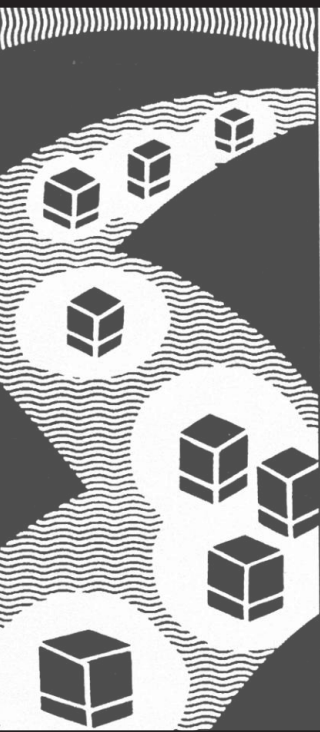


DATED MATERIAL



Lanterns for Peace

Annual Commemoration of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Thursday, August 6, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
To make the lanterns

At Kingo Lutheran Church, 1225 E. Olive, MKE

Saturday, August 8, 7:30 - 9:00 pm
For music, speakers and lighted vigil

Meet across from Colectivo Coffee Lakefront
at Lincoln Memorial Dr. Bring a folding chair if you wish.

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SARSOUR RELEASED FROM JAIL

Jim Carpenter



Milwaukee’s Jodi Melamed convenes the “Jews for Salah” vigil outside of the Clay County Jail in Indiana. Jim and Eldeen Carpenter were among the protesters.

Salah Sarsour, the beloved president of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee, was released from jail in Brazil, Indiana on June 18, four days after a Jews for Salah vigil was held outside the jail. Wisconsinites traveled hundreds of miles to attend the vigil.

Congresswoman Gwen Moore made her second wellness-check visit to Sarsour during the vigil. She released a statement saying, “Salah is being targeted for his advocacy for Palestinians, but his mistreatment is part of the Trump administration’s larger campaign of hate against immigrants. Behind closed doors in ICE facilities around the country, people, including women and young children, face neglect and abuse.”

“Salah is in jail for speaking up for Palestine,” said Rachel Ida Buff, PhD. Buff is the Wisconsin spokesperson for Jews for Salah. The historian of migration and immigrant rights movements is an expert in international political mobilization and repression since the Cold War. “He is in jail because the United States and Israel

collaborate on everything, including who should be detained,” she said.
(Please note: the majority of both parties, including Congresswoman Moore, continue to be complicit in genocide by refusing to block weapons and bombs from being sent to Israel.)
Salah thanked his family, community, and supporters after returning to Milwaukee. “I’m so happy. I can’t even honestly say my words and how I feel now, but I can tell you one thing. I am back,” Sarsour said. “And because of great people like you and people of freedom that it starts with justice. That’s why I’m back. I owe this to my community. To, again, people of freedom like JVP and other organizations who did great work - standing for justice. And this is what’s unique about Milwaukee.”
In the order to release Sarsour, the judge wrote that this case “...has presented a substantial claim of First Amendment retaliation.”
Sarsour still faces potential deportation.

BEFORE LEXINGTON: AMERICA’S NONVIOLENT FOUNDING

Stephen Beall

In July, Americans will observe the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Such occasions can become a celebration of military might, on the assumption that organized violence is necessary for securing our civil liberties. Suppose, however, that American independence was not so much a consequence of the battles fought by George Washington, as the fruit of nonviolent campaigns that began ten years earlier? That is the thesis of a collection of essays published by the Albert Einstein Institution, entitled *Before Lexington: Resistance, Politics, and the American Struggle for Independence, 1765-1775*. Originally published in 1986, it can be downloaded from the AEI’s website: <https://wagingnonviolence.org/aei/>.

The introductory essay focuses on three political crises in the decade before the outbreak of the war. The first of these, the Stamp Act of 1765, set the pattern for subsequent conflicts. The act was passed by Parliament over the head of colonial assemblies, evoking the famous protest against taxation without representation. It mandated that paper bearing a duty stamp be used for various kinds of public communication, including newspapers. The colonies responded by intimidating and disobeying tax officials, closing government offices and courts, and ceasing publication or printing without the stamp. Finally, after some local merchants refused to import British goods, the act was repealed in 1766.

Nevertheless, empire managers in London were determined to defray the cost of occupying the colonies and to assert more direct control. In 1767, Parliament passed the Townshend Acts, which imposed duties on items imported from Britain, such as glass, paints, and tea. The colonies again answered with economic warfare, including non-importation agreements.

The British government eventually repealed these duties as well— except for the tax on tea. The Tea Act of 1773 precipitated the famous Boston Tea Party, in which a group of resisters dumped a large quantity of imported tea into the harbor. Direct actions like this are well remembered, but the real story of this decade is the creation of extralegal congresses and committees, which eventually usurped the functions of government from Crown-appointed officials. In effect, the colonies had achieved political independence before declaring it 1776.

One can use the events of 1765-1775 to create a kind of taxonomy of nonviolent resistance, ranging from protest and persuasion to noncooperation in the form of boycotts and civil disobedience, and finally to

nonviolent intervention with the creation of parallel institutions. Considering the success of these strategies, one wonders why the colonies did not persist in them and resorted to arms instead. But most Americans were not opposed to armed conflict in principle; rather, they sought the most convenient ways of pressuring the royal government. When frustrated British officials stepped up the threat of violence, the colonials responded

by forming civilian militias and, eventually, their own army. This shift in strategy came at a price. Support for the colonial cause in Britain quickly evaporated; in the colonies, political divisions hardened and local civilian initiative gave way to centralized military authority.

Before Lexington furnishes valuable lessons in non-violent resistance taken from our own national history. It is also a useful corrective of the way we think about our past. We assume that because war followed the events of 1765-1775, war was inevitable. The authors of this volume point to the road not taken.



Source: Wikimedia Commons. The Repeal, or the Funeral Procession, of Miss America Stamp, 1766.



Peace Action of Wisconsin’s new office is located within the Kingo Lutheran Church in Shorewood, pictured here.

NEW PEACE ACTION OFFICE DIGS!

Julie Byrnes Enslow

Big news. We have moved! Another chapter of Peace Action of Wisconsin’s 49-year history began on June 1st when we moved into our new office space. Our new home is at Kingo Lutheran Church in Shorewood, on the corner of Wilson and Olive.

An unexpected announcement from ZAO Church, where we have rented space for the past few years, precipitated the decision to move. ZAO is closing its physical doors and the historic church that has been its home is being sold. All groups renting space in the building were given notice to be out by June 1st. So, the search for a new office was on.

Our needs included adequate office space, access to larger shared meeting rooms, accessibility, storage area, a suitable location, a nearby bus line, parking, reasonable rent to fit our budget and a landlord with similar values and commitment to peace and social justice. Kingo Church offered all of these except extra storage space. A few members came through with offers to store things at their homes. The move was on!

You may remember Kingo Church as the location of our annual Membership Meeting and Chili Dinner for several years. At some point, we will have a house-warming party!

We are grateful to ZAO Church for hosting us the past few years. They have been generous and supportive. Special thanks to Pam Richard, Brian Bunzel, Jim Carpenter, Sabine Wolter, Julie Enslow, Ann Batiza, and especially Kristina Paris and Justin Schatzman for facilitating this move.

Our new address - 1225 E. Olive St., Shorewood
Mailing address - P. O. Box 11126,
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____ \$1000 lifetime membership

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If you are not receiving our *Peace Action Email Alerts* please email us your email address so you can keep in touch with current activities.

**TELL CONGRESS
NO ARMS FOR ISRAEL!
Call 202-224-3121
for the Congressional switchboard.**

Please call Senators Baldwin and Johnson and your Representative to say:

- No arms for Israel.
- No supplemental funds for the Iran War.
- REDUCE the Pentagon budget.

The proposed \$1.5 T Pentagon budget is absurd and the current \$1T is obscene. Stop using our taxpayer dollars to kill people abroad. Use our money for healthcare, education, and the homeless - the many needs of people living in the United States. We are tired of supporting the corporate titans that benefit from war. We are appalled that we continue to fund Israel’s genocide in Gaza and attacks on its neighbors.

**NO TO GENOCIDE!
NO ARMS FOR ISRAEL!**

PEACE CALENDAR JULY-AUGUST 2026

Tuesday, July 21, 6:00 – 8:00 PM in Milwaukee – Welcome Cuban Ambassador Lianys Torres Rivera! Talk and Reception. At Turner Hall Palm Garden, 1034 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave. Light refreshments served. Sponsors include the WI Coalition to Normalize Relations with Cuba, Peace Action of WI, the National Lawyers Guild, Veterans for Peace MKE-Ch. 102, United Nations Association-MKE, Bail Out the People WI, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-MKE.

Saturday, July 25 through Sunday, July 26, 2026– 24-hour Global Online Picket to demand No US War on Cuba! Links TBA

Sunday, July 26, noon in Milwaukee – We will join the MKE Anti-war Committee Peace Parade at the Air and Water Show. North Point Water Tower, 2288 N. Lake Drive. Feel free to bring your own signs about the machinery of war, but our signs will also be available.

Thursday, August 6, 2:30 – 4:30 PM – Lanterns for Peace, Part 1 in Milwaukee. Make lanterns to commemorate the bombing of

Hiroshima and Nagasaki. At the Peace Action of WI office at Kingo Lutheran Church at 1225 E. Olive St., Shorewood, WI. Materials provided and all ages welcome.

Saturday, August 8, 7:30 – 9:30 PM – Lanterns for Peace, Part 2 in Milwaukee. Light your lantern along Lincoln Memorial Drive after music and speakers. Meet opposite Colectivo Coffee Lakefront (Lincoln Memorial Dr. & Lafayette Hill Rd.) for music, speakers and community affirmation. Bring a folding chair if you wish. Followed by an evening vigil with our lighted lanterns on Lincoln Memorial Dr. Co-sponsored by: Kingo Lutheran Church, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-Milwaukee, Milwaukee End the Wars Coalition, United Nations Association of Milwaukee, Veterans for Peace Milwaukee, Friends Committee on National Legislation Milwaukee, Building Unity Wisconsin, the WI Cuba Coalition and more. With Very Special Thanks to Annette J. Roberts and Joan R. Robertson Fund for World Peace, World Law and Peace Education.

ONGOING PROTESTS IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA BY OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS

23rd of each month, 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM. — WISDOM: End Solitary Confinement Vigil. Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility (MSDF), 1015 N 10th St, Milwaukee.

Tuesdays, 4:00–5:30 PM - Stand Up for Democracy at the Capitol Drive bridge over I-43, between 8th and 9th Streets.

Thursdays, 9:00 AM - interfaith Jericho Walk at 310 E Knapp St, Milwaukee.

Fridays, 9:00–10:00 AM - Interfaith Vigil at 310 E Knapp St, Milwaukee.

Saturdays, 10:00–11:30 AM - Power to the People! At S 76th St & W Layton Ave, Greenfield.

Saturdays, 12:00–1:00 PM - Support Justice and Equality at W Silver Spring Drive & N Port Washington Road.

Saturdays, 12:00–2:00 PM - Support Democracy and Human Rights! At 76th Street & W Bluemound Road.

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Saturdays, 12:00–12:30 PM - Support Democracy! Oppose Tyranny! At N Van Buren & E Pleasant Street.

Saturdays, 1:00–1:30 PM - Support Democracy and Human Rights! Along N Downer Ave between E Bradford Avenue and N Lake Drive.

Sundays, 2:00–3:30 PM - Stand for Democracy! At 1501 Miller Park Way, West Milwaukee

Interested in Becoming a Conscientious Objector?

If you are in the U.S. military and are interested in seeking discharge or reassignment as a conscientious objector, the Center on Conscience & War offers free support and counseling.

Center on Conscience & War:
800-379-2679 • 202-483-2220

GI Rights Hotline:
1-877-447-4487

These resources can help people pursuing conscientious-objector discharge, noncombatant reassignment, or other military-rights counseling.

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THE SUFFERING IN GAZA CONTINUES

Julie Byrnes Enslow

It seems impossible that things could get any worse in Gaza, but they have. After more than eight months of a so-called ceasefire, Israel continues to bomb the devastated strip daily with more than 925 Palestinians killed since the ceasefire began last October. The genocide continues in slow motion.

At least 80% of Gaza has been totally devastated. People are living in improvised tents of rotting cloth and plastic or in rubble encampments with little protection from the cold, the rain, the summer heat. Rats are everywhere. Hunger and lack of potable water prevail. NGOs deliver truckloads of water. Although the amount of food coming into Gaza has increased, children continue to be the most vulnerable to malnutrition. Electricity from generators is sporadic with additional generators and materials to repair damaged water systems totally restricted by Israel. No reconstruction supplies or equipment are allowed.

Desperate survivors are digging bodies of family members from under the rubble with their bare hands. No equipment for moving the rubble is allowed into Gaza. It is hard to imagine the grief of every family that has lost multiple members in this genocidal war. Children buried alive. At least 10,000 lie beneath the rubble.

Desperate for medical supplies, the health care system is devastated. NGOs struggle to provide limited medical care as there is a critical shortage of basic supplies and medicines. Leaving Gaza for advanced medical treatment is limited to a very small number who must wait months for permission.

Hospitals, doctors, medics, and ambulances are still targeted by Israeli bombings and drone attacks, killing over 1,700 medical personnel. Doctors arrested suffer horrendous conditions and torture in Israeli prisons. Many global humanitarian volunteers have

had to leave for their own safety, including the last World Food delegation that provided the only hot meals to the desperate.

As of early June, 262 journalists have been assassinated in Gaza, the largest number in any conflict. The total dead in Gaza since Oct.7, 2023, is nearing 73,000, including over 20,000 children.

As the ceasefire continues to be violated by Israel, the IDF confiscates more and more land in Gaza. Prime Minister Netanyahu has called for military control of 70%, forcing Gazans into an even more crowded ghetto.

Donald Trump's "Board of Peace" plans to control and occupy the entire Gaza Strip, viewing it as a multi-billion-dollar real estate opportunity. Palestinians will play no role on the board. Trump's "Board of Peace" has unilaterally rewritten the Gaza ceasefire agreement, resistance leaders told Drop Site News, "in an effort to compel Palestinians to surrender their liberation cause and institutionalize Israeli domination over the future of the Gaza Strip."

In addition, escalating attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank by violent illegal settlers are supported by the Israeli military. Villages, olive groves, and infrastructure are being destroyed, livestock stolen, and land confiscated. Many have been killed and thousands arrested. Prison conditions are dreadful. It appears that Israel's goal is to make life so difficult in both

Gaza and the West Bank that Palestinians will flee the country entirely. Ethnic cleansing thus accomplished.

In Lebanon a similar scenario is taking place with Israel's ever-expanding occupation in the south. In early June they warned the Lebanese people to evacuate 1/5 of the country as a Gazan-style devastation continues.

The current conflict with Iran has served as a distraction from Israel's ongoing genocidal policies in Gaza and the reign of terror throughout the West Bank. Most of the world continues to stand by in horror watching the devastation and genocide continue. What can stop this insanity? Only a united global shunning and economic boycott of Israel will begin to end this.



On June 18, members of the UAW voted to divest hundreds of thousands of dollars from the union's investments in Israeli bonds because of the genocide in Gaza.

ACTIVISTS



THE SIEGE CONTINUES

Christy Breihan

As if the denial of food, access to medical care, oil and thus electricity were not a cruel enough blow to the people of Cuba, the sadists in Washington are taking their siege even further.

In early June, the US announced it would impose economic penalties on the small number of foreign companies still doing business in Cuba. This includes the foreign-owned hotels that host the visitors still able to come, one of the last sources of revenue for the island that used to enjoy a thriving tourist economy.

The US has also issued a warrant for the arrest of former President Raúl Castro, now 95 years old. It has threatened to outright invade Cuba and install a puppet government subservient to the US.

Although Cubans have many opinions about their government and the way forward for their society, they are united on this: They do NOT want to become a subservient colony of the US! Hundreds of thousands of Cubans have pledged to resist.

So must we. If and when the US moves militarily against Cuba, the solidarity and peace movements across the world will respond with outpourings of resistance. If the attack begins before 1 PM, we will converge at 5 that afternoon at a place to be

announced in Milwaukee. If the attack begins after 1 PM, our rally will happen the following day.

We should inform our elected representatives that we will not remain quiet while they violate the sovereignty of our neighboring state, breaking US law in the process. As signatories of the UN Charter, we are bound by Article VI of the US Constitution to recognize it as “the supreme law of the land.” That law demands that “all members shall refrain...from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.”

The current behavior of the US is in clear violation of that Charter, and people all around the world know that. Marta Hurtado, a spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, has warned that “policy goals cannot justify actions that in themselves violate human rights.

“A democratic international order cannot be reconciled with practices whereby one State claims the authority to dictate the internal policies and economic relations of others through threats and coercion,” the UN report concludes.

The ramifications of our lawless behavior will impact not only Cuba, but the future of peaceful coexistence the world over. Now is the time to show the world that we, the people of the US, value peace and respect for sovereignty, even when our leaders do not.

IN ACTION

REP. GWEN MOORE STILL ON THE FENCE

Ann Batiza

Jim and Eldeen Carpenter and I went to Rep. Gwen Moore’s “Congressional Café-Listening Session” on Saturday, May 16 at Marshall High School in Milwaukee. Gwen was not alone on the dais; she was joined by her son - State Representative Supreme Moore Omokunde, State Senator LaTonya Johnson, Alderman Mark Chambers, and County Supervisor Felesia Martin.

At the door, we handed out a flyer that listed “The good” and “The bad” regarding her recent official actions. We complimented Rep. Moore on her opposition to the war in Iran, her votes against increased military spending, and her recent trip to Indiana to visit political prisoner Salah Sarsour, President of the Milwaukee Islamic Society.

But we also chided Rep. Moore on her refusal to support H.R. 3565 that blocks our sending bombs to Israel, and H.Res. 876 that recognizes the genocide in

Gaza while providing concrete steps to stop it. At the top of the flyer, we urged participants to call her office to ask for her support of these resolutions.

As the Representative was leaving, I asked her why she still had not signed onto H.R. 3565 to stop the US from shipping BLU-109 bunker buster bombs, white phosphorus munitions, and other weapons of war to Israel. She said that there was something better that she supported and that H.R. 3565 would not lead to peace. She then referred me to her Deputy District Director, Rob Hansen, who reiterated that H.R. 3565 would not be effective. When I asked him why Rep. Moore would also not support H.Res. 876, he said he was not familiar with that resolution.

I have asked Rep. Moore’s office to comment on this account and provide a more complete explanation of why she will not support H.R. 3565. When I reached out to Rep. Mark Pocan’s office, I was referred to his Communications Director and Senior Advisor, Matthew Handverger. I have asked him to comment on Rep. Moore’s lack of support for both resolutions and explain why she should co-sponsor both. Any responses received will be provided in the next Mobilizer.



Rep. Moore at the “Congressional Café-Listening Session” on Saturday, May 16 at Marshall High School in Milwaukee.

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