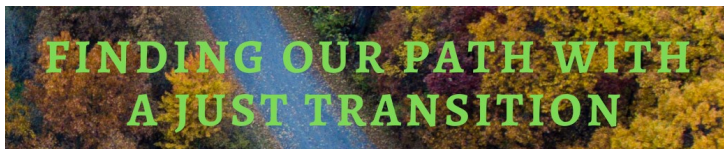


Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice

Year in Review: 2021

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WNPJ launched our focus for the coming year, guided by the Climate Justice Alliance's **Just Transition** framework.

Together we can transform the unimaginable.

In order to do this, we must ground in a principled vision and intentionally put it into daily practice. Leadership from the front lines and those most impacted by the extractive economy, racial and economic injustice, militarism, imperialism and climate chaos have been doing this resistance work for a long time. Thankfully they have laid out a framework and values to guide us.

We hired our part-time Network Coordinator, Sarah Hinkley, in April

At our Spring Steering Committee meeting more than 20 members shared what their organizations have been up to, with a focus on their connection to racial justice.



We celebrated 30 years of work towards the realizations of a peaceful, just, and sustainable world!

We held Our Fall Assembly, introduced by Dena Eakles of Wisconsin's Echo Valley Hope and included words from Winona LaDuke, a presentation by Zoltan Grossman, author of *Unlikely Alliances*. Videos are available on our website.

Fall awards:

Bonnie Block, *Lifetime Achievement Award*
Debra Gillispie, *Peacemaker of the Year Award*
Building Unity Team, *Grassroots Solidarity Award*

We elected a new Board of Directors.

Connecting the dots...



...since 1991

SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS

We work with our member organizations and offer platforms to connect, to foster racial justice, healthy communities, thriving natural resources, voting rights and voter engagement, better federal and state budget priorities, safer neighborhoods, alternatives to policing, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, education, spiritual uplift and more.

Our member organizations send us action alerts, news and events to publicize.

We sent out email News & Alerts every week in 2021 to nearly 1400 recipients.

On our website we posted:

- 214 Action Alerts
- 143 News stories
- 1,014 Events
- 33 Stories highlighting and celebrating successes
- 50 member organization "Spotlights" - featured on the homepage

We published newsletters in spring and fall with articles submitted by members.



We began **monthly "Weaving the Web" open online meetups** for members to connect personally. No agenda. Just people who care about peace and justice showing up to connect.

Overview of the financial status of the Network: 2021

Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice is in solid financial standing.

At the end of 2021 we had approximately \$27,000 in reserves.

Our basic projected annual expenses for 2022 are between \$32,000 - \$45,000. We hope to implement additional programming, depending on revenue.

We currently support one half- time staff person and have no office space at this time.

Members

In 2021 we had 63 member groups and 114 individual members.

Fiscal Sponsorship

In the past WNPJ has handled some financial duties for Safe Skies Clean Water Wisconsin and for Building Unity. As of October of this year, all earmarked funds have been dispersed to each organization.

Both Safe Skies Clean Water Wisconsin and Building Unity are operating financially independent of WNPJ. We appreciate their important work and we will continue to partner with them as member organizations. We hope we have been helpful on their pathway towards independence.

The role of WNPJ

Connector: break down those silos!

Catalyst: share resources to strengthen members' work.

Incubator: provide support for member groups' new and emerging work and deepening their grounding in the Just Transition.

Amplifier: invest resources in the vision and leadership of those on the front lines and most impacted by the extractive economy.

Reflection Space: offer opportunities and tools for Network members to reflect on their work .

WNPJ Board members

Tynnetta Jackson, Co-chair

Mary Kay Baum, Co-chair

Amy Washbush, Treasurer

Vicki Berenson, Secretary

John Peck

Dena Eakles

Deb Gillispie

Erika Bach

Board members meet monthly and are actively involved in fiscal and staff oversight along with other activities, including organizing events, outreach and setting priorities based on member input and needs.

Our dedicated volunteers and donors

help keep the Network thriving!