The SouthWest Organizing Project (SWOP) invites you to participate in S.E.R.C. - a Social Emergency Response Center

Engage communities of passion to organize

Throughout 2016, signs of the current social emergency continued to increase—state sanctioned violence against the Black community, gentrification, the Dakota Access Pipeline, privatization, Flint Water Crisis, etc. Then the horrifying win by 45 underscored the reality that we are all living in a state of social emergency, even if it affects each of us differently.

In emergencies like hurricanes and tsunamis, emergency response centers exist to coordinate evacuations or provide services like temporary housing, food, and water. We invite you to join us in re-imagining response centers to take on the real and pressing social emergency that we are facing today.

Social Emergency Response Centers are temporary, emergent, and creative pop-up spaces co-led by community organizers and artists around the US. They function as both an artistic gesture and a practical solution. As such, they aim to find the balance between the two, answering questions like: How will we feed people--and their hunger for justice? How will we create a shelter--where it's safe to bring your whole damn self? What will reconstruction--of civil society--look like? For a look at one such experiment, visit: www.ds4si.org/interventions/serc.

Join us on Thursday, July 27 through Sunday, July 30 as the community creates a SERC here in Albuquerque. We envision creating four spaces: A Cooking Space for Food; a Making Space for Art and Music; a Healing Space; and A Planning/Plotting Space for visionaries and organizers. The SERC will be held at FreeRange Spaces, 1700 Central SE near University. For more information about how you can participate, email Janelle@swop.net.
Regularly Scheduled Events—held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted

**MONDAYS**

350NM.org 1st & 3rd Monday, 5-7pm, 350-6000
Veterans for Peace ABQ 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 271-9274.

**TUESDAYS**

ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, 6-8pm, 881-6365
Race Dialogue 4th Tuesday, 5pm, 917 Vassar NE, 272-5085

**WEDNESDAYS**

Decarcerate Yoga weekly, Noon-1pm, allenir@unm.edu
Chair Yoga weekly, 1:30-2:30pm, lisbethcarlisle@aol.com
Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:57pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
Bhagavad Gita Class weekly 7-8:45pm, Trinity House, 1925 Five Points Road SW. 842-5697.
The Water Groups 1st Wednesday, 3pm @ SRIC, 243-6174.
Power Through Peace meeting 4th Weds. 5:30pm, 400-4278

**THURSDAYS**

Peace Center Coordinating Council 2nd Thursdays, 5-7pm. All are invited, 268-9557
Biotecture Planet Earth 3rd Thursdays, 5:30pm jewalker@swcp.com
ABQ Move to Amend 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm, 867-6539

**FRIDAYS**

Sierra Club & Root Beer 1st Friday on odd months, 6-9pm, 243-7767
P&J Movie Night 3rd Friday, 6-8pm, 604-1261
Peace Center Admin. Committee Last Friday, 2-3:30pm

Nonviolent Communication (NVC) last Fridays through August, 11:30am-1pm, 400-2709 or 881-4536

**SATURDAYS**

Food Distribution Weekly, 9am in Parking Lot.
Sitting for Peace Weekly, 9-10am, Bataan Park NE corner, 3407 Lomas NE, all welcome in silence, 265-2178
Tulane St. Peace Rally Weekly, Noon-1:30pm at Central & Tulane, 440-7372.
St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, 345-3677, 977-4661.
SURJ-ABQ 1st Saturday, 10:15-Noon, surjabaq@gmail.com
Grandmother’s Council of NM 2nd Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm, 610-8258

**SUNDAYS**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-noon.
Potluck on 3rd Sunday, 11am-2:30pm. 440-6688.
Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community Weekly 11am at St. Paul’s ELCA, 1100 Indian School NE, 352-4061.
Generation Justice weekly, 7-8pm on KUNM 89.9FM

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Maureen Wright, Michelle Meaders
Kent Zook, Matt John, Eliza Schmid
Sarina Carruthers, David Drezen, Cyrus
Moses, Hannah Mpolu, Kelly King,
Colin Ross, Jacqueline McCrief,
Emma Stevens, Serge Beaulieu, Kyleigh
Rivera, Thomas Silva

Canines: Sasha, Pepie, Biko

Swing Dance Door Volunteers
John Ellig, Renee Wolters, Kent Zook,
Michael Gallagher, Adrienne Mathewson,
Megan Cohen, Peggy Singh
Saturday, July 1, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Robert Hackett: “Climate Change & the Media” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Saturday, July 1, 7-9pm
Holy Fool Arts show, Wade Through Deep Water, traces people through the Red Sea and Jordan River, thirsting for collective liberation and hearing the voice of Water's lament. Donations welcome, at Alb. Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard Blvd NE. Info: susanne.brown37@gmail.com, holyfoolarts.org

Friday, July 7, 6:30-8pm
Sierra Club & Root Beer open meeting welcomes Michael Casaus, NM State Director of The Wilderness Society, speaking on the process and urgency to protect the Rio Grande del Norte and Organ Mountain/Desert Peaks National Monuments. Meet at Peace Center. Light refreshments. RSVP/Info: (630) 809-4234 or fhoudek@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 8, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Chris Hedges: “Stopping Fascism” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Saturday, July 8, 7pm
NM Peace Choir concert: Why We Sing, at James A. Little Theater in The NM School For The Deaf, 1060 Cerrillos Rd. in Santa Fe. Doors open at 6:30pm. For ticket info, contact Leandra, ltweedledee@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 12, 5:30-7:30pm
PAJOLA Potluck at the Peace Center. Hear from new groups, share info, please bring food or drink to share. See Noticias, pg. 5 for details

Saturday, July 15, 7am-3pm
Annual commemoration of the 1979 Church Rock Uranium Spill. Meet at Red Water Pond Rd. Community, 12 mi. north of Red Rocks State Park near Church Rock on the Navajo Nation. Starts with sunrise prayers, then a 3mi. walk to the spill site, gathering under shade for speeches, educational booths, free food and drinks and a fundraising auction. A special tent with activities will be set up for children. Contact: Annie, 905-1288 or Jackie, 905-0022. More info: “Multicultural Alliance For A Safe Environment (MASE)” on Facebook.

Saturday, July 15, 10am-2pm
Pueblo of Isleta Environmental Division presents the 4th Annual Environmental Fair at the Isleta Recreation Center. More info: 869-9819. The P&J is seeking two people to table at this event; call Sue if you can help at 268-9557.

Saturday, July 15, 1pm only
Screening: Newtown. In the aftermath of the worst school shooting in history, the traumatized community of Newtown, CT finds a new sense of purpose in this intimate story of resilience as told by those whose lives were changed forever. Includes Skype Q&A session with director Kim Snyder, at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave NW. All seats $5. www.guildcinema.com

Saturday, July 15, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Cornel West: “The Radical Democratic Tradition” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Saturday, July 15, 7pm
NM Peace Choir concert: Why We Sing, at Congregation Albert, 3800 Louisiana Boulevard NE. Doors open at 6pm; for ticket price info, contact Leandra, ltweedledee@gmail.com
Thursday, July 20, 5:30pm
Biotecture Planet Earth
monthly meeting at the Peace Center. Learn about the latest project - Taos Corn Mother Midwifery center. We also discuss Earthship design and building, as well as the Brazil BPE office and other opportunities with Earthship Biotecture. Info: jwalker@swcp.com, biotectureplanetearth.com.

Thursday, July 20, 5:30pm
City of God
screening

Friday, July 21, 6pm

Saturday, July 22, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Angela Davis: “Beginnings: Movements of Possibility” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

July 24 - August 7
The African Presence in Mexico Tour is the only tour of its kind. Professors from UNM will lead a vibrant exploration into the history and culture of people of African descent in Veracruz, Mexico. Details: http://origenesafro.com.

Wednesday, July 26, 5:30-8:30pm
Universidad Sin Fronteras Freedom Summer Class: SWOP’s New Mexico Con Mujeres. This participatory class is called “Women & Youth—Resilience & Creativity—Turning Data into Action & Theatre” and deals with the intersection of stories generated by folks attending. Refreshments provided, wear comfortable clothes; at the Peace Center. Contact/Info: beva@swop.net.

Friday, July 28, 11:30am
NM Black History Organizing Committee invites the community to attend the Final Performance by youth in the Roots Summer Leadership Academy, at First Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd NE. More info: info@nmblackhistorymonth.com or 407-6784.

Friday, July 28, 11:30am-1pm
Nonviolent Communication practice meets every last Friday of the month through August at the Peace Center. More info: 400-2709 or 881-4536

Saturday, July 29, 6pm
Coordinating Council Creates New Policies to Focus on Core Mission
By Heather Ailes, CC member

As members, you know that our mission is to “provide space and resources for grassroots groups and individuals working on social justice issues to collaborate, share information and learn from each other’s work.” The Coordinating Council for the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice has been wrestling with some of the challenges we face as a place for all members of our community who are engaged in social justice work and education. Recent events at the Center have required a response to create a safe space for our staff and volunteers. The CC, after much discussion and soul searching, has made the decisions outlined below in order to clarify the perception in the local community about our mission.

For the past few years, many direct services for members of the unhoused community have been gradually added to the Peace Center, leading to a situation where many visitors have begun to expect the Peace Center to act as an unofficial day shelter and direct service provider, often leading to situations where our volunteers and staff feel overwhelmed. We have heard numerous concerns that some volunteers, staff and CC members have felt the Peace Center is no longer a safe space. In response, the following changes are effective immediately:

Restroom Policy - A sign has been posted saying “No Public Restrooms. Restrooms are for Peace Center patrons only.”

Phone Policy - A sign has been posted saying “Phone is for Office Use only, except in cases of emergency.”

Access to Free Food: Food will be available at Saturday’s Food Distro only. If anyone calls wanting to donate food to the P&J, we accept non-perishables that will be stored until Saturday, and only accept perishables on Fridays for storing overnight for the Saturday Food Distro;

Access to Water: Water is available in the front hallway from a large thermos and cups (rather than from the peace hall counter).

Front Hallway Closet: The front hallway closet with clothing and toiletries will be converted into a Little Free Library, focusing on social justice organizing and history. We no longer will accept donations of clothing and toiletries. We will continue to help our neighbors with “Homeless Resource Referral Cards.”

We recognize that it will take time for these policies to take effect and that a transition period will be necessary. We are open to any ideas members have about supporting our community while maintaining a functional and safe place for the groups and individuals who rely on the Peace Center for resources and space for their work. If anyone has any questions or concerns about these new policies, please contact the Coordinating Council by emailing abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com. Thank you.

A vigil was held on Monday, June 19 to mourn the tragic death of Leo Molzhon, who was burned to death while homeless under I-40 at 12th Street. Many attendees pledged to help find more resources for unhoused members of our community, while others spoke of remembering our shared humanity.

Join Us for a PAJOLA Potluck Gathering!
Dear Peace And Justice Organizations Linking Arms (PAJOLA) groups: Please send at least one representative from your group to attend our next Pajola Potluck which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th from 5:30-7:30pm at the Peace Center. We invite all groups to share information about their ongoing work for social justice. Hear brief updates from new Pajola group reps: Peaches Blackbird (Power Thru Peace), Elaine Cimino (Common Ground Rising), Nkazi Sinandile (NM Global Women's Pathways), Lissa Callirhoe (ABQ Move to Amend), and Roberta Rael or her representative (Generation Justice), and then open it up to announcements. Please bring food or drink to share. For more info, email abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com or call 268-9557.
Refugee Blanket on Exhibit at P&J

In February 2017, Off Center artists created over 65 squares forming a blanket of the experiences of refugees and their hoped-for welcome. With beginnings at a small workshop coordinated by Ginger Quinn and Nova DeNise, artists and Off Center volunteers, word quickly spread to dozens of other participants resulting in this Refugee Blanket Exhibit, first shown in March at Off Center Community Arts Project and now currently on display at the P&J.

Off Center is a non-profit arts organization (at 808 Park Ave.) which believes that art making is central to community-building. It is a safe space for everyone to make art free of charge, with an emphasis on enhancing the lives of those most marginalized in our community.

In this exhibit you may notice the many safety pins connecting the pieces and in the artworks. The Safety Pin Movement in the United States began after 45 was named president and attacks against minorities became more prevalent. As a show of support, groups of people across America are attaching safety pins to shirts and jackets to show that we are all linked and willing to stand up for the vulnerable.

The Refugee Blanket Exhibit will be on display at the ABQ Center for Peace and Justice through July 25, 2017. For more info, email amy.sedillo3@gmail.com.

Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community pastor Frank Quintana organized the Our Pride Is Not For Sale event, leading a small but dedicated contingent down Central Avenue on Pride Day. We paused at a descanso for LGBTQ persons killed in Orlando last year as well as other victims of transphobia and bigotry. Photos by Peaches Blackbird.

Volunteer Spotlight

By Adrienne Mathewson,
P&J Volunteer/Membership Coordinator

Do you have handyman skills? Project Management skills? Or just a heartfelt desire to help the Peace and Justice Center maintain our building? Then come join us on our Admin Committee! We meet the fourth Friday of every month at 2pm, here at the center. Some of our projects include: ongoing floor maintenance, raised garden beds, replacement of the water tank base, parking lot maintenance, stucco repair and others. If you just want to help with projects but not attend meetings, that’s okay too. Our immediate needs are: Painting the restrooms, Touch-up painting in the Peace Hall, Clean/paint moldings, Parking lot maintenance, Other small cleaning/weeding jobs, Closet organization, and Kitchen cleaning.

Please contact me at 382-4494 or adriennemathewson@gmail.com if you want to help or have questions. Or, stop by the Center on Tuesdays between 2-5pm and speak with Maureen Wright.
PAJOLA — Peace and Justice Organizations Linking Arms

350.org NM 350-6000
ABQ Friends Meeting (Quakers) 843-6450
ABQ Hours Exchange 610-0823
ABQ Industrial Workers of the World 585-4499
ABQ Mennonite Church 254-1824
ABQ Move to Amend 867-6539
ABQ Nat’l Org for Women (NOW) 881-6365
Alternative Radio 800-444-1977
AlbuCORE 366-1096
ANSWER Coalition - NM abq@answercalation.org
Biotecture Planet Earth info@biotectureplanetearth.com
Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community 352-4061
Calming Four Swing Dance 256-0668
Campaign Nonviolence New Mexico (714) 420-6771
CASHEW 268-6112
Center for Global Awareness drames@globalawareness.org
Civilian Medical Resources Network 750-2221
Coalition to Stop 30 Billion to Israel 898-4544
Colombia Solidarity Committee of NM 281-8422
Common Ground Rising info@commongroundrising.org
Community Family Organization comfam5@yahoo.com
CVNM Education Fund info@cvnm.org
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Multicultural Council 994-2335
ECC St. Mary Magdalene Community 345-3677
First Unitarian Church, Social Justice Council 884-1801
Food and Water Watch ebravo@fwwatch.org
Generation Justice 277-1831
Grandmothers Council 610-8258,

GrandmothersCouncilofNewMexico@gmail.com
Gray Panthers of Greater Abq. 266-8823
Guild Cinema 255-1848
Indigenous Rights Center 301-5423
Inscape Ministries (714) 420-6771
Jewish Voice for Peace ABQ hrudolph@gmail.com
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Medicine Drum Circle 417-4704
NM Black History Organizing Committee 407-6784
NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice 307-2218
NM Interfaith Power and Light info@nm-ipl.org
NM Peace Choir kmayers@ix.netcon.com
NM Women’s Global Pathways---435-5741
New Energy Economy info@newenergyeconomy.org
Notable Healing notablehealing@gmail.com
Nuclear Issues Study Group 879-8547
Power Through Peace powerthrupeace@gmail.com
Quote...Unquote 261-4485
Rio Grande Sierra Club, Central Group 243-7767
Santa Feans for Justice in Palestine/Israel (505) 995-9866
Santuario de Karuna 286-0973
Showing Up for Racial Justice—ABQ suriabq@gmail.com
Soka Gakkai International USA 843-6031
SouthWest Organizing Project (SWOP) 247-8832
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 881-9626
St Tim’s Lutheran Church 255-8001
Stop the War Machine 268-9557
SW Hypnotherapists Examining Board 877-2766
The Water Groups 242-5511
The Working Group 507-4940
Transgender Resource Center of NM 200-9086
Trinity House Catholic Worker 842-5697
United Voices for Refugee Rights (UVRR) 362-8301
UNM Latin American & Iberian Institute lai@unm.edu
UNM Peace & Global Justice Studies 277-4912
UNM Sustainability Studies Program 277-3325
Veterans for Peace 271-9274

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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,
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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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Olive Harvest Delegation Led by Iyad Burnat

Iyad Burnat from Bil'in Palestine spoke at the P&J a few months ago and invited us to help him with his Olive Harvest Delegation trip to visit Palestine this fall. We are accepting deposits and also helping recruit folks to travel to Palestine and participate on his delegation. The dates are October 20-November 4, 2017.

The Delegation Program provides a comprehensive look at the current situation by touring holy and political sites, engaging with local families through home stay, presentations by university professors, and visiting numerous activist organizations all over the West Bank. This 15-day program is a unique opportunity not only to visit Palestine but to engage in important conversation about the Palestine/Israeli conflict. Participants will spend 5 days harvesting olives in villages around Nablus. Participants will have a chance to work with locals understanding the labor as well as economic and cultural significance of olives and olive products in Palestine.

The delegation will provide accommodation, two meals/day, tours, presentations, and transportation. Participants provide their own plane tickets and bus to get to the West Bank. The Olive Harvest Delegation is sponsored by Friends of Freedom and Justice and co-sponsored by Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice. More info at: www.ffj-bilin.com/upcoming.

To register, please send a $100 deposit and your name, address and phone number to: Olive Harvest Delegation, c/o Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, 202 Harvard Drive SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. You can make out a check to ACPJ, with Olive Harvest in the memo line, or pay direct to FFJ through their Paypal account at this link: https://tinyurl.com/mjvkpag. For more info about the tour itinerary, visit https://www.ffj-bilin.com/home-1. If you have questions, you may also email Iyad Burnat at majdarmajdar@gmail.com or Susan Schuurman at abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.