Press Release from May 7, 2020:

**P&J Center Stands with Dr. Becknell, Jr. and Demands Support Against Racist Threats**

The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, in keeping with its long established history of working against racism, is alarmed and concerned about the racist and threatening messages that were sent to Dr. Charles Becknell, Jr. who heads the Department of Africana Studies at the University of New Mexico.

We are alarmed that in this present environment in particular, where the national political leadership continues to foment division and hatred, this evil and dangerous rhetoric has given rise to mindless racists who would seek to not only make hateful statements but also threaten to carry acts of violence against Dr. Becknell, Jr. An attack on Dr. Becknell, Jr. is an attack on African Americans everywhere.

“Dr. Becknell, Jr. has a well established and respected history of dedication to justice and peace as he has worked tirelessly for racial equity and historical knowledge. That he or any other person of African descent would be singled out, called the ‘n’ word, and subjected to physical harm is not only unacceptable but must be met with the full force of the law”, said Jim Harvey, Executive Director of the Center for Peace and Justice.

The Center is aware that steps have been taken to engage the University police and we are hopeful that a robust response will yield results. We suggest that this threat and the subsequent messages urging people to show up at Dr. Becknell’s home and to “kill all “N-word” was and remains genuine intervention from higher legal authorities in hopes of ending this vicious action with arrests and prosecution.

“This is clearly not an exercise of First Amendment rights but it is definitely a hate crime that must be met with justice”, Harvey went on to say.

The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice joins the growing number of organizations and individuals across Albuquerque in demanding a full investigation by the University and by our local police as well that will result in these hateful criminals being exposed and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Despite the national political voices which would see us divided against one another in the name of racist hatred and bigotry, good must prevail.
Regularly Scheduled Events

Many regular meetings and events remain cancelled or postponed into June, including many events at the Peace & Justice Center. The following are specifics about a few items that were communicated directly to us. Please let us know of any corrections or clarifications by email: monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org

Grassroots NM: currently on indefinite hiatus.

Good Food Distribution is still happening every Saturday from 8-10am. More info: 315-4167. The Peace Center accepts food donations Friday, 11am-12:30pm

Vigil for children and families separated at the border is currently postponed. medicinedrumcircle@gmail.com

Until further notice, all Sunday AUUF services will take place via Zoom calls. Visit abquuf.org for details. More info: 440-6688 or abquuf@gmail.com

The Guild Cinema is still offering safe, home-viewing options for upcoming movies. Visit guildcinema.com for NOW PLAYING streaming options, and look for the link in each listing that will walk you through. A portion of the online streaming fee goes to the Guild. More info: 255-1848

The local Activist Community Podcast will be done remotely, rather than at the Peace Center, for the indefinite future, still 2nd/4th Thursdays, 1-3pm. If you wish to call in for a broadcast, contact Tom Dent: 450-1268 or tnldent4@msn.com.

Resist Tyranny Tuesday protests in front of the Simms Building downtown are postponed until further notice, but please, continue to RESIST! Please join our private email group: ResistAbq@gmail.com

The Peace Center Coordinating Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. For further details call 268-9557 or email abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.

The Necessary Conversations group that has been meeting every 3rd Friday from 1-2:30pm is currently postponed. This is a good time to work through Layla Saad’s excellent book Me and White Supremacy, and her Podcasts online.

St. Oscar Romero Catholic Community is hosting mass online Sundays at 1pm via fb.com/bloscaromero

Generation Justice is still broadcasting archival shows every Sunday, 7-8pm on KUNM 89.9FM & kunm.org

Indivisible Nob Hill meets via Zoom every Monday from 5:30-7pm. More info: fb.com/groups/IndivisibleNobHill

350NM biweekly meetings on 1st and 3rd Mondays are moved to Zoom for the time being. More info: contact tasolomon6@gmail.com.

NVC/TC (Transformative Communication) will be meeting 2nd & 4th Fridays, 11:30am-1pm. Welcome to all for conversations about strategies for survival in these times. Please bring a mask, and observe social distancing. :-)

Coming to the Table (CTTT) meets via Zoom on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm. Email Rusty@OurBestTeam.com with “CTTT-ABQ” in the subject line for the Zoom Meeting information.

Indivisible Nob Hill promotes progressive political values through community action in Albuquerque. We just sent 2 certified letters to Gov. MLG’s office requesting that she add asylum detainees and non-violent prisoners to her “COVID-19 most vulnerable list”. 10 interfaith organizations signed on. We are asking members to follow-up by contacting her office as well. Find the letter online: drive.google.com/open?id=1RJaujPvQOCPLYi8Om-GvrW7J1vcdOV49

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Throughout June:


Monday, June 1, 5:30-7pm

Indivisible Nob Hill invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting, via zoom.us/j/879426908. Meeting ID: 879 426 908. Password: 566527. More info: fb.com/groups/IndivisibleNobHill, and see also Regularly Scheduled Events, pg. 2

Wednesday, June 3, 11am–12:15am MDT

Hosted by Post Carbon Institute, Recipe for Action: Building Food Security in Insecure Times is a live, online conversation with Food Tank: The Food Think Tank President and Co-Founder, Danielle Nierenberg, One Fair Wage President, Saru Jayaraman, and Working Food Community Programs Director, Melissa DeSa. This 75-minute webinar will give a picture of the global food system now, what to expect in the coming months and years, and ways that individuals can help build a healthier food system in their communities. Register for free: bit.ly/recipeforactionevent. More info: fb.com/events/236302354267768

Wednesday, June 3, 2pm MDT

ACLU presents COVID-19 Response: a Virtual Town Hall about the latest in the fight to protect civil liberties and fundamental rights amid COVID-19. Since the start of the outbreak, the ACLU has filed more than 100 legal actions across the country to defend civil liberties and impacted communities from injustices laid bare by the virus. Space is limited; register at action.aclu.org/webform/aclu-tele-town-hall-0

Thursday, June 4, 4-5pm

Jewish Community Center hosts Nobody Wants Us, a documentary telling the story of those aboard the SS Quanza, who were some of the last refugees allowed into the United States until the end of World War II. With this first-hand account of Holocaust survivors who resettled in the U.S. in 1940, filmmaker Laura Seltzer-Duny’s goal is to create a better understanding of the plight of refugees everywhere. View the trailer: youtube.com/watch?v=UBHHsZRDdIQ. View the film on your own beginning Tuesday, 6/2 at 8am MT, then join our Thursday discussion, by Zoom, with director/producer, Laura Seltzer-Duny. Upon registration, we will send you the link for the film & Zoom session. Register via jccabq.org/meeting/nobody-wants-us-film-discussion.

Alternative Radio still broadcasts every Saturday at 6pm on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. More info at alternativeradio.org. Proposed upcoming schedule:

June 6– Sonia Shaw, “Disease Outbreaks (Epidemics)”
June 13– Noam Chomsky, “The Politics of the Pandemic (rebroadcast)”
June 20- Naomi Klein & Arundhati Roy, “From Crisis to Justice”
June 27– Rob Larson, “Technopolies”

Saturday, June 6, 10am

Social Distant Drum Circle at Tiguex Park in Old Town. All must wear masks. This will be a fundraiser for ABQ Mutual Aid—they deliver food to those in need Monday through Saturday. Visit their website to sign up for food or to volunteer: abqmutualaid.org. More info: medicinedrumcircle@gmail.com, and see also Noticias, pg. 5.

Sunday, June 7, 12-3pm

Plant-Based Eating NM and Unity Spiritual Center Abq host a screening of A Prayer for Compassion, a documentary inspiring those already on a religious or spiritual path to expand their circle of compassion to embrace all life, regardless of species, and make choices in alignment with this value. At Unity Spiritual Center, 9800 Candelaria Rd NE. We will monitor physical distancing recommendations and proceed accordingly, prioritizing everyone’s health and wellbeing. This free event is open to any and all who are interested, including any religious/spiritual practice. Space is limited; please RSVP to Tony Quintana, 908-8176 or plantbased@apnm.org. More info: fb.com/events/573516263265997
Calendar of Special Events

Tues., June 9, 6:30–8pm
Retake Our Democracy Zoominar: “The PRC-PNM-ETA Debacle: The Truth Behind How PNM Is Running Circles Around the Legislature and the PRC; a conversation with PNM Shareholders for a Responsible Future” Pre-Register via us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_py1xDt4iQkOLFwqwUA4n8Q to secure a “seat” in the Zoom Room. More info: retakeourdemocracy.org/retake-zoominar-series and see also Noticias, pg. 5

Monday, June 10, 5:30-7pm
NM Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver will be speaking at Indivisible Nob Hill’s weekly meeting at O’Neill’s Pub, 4310 Central Ave. SE. Sec. Toulouse Oliver has announced her candidacy for US Senate (replacing current Sen Tom Udall). Check for updates: fb.com/events/655573531550332

Friday, June 12, 11am-1:30pm
NVC/TC (Transformative Communication) meets at the P&J for conversations about strategies for survival in these times. Please come with a mask and observe social distancing.

Saturday, June 13, 12:30-4:30pm
Pace e Bene planning meeting at the P&J. Contact vhtiwal@gmail.com for more details and updates.

Saturday, June 13, 1-5pm
Citizens Climate Lobby National Virtual Conference will include reports on the chances for climate change action from Congress, with presentations by Senators and members of Congress from both major parties. Additional breakout sessions featuring journalists and others are listed in the program, and additional sessions will be offered Sun. June 14, starting 11am MDT. For full program and to register online, visit citizensclimatelobby.org/2020-june-conference. To learn more and to offer help, contact co-facilitators Paul Biderman: 690-2247 or biderman429@gmail.com, and Robert Cordingley: (281) 989-6272 or 350santafe.info@gmail.com More info: 350santafe.org.

Thursday, June 18, 7-8pm MDT
Peace Talks Radio hosts a one-hour Zoom call between listeners and moderator Suzanne Kryder, one of the co-founders and hosts of Peace Talks Radio. Discuss what works, what doesn’t and what you thought of the last episode regarding White Privilege. Email info@goodradioshows.org to receive the Zoom link and password.

Sunday, June 21, 7am-9pm
Awakened Action: Women Leaders Speak to the Climate Catastrophe and Pandemic and Explore Strategies for a Sane, Just, and Compassionate Future virtual gathering, from the Upaya Institute & Zen Center. Join Roshi Joan Halifax, PhD; Dekila Chungyalpa; Christian Figueres; Jane Fonda; Sensei Wendy Johnson; Sensei Kritee Kanko, Phd; Stephanie Kaza, PhDr; Diana Liverman, PhD; Joanna Macy, PhD; and Rebecca Solnit. Registration required and donations accepted if possible. Presentations, meditation, Q and A, reading list and inspiration and reflection to move deeper into just actions. More info/to register: upaya.org/program/awakened-action-women-leaders-speak-to-the-climate-catastrophe-and-pandemic

Tuesday, June 23, 6:30-8pm.
Retake Our Democracy Zoominar: “Conversation About the Enormous Benefits of Forming a NM State Public Bank with Public Banking Advocate Leadership & Experts”. On our panel will be Elaine Sullivan, Board President of New Mexico’s Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity and other experts from NM and the nation. With the state experiencing a critical budget crisis, every strategy for maximizing our financial resources is critical and public banking has immense potential for supporting the state financial capacity and advancing economic justice. More info: retakeourdemocracy.org/retake-zoominar-series

Friday, June 26, 11am-1:30pm
NVC/TC (Transformative Communication) meets at the P&J for conversations about strategies for survival in these times. Please come with a mask and observe social distancing.
The drum is medicine for the planet.
By Lisa Lucero, Medicine Drum Circle

I hope everyone is surviving and thriving in these historic times. I fear before this is over we will all be touched on a personal level by this disease. Kathy’s cousin in the Bronx, he is like a brother to her, still has COVID but he is doing well. A few of the facilities we go to with our drums have been hit hard by the virus and my heart aches for them!

Yet, I’m so thankful and I feel truly blessed. Even though we lost our business of taking our drums to nursing homes, schools and rehab centers, I still feel hopeful that we could find another path. I am a little scared but hopeful. I believe something positive could come out of this. I am for Mother Earth, so I hope that more people who are able will work from home and we all learn to stay home and cook. If we consume less and produce less waste, have fewer cars on the roads, we will save our Mother Earth.

It’s been one year since we became a Non-Profit Corporation in the State of New Mexico but some of us have been drumming together for about 8 years! Our Mission Statement: We drum for the healing of the Earth and our communities. We drum for our future generations. The drum is medicine. Every living thing hears our beat and picks up the vibrations as they continue to go out into the universe forever! It’s just a scientific fact. Drumming also boosts our immune system, and anyone can do it!

It’s time for a Social Distant Drum Circle in the Park, Saturday, June 6, 10am at Tiguex Park in Old Town. All must wear masks. This will be a fundraiser for ABQ Mutual Aid—they are delivering food to those in need Monday through Saturday. Visit their website to sign up for food or to volunteer: abqmutualaid.org.

Special Appeal
Due to the recent limited lifting of safety restrictions in New Mexico, the Peace Center will be officially opening on Monday, June 1st. Masks and social distancing will continue to be observed. We want everyone to stay safe! However, many of the difficulties we have been experiencing throughout this time are ongoing. We must still cover operating costs and need your help. Donations can be mailed to the ABQ Center for Peace & Justice at 202 Harvard Dr. SE, ABQ., NM, 87106. Online donations can be made at abqpeaceandjustice.org/index.php/donate. We are grateful for your support.

Office for Rent
The Peace Center has a small office for rent, for groups working on social justice issues. The 18’ x 10’ office in the SE corner of the building is available immediately. Entry is from inside the Peace Hall, rent is $250 per month and includes utilities and internet. Please call 268-9557 or stop by 202 Harvard Dr. SE, to see the office and/or to pick up a rental application form. For more info, email abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.

Retake Our Democracy Zoominar
Shareholder activism has become increasingly popular nationally as a way of influencing corporations from the inside. Here in New Mexico PNM Shareholders for a Responsible Future has submitted a series of resolutions over the last five years to the PNM Resources annual meeting. They’ve tried to push the company toward a number of progressive goals, including an increased attention to the reality of climate change and the urgency of an immediate response, a fair, reasonable and just balance between ratepayers and shareholders, a governing structure which is more responsive to the larger responsibilities of the corporation in its unique relationship to New Mexico, and an executive pay formula that rewards not short term share price but prudent, long term leadership.

In this Zoominar, members of PNM Shareholders for a Responsible Future will give a short description of the science of shareholder activism, and talk about the just concluded PNM virtual Annual Meeting. They’ll describe the shareholder resolution which was presented at the meeting, talk about the questions which were asked of CEO Pat Collawn, and discuss her responses. As was to be expected, her answers were most often insufficient and misleading, but unintentionally revealing as to how the company sees its future, and who they think will pay for it. In the course of the discussion, we will examine PRC decisions, how the Energy Transition has handcuffed the PRC, and how PRC testimony given by PNM execs contradicts much of CEO Collawn’s responses to shareholder questions. In short, we will get to the truth. This Retake Our Democracy Zoominar is Tuesday, June 9, 6:30–8pm. Pre-Register via us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_py1xDt4iO0LFwqyU4n8Q to secure a “seat” in the Zoom Room. For more info, visit retakeourdemocracy.org/retake-zoominar-series
A Towering Task: The Story of the Peace Corps is available for at-home safe viewing throughout June. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy gave young Americans the opportunity to serve their country in a new way by forming the Peace Corps. Since then, more than 200,000 of them have traveled to more than 60 countries to carry out the organization’s mission of international cooperation. Narrated by Annette Benning, A Towering Task tells the remarkable story of the Peace Corps and takes viewers on a journey of what it means to be a global citizen. Watch Now at watch.firstrunfeatures.com/products/a-towering-task-at-the-guild-cinema, with part of the $10 viewing fee going to both the Guild and the distributor!

Capital in the Twenty-first Century is also available for at-home safe viewing throughout June. Based on the international best-seller by rock-star economist Thomas Piketty, this entertaining documentary is an accessible journey through wealth and power, breaking the popular assumption that the accumulation of capital runs hand in hand with social progress, and shines a new light on today's growing inequalities. Traveling through time, the film combines pop-culture references and interviews with some of the world's most influential experts to deliver an insightful and empowering journey through the past and into our future. Watch Now at kinonow.com/capital-guild-cinema, with part of the $12 viewing fee going to both the Guild and the distributor!

Also still available for online viewing, with 50% of fees going to The Guild:

This list curated for the potential interest of the P&J community; full listing of still-available films at guildcinema.com

Spaceship Earth - neonrated.vhx.tv/buy/guild-cinema-presents-spaceship-earth
Our Mothers (Nuestras Madres) - row8.com/movie-details/87151493 gc
The Willmar 8 - hoperunshigh.vhx.tv/products/the-guild-cinema-presents-the-willmar-8
The Infiltrators - theinfiltrators.vhx.tv/checkout/guild-cinema-presents-the-infiltrators/purchase
The Booksellers - thebooksellers.vhx.tv/products/the-booksellers-for-guild-cinema
Earth (encores) - vimeo.com/ondemand/earthguildtheater
Dosed (encores) - vimeo.com/r/2Abc/c3hsaJUVi, and be sure to use promo code “Guild”
Slay The Dragon - slaythedragon.vhx.tv/products/slay-the-dragon-for-guild-cinema
L’ Innocente - fmplus.video/guild-innocente
Fantastic Fungi - vimeo.com/ondemand/theguildcinema

Quick Online Survey – Your Participation in Climate Action!
Peace Center supporter and former staff member, Denise Bucci, would like to invite you to participate in a brief survey as part of her inquiry project on climate action. The survey is for adults 18+ in the U.S. who are engaged in climate action in creative ways and with different organizations. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey based on your experience. This is a community-based project and your participation would be greatly appreciated! Please follow this link to learn more about the project and to complete the survey: surveymonkey.com/r/climateactionRRU. You are welcome to share this survey with your contacts in the broader climate justice community. Feel free to contact Denise at denise.bucci@royalroads.ca with any questions. Thank you for your support!

Demand Justice for Nuclear Frontline Communities in COVID-19 Stimulus

A government study named The LAHDRA Study found that New Mexicans received “almost 10,000 times the amount of radiation currently allowed in public areas today”. Some of the highest cancer mortality rates in the nation are found in New Mexico. The cancer mortality rates for the four counties surrounding the Trinity Test Site (Lincoln, Otero, Sierra and Socorro) are three to eight times higher than the national rate. The data we are collecting using Health Surveys supports this information. The data above was posted on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website, and has since been removed from their website.

The more people behind an issue - the more likely it is that Congress will pay attention. Every name that is added to this petition takes us one step closer to success. Please add your name by clicking on this link (sign.moveon.org/petitions/demand-justice-for-nuclear-frontline-communities-in-covid-19-stimulus), and then spread the word by forwarding it to your friends and family and urge them to join with you. For more info, visit trinitydownwinders.com

Thank you!
Tina Cordova,
Co-Founder and Director, Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium
Lovely Dorie!
From Jeanne Pahls

I am happy to say we have current contact information for one of our lovely matriarchs of the peace community in New Mexico: Dorie Bunting.

Dorie (age...98?) has been living in an assisted living facility for about a year now, and because of the current covid-19 pandemic, she is unable to have visitors. We in our home, in the middle of parenting teens and a pandemic, have been fairly unorganized and mixed up about Dorie's current address, and I am happy to say that we now have renewed confirmation of Dorie's contact info (thank you, Meredith!)

We are seizing the brief moment of our own mental clarity and sending it out to all of you, so that those of you who would like to can send Dorie a lovely card or thoughtfulness and sending it out to all of you, so that those of you who would like to can send Dorie a lovely card or thoughtfulness

Meredith has given us Dorie's mailing address and phone number so folks can be of support to Dorie in this isolated time: the phone number at the house is (505) 702-8477. The address is Casa de Paz, 613 Oreja de Oro, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. The phone has good acoustics and it is not difficult for either party to hear.

From Jeanne Pahls
June 2020: A Resource Guide in progress

More Links in the Chain


Covid-19 Strike Document: docs.google.com/document/d/1ZV_AkD1PHW7tYq0u1dpFZw9z6rL7Zr3Q6YB9LkT8


Know Your Rights to Public Benefits: nmpovertylaw.org/food

Rental Assistance: cabq.gov/help/rental-assistance

Nuke Watch: nukewatch.org

Progressive Democrats: pdacnm.org

Domestic Violence remains a huge problem in our communities and no one is exempt. If you are a victim of domestic violence or you have witnessed DV, we encourage you to speak up, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233, or the Albuquerque Women's Resource Center at 242-7033. The Child Abuse Hotline is 505-841-6100. For Adult Protective Services, contact 505-476-4912. The Agora Center is available at 505-277-3013.

To apply for Unemployment Insurance visit the Workforce Connections website (jobs.state.nm.us) or call 877-664-6984.

The state’s Child Care Resource & Referral line: 1-800-691-9067; also visit NewMexicoKids.org.

Fight For Our Lives also has a great resource guide on their web page, via ABQ Mutual Aid: ffol.org/mutualaid.html

Other Residents Resources
For updates and info about the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in New Mexico, visit cv.nmhealth.org.

The CDC also has a daily update, under COVID-19 Cases in the US: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

If you are experiencing symptoms, contact the New Mexico Department of Health at 1-855-600-3453.

To get information on Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, visit albuquerqueaa.org or contact 505-266-1900.

The New Mexico Crisis and Access Line has counselors available 24/7 to speak with, at 855-662-7474.

The Dept. of Senior Affairs can be reached at 505-764-6400. A full list of resources available for seniors can be found at cabq.gov/coronavirus-information/coronavirus-updates

For information on WiFi on Wheels locations, visit cabq.gov/wifi or call 311.