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The future of the Peace & Justice Center!

The Peace & Justice Center is at a turning point. If left to operate as it is now, the Center will have to spend down reserve funds to pay rent and staff salaries and will likely close within a couple of years. Seeing this future as unacceptable, the Steering Committee formed an Ad Hoc Committee charged with developing several proposals to revamp the Center to best **carry out our mission and to remain financially viable for many years to come.** Payroll is our largest expense. Maintaining paid staff to oversee the Center is essential. We need someone to take phone calls, respond to e-mails, send e-mail alerts, and network with other organizations in a reliable and regular manner. Volunteers can and do contribute a lot — indeed we cannot continue without them — but we need someone to coordinate volunteers. We have a spacious office in an ideal location with amenities such as a kitchen, a bathroom, and a storage room. A physical presence in the community is valuable — many people enjoy the gatherings we host here and use this welcoming space to hold meetings. However, many of our events (Harvest Supper, End Violence Together, Martin Luther King Day) are held at other venues. Staff could work from home. Is having this space essential to our mission?

Projected budget for 10/1/2018 - 9/30/2019

Expenses

- * Personnel – 35 hour/week \$30,275
- * Office space \$12,150
- * Print newsletter \$1,850
- * Events \$1,150
- * Programs \$3,925
- * **Total projected expenses \$49,425**

(Note that most (85%) of the budget expenses are for personnel and space.)

Income

- * Donations, major donors, individual and organizational memberships \$33,100
- * Event income \$1,700
- * Grants \$2,000
- * Miscellaneous (interest, space use, etc.) \$1,700
- * **Total projected income \$38,500**

Clearly, this is not sustainable. **Alternative futures for the Center:** Our annual General Assembly is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the UU Church, 120 Park St, in Bangor, just prior to the Harvest Supper that evening. The Ad Hoc Committee is proposing four possible scenarios for consideration and decision. No matter what we decide, all of these scenarios will need fleshing out with your support in the coming months. We will have the opportunity to engage in creative problem-solving to make our vision work.

Scenario #1: Keep staff and space essentially the same with changes to increase income generated by renting space, increased rental fees and requests for donations at films and other events, **more active fundraising and membership development.** Generating significantly more income is key to this scenario.

Scenario #2: Reduce or eliminate payroll and/or office space and eliminate the print newsletter in a bare bones version of Scenario #1

Scenario #3: Partner with another like-minded organization to pool our resources, share staff, space, and other expenses.

Scenario #4: Dissolve the Peace & Justice Center

We will need all of our voices, understanding, and commitment (as peace volunteers, contributors, fundraisers, etc.). Please do three things:

1. **Put the November 10 Peace and Justice Center General Assembly on your calendar, plan to attend, and encourage others to be there and**
2. Respond positively to the fundraising letter which you will receive in October.
3. Actively consider the question, "What is your commitment to the future of the Center?"

If you cannot attend the General Assembly in person, but would like to give input on our four possible scenarios, you can go to our website or FaceBook page and look for the posting "Deciding the Future of the P&J Center" - there will be a link to a form to submit your preferences - or email us at info@peacectr.org, call us at 207-942-9343, or write us at 96 Harlow St, Suite 100, Bangor, 04401. For more information contact Mary Dolan at mdolanme@gmail.com



Our Community, Our Economy: Economic Democracy for Maine

"What would it look like if we had an economy that put people and environment before corporate profits?" On Saturday, November 10, at UMaine, Augusta, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. people from throughout Maine will gather together at the Randall Student Center to create a new vision for democracy and Maine's economy. "Our Community, Our Economy: Economic Democracy for Maine" is a conference that will include a wide-ranging discussion of issues working toward the ideals and ideas of Economic Democracy. Moving from broad visions, we will develop practical actions and strategies. Attendees will seek to connect many of the grassroots organizations, activist-minded academics, social and economic justice movements, Native people, immigrant organizations, environmental and sustainability movements, labor and worker organizations, grassroots political activists, cooperatives, land trusts, local food organizations, barter and trade networks and other people's movements representing communities whose voice is not often heard in the mainstream. A goal of the conference is to identify ways to change the current world of corporate capitalism to an economics of the people. Attendees will use multiple intersectional participatory learning formats to explore cooperatives, local investment circles, community land trusts, divestment campaigns, food and water sovereignty, barter networks, time banking, alliance building, and more. Some possible workshop topics include economic human rights, local economies, cooperatives and worker ownership, local sovereignty, financing the new economy, democratic economic models, and more. Let's create an economy and environment for Maine people by beginning a dialogue on what we want our economy to be, who we want it to serve, and HOW to get there. Cost is on a sliding scale, from \$1-75. (Suggested donation is \$35, but the most important thing is for people to attend, whatever amount they can pay). More information, including registration and how to offer a workshop, is at the website aedmaine.org or info@aedmaine.org or (207) 262-3706.



photo by Kati Corlew

Labyrinth Garden at UMA Bangor

Andrea Simoneau, the P&J Center's Art Coordinator, has a new project: an edible labyrinth at the UMA Bangor campus's Community Garden. In collaboration with Kati Corlew, the UMA professor who oversees UMA Bangor's current community garden, and in partnership with the UMA Social Science Program, the Bangor SGA, and Bangor Student Life, Andrea and her partner Andrew Williams are working to create a new garden space that is both edible and a work of art. This project will extend the UMA garden area by more than 1,700 sq ft. It will provide additional fresh veggies to food insecure students AND ALSO will begin to provide food to local shelters and pantries. Additionally, this project will create a beautiful meditative space on the campus, where anyone can come out, take a walk, take a breath of fresh air, and shed their stress like a second skin. The garden organizers are looking for help constructing the labyrinth! There are work sessions every Wednesday through October 24, from noon to 3 p.m. at the garden -- digging up sod, laying brush and wood chips and dirt in "hugelkultur" mounds that we will plant in the spring, laying the gravel path... Because we are going to have some fun doing some MEANINGFUL labor for the benefit of UMA and the greater Bangor community! Come when you can and stay for as long as you can. FMI: Check out the UMA Bangor Community Garden on FaceBook, or contact Kati, kate.corlew@maine.edu.



In honor, in memory

Many thanks for the following donations in honor and memory of loved ones:

In honor of Silas Brogunier, from Michele Brogunier

In memory of Charlotte Herbold, from Hope Brogunier, Maxine Harrow, and Lisa Feldman

The story told in "Dawnland"

For centuries, forced Native assimilation and cultural genocide have taken the form of boarding schools, adoption programs, and non-Native foster care. The Dawnland film amplifies the voices of those affected by Maine child welfare practices that separated children from Wabanaki communities, and gives a behind-the-scenes view of the truth-telling which lights the way forward. We are honored to have a panel discussion following the movie, with film participants Huyanna Tyneshia-Rose Clearwater, Dawn Neptune Adams and Maria Girouard.

Our co-sponsors are: Bangor Racial and Economic Justice Coalition, Greater Bangor Area NAACP, Hampden Area Diversity, Health Equity Alliance, Mabel Wadsworth Center, Maine Discovery

Museum, Maine Green Independent Party, Maine-Wabanaki REACH, National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine, Partners for Peace, Pax Christi Maine, Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, PICA - Power in Community Alliances, Resources for Organizing & Social Change, UMA Social Sciences Program, Sunlight Media Collective, Unitarian-Universalist Society of Bangor Social Justice Committee. Thank you all!

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Thank you Jamie Pratt!

Jamie is a Peace Studies student at the University of Maine who served as an intern at the Peace & Justice Center over the summer. She was an invaluable addition to the End Violence Together organizing committee, designing a beautiful poster that many area businesses have put on display. We are grateful for her presence and her work at the Center, and wish her well.



Non-violence training for Bath Iron Works protest

In anticipation of another 'christening' at Bath Iron Works before the end of the year (likely the new Zumwalt 'stealth' destroyer named 'LBJ' after President Lyndon Johnson) peace groups around the state will be offering a Nonviolence training on Saturday, Oct 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Midcoast Friends Meeting House which is located at 77 Belvedere Road in Damariscotta – just off Hwy US 1. Among the trainers will be Attorney Logan Perkins, who secured an acquittal for nine BIW protest defendants by Sagadahoc Superior Court Justice Daniel Billings last February. It was considered a major victory for the First Amendment. FMI: globalnet@mindspring.com, 443-9502, bring your own lunch to the training Oct 27.

Tuesday Civic Engagement in Bangor

Food AND Medicine's Tuesday Civic Engagement group began meeting shortly after the Trump inauguration and is still going strong. Each Tuesday at noon we visit the Bangor offices of both Maine's US Senators, speaking up on current issues. We choose and research a main topic each week, but all participants are encouraged to raise other issues of concern. All are welcome—the only requirements are a commitment to civility and a willingness to listen as well as speak. If you are looking for a safe, friendly, supportive context in which to learn the skills of speaking truth to power (without losing your cool), please join us. We meet in the lobby of the Federal Building on Harlow Street—just past the metal detectors—at about 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays. For more information, contact Lisa Feldman: Lfeldperson@yahoo.com

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Mission Statement

...to support as well as link individuals and groups concerned with peace, social justice, and environmental issues. Center services promote cooperation, expand awareness, explore connections, and encourage community involvement in working toward a peaceful and just society. The Center also develops programs in response to those community concerns not being adequately addressed by existing social change organizations.

To support the work of the P&J Center of Eastern Maine, my check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

The Center is a non-profit membership organization registered in the state of Maine, but donations are not tax-exempt. To make a tax-exempt donation, make your check payable to ROSC and write "P&J" in the memo line. You can make a donation online at www.peacectr.org. Donations made online are automatically paid through ROSC and are tax deductible.

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Bangor Film Premier

DAWNLAND

A Story of Stolen Children & Cultural Survival
Indigenous People's Day - October 8, 2018, 7 p.m.
Penobscot Theater, 131 Main St, Bangor
Free admission – doors open at 6:30 p.m.

You are also invited to a potluck supper prior to the film, at 5 p.m., at Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St, Bangor. Members of the Native community will speak.

We are grateful for the support this project has received from our sponsors listed on page 3. Please join us as we celebrate Indigenous People's Day.

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October 2: "A Faith Perspective on Quality Affordable Childcare," 5:15 potluck, 6-8 p.m. discussion, St. John's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 217 York St, Bangor. FMI: 989-5860, jack@foodandmedicine.org

October 5-7: "Skills for Social Change," 15th annual Grassroots Organizing Workshops (GROW), Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop. FMI: sass.rosco@gmail.com

October 6: "Losing Winter - Climate Change in Ski Country and What We Can Do About It," 4-6 p.m., Sugarloaf Outdoor Center, Carrabasset Valley. FMI: 207-522-7074

October 6-13: "Keep Space for Peace Week," events nationwide. Oct 6 vigil at Bath Iron Works. FMI: globalnet@mindspring.com, (207) 763-4062

October 8: Indigenous People's Day Celebration, with Bangor premiere of the film "Dawnland", 7:00 p.m., Penobscot Theater, 131 Main St, Bangor. Potluck prior to the film at 5 p.m. at Hammond St UCC, 28 High St, Bangor. FMI: info@peacectr.org

October 13: "Popular Education Fuels Popular Resistance," re: popular education in El Salvador, 9:30-1:00, UU Church, 120 Park St, Bangor. FMI: jonf@lljf.net, 478-1537

October 16: End Domestic Violence Days, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Market Square, Bangor. FMI: www.partnersforpeaceme.org

October 27: Nonviolence training for possible Bath Iron Works protest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Midcoast Friends Meetinghouse, Damariscotta. FMI: globalnet@mindspring.com

November 10: Peace & Justice Center General Assembly, 3 p.m., UU Church, 120 Park St, Bangor, followed by annual Harvest Supper & Hands of Peace Awards at 6 p.m. FMI: info@peacectr.org.

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