



TEXTPAD for ONE WILPF CALL Thursday, March 10th, 2022

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom is the oldest women's international peace organization in the world... founded in 1915 by Jane Addams of Hull House.

There are over 30 WILPF branches in the United States... and we are one of 50 Sections around the world.

Find us & join us at our website: www.wilpfus.org/join

All ONE WILPF Calls/Zooms are archived here: <https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls>

AGENDA

1- WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

2- Featured Speaker:

**"Putting Ukraine In Context Through An Indigenous Lens" **
Perspective From A 'People In The Way'.



Mahmud Fitol,

Qırımlı, Crimean Tatar Nation - Photo by Joshua Foo

3- Q&A for Mahmud Fitol

4- Member Response **Action Components** from Presentation

5- Secondary Segment - Nancy Price -

WORKING TO SWITCH THE SUBSIDY FROM FOSSIL FUELS TO RENEWABLE SUSTAINABLE GREEN ENERGY.

How can WILPF make it happen, taking advantage of this moment and opportunity for a 'patriotic' investment in renewables, NOT more drilling, as the GOP and US Oil Oligarchs are saying.

(Resources for **World Water Day & Earth Day below**)

– See more info below the RED LINE –

6-REPORT BACK on **WILPF Solidarity Actions** -

Emily Keel (Triangle NC Branch) - Update from Working Group

Dianne Blais (Jane Addams Virtual At-Large Branch) - Intersections between our partner the Poor People's Campaign and WILPF US Issues and

Projects.

Sign up to join the PPC campaign here

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/june18/>

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https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=san+jose+wilpf To record your own statement, contact Rowan Fairgrove by texting her at 408-472-5121. Then share the videos with anyone. Also, please contact other organizations or faith groups with whom you work or share interests and invite their participation. Samples of invitations are here

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7- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (see details below the RED line)

- **International WILPF** - Darien De Lu (president@wilpfus.org)
- **Cuba & Bolivarian Alliance Committee** - Cindy Domingo (cindydomingo@gmail.com)
- **DISARM/END Wars Committee** - Cherrill Spencer (cherrill.m.spencer@gmail.com)

- **Southern Branch News** - George Friday geo4realdem@gmail.com
- **Women, Money & Democracy Committee** - Marybeth Gardam (mbgardam@gmail.com)

8- ADJOURN
9- SOAPBOX

**NOTES, LINKS, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS BELOW THE
RED LINE PLEASE**

Be careful not to accidentally erase other notes.

Earth Democracy Committee

Nancy Price and Randa Solick Co-Chairs

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**SHIFTING SUBSIDIES FROM FOSSIL FUEL TO RENEWABLE
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IS PATRIOTIC IN THIS MOMENT.....
STARVE THE OLIGARCHS... US & RUSSIAN**

From: Oil Change International

**As US and UK move to wean themselves off
Putin's gas, it's time to invest in renewables**

The solution to both the US and UK decisions to stop importing Russian oil and gas is not to drill for more oil, either in the US or UK - something the fossil fuel industry and its supporters are already arguing. It is to invest in renewables and alternatives such as heat pumps and weatherization.

WHAT CAN WILPF MEMBERS DO???

(see active links below)

**Here are some interactive TALKING POINTS
TO USE WITH YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

Click on LINKS for more details.

U.S. direct subsidies to the fossil fuel industry are estimated at roughly [\\$20.5 billion per year](#), including \$14.7 billion from federal subsidies and \$5.8 billion from state subsidies. When externalities such as health, environmental, and climate factors are included, it is estimated the United States subsidizes fossil fuels to the tune of [\\$649 billion per year](#). Eliminating fossil fuel subsidies would save taxpayer dollars while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This fact sheet reviews President Biden's 2021 Executive Order 14008, [Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](#), the Administration's Fiscal Year (FY) [2022 budget proposal](#), and recent Congressional actions to provide an overview of potential ways to reduce U.S. government subsidies to fossil fuels.

WORLD WATER DAY - MARCH 22nd RESOURCES FOR ACTION **Groundwater – Making the invisible visible**

Through a multi-stakeholder approach, the World Water Day 2022 campaign on the theme of groundwater will contribute to a raised public, policy and scientific awareness of the opportunities and risks of addressing groundwater in the context of achieving SDG 6.

Water and sanitation are at the very core of *sustainable development*, critical to the survival of people and the planet. Beware of Public and Private partnerships!

<https://www.worldwaterday.org/> and click to **Learn, Share, Act**

<https://www.unwater.org/world-water-day-2022-groundwater/>

How does groundwater affect your life? Is there enough? Is it safe? What needs to be done to protect groundwater? Share your groundwater story!

**For your World Water Day 2022 planning:
try a “Pop-up Brain Storming” event:**

What are the major users and polluters of your local and regional groundwater sources? What needs to be done to reduce use and protect groundwater from pollution and public health impacts. How might you and your branch raise awareness about environmental and water injustice in your community and together work with other organizations to address

discrimination and recognize the human right to safe, affordable and sufficient water for personal and household use?

For Planning for Earth Day – Friday, April 22

INVEST IN OUR PLANET

<https://www.earthday.org/>

**FROM WILPF US
POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN Working Group...**

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Sample letter to another organization, individual or other entity

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is proud to be a partner of the Poor People's Campaign, a National Call for Moral Revival. As such, our branches have voted to offer solidarity at the mass assembly, the moral march on Washington DC on June 18. We will join in this massive gathering to support the 140 million poor and low wage people in America whose lives are at stake when they do not have to be. This will be a declaration of the power and unity that people are building to effectively demand a shift of the nation's priorities. We will show the power that can support a moral agenda and a moral budget that will lift our people from the bottom up so that all may rise.

This campaign exposes the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, systemic poverty, militarism and the war economy, ecological devastation and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. Scarcity of resources in our nation is a lie since there is more than enough for everyone! We call on you to join us in this historic march on June 18 because if we truly want peace, we must work for justice.

- **Please follow this link to learn more and to sign up to be with us on June 18** <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org>.
- If you are not able to be in DC, then **find your state campaign and join in the vital work there** <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/take-action/>
- **See recent events on Facebook here** <https://www.facebook.com/anewppc>

As co-chair Rev William Barber has told us “We need people today that will decide that it is our moral obligation to stand up now”. Please contact Emily Keel at ekkeel@protonmail.com to learn more and to talk about how we can stand together in DC

Easy To Share WILPF PPC MESSAGE TO YOUR BRANCH MEMBERS

We in WILPF US are uniting in our support for the Poor Peoples Campaign-a national call for moral revival. This is a call to meet in Washington DC on June 18 for a declaration of power that poor and low wage people are building. There are 140 million people in the US whose lives and livelihoods are at stake and do not need to be. Since we truly want peace, we must work for justice. Please take a look at this info <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/> and consider joining us. Please forward this to your branch members, also. There are buses that enable ride sharing in your area. You can learn more about that by signing up with your state committee here <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

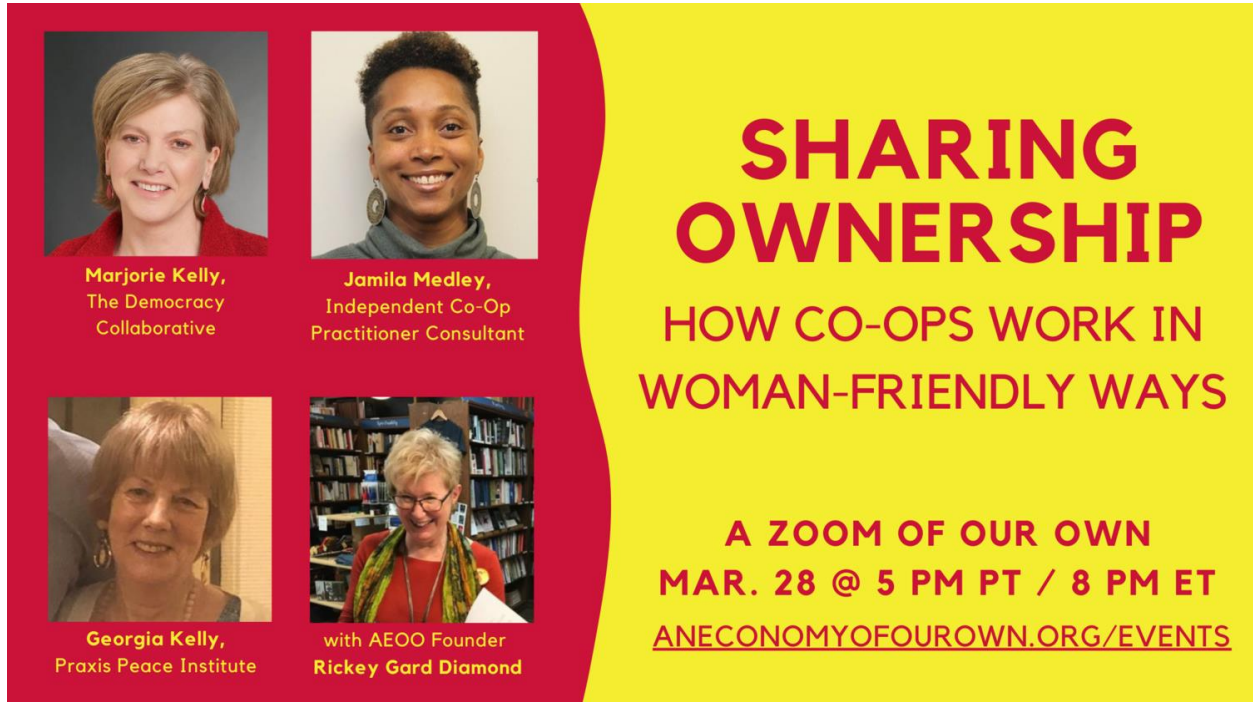
WILPF members will meet up and march in unity to support the power of poor people and our desire to lift from the bottom so that *everyone* may rise. Please consider joining us. For more info you may contact Emily Keel at ekkeel@protonmail.com

WOMEN, MONEY & PEACE COMMITTEE

Marybeth Gardam mbgardam@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 15th, 8pm eastern.

NEW ZOOM OF OUR OWN, co-sponsored by WILPF US and An Economy Of Our Own.



SHARING OWNERSHIP

HOW CO-OPS WORK IN WOMAN-FRIENDLY WAYS

A ZOOM OF OUR OWN
MAR. 28 @ 5 PM PT / 8 PM ET
ANECONOMYOFUROWN.ORG/EVENTS

Marjorie Kelly,
The Democracy Collaborative

Jamila Medley,
Independent Co-Op Practitioner Consultant

Georgia Kelly,
Praxis Peace Institute

with AEOO Founder
Rickey Gard Diamond

If you've ever wondered how exactly this cooperative business model could help you and your community, join us for a conversation about Mondragon Co-ops in Spain and the growing number of worker-owned businesses in the US, where women are the majority.

What makes these businesses different? Why are women and people of color drawn to them? How do you start one? Where can you get help?

We'll be drawing on the expertise of Jamila Medley, an independent co-op practitioner consultant; Georgia Kelly, who coordinates trainings with Mondragon Cooperatives in Spain, the largest Co-op Corporation in the world; and Marjorie Kelly, author of *Owning Our Future*, and director of *Fifty by Fifty*. Its goal is to grow a movement resulting in 50 million US worker-owners by 2050. Don't miss this! [Click here to RSVP!](#)

ABOUT THE PANELISTS:

Georgia Kelly is the founder and director of Praxis Peace Institute, a non-profit peace education organization that is focused on transforming society through a systems approach to peace, social and economic justice, environmental sustainability, and civic participation. She has also developed educational seminar/tours in Italy, Croatia, Cuba, and at the Mondragón Cooperatives in Spain, where she has focused on cooperatives as an ethical and socially just economic model for the 21st century. She is the editor and co-author of *Uncivil Liberties: Deconstructing Libertarianism*, a critique of libertarian ideas and laissez-faire capitalism, and author of *The Mondragón Report*, a profile of twenty-two participants from various Praxis-Mondragon seminars, which demonstrates how they have used their newly acquired knowledge in creating economic alternatives in the U.S.

Marjorie Kelly is Senior Fellow with The Democracy Collaborative, and the author, with Ted Howard, of *The Making of a Democratic Economy*. Her previous book, *Owning Our Future: The Emerging Ownership Revolution*, released in 2012 by Berrett-Koehler, has won a Nautilus Book Award. Kelly previously was a Fellow at Tellus Institute, and cofounder/president of *Business Ethics* magazine. For five years she was a lead consultant on the Ford Foundation's WealthWorks initiative.

Jamila Medley has supported mission-based organizations in the non-profit and cooperative business sectors for over 20 years. As an independent consultant, she now leverages her background in organizational development, as well as her lived experience being part of efforts focused on economic and racial justice, to move organizations towards transformational change. From 2012-2021, Jamila served in governance roles and then as executive director of the Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance; in 2018, Jamila was the Philadelphia Community Fellow for the Shared Economics in Equitable Development Fellowship. She serves on the boards of directors for several organizations including the Independence Public Media Foundation, Movement Alliance Project, Food Co-op Initiative, and All Together Now PA.

Rosie DeSantis (they/them) is theater-maker, poet, community event curator and Detroit, as well as the Director of Education at the Detroit Community Wealth Fund, a non-extractive loan fund working to build the capacity of the cooperative economy in Detroit. Detroit Community Wealth Fund was founded in 2017 as a member of Seed Commons. After several years of dedicated organizing, we have provided over \$80,000 in capital to cooperatives in Detroit, trained over 100 emerging work-owners, and provided workshops and educational opportunities to over 300 people. At DCWF Rosie leads two programs, the annual Co-op Startup Incubator, and the Cooperative Economic Network of Detroit, supporting solidarity, mutual aid, and economic activity between Detroit's co-ops and democratically-governed community collectives with a mission of creating worker-owned economic infrastructure. While Rosie's artistic life has taken a backseat to their work with the Wealth Fund and organizing, their professional debut as playwright and director earned them three awards by the New York Innovative Theatre Foundation and a listing as Immersive Companies and Creators to Watch. Their poetry has been featured in local, national, and international publications and fellowships and won Moonstone Arts Winter 2020 chapbook competition.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

This digital event is offered at no cost, but donations are welcome! (We value this educational and engaging event with experts at \$25.) All donations are tax-deductible and will fuel our work to make this information widely accessible and continue offering free and low-cost economic justice resources to the public!

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**HELP US SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR BRANCH & YOUR
COMMUNITY ALLIES –**

**Create more trained advocates for Public Banking in
your area.**

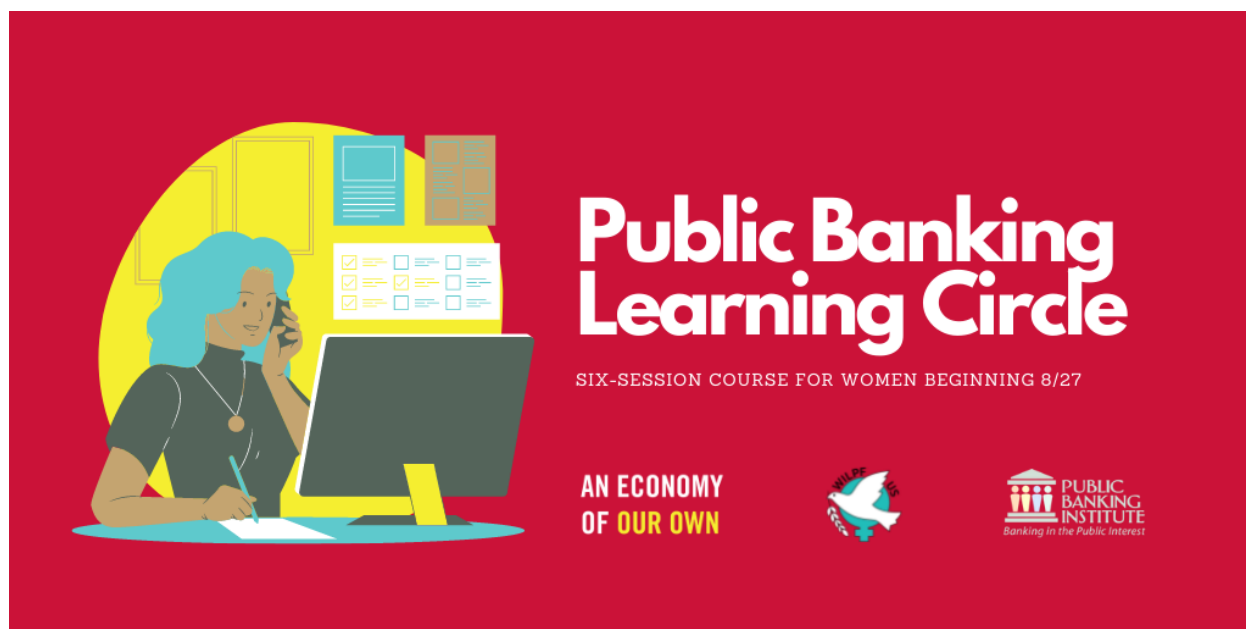
Kick off on April 8th at 8pm eastern.

6 sessions on Friday nights

April 8, April 29, May 20, June 10, July 1, July 22.

Hear from experienced public banking organizers

Join for as little as \$1 a session.

A graphic with a red background. On the left, an illustration of a woman with blue hair sitting at a desk with a computer, talking on a phone. In the center, the text 'Public Banking Learning Circle' is written in large white letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is 'SIX-SESSION COURSE FOR WOMEN BEGINNING 8/27'. At the bottom, there are three logos: 'AN ECONOMY OF OUR OWN' in white and yellow, a circular logo with a white dove and the words 'WORLD OF', and the 'PUBLIC BANKING INSTITUTE' logo with the tagline 'Banking in the Public Interest'.

Learn more about public banking in our learning circle for women—and become a skilled advocate for economic change in your community!

Public Banking can save the planet, close the equity gap, address systemic racism, stop funding weapons and global wars, and level the playing field for women and families. Learn more in the first series of our special and accessible workshops for women—and become a skilled advocate for economic change in your community!

This is an entirely digital, small-group series of six sessions offered at a sliding scale. We'll kick off our first session on Friday, April 8th at 8pm eastern/5pm pacific. Then we'll meet together five more Fridays, at the same time (8pm eastern/5pm pacific), on April 29th, May 20th, June 10th, July 1st and July 22nd. All registration fees are donations that will fuel our work to make this information widely accessible.

[Register here.](#)

Together with the guidance of a skilled advocate instructor, you'll learn why public banking is currently taking off in cities and states around the US, what advantages and progress it's offering locally, and how switching to a public bank from the too-big-to-fail Wall Street banks could save your state or city huge dollars better spent for affordable education, housing, and local loans for small businesses and farms.

You'll also get convincing talking points, strategies and mentoring from experienced organizers to advance public banking locally, build your confidence and credibility in a male-dominated world, move past hesitations and objections and the well-heeled lobbying of big transnational banks; to most effectively support existing local initiatives, and start the dialogue from scratch with the folks who need to be at the table. You'll find help to make your points effectively without 'mansplaining' and 'manterruptions', and how to be taken seriously, even if you have no banking experience behind you.

To register, select "donation." Please be mindful that this amount covers all six sessions. We value this course at \$120, but even six dollars—one dollar per session—will get you on the roster. We offer programming on a sliding scale in keeping with our internal values of accessibility regardless of economic means. (If you can afford to give more, please do, so that we may be able to continue offering free and low-cost economic justice resources to the public!)

Co-sponsored by An Economy of Our Own, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom US Section's Women, Money & Democracy Committee, California Public Banking Alliance, and Public Banking Institute.

If you have trouble registering, reach us at aneconomyofourown@gmail.com

Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Issues Committee

www.iucnc.org

www.womenandcuba.org

Or on WILPF-US website

JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA!

Featuring the Women's Delegation from the Federation of Cuban Women at the United Nations 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women!

Cosponsored by US Women and Cuba Collaboration and WILPF's Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Issues Committee

These workshops are part of the Hybrid US-Cuba Normalization Conference being held in Manhattan New York at The Peoples Forum on March 19-20, 2022. If you are interested in attending in person or attending virtually, please register and see the full schedule of the conference at www.iucnc.org

Panel: 2:00 - 3:45 pm EST, Saturday March 19, 2022

Gender Equality – Key to Tackling Climate Change for Cuba

Featuring the Federation of Cuban Women's (FMC) Delegation to the UN 66 Commission on the Status of Women - Teresa Amarelle, FMC Secretary-General, Osmayda Hernandez Beleno, FMC International Relations, Yamila Gonzales Ferrer, Vice President, National Union of Jurists and Gretel Marante Rosset, FMC International Relations

This panel is a virtual Parallel Event of the NGO Commission on the Status (CSW) of Women 66th United Nations Forum and is being held live at this conference.

The Beijing Platform for Action is the global women and girls' human rights agenda and this year's CSW will emphasize the leadership of women and girls in changing the world especially when it comes to climate change. As an island national, Cuba is disproportionately impacted by climate change. Climate impact is only compounded by the 60-year old US blockade

against Cuba. However, Cuba has developed a long-term plan called "Tarea Vida (Life Task), a country wide plan to confront climate change in its domestic and international implications.

The Cuban Delegation to the CSW will talk about how under the Cuban revolution Cuban women have achieved gender equity; how women and girls are impacted by climate change in Cuba and what is their role in how Cuba deals with climate change now and in the future?

Moderator: Cindy Domingo, US Women and Cuba Collaboration and WILPF's Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Issues Committee

Other featured speakers:

"Cuba's Approach to Climate Crisis and Tarea Vida"

Helen Yaffe, Professor in Economic and Social History at the University of Glasgow and respected specialist in Cuban Studies

"Role of Indigenous Women in Protecting our Environment"

Cheryl Wapes'a-Mayes is enrolled in the Assiniboine-Sioux Tribe at Fort Peck Indian Reservation in NE Montana and serves on NOW's National Board

"A Better World is Possible – Yolanda Winds"

Isabella Borgeson, Outside Policy Fellow with the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and an award winning spoken word artist

Closing: Dr. Melissa Barber, Graduate of the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM) and former Program Coordinator of the IFCO Administered Cuba-US Medical School Scholarship Program

Panel: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm EST - March 19

Cuban Women on the Frontline: Advancing Women's Human Rights and Cuba's Families Code

Cuba is in the midst of a nationwide discussion encompassing about 78,000 meetings in electoral precincts about a new set of laws called the "Families Code." These revolutionary laws with over 400 articles include the protection of the right of all people to form a family without discrimination, update the legal definition of family institutions, with inclusive rather than strictly heteronormative models and establish the right to a family life free from violence, and center values of love, affection, solidarity and responsibility.

This panel features the Federation of Cuban Women's (FMC) Delegation to the UN 66 Commission on the Status of Women - Teresa Amarelle, FMC Secretary-General, Osmayda Hernandez Beleno, FMC International Relations, Gretel Marante Rosset, FMC International Relations and Yamila Gonzales Ferrer, Vice President, National Union of Jurists, a member of the Commission who drafted the Families Code.

Why Building Solidarity with Cuba's Women's Movement is Necessary to Ending the US Blockade!

Jan Strout, US Women and Cuba Collaboration and Women United: Organizing for Global Feminist Futures!

Kathryn Trujillo-Hall, Founder of Birthing Project, USA and Ambassador of Federation of International Gender and Human Rights (FIGHR)

Moon Vazquez, Lesbian and Allies Project of US Women and Cuba Collaboration

Closing: Cindy Domingo and Caridad Morales Nussa, US Women and Cuba Collaboration

Cosponsored by Women United: Organizing for Global Feminist Futures

Self-nominate now for all WILPF International Board positions!

The International Board (IB) provides overall leadership of WILPF and as such plays a vital part of WILPF being the successful internationally recognized feminist peace movement that we are.

The election of a new IB is a key responsibility of each International Congress. So WILPF International invites members to consider and encourage those members – who you know have demonstrated commitment to WILPF's aims and principles, plus are keen to see WILPF move forward and have the relevant knowledge and experience – to serve on WILPF's primary international governance institution and nominate themselves!

Nominate now for all elected International Board positions: President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, together with nominations for one Regional Representative and one alternative Regional Representative for each region, to form and serve on the WILPF International Board for a term of three years commencing from the WILPF's 33rd International Congress, 16-18 July 2022.

How to nominate? Request the Nomination template/form from President@wilpfus.org

- a. On **March 15**, in executive session, the Board of our U.S. national section will vote on whether to support and submit nominations for each elected positions *and* the Region Rep. positions; and
- b. Additionally, our U.S. Sections will meet with others in our Americas Region (either face-to-face or otherwise) to nominate **two Regional Representatives** for endorsement by the International Congress: one to serve on the International Board as the Regional Representative and the other as the Alternate Regional Representative. **The U.S. Board will email those nominations we vote to support to nomination@wilpf.org.**

The roles and responsibilities for all IB members, as outlined in the Nomination Form can also be found in the [WILPF Constitution & By-laws](#).

If you need any **further information** please email the Nominations Committee at nomination@wilpf.org.

Watch for the Discussion Listserv eAlert, coming next week!

The process will start with an invitation *to WILPF members only* to sign up to be on the new listserv. It will be a discussion space, with only a few minimal rules and guidelines.

Rules

- 1) Current WILPF members only
- 2) NO endorsements of political parties or partisan candidates

Guidelines

Be open to listening to different opinions
Be Kind and Courteous
No Hate Speech or Bullying
No Promotions or Spam
Respect Everyone's Privacy
No ad hominem attacks/specifically insulting attack a person

More details in the upcoming eAlert!

DISARM/END WARS Issue Committee Announcement for 10th March 2022 ONEWILPF call

Please read our statement on the situation in Ukraine which we issued on 2nd March 2022:

<https://wilpfus.org/story/statement-regarding-russia-ukraine-usa-and-nato>

We will be posting a more detailed background document on this webpage in a few days time.

The DISARM/END WARS committee is keeping up with the awful news coming out of Ukraine by a variety of media outlets. We encouraged WILPF members to join the Global Day of Action against the war in Ukraine on 6th March, thank you to these branches who organized actions since the invasion started : Detroit (MI), Humboldt (CA), Maine, Phoenix (AZ), Palo Alto (CA), Boston (MA) , Greater Philadelphia (PA), FLH (GA), Triangle (NC), San Francisco/East Bay (CA), Keep going out on the street to advocate for a diplomatic solution to this awful situation.

Please keep writing to your Congressperson and the President to say not to escalate the war any further, as we suggested in our eNEWS articles here:

<https://wilpfus.org/news/updates/raise-your-voices-demand-diplomatic-solution-conflict-ukraine>

and here

<https://wilpfus.org/news/latest-news/actions-take-regarding-ukraine-crisis>

We encourage WILPF members to join the DISARM Committee, we have lots of ongoing campaigns that need more volunteers to work on them, please write to Disarm disarmchair@wilpfus.org if you wish to join us. Our next committee meeting is this Sunday at 7:30pm EDT, via zoom.

Write to AHRchair@wilpfus.org to find out about the Advancing Human Rights working subcommittees and to get connected with them.

You can look on the WILPFUS.org website for last fall's eAlerts about AHR, with info on the subcommittees – but do write as above. Thanks!

Sunday, March 13 Fannie Lou Hamer Branch anniversary event:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Mar 13, 2022 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uf-6gqzIpE9N2YgRsh67cYFJxz7n3HO9x>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
