**CHOOSING A LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION**

**On January 20th, when we announce the THEME and DATE the majority chose, we will also re-send this COMMITMENT FORM** and ask that everyone respond with their commitment to participate and their chosen level of participation no later than Jan. 29th.

**LEVEL 1 -**

**YOU COULD CHOOSE LEVEL ONE**

* **If you are an At-Large Member,**
* **If you are part of a very small or struggling branch,**
* **If your branch is larger but you already have a LOT going on this year and you can’t take on much more.**

**WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR LEVEL 1 PARTICIPATION?**

**This is the PRIMARY level of activity that we are asking EVERYONE to do.**

It is the least demanding but requires some planning, working together with others and coordinating with WILPF US.

**TO DO:**

**MAKE A BANNER,**

**TAKE A PHOTO** of it in front of a recognizable local landmark,

**SEND THE PHOTO to WILPF US as an email attachment to 1wilpfcalls@gmail.com.**

**STAY IN TOUCH** with the folks who help you!

**WE WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILS, RESOURCES, PLANNING TOOLS if you choose Level 1.**

**LEVEL 2**

**YOU COULD CHOOSE LEVEL TWO**

* **If you are an At-Large Member who is very connected to a group of other progressives and activists and can rally support for this project.**
* **If you are part of a branch that is ready to focus on getting better connected and more visible in your community and willing to work on a mid-size event in April.**
* **If your branch members are willing to help with some of the planning and execution details and form a special committee to make it happen.**

**WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR LEVEL 2 PARTICIPATION?**

**This is the MIDLEVEL of activity that we are asking most folks to consider.**

It includes the Level 1 activity plus some extra measure of community involvement to raise visibility for WILPF and connect you to neighbors who might be looking for ways to engage in movement-building work even if they’ve been asked before and declined.

***We are at a different moment in our country. Ask again!***

 **TO DO:**

**STEP 1 –**

**MAKE A BANNER,**

**TAKE A PHOTO** of it in front of a recognizable local landmark,

**SEND THE PHOTO to WILPF US as an email attachment to 1wilpfcalls@gmail.com.**

**SHARE YOUR PHOTO & PROMOTE YOUR EVENT**

**FOLLOW-UP** with anyone who helps you with this project.

**STEP 2 -**

**PLAN AN EVENT in your community that reflects the theme selected and hold it during the day selected.**

***Examples of add-on events might include:*** *Book Discussion Groups, Marches or Protests, Interfaith Prayer Services, Film Showings, Poetry Reading & Spoken Word Performances at a downtown watering hole or the library, Exercises for attendees to do that include the PENNY POLL vote on budget priorities (war vs peace economy), SOAP BOXES for local celebrities to read quotes about PEACE, local musicians performing new and old PEACE PROTEST songs, local CHOIRS performing songs of peace, Children’s Activities like drawing what peace looks like, local artists doing live performance painting of peace subjects, Reading Children’s Books about peace, Demonstrations of Earth-Friendly products, appliances, gardening instructions, etc. An all-out MARCH with signs, banners and speeches would be a great addition, including the visual of MOVING THE MONEY from a military entity (recruiting office or weapons manufacturer?) to a people’s entity (a public school, a senior center, a library, etc.). Use your WILPF or local Raging Grannies performance in a public place to attract attention? Ask for co-sponsorships.*

**STEP 3 - FOLLOW-UP**

**STAY IN TOUCH with the community members** who help you and who attend your event, invite them to follow-up activities, branch meetings, social gatherings, etc.

**WE WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILS, RESOURCES, PLANNING TOOLS if you choose Level 2.**

**LEVEL 3**

**YOU COULD CHOOSE LEVEL THREE**

* **If you are part of a midsize or larger branch, with lots of members and allies to help.**
* **If you are looking for more visibility in your community and can find enough helpers to make this work, possibly by co-sponsoring with another organization(s).**
* **If you want to make this an event with a ‘presence’ in town, that combines several elements, or that appeals to a very broad segment of the public.**

**WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR LEVEL 3 PARTICIPATION?**

**This is the level of activity that we are asking branches to consider taking on who have capacity.**

It includes the Level 1 activity and adds a public presence that can attract new and different members of your community who might be looking to get more involved in movement building now, even if they’ve never been so inclined before (Level 2). This level would build on Level 2 with more co-sponsors, more outreach, a larger footprint, and hoped for larger attendance… It would have a public presence and would probably require co-sponsorship from other ally groups, churches, schools, etc.

**TO DO:**

**STEP 1 –**

**MAKE A BANNER, TAKE A PHOTO** of it in front of a recognizable local landmark,

**SEND THE PHOTO to WILPF US.**  Follow the steps listed for Level 1.

**STEP 2 -**

**PLAN AN EVENT** in your community that reflects the theme selected and hold it during the day selected. See suggestions from LEVEL 2 for what kind of event. **This is a little larger event than in Level 2.**

It could be exactly the same KIND of event, but in a larger venue, with a larger invited audience, with more co-sponsors, in a more public area, with a day and evening component or a more action-oriented protest or demonstration …. any way to make it more appealing to your community and more news-worthy. (see previous suggestions)

**STEP 3 -**

**STAY IN TOUCH** with the community members who help you and who attend your event.

**WE WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILS, RESOURCES, PLANNING TOOLS if you choose Level 3.**