You are invited to the 26th annual
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Celebration

Monday, January 18th, 2016, 1-3pm
Congregation Albert,
3800 Louisiana Blvd. NE

The celebration of Dr. King’s life and accomplishments provides opportunities for all persons to reaffirm the ideas of freedom and justice. Please join in honoring New Mexico individuals and organizations advancing the values put forth by Dr. King through volunteer work or other activists of great benefit to others.

Two of the honorees this year include an individual and an organization with a strong commitment to social justice:
Mr. Richard Moore - co-director of Los Jardines Institute, founder of Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (SNEEJ).
Encuentro - building immigrant leaders and a strong community for all.

Free admission. Ethnic dress encouraged. For more info, call (505) 277-5820.
MONDAYS
350NM.org 1st & 3rd Monday, 5-7pm, 255-1222.
Veterans for Peace 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 271-9274.

TUESDAYS
NVC Discussion Weekly, 11:15am-1:15pm, 881-4536
ABQ Hours Orientation, 3rd Tues, 6-8pm, www.abqhours.org.
Race Dialogue 2nd Tuesday, 5pm, 917 Vassar NE, 272-5085

WEDNESDAYS
Grassroots New Mexico Weekly Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 5:35pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
ABQ Justice weekly 5:30pm at a private residence, for info: abqjustice@yahoo.com.
The Water Groups 1st Wednesday, 3pm @ SRIC, 243-6174 .
People for Peace 1st Wednesday, 7-9pm, The Commons (parlor), 2300 West Alameda, Santa Fe, (505) 983-3906.
Peace Center’s Coordinating Council 2nd Wednesday, meeting at 6pm (optional potluck at 5:30). All are invited.

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 & 4th streets. All invited, wear black. 341-9307.
ABQ NOW 4th Thurs. 6:30-8pm, call for location: 881-6365
FRIDAYS
NVC Book Club 3rd Friday, 10:30am-12:30pm, 881-4536
P & J Movie Night 3rd Friday, 6-8pm, 604-1261
Peace Center’s Admin. Committee 4th Friday, 1:30pm-3pm
call to confirm 268-9557.

SATURDAYS
Food Distribution Weekly, 9am in Parking Lot.
Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, weekly in office, Noon-1pm, 301-5423
St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, 345-3677, 977-4611.
Tulane St. Peace Rally Weekly, Noon-1:30pm at Central & Tulane, 898-4544.

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Canines: Sasha, Romeo, Lisa, Blackie
Calendar of Special Events

Friday, Jan. 1
**The Peace Center is closed Winter Break (12/21-1/1).** Previously scheduled events will still take place. The P&J office reopens on Monday, Jan. 4th at 9am. If you need assistance during the break, call 450-1268.

Saturday, Jan. 2, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Steven Salaita:** “The Limits of Academic Freedom” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Jan. 3, 11am
The **ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** (AUUF) view and discuss Native America: Voices from the Land at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Friday, Jan. 8, 7-9pm
**Book Study** meets alternate Fridays at Trinity House Catholic Worker, 1925 Five Points Rd. SW. Currently reading All is Grace, a Biography of Dorothy Day by Jim Forest. Contact: shalseyhoover@gmail.com or 714-420-6771.

Saturday, Jan. 9, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Tim Flannery:** “Solutions to the Climate Crisis” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Jan. 10, 11am
AUUF weekly meeting welcomes former City Councilor **Rey Garduño,** speaking on Legislative Issues at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Friday, Jan. 15, 10:30am-12:30pm
Join **Books for Peace** the 3rd Friday of each month to discuss readings about the search for more peaceful ways. This month: Gandhi, the Man, by Eknath Easwaran. More info: 268-9557.

Friday, Jan. 15, 6pm

Saturday Jan. 16, 2:30pm
Members of Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in El Paso present a “Micro-Immersion” in issues related to their unique mission on the border. This educational event at **St. Paul Lutheran** (1100 Indian School Rd. NE) is also a fundraiser for Cristo Rey, starting at 2:30pm with dinner at 5:30pm ( gorditas and tamales). A freewill $10/adult or $25/family offering for dinner is requested. More info: NMFCIJ, 307-2218 or nmfc4ij@gmail.com.

Saturday, Jan. 16, 6pm
Alternative Radio lecture by **Robert McChesney:** “Media Barriers to Democracy” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Jan. 17, 11am
AUUF weekly meeting: **Dave Dawn,** “Music 101, 2nd class” at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Saturday Jan. 16, 10am
**Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March & Celebration.** March begins from the corner of University Blvd. and MLK Avenue, going westbound on MLK and ending at Civic Plaza with a short commemorative program. All organizations, schools, bands, etc. are encouraged to participate in this event, FREE to the public and for all ages.
Calendar of Special Events

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 3-5pm
**The Water Groups** sponsor a presentation by Paul Robinson on the contamination of our aquifer at Tijeras Arroyo, a Sandia National Lab site, followed by a strategy session. At the Peace Center, refreshments served. More info: contactus@cardnm.org or 242-5511.

Thursday, Jan. 21, 5:30-7:30pm
**PAJOLA Potluck/Meeting**- all Peace And Justice Organizations Linking Arms groups are asked to send at least one representative to our quarterly PAJOLA potluck/meeting to network, share info, and meet our newest members. Please bring food or drink to share and RSVP to 268-9557.

Thursday, Jan. 21, 6pm
**Trinity House Catholic Worker** Circle of Friends meets each 3rd Thursday for a liturgical celebration, usually celebrated by Fr. Richard Rohr, followed by a potluck. Please feel free to join us. More info: 714-420-6771 or shalseyhoover@gmail.com

Saturday, Jan. 23, 10am-Noon
**Humanist Society of NM monthly Speaker Meeting:** screening and discussion of *Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial* at Botts Hall Special Collections Library, 423 Central Ave. NE. Free and open to the public; more info: www.hsnm.wordpress.com, president@humanistsocietyofnm.org

Saturday, Jan. 23, 6-8:30pm
**Circo Joint-Fundraiser.** Dinner and circus performance to benefit NMFCIJ, NM-IPL, NMCC, ABQ Aerialist Collective, and La Mesa Arts, at St. John's Methodist Church, 2626 Arizona St NE. $40 tickets on sale Jan. 4th at nmchurches.org. Info: 217-5846.

Sunday, Jan. 24, 11am
**AUUF weekly meeting:** **Bob and Joanne Prochnow** present on the Museum of Human Evolution in Burgos, Spain, at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Monday, Jan. 25
**Immigrant Day of Action** at the Roundhouse, Santa Fe, in conjunction with “Moral Monday,” organized by Somos un Pueblo Unido. Rally for drivers' licenses, equality and justice. More info: 424-7832, 504-0463, somosunpueblounido.org or #DLs4All.

Tues. Jan. 26, 6-8pm
**ABQ National Organization for Women (NOW)** special membership meeting at the P&J. Regularly scheduled NOW meetings are every 4th Thursday from 6:30-8pm at the Peace Center. More info: Yvonne, 881-6365, facebook.com/groups/119010518269324

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 8am-Noon
Join **NM Coalition to End Homelessness** in Santa Fe for their 10th annual Lobby Day! This is an opportunity to tell legislators directly that New Mexico must invest in solutions to homelessness. All are welcome. More info: nmceh.org, 505-982-9000

Saturday, Jan. 30, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Dave Zirin: “Go Deep: Sports & Politics”** on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Jan. 31, 11am-2:30pm
**AUUF weekly meeting is Game Day** with Unitarian Universalist puzzles, followed by potluck 12:30pm at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Save the date:
Wednesday, Feb. 3
**Anti-Racism Day at the Legislature.** Call 268-9557 if you are interested in riding a bus together from the P&J. If we get enough people, we will rent a bus and split the cost. Program at Roundhouse Rotunda at 1pm.
P&J Receives Another PNM Reduce Your Use Grant!
Thanks to the PNM Foundation for approving another grant to reduce our carbon footprint! This year we will use the grant for two purposes. First, we will purchase an energy star-rated refrigerator to replace the fridge in the kitchen, which will use less electricity. Second, we will replace the back door to the building with a more energy-efficient construction. Right now there are many drafts coming through into the back hall; the new door will be more air tight, plus the windows on the doors will be dual-pane, energy efficient glass. These building improvements are part of our long-term project to make the P&J more sustainable. For a complete list of the projects we have implemented over the years, see the poster in the Peace Hall. Thanks to the Administrative Committee at the P&J for their tireless work on these projects. Call 268-9557 if you can help.

New Veterans for Peace Secretary
The Donald and Sally-Alice Thompson Chapter of Veterans for Peace is proud to announce that our secretary, Monique Salhab, has been elected to the National Board of Directors of the VFP. She takes office immediately. She will be participating in deliberations regarding the direction and policy of this national organization, and interacting with members of Veterans for Peace of other countries. Best wishes for a productive term of office in your struggle for world peace, Monique!

P&J Toy Chest Entertains Kids for Peace!
Thank you to Jennifer Helsel from Renegade Poultry for volunteering to paint our P&J Toy Chest! Renegade Poultry is a poultry farm located in Albuquerque’s South Valley, owned by Cameron and Jennifer Helsel. Renegade raises their birds to enjoy a next-to-nature life, with no added anything. They also organize the Mile-Hi Farmers' Market in Alvarado Park, Sundays 11am-2pm. For more info about this small business, go to Renegade Poultry on Facebook.

Mikey Bids Farewell
Dear friends of Peace & Justice, I have fallen in love recently, and while our goods friends at the Peace Center may cheer for us, I do not feel that the city of Albuquerque will help us grow together at this point. So we must be moving on. We are going to Georgia in order to find work and get on more stable ground. We do plan on returning to ABQ as well as to the P&J. I do enjoy the space of both.

If you are on Facebook, please look me up. My full name is Michael Ammon Harvell. We are also in the process of constructing a website in order to live out a collective dream. It is called Cinema-On-A-Roll. We plan to do special events (supplementing with movies, music, & food) from an RV unit. We hope to inspire others to live own dreams.

with LOVE, Mikey

We will miss you, Mikey, especially at the Peace Café! Safe travels and come back soon!

Job Opening for Volunteer/Admin Coordinator
This paid core staff position is responsible for training, supervision and scheduling of all Peace Center Volunteers. Collaboration with the Outreach Coordinator includes general office management and scheduling of peace hall events. Outstanding communication and organizational skills are required. Experience working in an intense alternative office environment within a dedicated team effort to co-create a culture of Peace and Justice preferred. The closing deadline for Resumes is February 28, 2016. Please send or bring Resumes to the ACP&J, 202 Harvard SE, ABQ, NM 87106, attention Halima Christy. Call front desk for information: 268-9557.
New Peace Hall Art Exhibit Features Rainbow Artists

The Rainbow Artists are an award-winning women’s collective of artists established in Albuquerque in 1990. Several members of this group will show paintings in the ACPJ Peace Hall. There will be no reception, but the show will run from Jan. 6 - Feb. 29, 2016. Contact: Eliza M. Schmid at 554-3891.

Albuquerque Homeless Persons’ Walk & Vigil

By Omkulthoom Qassem, UNM Students Organizing Actions for Peace (SOAP)

On December 19th, 2015, hundreds of concerned members of the Albuquerque community gathered to mourn and remember 72 people who had died who had experienced homelessness over the past year in the Albuquerque area.

Mourners marched in silence from the Healthcare for the Homeless through the streets of downtown to the Cathedral of St. John for a beautiful vigil and memorial service. During the march the names of the 72 homeless, or once homeless, brothers and sisters who passed away in 2015 were carried on hand-painted cardboard signs. Upon arrival at the Cathedral, the names were placed at the front and the community members, homeless and not, gathered in the pews. Music filled the cathedral as we held one large vigil for those who are no longer amongst us but were remembered fondly that day. During the open mic, several community members went up and sang or spoke words of wisdom and motivation for the coming year.

Homelessness as a phenomenon is a crime of humanity; it is just one sign of our loss of humanity and care. The annual walk and vigil is quite possibly one of the most moving and heart-wrenching events for our community, for those who work with homeless people and those who strive to end homelessness. It is an event full of tears, love, and hope for a future of change. Upon acknowledging the efforts made to assist those less fortunate in our community, we strive to turn a new leaf with a mindset of giving and unity for our Albuquerque community.

Peace Center Holiday Gala 2015---Thanks to EVERYONE for making our annual Holiday Gala such a fun and festive fundraiser, especially considering that it fell on a night with a major snowstorm! We had all ages, from nine year olds to ninety year olds, singing along to the Raging Grannies, and dancing to L@sOtr@s and Native Roots! Huge shout-out to the dozens of volunteers who organized this event, way too many to name, setting up, decorating, serving/cooking food and baked goods, donating and selling items in the silent auction, tabling, interviewing, doing sound and of course cleaning up. You all helped to raise critically needed funds for the P&J. Thank you so much!
Become a Member or Renew your Annual ACP&J Membership

Name ____________________________ Today's Date_______________________
Address ___________________________ City/State/Zip_______________________
Phone____________________________ Email__________________________________

Membership: New_______ Renewal_______

Individual / Family PAJOLA (Peace and Justice Groups linking arms)
$40 Basic $60 PAJOLA Basic Supporting
$15 Student/Low-Income $120 PAJOLA Advocate Supporting
$50 Supporter includes one free monthly use
$100 Advocate of the Peace Hall
$500 Life

Please send my monthly newsletter via: email ______ snail mail_______

ACPJ is a 501(c)3 organization, and your donation, above the cost of membership, is fully tax-deductible.

Mail to: ACPJ, 202 Harvard SE, ABQ, NM 87106, pay your membership on the website via PayPal — ABQPeaceAndJustice.org, or bring it in person - we love to visit with you!

Would you be interested in volunteering with us?________________________

What talents and/or skills could you offer ACP&J?________________________

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Solidarity with the Albuquerque Mosque

By Iris Keltz

On December 10, a diverse group of peace and justice activists gathered at the SouthWest Organizing Project to write letters of solidarity for our Albuquerque Muslim community. The next day, we hand delivered them to the local mosque. The call to action came from Father Frank of Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community and Sue Schuurman, coordinator of the Peace Center. Unlike Donald Trump’s trumpet of racism, this was a call for humanity.

Our group of about 25 people attended the Friday services at the Islamic Center of New Mexico on Yale and listened to the Imam’s sermon. He spoke of the similarities between the Abrahamic religions, pointing out that Islam acknowledges the teachings of Abraham, Moses, Noah, Jesus as well as the Prophet Mohammed, and he emphasized what underpins all is the golden rule: treat others as you would like to be treated, all day and every day.

Before enjoying Middle Eastern hospitality, we spoke with leaders in the Muslim community. All of us were keenly aware of the anti-Islamic sentiment sweeping our country. Mosques were being vandalized; a pig’s heads left at the door of a Philadelphia mosque, they were receiving hate mail and worse. When I sat with Muslim friends, I sensed how vulnerable and targeted they felt.

Although I wished a rabbi, cantor or official Jewish community leader was present, I was the only one to stand up and identify as Jewish. It felt important. They were filled with gratitude that we had come to stand in solidarity and friendship. A Palestinian member of the mosque told me that Albuquerque is unique in our country and that many of her Muslim friends want to move here. Our actions were acknowledged in the national media. A seemingly insignificant painless gesture went a long way in healing our fear-riddled fractured society.

Sharyn Kaye with cards of support for the mosque.