.org](http://citizenactionwi.org).*

## THE MINIMUM WAGE REFERENDUM SUPPORTED IN 13 WISCONSIN COUNTIES

*Sarah Smoot*

In the Nov. 4 election, an advisory referendum to raise Wisconsin's minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour from the current \$7.25 per hour was on the ballot in 13 Wisconsin counties and municipalities. That referendum passed by majority in each of the districts in which it was raised.

The results of the vote demonstrate that raising the minimum wage is not a partisan issue. Voters across the political spectrum voted in this election to raise wages, an action that Governor Walker has repeatedly opposed. Voters in Wisconsin and around the U.S. want higher, more just,

wages for workers. In addition to Wisconsin, referenda to raise the minimum wage passed in five other states and two cities: Alaska, Arkansas, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Oakland and San Francisco, California.

Wisconsin voter referenda, unlike those in other states and cities, are non-binding to the state government, so that advocates for higher wages must continue to raise our voices through every means available to keep the issue alive and achieve wages of dignity for the workers of our state.

Just wages for workers is exactly what the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice has advocated for through the last 15 years. ICWJ's work continues through and despite political swings. As faith and labor advocates, we work to hold the light up to justice in the long journey toward fairness and equality.

*Sarah Smoot is an organizer with the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central Wisconsin. Learn more about ICWJ at <http://workerjustice.org>.*



### AN ORCHID TO...

**The members of Madison's Young, Gifted and Black coalition**, who organized a rally in wake of the Ferguson decision. Between 200-300 people gathered outside the county jail, to protest the proposed new jail construction, demand the release of those incarcerated due to poverty-related charges and demand investment in initiatives led by young black communities.

**Z! Haukeness** for an article published in Madison's Capitol Times on November 20, entitled "Working toward healthy lives for Wisconsin's trans community."

**Groundwork**, which just completed a 6 week racial justice workshop focused on engaging more white people in racial justice work. It was a great group of 35 participants and 12 Groundwork facilitators. The workshop focuses on gaining a better understanding of how rac-

ism works, intersections of oppression, white privilege, history of white supremacy and resistance, stories of resistance from local leaders of color, interrupting microaggressions and racist moments, organizing for racial justice and next steps for making change in our spheres of influence. Check out [groundworkmadison.com](http://groundworkmadison.com) for more information.

## NEWS OF MEMBER GROUPS

### The Madison Institute Speaker Series Available on the Web

The Madison Institute is a policy study center in the progressive tradition, committed to thoughtful dialogue, development of new insights, and dissemination of information about major issues in our society. If you cannot attend their meetings you might enjoy viewing their forums, which have been uploaded to the video sharing site, Vimeo.

**“Meltdown: Unemployment, Poverty, and America’s Race to the Bottom”**  
September 27, 2013  
[vimeo.com/75838515](http://vimeo.com/75838515)

In a lively discussion moderated by David Newby, former President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, panelists Laura Dresser of the Center for Wisconsin Strategies; Marc V. Levine of the Center for Economic Development at UW - Milwaukee; and Charles Uphoff, progressive activist and former President of the Fitchburg City Council discuss the issues surrounding the fact that, of the 21 wealthiest nations in the world, the United States is at or near the bottom in life expectancy, poverty, infant mortality, and the things that matter most. The panel was followed by an open discussion.

**“Unemployment and Inequality: A Path forward”** April 4, 2014  
[vimeo.com/91524083](http://vimeo.com/91524083)

Dean Baker is co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, DC. He is frequently cited in economics reporting in major media outlets, including the New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, CNBC, and National Public Radio. He writes a weekly column for the Guardian Unlimited (UK), the Huffington Post, TruthOut, and his blog, Beat the Press, features commentary on economic reporting. His analyses have appeared in many major publications, including the Atlantic Monthly, the Washington Post, the London Financial Times, and the New York Daily News. He re-

ceived his Ph.D in economics from the University of Michigan.

**“Public Schools under Attack: Vouchers, Virtual and Charter Schools”**  
February 16, 2013  
<http://vimeo.com/59965340>

Panelists Ellen Lindgren, President of the Middleton-Cross Plains School Board; Marge Passman, Vice President of the Madison School Board; and Rep. Sondy Pope-Roberts, Wisconsin Assembly member and former chair of the Assembly Education Committee, presented their observations and views concerning the current trend to redirect public school funds to alternative systems.

If listening is more to your liking, streaming audio is available for many previous TMI programs. Past programs have included Shadia Drury, John Dean, Naomi Klein, and others of national and international prominence. To see a list of TMI Forum programs and to listen, go to [www.themadisoninstitute.org](http://www.themadisoninstitute.org), click on “Recorded Audio Programs.”

### SOUL Survey on Energy Investment

Rob Danielson of SOUL Wisconsin provided the following results from a survey on energy investment priorities, in which some members of WNPJ participated. The results were filed with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

330 households responded, 75% of them from the Badger-Coulee study area.

The high commitment of those who responded is evident. 63% are “customers who take extra steps to not waste electricity.” 20% said they want to install solar or buy community panels. Of those who detailed energy improvements, 8% own solar arrays, and 5% are already off-grid or do not use electricity for religious reasons. Only 1% of survey respondents do not pay attention to the charges on their electric bills each month.

Another indication of the high degree of commitment among survey respondents

was the very considerable concern about carbon emissions. 77% indicated ‘strong concern’, and the survey found that the most commonly held energy investment priority is spending our energy dollars in-state, the exact opposite goal of regional transmission expansion. Of those responding to the survey, 93% favor investment in Energy Efficiency over investment in High Capacity Transmission.

The survey also made clear that once a household starts monitoring its electric use over time, the enormous potential of eliminating avoidable waste becomes real. Their electric bills and willingness to speak-up for the power of conservation habits and energy efficiency are never the same.

Thanks to all who participated in the survey and helped make it so informative.

Rob Danielson, Secretary. If you are interested in tracking your household’s energy use, send a request for a Household Electricity Tracking Sheet to SOUL. [rob@fieldpost.org](mailto:rob@fieldpost.org).

### Badger Coulee a Bad Deal for Wisconsin Citizens and Communities

*Rob Danielson, SOUL of Wisconsin*

Engineers who filed testimony in November on behalf of Citizens Energy Task Force (CETF) and Save Our Unique Lands (SOUL) showed why the proposed Badger Coulee regional high-voltage transmission line is not needed. The testimony also demonstrated clearly how energy policy alternatives better save ratepayers money and how the data being used and policies being forwarded by applicant utilities would overstate project need.

CETF and SOUL retained the services of engineers Peter Lanzalotta and Bill Powers to represent ratepayers in their legal intervention against the Badger Coulee application, which is currently before the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC).

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Lanzalotta, an expert in planning and operation of electric utility systems, with more than 30 years experience, challenged the lack of analysis at lower or no load growth conditions, and concluded “I do not believe that approval of the Badger-Coulee project is warranted.

Powers, an energy and environmental engineer with more than 30 years experience in power plant operations and environmental engineering, provided testimony and analysis that supported Lanzalotta’s conclusions and pointed to more cost-ef-



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fective energy policies. According to Powers’ analysis, load management, such as turning an air conditioning off for fifteen minutes, is the most cost-effective resource to offset peak demand.

Powers also testified that the economic benefits of (centralized) wind power and the role of transmission constraints in restricting wind development had been overstated, and ignored the economic competitiveness of solar power with wind power and the better match of solar output with summer peak demand.

“Regional transmission’s protection of centralized utilities, when combined with policies that suppress alternatives, unfairly limits free market choice,” said Debra Severson of CETF. “Wisconsin energy decisions should benefit the public, not special interests, and now we’ve got energy and transmission engineers backing us up.”

Wisconsin statutes give priority to energy conservation, efficiency and renewable generation such that if the PSC finds

any or a combination of these options constitute a cost effective and technically feasible alternative, the PSC must reject all of or a portion of the project. CETF and SOUL, with the support of the engineers, are committed to ensuring the spirit of state energy policy is followed.

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## **Madison Vets for Peace founder, Chuck Goranson, remembered**

*David Giffey*

“Our goal is to use non-violent forms of action to protest the misuse of military force in attempting to deal with world problems,” wrote Chuck Goranson more than 40 years ago. He died of natural causes August 17, 2014, at age 70, in Madison.

Collective memory loss and an unending succession of violent U.S. wars and conflicts threaten to obscure Goranson’s legacy of peace activism and his work serving the needs of veterans. However, people who knew and worked with him in the 1960s and thereafter credit Chuck Goranson for the grassroots peace leadership he brought home after serving in the U.S. Army during the war in Vietnam.

Non-violent protest against “the misuse of military force” was a goal Goranson stated in a letter to veterans encouraging them to join in a ground-breaking effort beginning in 1967. Named Madison Veterans for Peace in Vietnam, “Vietnam” was dropped from the group’s name in 1970 when the war spread into Cambodia and Laos. Goranson was secretary, membership chair, and a main organizer of the group. He and his veteran comrades in the 1960s peace movement faced a grim reality in attempting to turn their participation in the dubious battle in Southeast Asia into a force for peace. According to those who knew him, Goranson provided stability among Vietnam war veterans seeking peace or otherwise in need.

“Chuck Goranson pretty much kept Vets for Peace together,” Vietnam veteran Dennis McQuade, Madison, related in an oral his-

tory published in the book *Long Shadows: Veterans Paths to Peace* (Atwood Publishing, Madison – 2006). McQuade was also active in the national Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), and was a witness in the Winter Soldier investigations in Detroit. In time, Madison Veterans for Peace membership increased as did participation in demonstrations against the war, which brought veterans together with massive numbers of student and citizen protesters. Madison veterans leafleted malls where war toys were sold, organized peace marches, wrote bylaws, published newsletters and fliers, volunteered at the VA Hospital, spoke in classrooms, and - led by Goranson - promoted a 1968 “peace referendum” which won more than 40 percent support from Madison voters despite major spending campaigns in opposition from other established veterans’ organizations. The American Legion denied membership to any and all Vietnam war veterans until after 1966. Peace veterans like Goranson were often harshly and unjustly criticized for “unpatriotism,” an absurd charge given their war experience.

Documents passed on by Goranson, some of which are available at the Wisconsin Historical Society, describe Vets for Peace history, which included support from veterans of World War II and the war in Korea. Today Madison is home to a newer incarnation of Goranson’s vision: Veterans for Peace, Chapter 25 named for Clarence Kailin, a 1937 veteran of the Spanish Civil War against fascism. The Madison Area Peace Coalition (MAPC) and the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice (WNPJ) are also among contemporary successors to Madison’s peace movement of the 1960s, as are activists with U.S. Labor Against War and within Madison’s faith communities and political organizations. With U.S. wars raging and U.S. interventions looming, the time isn’t right to “burn our caps” as Chuck Goranson hoped. But peace-loving people may temporarily remove their hats in Goranson’s memory, and then return to working for peace.

**If you or your organization has information you would like to share across the network, please consider sending it the Network News editor in care of the editor, WNPJ for inclusion in future issues.**

# STRONG SUPPORT FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AMONG WI VOTERS

*Sister Sally Ann Brickner*

In 2010 the USA Supreme Court ruled in *Citizens United vs. the Federal Election Committee* that entities like corporations and unions are persons with constitutional rights and that their political expenditures are an exercise of “free speech.”

Recognizing the damage this ruling would create for our democracy, concerned citizens immediately launched a movement to amend the U.S. Constitution by defining who is a person - not corporations or other artificial entities - and declaring that money is not speech and therefore can be regulated. Sixteen states

in the USA have already endorsed the call for a U.S. Constitutional Amendment.

Move to Amend is a grassroots, nonpartisan movement that has energetically organized WI voters during the last four years. Across the political divide, WI voters recognize the influence of “dark money” in our elections and the need to reduce the influence of powerful entities (such as corporations, unions, and PACs) and individuals.

On November 4th, voters in Milwaukee County and ten cities and villages passed by more than two-thirds majority a refer-

endum that calls on the U.S. Congress to draft a constitutional amendment. Since 2011, 54 entities in Wisconsin have “moved for an amendment” either by resolution of a county board or city council, or by a ballot referendum.

*Sister Sally Ann Brickner, OSF, Justice, Peace and Ecology Coordinator, Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, sabrickner@csasisters.org. Visit WIMTA (WI Move to Amend) for additional information about the campaign and how you can become involved <http://wimta.org/resources/wisconsin-ready-to-amend/>.*

## WNPJ'S ANNUAL FALL ASSEMBLY

WNPJ's Fall Assembly focused on “Racially Just Alternatives to Incarceration” in Dane County and the State. Moderator Karma Chávez organized the session into a conversation among the panelists, on mass incarceration, its impacts on communities of color in our state, and the need for alternatives.



Karma Chávez and Z! Haukeness began the session by providing some local context, including that Dane County has one of the worst racial disparities in the country regarding imprisonment. Despite this fact, audience members were

dismayed to learn that county officials are currently considering the construction of a new jail. They were followed by Olmeca, an artist/activist/educator from Los Angeles. A son of immigrants, he is also an advocate for human rights. Through poetry and music,

Olmeca's moving performance shared the impact of mass incarceration on communities of color across the nation. Nino Rodriguez, Ananda Mirilli, Adeyemi Balogun, and Erika Bach then spoke about the history of incarceration in Wisconsin and ways of centering transformative, community-led alternatives as we push against the expansion of jails and prisons in our state.

After the panel Olmeca and his guests Ojos De Esme and Jorge F. Rodriguez performed some more. WNPJ was honored that they took time from their performing schedule to appear at the Assembly.



*panel on mass incarceration*

The annual awards ceremony that followed honored some wonderful Wisconsin change makers. Hosted by Matt Rothschild, senior editor of *The Progressive*, awards were given to Jenna Karsten - Youth Peacemaker of the Year, Brenda Konkel - Adult Peacemaker of the Year, Mark Foreman - Senior Peacemaker of the Year, Irene Toro Martínez and Melissa Charenko - Dennis Bergren LGBTQ Advocacy Award, and John E. Peck and Mary Beth Schlagheck for Lifetime Achievement Awards. Great food cooked by Liz Bruno, Liz Nuñez, Leon Carlos Miranda, James, Layli McLaughlin, and many donations from businesses and individuals. Thanks to all who took part.

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

*Liz Bruno, WNPJ Board Co-Chair*

Hello, People of the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice,

Let me introduce myself as our newest co-chair of this wonderful organization. I am Liz Bruno, a white woman in my 33rd year. I was privileged to grow up in Green County Wisconsin as a Chicagoland transplant. As a young girl I had a lot of time to wander in the woods outside which instilled in me a deep connection to the Mother Earth. Having that time as a young person to feel the earth awaken in me is something I wish for all beings on this earth. Just a glimmer of that natural connection with the earth, the trees, the water, all that is, will change lives and open possibility.

My commitment to social changed is always transforming. Growing analysis feeds my deep belief that we are all connected and each day of life teaches me to reach for what seems impossible. (As a young person unaware of much outside my own family and experience I can recall a feeling of powerlessness which surely quaked when I found the Madison Infoshop, an organization fighting for radical change largely from an anarchist perspective.)

My political coming of age happened in the early 2000's as mass demonstrations in this country brought hundreds of thousands of us to together in the streets to

gain energy to bring to our struggles at home. While I dabbled in the Nader/LaDuke Presidential Campaign, partisan politics have never held much grip for me. My deepest desires are around creating new systems that are life affirming. I am a student of the earth, an herbalist with a growing somatic awareness. I believe in Peace. I believe in Justice. I believe when we live this way we inspire others to do so, who maybe have never even considered the possibility.

I believe in healing. I see our individual health as directly tied to our collective health. This means dismantling all systems of oppression and living with respect to our mother earth. Thus the meeting of social justice and healing work. As we say, no one is free when others are oppressed. In this world where police officers can take the lives of young black men and people of color nation wide, through violence and imprisonment, where Darren Wilson can claim delusions of seeing demons, I ask us to dig deeper. Let us see those demons for what they really are, the smoke trails of white supremacy that we must work to deconstruct.

I first became involved with WNPJ by helping facilitate an anti-racism section of a board retreat four years ago. It is this

commitment for Racial Justice that inspired my participation in the network. What has kept me involved is the creativity, the scope, and the sense of possibility that our organization operates from.

Next year I would like to dig deeper into these questions and the actions that follow:

How can we increase our sense of connection and share a way of life worth really living and fighting for? How do we increase our sense of what is possible? What are folks already doing that is working to build sustainable just community and make systemic changes?

How do we broaden and strengthen that feeling of having each others backs, being willing to fight and sacrifice for the world we long to see? How do we offer this strength to movements and organizations who don't currently feel the backing from our WNPJ collective fight?

In additional to political action, we are here for each other, building sacred community for our futures. United we stand.

With love,

Liz Bruno, co-chair, Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice



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AFT #212 - Milwaukee	Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice - Madison	Offbeat Press - Oshkosh	SOUL of Wisconsin - LaFarge
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Autonomous Solidarity Organization - Madison	Iraq Veterans Against the War - Madison	OutReach! - Madison	T.A.M.E. - Madison
Beloit Monthly Meeting of Friends	Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin - Statewide	PAX Christi - Madison	The Madison Institute
Bread for the World - Appleton	Juneau County Peace Committee - Mauston	PC Foundation - Madison	Union de la Trabajadores Inmigrantes - Madison
Casa Maria - Milwaukee	Kickapoo Peace Circle - Viroqua	Peace Action Wisconsin - Milwaukee	United Methodist Federation for Social Action, WI Chapter - LaCrosse
Church Women United of Wisconsin & Madison Branch	LaCrosse Interfaith Justice and Peace Network	Peace Economics - Madison	United Nations Association - Dane County Chapter & Wisconsin Division
Citizen Action of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	LGBT Books to Prisoners Project - Madison	Peace, Justice and Sustainability Group of James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation - Madison	Uppity Wisconsin - Menomonee
Citizens Climate Lobby - WI	LGBTQ Narratives - Madison	Peregrine Forum of WI - Madison	UW-Milwaukee Peace Studies Program
Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger - Merrimac	Loaves and Fishes Catholic Worker - Duluth	PFLAG - Madison	Veterans for Peace - Chapters #25-Madison, #102-Milwaukee; #153-Superior & #114-Sheboygan
Code Pink - Boscobel	Madison Action for Mining Alternatives	Physicians for Social Responsibility - WI	Voices de la Frontera - Milwaukee
Colombia Support Network - Madison	Madison Arcatao Sister City Project	PNHP-WI - Linda and Eugene Farley Chapter - Madison	Voices for Creative Nonviolence - Chicago
Community for Change - Racine	Madison Area Bus Advocates	Plowshare Center - Waukesha	Waukesha Catholic Worker
Congregation of St Agnes, Justice Peace & Ecology Office - Fond du Lac	Madison Area Peace Coalition	Progress Media - Oshkosh	WAVE Educational Fund - Milwaukee
Coulee Progressives - LaCrosse	Madison Buddhist Peace Fellowship	Racine Coalition for Peace and Justice	Wild Peace Sangha - Viroqua
Crawford Stewardship Project - Gays Mills	Madison Friends Meeting - Peace & Social Concerns Committee	Racine Dominicans Justice Outreach	Winds of Peace - Projects in Vietnam
Dale Heights Presbyterian Church Outreach Committee - Madison	Madison Food Not Bombs	Raging Grannies of Madison	Wisconsin Alliance for Tenants' Rights - Madison
DeKalb, IL Interfaith Network for P&J	Madison Hours Co-op	Rainbow Bookstore Cooperative - Madison	Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project
Democratic Socialists of America - Madison Area	Madison Infoshop	Rapids Citizens for Peace - Wisconsin Rapids	Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
East Timor Action Network - Madison	Madison Mennonite Church	Red Cedar Peace Initiative - Menomonee	WI Coalition to Ground the Drones and End the Wars - Mt. Horeb
Echo Valley Hope, Inc - Ontario	Madison Pledge of Resistance	Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin - Madison	Wisconsin Coalition to Normalize Relations with Cuba - Milwaukee
Family Farm Defenders - Madison	Madison/Rafah Sister City Project	River Falls Peace and Justice	Wisconsin Community Fund
Farley Center for Peace, Justice and Sustainability - Verona	Madison-area Urban Ministry	Rock Ridge Community - Dodgeville	Wisconsin Council of Churches - Peace & Justice Committee
Fellowship of Reconciliation - Fox Valley Chapter	Many Ways of Peace - Eagle River	Rock Valley Fellowship of Reconciliation - Janesville	Wisconsin Democracy Campaign
First Cong Church, UCC - Menomonee	Marquette University Center for Peacemak- ing - Milwaukee	St. Norbert Abbey Justice and Peace Committee - DePere	<b>Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice</b>
First United Methodist Church, Church and Society Committee - Madison	Mary House - Wisconsin Dells	St. Norbert College, Peace & Justice Center - DePere	WI Impeachment/Bring Our Troops Home - Madison
Forward Marching Band - Madison	Midwest Coalition Against Lethal Mining - La Crosse, Milwaukee and Madison	School of Americas Watch - Madison	Wisconsin Resources Protection Council - LaCrosse
Fox Valley Peace Coalition - Appleton	Midwest Renewable Energy Association - Custer	School Sisters of Notre Dame - Elm Grove	Wisconsin Women's Network
Friends of Palestine - Germantown	Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition	SEIU Healthcare WI - Madison	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - Madison
Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools	Mother Fool's Coffeehouse - Madison	Serve To Unite - Greendale	Workers' Rights Center - Madison
Grandmothers for Peace - Superior	National Lawyers Guild - Madison	SHAMA, Inc Projects - Plover	Yahara Friends Meeting - Monona
Grassroutes Caravan - Madison	No Drones Wisconsin - McFarland	Sinsinawa Dominicans - Sinsinawa	
Greater Wisconsin Committee - Madison		Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross - Green Bay	
Groundwork - Madison		Sisters of the Divine Savior - Milwaukee	
Habiba Chaoch Foundation - Janesville		<b>Socialist Party of Milwaukee</b>	
Hill Connections - Chaseburg			