

GOAL 3: ADVANCING PEACE, Justice and Human Rights. This will help connect members and branches to strategies that promote and sustain systemic transformation by working more collaboratively within our organizations and by linking more members at large and branches with Issue Committees and engaging in actions that would make WILPF more visible.

Objectives, Actions, & Activities	Responsibility	Time Frame
<p>Objective 1: Work to end all wars by abolishing nuclear weapons and all weapons.</p> <p>See WILPF guiding principles: A guide to disarm: http://worldbeyondwar.org/alternative/</p>	<p>AHR CvD Disarm & End Wars Earth Democracy MidEast Branches or Member-at-large</p>	
<p>Action 1.1: Draw attention to the importance of having all Parties, including Hamas and women at the Peace table.</p> <p>Note: Campaign that supports Hamas' role in working out a just and last peace in the Middle East is emerging from the Middle East Issue Committee.</p> <p>See: http://wilpfus.org/documents/Hamas/WILPF_Hamas_Booklet.pdf</p> <p>Action 1.2: Change attitudes that promote militarization, war, and violence</p> <p>Action 1.3a: Implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 by including women at the Peace Table--lobby law and policy makers to support and include Women at the peace table</p> <p>Action 1.3b: Collaborate with WILPF Peace Women to connect local efforts on women, peace, and security to national and international actions, policies, and practices. See: www.peacewomen.org</p>	<p>AHR CvD Disarm & End Wars Earth Democracy MidEast Branches or Member-at-large</p> <p>Note: We encourage Branches and/or individuals as well as the Issues Committees to work collaboratively on similar issues. For instance, Branches and/or individuals in conjunction with an Issue Committee could work together on a mutually identified issue so as to create a sustained "campaign" over a period of time. They would share resources to create a unified language and coordinated action on the identified issue. WILPF US Program will provide structural support where needed by providing or disseminating packaged information, press releases, and signs. Program plans to develop a repository of information that will be available on a designated web site. See Objectives 4 & 5</p>	Ongoing
<p>Objective 2: Convert the Military Budget into a Peace budget</p>		Ongoing
<p>Action 1: Inform and educate our communities on the military budget by providing fact sheets and educational resources on the military & on the NATO budgets.</p> <p>Action 2: Say "NO" to wars and "YES" to an economy based on alternative and peaceful energies.</p>		

<p>Action 3: Strengthen WILPF's work in nurturing a peace and social justice culture and agenda through outreach to and/or collaboration with advocacy groups including Peace Centers, Institutions, churches, Universities, and schools each (see peace groups).</p> <p>Note: We need to reach out to other groups in our communities in order to expand our work</p> <p>Action 4: Educate our communities on the conditions that cause wars and how we can stop them by addressing the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privilege: poverty vs wealth • lack of democracy, • Land: land grabbing, corporate grabbing of lands • Water: lack of water or pollution of water; the right to clean water • Security: Often used as an excuse to initiate wars or occupation; consider human security vs weapons systems. • Profits from arms corporations • Power and Patriarchy rather than partnership and stewardship • Building community power rather than top down power <p>Other related causes: imperialism, Religious fundamentalism, violent nationalism; violent patriotism</p>		
<p>Action 5 : Urge US government to sign and ratify UN conventions on anti-personnel mines, child soldiers, as well as all those we haven't signed and ratified; join the International Criminal Court</p> <p>Action 6: Urge US government to comply with resolutions, covenants, and conventions we have signed and ratified: UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Universal declaration of Human Rights, and support S-224.Women Peace and Security; UN Resolution 1325.</p> <p>Action 7: Strengthen and support programs that address the impacts of war on women, peace, and security</p>	<p>Branches, Issue Committees</p> <p>Program, Branches, Issue Committees</p> <p>AHR Disarm/End Wars</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

www.peacewomen.org		
<p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus on Violence Against Women in our communities ● Lobby policymakers support the US ratification of CEDAW ● Work to implement the principles of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and related resolutions <p>Create fact sheet on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What women have done to create more peace in their communities ● CEDAW ● VAW in our community ● Cities for for CEDAW 		
<p>Objective 3: Work towards Climate Justice, Women, Peace, and Security</p>	<p>Earth Democracy C vs D issue committee Branches members at large</p>	
<p>Action 1: Highlight the fact that the Paris Agreement COP21 was ratified on April 22, 2016; emphasize its importance.</p>		
<p>Objective 3A: : Highlight the connections between climate justice, peace, and security</p>		
<p>Action 1. Continue to emphasize the human right to water by supporting or helping to develop policies and resources that address the importance of access to clean water for health and agriculture</p> <p>Action 2: Support and help to develop policies that support the banning of fracking in our communities</p> <p>Action 3: Work with coalitions to ensure that water remains in the commons--stop privatization of water</p> <p>Action 4: Educate our communities on the dangerous effects of pesticides, such as glyphosates, on the environment (and human health)</p> <p>Action 5: Work to ban the use of pesticides</p>	<p>Earth Democracy C vs D issue committee Branches members at large</p> <p>Again, If needed, Program can help to prepare a package of information with press releases, fliers, and signs to support a regional or national campaign on an issue and send to Branches. Alternatively, Branches can also access the information through a digital repository or archive that will be available through our website (special page created for resources for actions).</p>	

<p>Action 6: Educate our communities on the environmental benefits of supporting sustainable agriculture</p> <p>Action 7: oppose the dumping of nuclear waste near our waters, lands, and residential areas, especially those occupied by underrepresented groups and indigenous communities</p> <p>Action 8: Support rebuilding of our water infrastructure by installing a newer local infrastructure to introduce a green economy!</p>		
<p>Objective 3B: Link UN res. 1325 to the environment by underscoring the connections between gender and climate change and especially the implications for women and children locally, nationally, and globally</p>		
<p>Action 1: Educate our communities on the impacts of climate change on women and children who make up 70% of the world's hungry</p> <p>Action 2: Continue to underscore how climate change affects sustainable agriculture https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4YCPqz8NQU</p> <p>Action 3: Provide informational sessions that address the effects of climate change on food security by examining such problems as drought, depletion of food resources</p> <p>Action: Plan and implement a <u>Mother's day set of activities</u> that draw attention to any of the climate justice issues listed above.</p> <p>See: http://unfccc.int/gender_and_climate_change/items/7516.php</p>		
<p>NEW: Objective 4: Program Training & communication strategy: Launch an annual WILPF lab/workshop/seminar/training/mentoring opportunity that will bring a group of people together to explore, discuss (how to) develop, implement, and communicate local and/or national coordinated "campaigns" or actions on select issues.</p>		

<p>Action 1: Develop or create a clearinghouse or repository of WILPF resources under Program which will be housed on designated webpage for members.</p> <p>The repository will build on contributions from members, Branches, Issues Committees of resources they have produced for their programs, events, campaigns, activities. These resources will enable us to prepare package/kits for designated actions or campaigns.</p> <p>Package/Kit for each action may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● articles ● book and film resource list or bibliographies ● contact information on organizations interested in similar topics ● Facts sheet ● Pictures, or photo-documentary material ● Postcards ● Poster, Graphics, info-graphics ● Press release ● Sample letters <p>Note for us: We will ask Joan Bazar to create a new web page for resources for actions resources that will have design, fact sheets, and so on so branches can download it when needed.</p>		
<p>Action 2: Create an online calendar of all WILPF Program events, activities, Program/Issue Committees, and other topical issues-related events, as well as Board meetings with dates, locations, and the organizers (Branches, issues committees chairs, at larger will send announcements of events to be entered or featured on the calendar). This will provide a shared point for disseminating information to everyone about our activities, and consequently improve communication and ideas sharing among us.</p>		
<p>Action 3. Action: Monthly e-mails/phone calls/mailings to constituents (WILPF members and friends) asking them to take a simple action (e.g., phone congressperson) related to a single issue as part of an ongoing branch campaign).</p>		
<p>Action 4: Develop media strategies and share best practices for communicating our programs and activities more effectively to the public. A repository of resources will help us achieve this goal.</p>		

Objective 5: Periodically, identify, in collaboration with Issue Committees, current issues/topics for targeted campaign & develop a coordinated series of actions on such identified topics/issues by Branches and individuals in order to create an atmosphere of a regional, local, or national coordinated campaign with a unified language and position to give WILPF visibility by drawing media attention to our activities.

Suggested ideas for Action activities:

Below are some suggested actions in support of the select issue. Each action/date corresponds to an educational component referred to below:

I. World Water Day Activities (March 22):

- Hold public events on this day.

II. Tax Day Activities (April 15-18):

Tax Day activities protest the taxes we pay for wars instead of supporting peace, life, and our communities.

- Distribute a flyer on **Tax day** and encourage people to sign a petition highlighting the value of peace.
- Write a letter urging Congress to pass HR 1976 (Economic Conversion Act).

<http://prop1.org/prop1/HR1976.htm>

- Write sample letters on issues that can be used by Branches.
- Build local coalition to support the passage of HR 1976 or a peace budget
- Visit your local representative or policy makers to lobby for support; take pictures and document visit.
- Post this picture on a campaign on a campaign page on our web site.
- Connect with WILPF in Europe on “No to NATO” campaign
- Support United States Women, Peace and Security Act S-224 in accordance with UN Resolution 1325

III. Activities for Earth Day (April 22)

International Mother Earth Day

<http://www.un.org/en/events/motherearthday/>

This year will be the 46th year of National Earth Day started in 1970 as a teach in on the environment by Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin

Activity: Earth day week end program: highlight the positive actions women are taking around the earth to sustain the environment and address climate change.

Many mothers go to brunch or lunch this day. Here are suggestions for some actions or activities:

- Give flowers with a peace earth message.
- Join with other groups doing Earth Day activities and highlight WILPF's commitment to a clean, peaceful, and healthy earth.
- Plant trees for our mothers, in the name of Wangari Maathai.
- Plan a program in memory of human rights and environmental rights activists who have been imprisoned or killed for their causes, such as Berta Cacéres.
- Organize concerts—invite emerging musicians like to offer their services and perform that day.
- Have a table with info-graphic and previous WILPF magazines: recruit.
- Reach out to churches (Pope message on the ecology: St Francis: The Little Flowers)
- Organize a workshop in collaboration with a local environmental group on how to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Collaborate with community waste & cycling unit for a teach-in on how to support the local agriculture.
- Organize and support a community garden project

IV. Hiroshima & Nagasaki day Activities (Aug. 6-9)

On Hiroshima/Nagasaki day we protest and remember the unleashing of nuclear weapons on two cities in Japan-- Hiroshima and Nagasaki--at the end of World War II. We use this day to call for the abolition of nuclear weapons and all nuclear energy. Activities may include any of the following:

- Hold a press conference on **Hiroshima Day to draw attention to the destructive impacts of nuclear weapons.**

- Develop and hold a press conference calling local policy makers to urge the US. Government to develop a different foreign policy based on peace and justice
- Organize a local demonstration protesting the military budget and the cost of nuclear weapons. (Example Ann Arbor alone spends \$84 million a year on nuclear weapons)

See:

<https://www.nationalpriorities.org/cost-of/nuclear-weapons/>

- Collaborate with other NGOs or organizations such as Raging Grannies and Women in Black to highlight the traumatic effects of war on women and the society at large.
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Some additional suggested activities may include:

Art exhibits, street theater, a march to your State Capitol, teach-in, peace vigil, rally, and protest in front of a military base or arms corporations.

V. Peace Day Activities(September 21)

Peace Day was formalized by the United Nations to remember that if people demanded peace and worked on peace we could live in a peace culture.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>

To support a peace culture:

- Organize a music concert, drawing, theatre.
- Host round tables of women to discuss local economy and needs in opposition to a military budget.
- Create teach-ins to educate the public about the effects of war.
- Create reading material on the military budget.
- Engage in letter writing campaigns to Senators and politicians calling them to end arms proliferation (check for info on the anti-nuclear initiative or resolutions???).

See: www.reachingcriticalwill.org

Note: List of expenditures to guide us (find fact sheet from reliable sources, not wikipedia) on the topics below: See

<http://www.sipri.org/>

Topics:

The purveyors of war.

Military budget versus community budget--we used to have the "Women's Budget."

Here are some useful websites:

<http://wbg.org.uk/>

<http://www.worldcat.org/title/womens-budget/oclc/13415084>

<https://www.nationalpriorities.org/campaigns/us-military-spending-vs-world/>

<http://www.wcwoonline.org/WRB-Issues/287> (Jane Midgley 2005, Women and the U.S. Budget: Where the Money Goes and What You Can Do About It - WILPF had been studying this at the time - we could look into updating this document; it was a good primer)

www.worldbeyondwar.org

Example of activity: currently, senators have signed a letter to Obama calling for no more cruise missiles; ask senators to sign on.

Here are other activities:

- monthly letter writing campaigns to lawmakers in your states or communities targeting one of the issues identified that has significance for your area or community.
- Other actions may include: demonstrations, petition drives, pickets, vigils, letter writing to media, tweeting, light brigades, lobbying elected officials in person and via phone calls, e-mails, Twitter.
- collaborating with an organization working on any of these issues in your community to visit a lawmaker to gain support for the particular issue.
- Create fact sheets on an issue of interest to your community to share at an event.
- develop a list of books or resources related to your specific topic.
- March or join an organized public event on an issue
- collaborate with another activist group to host or sponsor a town hall meeting to have a public conversation on any of these issues of significance to your community
- collaborate with community interest groups to place an issue on the ballot, if a vote is needed

V-Human Rights Day Activities (December 10) (Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in the 16 Days of Activism Campaign: "From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let's Challenge Militarism and End Violence against Women" which ends on Dec. 10, International Human Rights Day 		
<p>NOTE: **** We encourage Branches to work in collaboration with Issues Committees and individuals interested in similar issues, thus creating a climate of Program Issue "campaigns" sustained over a period of time as determined by Branches and their partners.</p> <p>For instance, Branches can work on localized, short-term issues, such as stopping a particular fracking activity in their community, or long-term issues, such as passage of H.R. 1976.</p> <p>A campaign should have the goals of raising awareness among the public, getting members of the public to take action, networking with other organizations, and increasing WILPF membership.</p> <p>Collaborating with other groups is crucial for building a movement.</p>	<p>Send Comments to: Maureen N. Eke (eke1mn@cmich.edu)</p> <p>Odile Hugonot Haber: (odilehh@gmail.com)</p>	