Peace Center Supports March and Rally to End Police Brutality

On Saturday, June 21st, hundreds of people marched peacefully from Roosevelt Park along Central Avenue to Girard and back down Silver, passing in front of the Peace Center and some stopping for a bottle of water from volunteers John Ellig and Renee Wolters. The Peace Center tabled at the rally following the march. The rally featured music by L@s Otr@s, Mala Maña, Sherri Gonzalez and others, plus poetry, speakers and the mock trial of Police Chief Gorden Eden. Sally Alice Thompson walked nearly the whole way, 2.5 miles in near 100 degree heat. Coordinator Sue Schuurman was one of a dozen monitors and also participated in the Die-In, holding Ken Ellis’ son’s tombstone replica, and Halima Christy, Jesse Hall, Jimmy Huerta and Suzanne Ziglar staffed the P&J table. The Peace Center continues to work towards accountability and an end to police violence in our community.

Photo commentary by Charles Arasim

Paused in front of the Peace Center.
Regularly Scheduled Events held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted

MONDAYS
350NM.org 1st & 3rd Monday, 5-7pm, 255-1222.
Veterans for Peace 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 271-9274.

TUESDAYS
Friends of Sabeel ABQ 2nd Tuesday, odd months, 5:30-7pm, 228-9151
ABQ Hours New Member Orientation, 3rd Tuesday, 6-8pm, www.abqhours.org.
PFLAG Albq. (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) 3rd Tuesday, 7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE. www.pflagabq.org

WEDNESDAYS
Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:55 pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
Stop the War Machine 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 6pm, 858-0882
People for Peace 1st Wednesday, 7-9 pm, The Commons (parlor), 2300 West Alameda, Santa Fe, (505) 983-3906.
Peace Center’s Coordinating Council 2nd Wednesday, 5:30pm. Potluck and meeting. All are invited.
Amnesty International Local Group 101 4th Wednesday, 6:45-8 pm, 795-2881.

THURSDAYS
Peace Café Weekly, Noon-3pm, Free coffee, snacks, Wi-Fi, chess, jam session. Everyone welcome!
Women in Black Weekly, 12:30-1pm, silent vigil on Lomas between 3rd and 4th streets. All invited, wear black. 341-9307.
Gay Men’s Spirituality Weekly, 7:15-9pm, Frontier, 266-0884

FRIDAYS
Agua Es Vida Action Team 2nd Fri., 1:30-4:30pm, 242-5511.
Peace Center’s Admin. Committee 4th Friday, 1:30pm-3pm.

PUNITARDS
Food Distribution Weekly, 8:30am in Parking Lot.
Quote Unquote Media Center Board Meeting 4th Saturday, 10am-12:30pm, www.quote-unquote.org, 417-9178.
St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 2801 Lomas NE. 345-3677, 977-4661.
Tulane St. Peace Rally Weekly, Noon-1:30pm at Central & Tulane, 898-4544.
Humanist Society of NM 2nd Saturday, 10am-noon, 344-6102
CNM Move to Amend 3rd Saturday, 11am-1pm, 450-1268
Dialogue Group 3rd Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm, 243-6174.
Economic Reform Advocacy Group 3rd Sat., 10:30am-2:30pm, 1st Unitarian Church, Carlisle @ Comanche. 323-0364.
Gray Panthers 4th Saturday, 1-2:30pm at Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe NE. Contact: 266-8823.
Peña Cultural / Coffee House Monthly, 7-10pm, Bandido Hideout, 2128 Central SE, 385-3670.

SUNDAYS
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-noon. Potluck on fifth Sunday, 11am-2:30pm. 440-6688.
Light Mission Pentecostal Church Weekly 5-7pm 203-4721
(un)Occupy ABQ Weekly, 1pm at Yale Park, unoccupyabq@gmail.com, www.unoccupyabq.org

Palestinians & Israelis Visit Peace Center
By Ilse Biel

On May 10, a combined delegation of nine Israeli and Palestinian emerging leaders and three organizers from the U.S. State Department visited the Peace Center under the auspices of the International Visitor Leadership Program. They entered into a lively and wide-ranging discussion with eleven P&J members (from Jewish Voice for Peace, Friends of Sabeel and others) that continued over lunch afterwards. One of the most sustained debates was on the merits of the boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) strategy.

Several of the delegates argued that BDS is not effective, partly as Israelis view it as an external force against which they can unite even if they would otherwise be critical of the occupation. Many Israelis see criticism as anti-Israel as opposed to anti-occupation. One of the delegates placed the occupation as third or fourth after other pressing daily issues for Israelis. He said some people feel the occupation issue is exaggerated. For this delegate, BDS is “immaterial” and “irrelevant.” He explained, “What concerns me rather is what we can fix,” preferring “an internal motivation” over BDS. Some of the delegates argued that Israeli society is oblivious to the issue of occupation. The question then is, what would it take to address such obliviousness if not with dollars? One of the Palestinian delegates answered that land occupation will stop when Israelis are required to pay for that occupation out of their own pockets. Consequently, this delegate does not agree with Palestinian aid and believes that “It should not be a five-star occupation.” The P&J contingent wanted to know what the delegation feels U.S. citizens should do. The delegation’s answers ranged from, “Know where your dollars go morally. Spend them locally” to “Show solidarity with the International Solidarity Movement” and “Send people to learn Arabic.”

The visit was a wonderful opportunity to have a wide-ranging conversation in a relaxed atmosphere, and the participations vowed to try to stay in touch via email. This was the third visit to the Peace Center arranged by the Albuquerque Council for International Visitors. Previous visitors were from Africa and the Philippines.
Friday, July 4
The Peace Center will be closed for the 4th of July.

Saturday, July 5, 6pm

Sunday, July 6, 11am
The ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (AUUF) speaker will be an activist in the APD protest movement with info about the current situation, at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, www.abquuf.org

Thursday, July 10, 7-9pm

Saturday, July 12, 6pm

Tuesday, July 15, 7pm
Jewish Voice for Peace-ABQ hosts a Teach-in with Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb and others about connections between police violence, economic inequality, and oppression of Palestinians and then calls upon Albq. City Council to take a first step against injustice. At the Peace Center, see Noticias for more info.

Wednesday, July 16, 5:30pm
Welcoming Reception: potluck dinner for Cuba Caravanistas, who will be in Albuquerque for one night. Hear presentations by Pastors for Peace Caravanistas and local people who have been to Cuba. Sponsored by the Peace Center, Veterans for Peace, and other groups. Info: Sally-Alice, 268-5073

Saturday, July 19, 12:30pm ONLY!

Saturday, July 19, 1:30-3:30pm
Dialogue: White Privilege - what is it? Help us understand how our lives were shaped by white privilege and its effect on each of us. As a model for international understanding, we listen and respect each person’s views. For info: Judith, 243-6174.

Saturday, July 19, 6pm

Sunday, July 20, 11am

Saturday, July 26, 6pm

Save the Date:
Thursday, Aug. 21, 6-8 PM
Stories from the Border Immersion Trip. NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice participants who went to El Paso/Juarez for fact-finding report back about meeting Border Patrol, immigrants and deportees at the wall. More info: Joanne Calkins, 268-1733
CC Annual Retreat Clarifies Goals in Beautiful Setting

The Peace Center Coordinating Council met for its Annual Retreat at Adobe and Roses Bed & Breakfast last month. Thanks to hosts Dorothy Morse and Armen Chakerian for their hospitality. The beautiful setting made our work that much easier to accomplish. Thanks also to UNM Peace Studies program coordinator Desi Brown for facilitating our day-long retreat for us. He kept us on track! Stay tuned for more details as we attempt to implement our main goals, including increasing our membership, doing more outreach, clarifying our processes, holding more (fun)drasiers, increasing our ethnic diversity and involving more youth.

Peace Center Proud to Walk with Pride

Renee Wolters, Sue Schuurman and Spring Robbins carried the Peace Center banner in the Pride Parade and walked behind Sally-Alice Thompson, Charles Powell and Willard Hunter of Veterans for Peace.

Coordinating Council Meeting Highlights

The Coordinating Committee met June 11, 2014, and reached consensus to endorse the June 21st March to End Police Brutality. The CC also decided to organize a community forum on civil disobedience. John Ellig will be the new Treasurer starting in July, replacing Judith Kidd who has served in this capacity for many years. The CC meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm with an optional potluck at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9th.

PAJOLA Potluck Focuses on Solidarity

From left to right: Bob Allen (ABQ Hours Exchange), Jim McKay (Citizen Action), Chris Banks (ANSWER) and Mandy Pino.
Noticias continued…

Floy Barrett On the Mend
Floy Barrett, one of our elders, is recovering at home after a heart episode while hiking in the Sandias. Don't we just love that woman!

Wish List Item Granted!
Many thanks to Raj Singh for donating a brand new vacuum cleaner to the Peace Center! Sometimes it works when you ask for help! Next we are looking for a dry erase board that is on wheels…

Activism Against Police Brutality: An Update
By Ilse Biel

On June 2nd, coalition members staged a sit-in at the Mayor’s office accompanied by an extensive, bilingual press conference at street level. On the 11th floor, the collective reading aloud of cases highlighted in the DOJ report clearly sickened at least one of the numerous attending police officers. Thirteen people were arrested—including coordinator Susan Schuurman, P&J intern Ilse Biel and members of PAJOLA groups—for this act of civil disobedience, while the rest of the group walked a picket line outside the building. The administration decided to have the scheduled City Council meeting cancelled.

A week later, in a multi-tiered approach, a protest across the road from City Hall coincided with the coalition’s presence in the City Council meeting. Silvio dell’Angela was removed from the chamber and briefly detained for hanging his U.S. flag upside down, the internationally recognized signal of distress. He was released in time to join other coalition members at a DOJ meeting. At that meeting, the DOJ stood firm that the public will not be present during the DOJ-APD negotiations.

From the administration’s side, the Council chair announced interim rules designed to curtail public free expression. The City Council agreed that Scott Greenwood could receive up to $220k for his DOJ negotiations for the city. The Council also approved the initiation of the Albuquerque Collaborative on Police-Community Relations that is touted to heal and fix the APD after the scathing DOJ findings. The police chief initially banned his officers from any contact with the DOJ, amending his position so that officers may have contact as long as they are accompanied by a department representative.

From the public’s side, two new groupings have been announced: an interfaith group of faith leaders that had its first Lament service on June 10th and APD Forward that unites family members and various organizations. Finally, the Torres family was awarded $6 million in their unjustified force suit against the city. See also photos on the cover from the June 21st March to End Police Brutality which drew hundreds for a peaceful march and rally at Roosevelt Park.

Fundraising Letter Arriving In Your Mailboxes!
You may have received the Peace Center’s annual fundraising letter in the mail recently. If you haven’t donated yet, please do so generously. If you didn’t get a letter, please visit the office or call 268-9557 and we will be happy to send one to you. And many, many thanks to those who already have donated!
One-Day Art Show Will Feature Works by Andrew Hendrixson

This summer begins a project that is the actualization of an idea I have been thinking about for a long time. The project comes out of my questions about whether an art practice can be simultaneously rigorous, accessible, and local. I believe it is vital for us to discover what role art may be able to play for individuals, homes, and communities. I also desire to offer counterpoints to aspects of the art world I find to be deeply problematic.

*The House Shows* is a project in which I will be traveling across the country, installing my artworks in living rooms for one-day art shows. At each of these shows I will give a brief talk, welcome questions, invite guests to engage the art that is exhibited, and challenge them to think in new ways about their relationship to the arts.

Please join us **Friday July 25th, from 6-9pm (artist talk begins at 6:30)** at the Peace Center. Please call (405) 668-2402 with questions. www.andrewhendrixson.com

### Military Veterans Are Invited to Tell Your Story!

**A&E documentary series** is looking for military veterans who are suffering from PTSD and/or TBI and are exploring alternative therapies, including service dogs, to treat their symptoms. We are looking for stories from former military men and women who fit this profile. If this fits you or someone you know please get in touch with us at 633-6698 or email us at veteranandogdoc@gmail.com. Thank you for your service.

### City Council Approves Resolution to Demand More Renewable Energy in PNM Electricity Mix

By Ken Bergeron, 350.org/NM

The Albuquerque City Council took a stand at their June 9 meeting for “greener” electricity, approving a resolution that called on PNM, the largest electric utility in the state, to incorporate much more solar and wind energy in their plans for the future. PNM has agreed to shut down two highly polluting units of their coal-burning San Juan Generating Station in a few years, and their proposal for replacing that power is heavy on nuclear and coal, and light on renewable energy.

The resolution, which was sponsored by Councilors Isaac Benton and Diane Gibson, called instead for a “portfolio including as much renewable resources as is consistent with the needs of good environmental stewardship, system reliability, economic development and customer affordability.” The bill passed with a 5-3 vote (the others voting “for” were Rey Garduño and Ken Sanchez).

Despite the late hour, many citizen supporters of the measure were present, and 23 of them spoke before the council. Most of the speakers represented groups belonging to the **Albuquerque Climate Coalition**, an umbrella group. They cited the many benefits of a greener approach: more New Mexico jobs, less greenhouse gas, fewer medical problems from air pollution, less wasted water, and lower electric bills over the long run. Some cited a detailed alternative plan developed by New Energy Economy, which incorporates far more wind and solar but results in lower costs to the rate-payers.

In taking this stand against PNM’s carbon- and nuclear-heavy plan, Albuquerque joined the city of Santa Fe, which passed a similar measure in March. The two cities represent over 80 percent of PNM’s customer base. The state Public Regulatory Commission, which has the authority to approve or revise PNM’s power replacement plan, will conduct hearings on the proposals in late summer or early fall.

### Our Vision Statement

The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice strives to create a world where our collective needs are met sustainably and nonviolently. We value the interconnectedness of all life. We emphasize cooperation and respect for diversity. We are committed to nonviolent conflict resolution. We strive for peace within ourselves while we work towards creating peace in our community and in our world.

### Our Mission Statement

The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice provides resources and space for organizations and individuals working on peace and justice issues to network with one another and share information. Through our programs and collaborations, we work locally to support regional and global justice.
PAJOLA — Peace and Justice Organizations Linking Arms

350.orgNM 255-1222
Amnesty International Local Group 101 795-2881
A.N.S.W.E.R. - NM 266-2488
Abq. Friends House (Quakers) 843-6450
Abq. Hours Exchange 610-0823
Abq. Mennonite Church 254-1824
Abq. N.O.W. NOW.ABQNM@gmail.com
Abq. Raging Grannies 228-6075
Abq. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 440-6688
Abq. War Tax Alternative Fund 247-2798
Agua es Vida Action Team 242-5511
Alternative Radio www.alternativradio.org
Animal Compassion in Action 286-0973
Bookworks 344-8139
Camino Real Productions 247-1909
Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (CARD) 319-1117
Caring Economy Campaign, ABQ 573-6526
Casa Clara Community 266-3331
Center for Global Awareness—info@global-awareness.org
Central NM Move to Amend 450-1268
Citizen Action 262-1862
Citizen Climate Lobby 604-8247
Civilian Medical Resources Network (505)750-2221
Coalition to Stop 30 Billion to Israel 898-4544
Colombia Solidarity Committee of NM 281-8422
Comienzos 414-9386
Colombia Solidarity Committee 281-8422
Community Family—comfam5@yahoo.com
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center 994-2335
Erda Gardens & Learning Center, 610-1538
First Unitarian Church, Social Justice Council 884-1801
Friends of Sabeel Albuquerque 828-0546
Gay Men’s Spirituality 266-0884
Gray Panthers of Greater Alb. 266-8823

Health Action New Mexico 867-1095
Humanist Society of New Mexico 344-6102
Leisa Richards Family Law Office 242-2835
Light Mission Pentecostal Church 203-4721
Money Power in Politics 715-9220
Nahi-Zaaz/Nihi-Zaad 505-427-4828
NM Advocates for Change, 459-5308
NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice 247-4271
NM Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty 505-670-0771
NM Lorettos Community 892-9633
OFFCenter Community Arts Project 247-1172
Partners in Health 805-403-7304
People for Peace 983-3906
PFLAG (Parents, Fam, Friends of Lesbians & Gays) 873-7373
Project Peacemakers 255-2042
Quote Unquote Media Center 417-9178
Rains Inc., rains@nmails.org
Rain Cloud Local Collaborative aka First Nations 262-6561
Soka Gakkai International 843-6031
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 881-9626
St. Mary Magdalene Community 977-4661
Stop the War Machine 268-9557
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Southwest Hypnotherapists 877-2766
SW Organizing Project (SWOP) 247-8832
SW Earth Festival Association (SWEFA) 507-1020
Trinity House Catholic Worker 842-5697
Turquoise Trail Performing Arts 369-6886
United Nations Assn. - Albuquerque Chapter 881-4536
UNM LGBTQ Resource Center 277-5428
UNM Peace Studies 256-0668
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Jewish Voice for Peace to Host Teach-In

Learn more about how American police departments – including APD and the New Mexico State Police – are training with methods developed to control Palestinians.

Hear from Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb, about how Oakland (CA) police trained with Israelis one week and then used that training against Occupy demonstrators the next.

Join with Jewish Voice for Peace-Albuquerque to connect the dots between police violence, economic inequality, and oppression of Palestinians, then call upon Albuquerque City Council to take a first step against injustice.

The Proposed ABQ City Council Proclamation: JVP-ABQ is campaigning for Albuquerque City Council to call upon the federal government to stop military aid to Israel until that country abides by international law. In addition, we call for equal rights for Palestinian citizens of Israel, as well as those living in the Occupied Territories.

Jewish Voice for Peace Albuquerque will host this Teach-In on Tuesday, July 15, at 7pm at the ABQ Peace and Justice Center. For more info, call 639-4513.