Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council presents
“Focus on Human Values”

25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Multicultural Celebration

The celebration of Dr. King’s life and accomplishments provides opportunities for all person to reaffirm the ideas of freedom and justice. An important part of this celebration is honoring New Mexico individuals and organizations who have advanced the values put forth by Dr. King through volunteer work or other activities of great benefit to others:

Ms. Laura Elliott Threet has been active in Albuquerque and New Mexico civic affairs for many years and is well-known for her leadership in the volunteer community with education as a focus. Ms. Threet was instrumental in providing the initial funding for the MLKMC scholarships 25 (twenty-five) years ago.

Reverend Judith Maynard is pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church which has been at the forefront of civil and human rights movements by addressing issues such as racism, sexism, homophobia, ageism and other forms of oppression. She brings her religious commitment and powerful voice to unite people.

As founder & CEO of Act Now to Stop War & End Racism (ANSWER) Coalition of New Mexico, Mr. Preston Wood (below) continues today in his commitment to bringing about social change. He is known as a principled and effective organizer for peace & social justice in our community.

The Honoring Celebration takes place:
Monday, Jan. 19th from 1-3pm
Congregation Albert, 3800 Louisiana Blvd NE
Free admission. Ethnic dress is encouraged.
For more info, call Jewel Hall at 994-2335.

Send your submissions for monthly newsletter to monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org by the 20th of the month prior to your event. Send submissions for web calendar to web@abqpeaceandjustice.org. Contact Coordinator at abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.
Community Unites for P&J Holiday Gala

By Sue Schuurman & Mollie Wilkie

Thanks to everyone who made the Holiday Gala a huge success! Mollie Wilkie for general coordination, John Ellig handled nonprofit tables and money boxes. Mollie supervised the food and kitchen crew. Judith Kidd, Susan McKinstry and Suzanne Ziglar coordinated the silent auction, Cathleen Halima Christy handled the decorations, Tom Dent helped with set up and break down. Troy Fragua, Sharyn Kaye and Renee Wolters organized the membership table, Sue handled publicity and arranged the bands. Raging Grannies, L@s Otr@s and Mala Maña performed amazing music. Alyson Steinman and Peter Neils did the sound. The food distro volunteers made luminarias and decorated lanterns. Kitchen crew: Cliff Wilkie, Mikey Harvell, Bear, Mary Rose, Ilse Biel, Sharyn Kaye, Charlie Klinhenn, Alex Sands and Caroline Monie. Posole makers: Renee Wolters, Ilse Biel, Kent Zook, Maureen Wright, Sonia Dickey, Troy Fragua, and Mimi Lopez. Jesse Hall and Margareta Young set up lights. Janice Devereaux and Renie McGuire sold baked goods. Thanks to everyone who baked treats! Rich Yost helped with clean-up. Tom Dent, Troy Fragua and Sue emceed. Ann and Dick Harrison, and Julez Bilowich and Sarah Hodson worked the door. We also want to thank two local businesses for their support: La Montanita Food Co-op for donating ads in their newsletter and a gift certificate for Blue Sky sodas, and Whole Foods Market for a generous donation enabling us to buy eco-friendly utensils, plates, bowls and napkins. Bookworks and The Coffee Shop donated items to the Silent Auction. Thanks to everyone who pitched in! We had fun and raised critical funds for the P&J. See photo collages from the Gala on pg. 7 & Back Page!

Note: A belated thank you to Rude Boy Cookies for donating yummy treats at the Thanksgiving Peace Café! We appreciate your support!
Saturday, Jan. 3, 6pm
**Alternative Radio** presents a lecture by Chris Giannou: “Understanding the Middle East” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Jan. 4, 11am
**ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (AUUF)** view and discuss *Native America: Voices from the Earth*, at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Monday Jan. 5, 9am
Demonstrate against **PNM’s replacement power plan** at the old PERA Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta in Santa Fe. Sponsors include SWOP, 350.org, Citizens Climate Lobby, and many more. More info: 989-7262, newenergyeconomy.org, also see Noticias

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 7pm
**Paul Grabhorn** on *Seeking Light*, a book of his photos taken in conflict zones around the world. At Bookworks, 4022 Rio Grande Blvd. NW. Info: 344-8139

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 9-10, 4pm & 6pm
*She’s Beautiful When She’s Angry* – Director Mary Dore documents a history of the outrageous, often brilliant **founders of the modern women’s movement** from 1966-71. At Guild Cinema, 3405 Central NE, www.guildcinema.com. Also plays Monday Jan. 12!

Saturday, Jan. 10, 11am-1pm
**Greater Albuquerque Grandmothers Council** meets at the P&J to discuss ABQ’s prison system, followed by a public statement from the Grandmothers. Formal Council process starts promptly at 11:30am after a potluck. More info: caitemaya@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Jan. 10, 6pm

Sunday, Jan. 11, 11am
**AUUF** welcomes Jim and Sharon Prewitt of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, speaking on ICE and Artesia, at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, www.abquuf.org

Monday, Jan. 12, 7pm
**People Before Profit Film Series** continues at UNM SUB Theater, weekly films TBA, followed by discussion. More info: unmpeacestudies@gmail.com.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 6-8pm
**Action NM** Legislative Forum at ABQ Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard NE. Info: 610-0823, see also Noticias.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 1:30-3:30pm
**Dialogue: New beginnings.** Share your views on what changes can make life more meaningful for you and others. Join Us! Info: Judith, 243-6174.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 10am
ABQ’s 2015 **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade** begins at University and MLK Blvd., following MLK west to Civic Plaza downtown for a commemorative ceremony. All are invited, and the Peace Center will be marching. Call 268-9557 if your group plans to join. Check for updates at www.nmmlksc.com.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 6pm
**Alternative Radio** presents a lecture by Tavis Smiley: “The Hidden Dr. King” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at www.kunm.org/listen. Info: www.alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 11am

Saturday, Jan. 18, 6pm

The **25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Celebration** will honor local individuals for advancing the values put forth by Dr. King. At Congregation Albert, 3800 Louisiana Blvd NE, free admission, ethnic dress encouraged. Info: 994-2335, jcyrus1@aol.com, also see this issue’s Front Page.

Thursday, Jan. 22, 7-9 pm
Organizational meeting for anyone wanting to participate in **“The Earth’s Last Supper,”** a pop-up environmental installation. Info: Suzanne, 255-4074.

Saturday, Jan. 24, 4pm
An event marking the 5th Anniversary of the Supreme Court **Citizens United** ruling (that corporations are people and money is speech) is being planned, location TBA; Info: www.Movetoamend.org or call 268-5073.

Saturday, Jan. 24, 6pm
**Alternative Radio** presents a lecture by Dr. Cornel West: “Love & Justice” on KUNM 89.9FM, kunm.org
**Noticias**

**Samia Assed, Candidate for Coordinating Council**

Hello, my name is Samia Assed and I am a 3rd generation Palestinian-American mother of nine. I was born in Michigan but was raised in NM and Palestine. I am a local business owner and have organized/worked/have connections with the Islamic Center of New Mexico, Friends of Sabeel, Jewish Voice for Peace, UNM SJP, SWOP, and multiple other organizations that promote human rights. I'm very passionate about social justice, family and faith. I’ve always felt that activism has been one of the strongest and most impactful ways to use your voice. I pride myself in being a Palestinian-American and New Mexican, and find that I can serve and will continue to serve both communities in my capacity as a community activist and organizer. I would love to be part of the Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center and am very interested in being considered to join the Coordinating Council (board of directors). Thank you.

**ActionNM: Amplifying our Collective Voices**

By Julez Bilowich, UNM Peace Studies student intern

ActionNM is joining the fight for peace and justice this legislative session. Inspired by the motto “together we are stronger,” New Mexico’s new community action network combines single-issue groups into a cohesive network.

During the 2015 legislative session and beyond, ActionNM will reach out twice per week to individuals pledging to take action on peace and justice issues. A call to action could include calling or writing a representative, signing a petition, attending an event, and more. As part of each action alert, participants will receive information about their representatives and an overview of legislation.

ActionNM was inspired by last year’s PAJOLA Action Network, a tremendous community effort to turn legislative attention to peace and justice issues. With the “who-to-call” and “what-to-say” emails generating consistent phone calls, lawmakers began to take notice of the community’s interest in steering legislation. Visionary for the network and co-founder Mandy Pino says, “We can’t afford to be scattered as we work for peace and justice. By amplifying our voices together, we can have greater impact.”

After the session, the network will continue to foster community involvement with peace and justice issues on the local, national, and international levels. “It’s always great to see a grassroots action gathering steam,” says local activist and graduate student Isle Biel, who provided support to P&J Coordinator Sue Schuurman’s action alert efforts last year. “We are reaching deeper into the community this time, and I believe that together we can really get our combined voices heard.”

Whether your organization focuses on voter education or advocacy, getting involved with ActionNM is easy—and urgent. A Legislative Forum for groups and individuals will be held Thursday, January 15th, 6-8pm at ABQ Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard NE. To get involved by taking an action or suggesting a bill or cause to support, contact Julez at (419) 569-7173 or Bob Allen at 610-0823.

**Take Action on the Mixed Waste Landfill!**

By Janet Greenwald, Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (CARD)

Sandia Labs has covered over the wastes at the Mixed Waste Landfill with a layer of dirt, but that does nothing to prevent contamination from seeping into the ground and down into the aquifer. Sandia Labs has proposed that their state permit for the MWL be modified to “Corrective Action Complete with controls.” If the state accepts this proposal, there will be little chance that the many contaminants at the MWL will be disposed of properly. Please ask the New Mexico Environment Department before 5pm on Jan. 5, 2015 for a hearing on the Mixed Waste Landfill, so that experts can testify to the need to excavate the landfill from above Albuquerque’s aquifer and dispose of the wastes in a safe and legal way. Write to: John Kieling, Chief, Hazardous Waste Bureau, NMED 2905 Rodeo Park Dr. E, Bldg I, Santa Fe, NM, 87505 or email john.kieling@state.nm.us.

The DOE Office of Inspector General has decided to conduct an audit in 2015 regarding the Maintenance and Management of Sandia’s Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL). Sandia Labs is trying to obtain a Corrective Action Complete status from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for the MWL before the Inspector General audit takes place. Written Public Comments about the MWL will be extremely important and should be sent by email to the Office of the Inspector General c/o David Sedillo at the following website: ighotline@hq.doe.gov.
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Tell the PRC that PNM's plan is a bad deal for New Mexico!

Dennis Foster, CVNM Executive Director

New Mexicans will get coal for the holidays, if PNM has their way. When half of their coal-fired San Juan Generating Station is closed down in 2017 to comply with clean air laws, PNM plans to invest in more coal, out-of-state nuclear and natural gas. Right now, only 8% of PNM’s energy comes from renewable sources – and the replacement power plan calls for more dirty energy sources, continuing to threaten health, air and water. PNM and Public Regulation Commission (PRC) staff agreed to a plan that does not require that the utility add renewable energy sources like wind and solar. As the largest public utility in New Mexico, how PNM provides our energy will affect our health for decades. Wind and solar are not only cleaner than coal and nuclear – they are also cheaper, making them all-around better choices for our state’s energy investments.

Now, the plan is headed to the PRC for approval during public hearings beginning on January 5th. Over 7,500 New Mexicans and Conservation Voters of NM (CVNM) supporters have already taken action on this issue, and I hope you’ll join us in reaching out to your PRC Commissioner about PNM’s plan today.

See also the Jan. 5 protest being organized by New Energy Economy in Events.

Help Hold Police Accountable! Volunteer for the People's Tribunal

By Lisa Crane, ABQ Justice

ABQ Justice, a grass-roots activist organization, is planning a People's Tribunal in early 2015 to hold the Albuquerque Police Department accountable for crimes it has committed that have not been adequately dealt with through the courts. You can help! In preparation for the People’s Tribunal, we are on the streets every week collecting testimonials of police abuse for presentation at the tribunal. We need volunteers to collect testimonials. Email us at abqpeoplestribunal@gmail.com and you will be notified of meet-up dates and times. If you have experienced abuse by the police, we would like to hear your story (you can be anonymous if you like).

Support New Mexico Dept. of Peace Initiative

By Virginia Miller

Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino is sponsoring the Office of Peace-building Act in the 2015 Legislative Session, leading the way to less violence in New Mexico and providing a model for the nation. The office would: foster school curricula on peaceful relationships; provide dialogue, mediation and restorative justice services for dispute resolution in schools and juvenile courts statewide; expand mediation and restorative justice services for adults; enable more access to treatment services for veterans suffering from PTSD; and contribute to a sustainable peace economy.

Please contact your legislators (986-4300) and the Governor's office (476-2200) near the beginning of the 2015 Session (which begins Jan. 20th) and ask them to support/co-sponsor the Office of Peace-building Act and work for its passage and funding in the 2015 Session. For more info, call (505) 986-8676.

Wish List for Peace Café: small folding tables

Our Peace Café on Thursdays has now become an institution and a resounding success! We're hoping to acquire 3 or 4 small folding tables to give it a real “Café” feel, and to aid in clean-up and keeping our Peace Hall chairs clean. If you’d like to contribute a table or make a monetary contribution, please contact Tom Dent with the Admin Committee at 450-1268. Thank you.

Free Chelsea Manning!

By Sally-Alice Thompson, Vets for Peace ABQ

By a vote of 658 to 13, the national Veterans For Peace has passed a resolution urging the Department of Defense to provide healthcare that meets the standards of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, and calls on President Obama to pardon Chelsea Manning, who has already served more time in prison than have service members convicted of murdering Iraqi Afghani civilians. Chelsea is now represented by ABQ’s own attorney Nancy Hollander. Mail to Chelsea Manning can be sent to: Bradley E. Manning #89289, 1300 Warehouse Rd., Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, 66027-2304

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New NVC Study Group Forming at Trinity House
By Mikey Harvell, Trinity House staff, Peace Café crew
Join in an experiment in Non-Violent Communication inspired by Marshall Rosenberg’s book, Non-Violent Communication: A Language of Life. Anyone is welcome to learn/teach with this new NVC study group which will meet at Trinity House Catholic Worker, 1925 Five Points Rd. SW. Availability is limited and determined by group consensus, so please respond back for a reservation. We hope to have 6-8 people in the group by mid-January. If interested, contact Mikey via MAHarvell@ymail.com, 363-2591 (cell) or 842-5697 (Trinity House).

Documentary Focuses on Adversity Faced by Women & Girls
A Path Appears goes to the USA, Colombia, Haiti, and Kenya, to reveal the incredible adversity faced every day by millions of women and girls forced into a life of prostitution. Domestic slavery, teen pregnancy, the devastation of poverty—these situations are happening not just halfway across the world, but in our own backyards. A Path Appears comes from director Maro Chermayeff and the producers of the groundbreaking Half the Sky, and also explores innovative programs that have evolved to empower these women to lead more fulfilling lives. The screening is Wednesday January 28, 7-9pm at KiMo Theatre, 423 Central Ave. SW, Free General Admission, concessions available. Info: www.kimotickets.com/event/179709.

New Mexico Proposes Fines of $54 Million to LANL and WIPP
By Don Hancock, Southwest Research and Information Center, www.sric.org
On Dec. 6, 2014, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued two Administrative Orders proposing more than $54 million in fines for violations related to the Feb. 5 underground fire and Feb. 14 radiation release at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). NM Governor Susana Martinez personally handed U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Ernest Moniz the Orders in Las Vegas, NV.

The Order related to Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) detailed more than a dozen violations of the operating permit regarding the containers shipped to WIPP that apparently were the source of the radiation release. The proposed fine is $36,604,649. The Order related to WIPP details more than a dozen violations of the operating permit related to both the fire and radiation release. The proposed fine is $17,746,250. Both fines will be effective on January 5, 2015, unless the recipients contest the fines and negotiate lesser penalties. The Administrative Orders also require LANL and WIPP to develop plans to address the continuing violations and to prevent recurrences.

Although both LANL and WIPP have previously been fined for permit violations, the proposed fines are several times larger than any previous fines. Whether DOE and the operating contractors at LANL and WIPP will pay the fines and expedite efforts to comply with the permits or whether they will spend time, effort, and money to contest the penalties is not yet clear. It is also unknown whether the contractor insurance or taxpayer funds will be used to pay the fines. Both LANL and WIPP have many other violations of their permits which could lead to future, even larger, fines. WIPP’s plans are to continue violating many provisions of its operating permit for several years.
PAJOLA — Peace and Justice Organizations Linking Arms

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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
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Amnesty International Local Group 101 795-2881
Animal Compassion in Action 286-0973
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Bookworks 344-8139
Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping 319-1117
Caring Economy Campaign, ABQ 573-6526
Casa Clara Community 266-3331
Center for Global Awareness info@global-awareness.org
Central New Mexico 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
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