#### WILPF-US ISSUE COMMITTEES

The various WILPF US Issue Committees are program committees that work on specific issues of concern to our members, consistent with international priorities. Our WILPF US Issue Committees welcome any WILPF member who wishes to participate. By joining an Issue Committee, you will be able to share your voice and passions and help develop projects to achieve measurable, outcome-oriented goals.



#### ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS Barbara Nielsen bln.sf.ca@gmail.com

Advancing Human Rights Issue Committee works to ensure compliance at the federal, state and local levels with international human rights treaties signed and ratified by

the US government. The international treaties to which the US is a party are the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Convention Against Torture.

The Committee also works for the ratification of those treaties which have not yet been adopted by the US: the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Covenant on Economic, Cultural and Social Rights. The committee aspires to increase public understanding of and US compliance with Security Council Resolutions on women, peace, and security: 1325, 1820, 1889, and 1890 as well as to promote awareness of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

<u>Advancing Human Rights Committee Subcommittees:</u> Human Trafficking, UN Security Council Resolution 1325, CEDAW and

the Racial Justice Working Group Courteney Leinonen courteneyleinonen@gmail.com
The Goals of the Racial Justice Working Group:

- i. To deepen the understanding of race in the U.S. context
- ii. To establish a greater understanding of movements for racial justice
- iii. To develop an understanding on how to become better allies with racial justice movements
- iv. To acknowledge that we have all fallen victim to white supremacy
- v. To leave the "helping" mentality for working together to achieve a goal



# CORPORATIONS v DEMOCRACY Marybeth Gardam - mbgardam@gmail.com

The Corporations v Democracy Committee educates and activates WILPF members and others around the issue of unchecked corporate power as a

threat to our promised self-governance and free speech. We believe that corporate power and profits at any price are obstacles that each WILPF issue committee confronts. Currently we are working with partners to offer tools for education and activism our members can use in their own communities.



### CUBA AND THE BOLIVARIAN ALLIANCE Cindy Domingo - cindydomingo@gmail.com

Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Issue Committee conducts education and organizing work to end the US blockade against Cuba and to change US foreign policy

towards Cuba that respects the sovereign rights of the Cuban people for self-determination.

The committee also works to normalize relations between the US government and the countries comprising the Bolivarian Alliance and to end the US war of terrorism against those countries. The particular focus is on Cuba because of the US blockade imposed against Cuba in 1960; therefore, the committee



# DISARM/END WARS - DISMANTLE THE WAR ECONOMY

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The DISARM/End Wars Committee has "clusters" of activity—or informal subcommittees—on nuclear weapons, (2) nuclear power and waste, (3) keep space for peace and (4) End Wars. The current priority is a Nuclear Free Future.

DISARM! helps members participate in visits to Congress, the Pentagon, and the Administration in Washington D.C. in cooperation with the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability and their dozens of expert "nuke watchdogs."

DISARM! has celebrated with ICAN and many others the passage of the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty at the UN in the summer of 2017 and has energetically circulated an on and off-line petition nationwide demanding that the US President and Senate sign and ratify the Treaty. We have also put our ardent support behind the only proposal in Congress that calls for the abolition of nuclear weapons: 'The Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act-



#### EARTH DEMOCRACY

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Earth Democracy's mandate is broad, and so we have four subcommittees: **Human Right to Water and Health**;

Rights of Na-

**ture/Future Generation Guardianship**; **Food Democracy/Local Economy**; and **Global Warming/Renewable Energy.** To integrate these broad subject areas under Earth Democracy, we highlight two framing initiatives: the Precautionary Principle and Guardianship of Future Generations. Most recently, we created two infographic cards: **CLIMATE JUSTICE+WOMEN+PEACE** and **The Human Right to Health and Safe Food.** 



#### MIDDLE EAST Barbara Taft - beeiavssite@vahoo.co

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The Middle East Committee works toward ending wars in the Middle East. We focus on US policy toward Israel and Palestine in particular.

We deplore the large amount of arm sales to this region done under the guise of US aid. We advocate a "swords into plowshares" policy. We call for the end of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories.

The Middle East Committee educates our members and our communities on this issue. We promote international law, human rights and a Middle East Weapons-Free Zone. Our vision is consistent with United Nations resolutions regarding the full involvement of women according to UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

