What's at stake:  As others prepare for war, we must prepare for peace. We must answer the mindless call to arms with a thoughtful, soulful call to resist the build-up for war. A new, resolute peace movement must arise, become visible, and challenge those who would make war inevitable.  

Dennis Kucinich

We are not alone!

My Peace Movement Directory (2001) described 1200 peace organizations in North American from Mexico City to Ottawa alone. When you remember the UN's immense capacity for a better world and that the other eight following organizations represent only a tiny sample of the thousands of peace and justice organizations around the world, you will feel the hope all together give. This newsletter from OMNI samples international peace and justice organizations: based abroad, with chapters or members around the world, in US whose work extends abroad—any organization with global vision and reach. Thousands are engaged in the struggle. And tens of thousands indirectly. We are not alone in the struggle for a just and peaceful world!

Such dedication and cooperation have had victories.

Rebecca Solnit knows as much as anyone about the losses the planet has suffered in recent decades, and more than most she confronts them. Like Thomas Hardy, she know that
“if way to the Better there be/it exacts a full look at the Worst.” But she also celebrates successes. Her book, *Hope in the Dark*, relates the scum and perfidies, but also the wonderful beneficial revolutions of race, gender, sexuality, food, economics, energy, and more that have occurred during our lifetimes—“the victories that begin in the imagination and change the rules.”

She takes a full look at the Worst in her opening two chapters: Chap. 1 entitled “Looking Into Darkness”; Chap. 2 “When We Lost.” But in chapter 3, “What We Won,” she distinguishes eight “reasons to hope for the future.” I’ll try to epitomize each in a sentence. 1) ignition of the massive, global peace movement on February 15, 2003, against the invasion of Iraq, “when somewhere between twelve and thirty million people marched and demonstrated, on every continent”; 2) expansion of citizens worldwide who engage politically; 3) shift in mainstream media to reporting the peace movement as more than marginal rabble; 4) public resistance overcame fear and engendered lasting trust and coalitions for peace; 5) these coalitions using the Internet achieved a “global movement without leaders”; 6) dichotomies rejected, the enemies became violence, all war, all weapons of mass destruction: the peace *movement*; 7) the US military-corporate-congressional *system* became a subject of mainstream media scrutiny; 8) distancing of formerly close allies from US hegemony—Canada, Mexico, Turkey.

-- Dick

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The peace, justice, and ecology organizations did sit on their hands during the presidential campaigns, but plunged into the middle of them. Since both of the two major Parties are War Parties, many peace and justice organizations have intensified their “educate the candidates and Parties” campaigns.

A dramatic example is Amnesty International, which displayed a full-scale replica of a Guantanamo prison cell at both nominating conventions, to demand opposition to torture, to prolonged detainment without charge, to unaccountability of high-level officials, and other human rights abuses. Larry Cox is Exec. Dir. of AI.

Like Al, Friends of the Earth believes that we cannot take for granted that a change of Administration or of Congress will change the carbon regime to the degree that must happen if we are to bring down CO2 to 350 PPM quickly enough. The Lieberman-Warner energy bill was proposed, but defeated, and anyway it was deeply flawed and would not require the real changes needed to stop climate change. So FOE is keeping the pressure on not only the Bush Admin. but also on Congress and the presidential candidates, to make sure they face facts and seek real solutions, not the greenwashing now pervading corporate tactics. Brent Blackwelder is President of FOE. www.foe.org

For a third example, the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), the Quaker lobbying organization, is “urging presidential and congressional candidates to embrace a vision of a world free of nuclear weapons.” And they and we cannot count on the next president and Congress to reverse US nuclear weapons policy, but we must push them to
complete nuclear disarmament, no first use policy, renegotiate START, ratify the CTBT, and rescue the NPT.  www.fcnl.org

These campaigns are not new, for these organizations and hundreds of peace, justice, and ecology organizations have always been in the middle of politics against the special interests that bribe our politicians, rob the people, and endanger the planet, and especially during presidential campaigns. Let us join with them in educating our candidates and our present Cong. delegation about human rights, global warming, US permanent war, nuclear weapons, and other urgent matters, including the power of corporations to determine national policies. If we do not, we can be sure the forces in politics for profit will fill our vacancy.

GOVERNMENTS MAKING PEACE

UNITED NATIONS

United Nations


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CITIES AND PEACE


Fred Arment arment@fredarment.com via uark.onmicrosoft.com

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International Cities of Peace, September, 2016

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Building schools, feeding the poor, teaching conflict resolution, tending the sick, promoting interfaith dialogue, and putting sports and the arts into action for peace -- the amazing work being done by cities of peace initiatives around the globe are, without question, changing the world.

Yet violence is undoubtedly on the rise. What to do? Where to start? International Cities of Peace has huge potential for creating a groundswell of change in communities. We are seeing major initiatives at the community level in so many extraordinary ways that it lifts our hearts and brings tears to our eyes.

This is peace building in action.

Can we see the future through the visionary goals of these emerging leaders? Cities of peace are nonviolent beachheads for peace, the first practical steps toward a collaborative world, and practical harbingers of communities where greater justice and compassion are helping children and families.

There is so much left to do! We need to help and support these emerging leaders. If you want to make a true difference with your life and theirs, let us know by sending your story or a question to: Contact International Cities of Peace

Note on Photo: Congratulations to Ojai, California: City of Peace, the first city in the world to mount a sign that proclaims their community as an International City of Peace. More to follow!
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE, 2016

For a day, a week, even the whole month of September, the United Nations gives the world an opportunity to celebrate, educate, and organize for a higher level of peace building in our communities!

Have you planned your event to celebrate Peace Day? If so, please let us know. On September 21st and the weeks prior and beyond, there will be thousands of gatherings, sports events, workshops, parades, vigils, acts of generosity, education and training, student observances, and even veteran events as humanity unifies around the goals of peace.

This year's theme for International Day of Peace, designated by the U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, is "Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace". These 17 goals are what International Cities of Peace is about -- working on the many ways to build sustainable peace in our communities.

Website for Sustainable Development Goals

A great resource for all things Peace Day is Peace Day Philly

If you have not planned an event for September, the GLOBAL FEAST FOR PEACE is a great way to build your organization and take a moment to break bread together. Simply have a "Pot Luck" for peace sometime during September and dedicate it to peace day. A gathering, or Feast, is easy to plan and very appreciated by participants.

"CELEBRATE THE PEACE WE HAVE; CONTEMPLATE THE WORK TO BE DONE".

Nearly all our cities of peace will have a meal or gathering dedicated to peace. Even beyond our 140 cities of peace, there will be feasting and contemplating in hundreds of communities around the globe.

Facebook site for Global Feast for Peace

Add your city to the global map!

It takes so little to do so much. Be an important part of the future by donating to one of the ONLY platforms that is helping thousands of new peace leaders emerge in communities across the globe. Give to creating more cities of peace or specify a specific program. Act Now! Activate your compassion.

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Hiroshima shortly after it was destroyed by an atomic bomb on 6 August 1945.

Mayors for Peace

Mayors from 554 cities united against nuclear weapons

In August 1945, atomic bombs reduced the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki within minutes to rubble and killed hundreds of thousands of its citizens. Today, almost 60 years after the war, thousands of people in both cities still suffer from the trauma and the devastating after-effects of radiation. To prevent any repetition of the use of atomic bombs, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have continually sought to remind the world of the inhuman cruelty of nuclear weapons and have consistently urged the abolition of such weapons.

On 24 June 1982 at the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament, Takeshi Araki, the then Mayor of Hiroshima, proposed a 'Programme to Promote the Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons'. This proposal offered cities a way to transcend national borders and work together to press for the abolition of all nuclear weapons. Subsequently, the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki called on mayors around the world to support this programme.

The Mayors for Peace is composed of cities around the world that have formally expressed support for the programme announced by Mayor Araki in 1982. The organisation is now supported by 554 cities in 107 countries and regions. Mayors for Peace is recognised by the UN as an official NGO (non-governmental organisation).

Mayors for Peace aims to build solidarity and facilitate coordination among the cities that support the Programme to Promote the Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. Its primary goal is to work internationally to raise consciousness regarding nuclear weapons abolition. It is also formally committed to pursuing lasting world peace by working to address starvation, poverty, refugee

26 mayors from across the world are competing for the 2014 World Mayor Prize

Support the Mayor you believe should win the 2014 World Mayor Prize

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- Mayor Naheed Nenshi
  Calgary, Canada
- Mayor Annise Parker
  Houston, USA
- Mayor Mick Cornett
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  Sacramento, USA

LATIN AMERICA
- Mayor Marcio Lacerda
  Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- Mayor Álvaro Arzú
  Guatemala City, Guatemala
- Mayor Carlos Eduardo Correa
  Monteria, Colombia
- Mayor Carlos Ocariz
  Sucre, Venezuela

EUROPE
- Mayor Daniel Termont
  Ghent, Belgium
- Mayor Alain Juppé
  Bordeaux, France
- Mayor Albrecht Schröter
  Jena, Germany
- Mayor Yiannis Boutaris
  Thessaloniki, Greece
- Mayor Giusy
welfare, human rights abuses and environmental destruction.

The executive council of Mayors for Peace is made up of the cities of Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Como (Italy), Hannover (Germany), Malakoff (France), Manchester (United Kingdom), Muntinlupa (Philippines) and Volgograd (Russia).

Mayors from The Americas, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa are competing for the annual World Mayor Award. More

City Mayors ranks the world’s largest as well as richest cities and urban areas. It also ranks the cities in individual countries, and provides a list of the capital cities of some 200 sovereign countries. More

City Mayors reports political events, analyses the issues and depicts the main players. More

City Mayors describes and explains the structures and workings of local government in Europe, The Americas, Asia, Australia and Africa. More

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MAYORS FOR PEACE (another link)

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/index.html

NON-GOVERNMENTAL PEACE ORGANIZATIONS
Revolution: The NSP Newsletter, December 2015


In the 21st century, our security and well being depends on the well being of everyone else on this planet as well as on the health of the planet itself.

An important way to manifest this caring is through a Global Marshall Plan that would dedicate 1-2% of the U.S. annual Gross Domestic Product each year for the next twenty years to eliminate domestic and global poverty, homelessness, hunger, inadequate education, and inadequate health care and repair damage done to the environment by 150 years of ecologically irresponsible forms of industrialization and “modernization” throughout much of the world.

We support a Global Marshall Plan that includes

- Participation in planning and fund-distribution decisions by the recipient countries’ most talented and ethically sensitive leaders as well as activists from local communities representing the poor and outstanding figures in the ethical, cultural, religious and non-profit sectors of the relevant societies.
- Methods for ensuring that the monies are used in the most effective, environmentally sustainable and culturally sensitive ways.
- Safeguards to guarantee that the monies are not siphoned off by governments or local elites or primarily for creating the infrastructure for large corporations, but actually reach the people in need.
- Amending all existing and future trade agreements to ensure that they serve the economic well-being of the poor and not just the interests of the wealthy nations or local elites.
in countries with high levels of poverty.

- Retraining the military to build and rebuild vital infrastructure.
- Global leadership by the United States to start this effort and encourage other advanced industrial societies to join the plan.

We approach this initiative with a spirit of humility, not only because of the legacy of colonialism and self-interested Western trade policies which contributed to the underdevelopment in poor countries, but because we can learn much from the cultures and spiritual heritage of other societies—recognizing that their economic poverty does not signify a poverty of wisdom. Generosity of spirit as well as financial generosity are an integral part of our Global Marshall Plan, which we affirm not only because it is a central component in any rational plan to achieve “homeland security,” but also because it reflects our commitment to recognize every human being on this planet as equally valuable and deserving of care.

The NSP’s Global Marshall Plan is a strategy for real homeland security.

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Dear Friends,

To avoid flooding your mailbox with too many emails, I send out this notice of my blogs only twice a year.

I have just posted my culture of peace blog for August 1, under the title: "Political will – Will it
be there for the global meeting on climate change?"

You will find it at http://decade-culture-of-peace.org/blog

It is based on this month's CPNN bulletin. If you did not receive the bulletin, you may find it at http://cpnn-world.org/new/?p=3427

The blogs and bulletin are the basis for my newest book, Embrace the Fire: Plant the seeds for a culture of peace. It may be read on line at http://culture-of-peace.info/books/Embrace-12.pdf or a paper copy can be purchased at https://www.createspace.com/5575904 (North America) or at http://www.amazon.fr/Embrace-Fire-Plant-Seeds-Culture/dp/1514661209 (Europe)

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EDITORIAL

Longer, but Less Meaningful Lives?


We are now living the accelerating history of the end of the US empire, in the wake of about 11 in Europe; and the general decline and fall of Western hegemony. Yet, EU creates an EU Army HQ, USA elects a president known for belligerence, Brexit England revives symbols of an empire long since gone; finding meaning in war and domination. Far better would have been for all three to lift up the bottom living in misery.

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Resolved: To Find Peace Advocates in Every Nation

From all around the globe, nearly 50,000 people, including you, have signed this statement:

_I understand that wars and militarism make us less safe rather than protect us, that they kill, injure and traumatize adults, children and infants, severely damage the natural environment, erode civil liberties, and drain our economies, siphoning resources from life-affirming activities. I commit to engage in and support nonviolent efforts to end all war and preparations for war and to create a sustainable and just peace._

Anyone inclined to can sign it here: [http://worldbeyondwar.org/individual](http://worldbeyondwar.org/individual)

In each of 143 countries, somewhere between 1 and several thousand people have signed. The purpose of the statement is to begin organizing a truly global movement. But certain countries are missing. Let’s resolve to add them to the map in 2017.

Obviously there exists at least one person in Venezuela and in Cuba and in Honduras and in Haiti and the Dominican Republic who wants to end all war. As in most countries, it is likely that most people in those countries want to do so. But who will be the first to put their name down?

Organizations can sign too, and several hundred have done so at: [http://worldbeyondwar.org/organization](http://worldbeyondwar.org/organization)

Can we find signers who will sign online or on hardcopy in Algeria, Libya, Western Sahara, Mali, Eritrea, Mauritania, Liberia, Chad, Angola?

What about in Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Mongolia, North Korea, or Papua New Guinea?

Beyond adding a single signer in each of these places, we want to add volunteer leaders who will join the global coordination of educational and activist efforts to rid our species of the disease of militarism before it rids the planet of us.
In 143 countries people have already signed and in a growing list have become active. World Beyond War now has country coordinators all over the world and is hiring paid staff to begin in January and work with them to accelerate our growth and intensify our activities.

Do you know anyone in any of the missing countries? Can you ask them to sign?

Do you know anyone who might know anyone who might know anyone in any of the missing countries? Can you ask them to sign?

Can you bring sign up sheets to any events you organize or attend in 2017 and ask everyone to sign, then mail them in (or photograph and email them in)? This is how we’ll grow. And this growth combined with the power of our message will change the world.

Sign the Declaration of Peace.

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