



WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM
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WILPF needs YOU!



We currently have open positions on our Board and want to hear from YOU!

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TIME TO VOTE AND PARTICIPATE— WILPF FRESNO NEEDS YOU!

It’s WILPF Fresno election time. Candidates for WILPF Fresno Chairperson and Cochair as well as for Membership Chair and possible cochair will be presented at the September meeting.

The election will take place at the Retreat on Oct. 4.
Opportunities to lead or join issue and action committees will also be offered.



WILPF Retreat Saturday OCT 4
Contact nhatcher46@gmail.com for details

WILPF Fresno is an organization that extends its range of action over many issues and supports other local and national organizations, but that is not all. WILPF has a 110-year history as a national and international organization so, as we work, we link with national issues and action groups that are the essence of WILPF.

The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is a membership-based feminist peacebuilding organization with presence and impact around the world. It was founded in 1915 by Jane Addams, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931, but who was labeled a dangerous radical and a danger to U.S. security by right-wing forces 100 years ago. We hope to continue that tradition. WILPF includes member Sections and Groups in more than 40 countries across the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia-Pacific, South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

We are feminist and antimilitarist in our values and approach. We believe in environmental protection, racial and social justice, and anti-colonialism. We work with activists and organizations worldwide to advance a future of peace, justice and equality for all. WILPF has consultative status with the UN.



Valley Voices for Peace Fresno Branch WILPF

Carol Goiburn

Fresno, United States

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DISARM COMMITTEE AND S. RES. 323, CALLING FOR AN END TO THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

On July 16, 2025, Senator Markey (MA) introduced S. Res. 323, Current co-sponsors are Senators Merkley (OR), Peter Welch (VT), Sanders (VT) and Van Hollen (MD). The bill, which is subtitled “Urging the United States to lead a global effort to halt and reverse the nuclear arms race” was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

It’s an excellent resolution:
“RESOLVED: That the Senate calls on the President to:
(1) actively pursue a world free of nuclear weapons as a national security imperative; and
(2) lead a global effort to halt and reverse a global nuclear arms race and prevent nuclear war, by engaging in good faith negotiations with the other 8 nuclear armed countries to halt any further buildup of nuclear arsenals; and aggressively pursue a verifiable and irreversible agreement or agreements to verifiably reduce and eliminate their nuclear arsenals according to negotiated timetables,
Leading the effort to have all nuclear-armed countries renounce the option of using nuclear weapons first;
Implementing effective checks and balances on the sole authority of the President, as Commander-in-Chief, to order the use of United States nuclear weapons;” ...and a number of other common-sense measures that would improve the safety, security, health and economic well-being of everyone.

DISARM Committee Chair WILPF Fresno/Back from the Brink representative Carol Goiburn will visit the offices of Senators Padilla and Schiff and ask them to take the first step of meeting online with Dr. Ira Hefland and other Back from the Brink representatives. The hope is that the senators from California will be convinced of the moral and political need to co-sponsor S. Res 323. Check this space next month for updates. And check out Valley Voices for Peace Podcast on SoundCloud and YouTube, with host Carol Goiburn.

INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO END GENOCIDE AND OCCUPATION IN PALESTINE

“Together, we have begun the work of ending the era of impunity. These measures show that we will no longer allow international law to be treated as optional, or Palestinian life as disposable.”

On July 15, 2025, representatives from more than 30 countries met in Bogotá to work on stopping the Israeli genocide in Palestine. Discussion included sanctions, severance of diplomatic relations and other measures. Action followed.

“The Bogotá conference will go down as the moment in history that states finally stood up to do the right thing,” said Francesca Albanese, the Italian legal scholar and expert on human rights who serves as UN Special Rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian territories.

Twelve nations—Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Indonesia, Iraq, Libya, Malaysia, Namibia, Nicaragua, Oman, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and South Africa—have agreed to implement six measures immediately, and they are calling on others to join by Sept. 20, 2025, the 80th UN General Assembly meeting.

- The six measures are as follows:
1. Prevent the provision or transfer of arms, munitions, military fuel, related military equipment, and dual-use items to Israel.
 2. Prevent the transit, docking, and servicing of vessels at any port...in all cases where there is a clear risk of the vessel being used to carry arms, munitions, military fuel, related military equipment, and dual-use items to Israel.
 3. Prevent the carriage of arms, munitions, military fuel, related military equipment, and dual-use items to Israel on vessels bearing our flag...and ensure full accountability, including de-flagging, for non-compliance with this prohibition.
 4. Commence an urgent review of all public contracts, to prevent public institutions and funds from supporting Israel’s illegal occupation of the Palestinian Territory and entrenching its unlawful presence.
 5. Comply with obligations to ensure accountability for the most serious crimes under international law, through robust, impartial and independent investigations and prosecutions at national or international levels, to ensure justice for all victims and the prevention of future crimes.
 6. Support universal jurisdiction mandates, as and where applicable in national legal frameworks and judiciaries, to ensure justice for victims of international crimes committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! HERE’S HOW:
Send dues to WILPF Fresno, P.O. Box 5114, Fresno, CA 93755.
WILPF-US membership is \$35/ year. WILPF-Fresno sponsors a low-income rate of \$20.
For questions and information updates, contact Nancy Hatcher at nhatcher46@gmail.com or Kyla Mitchell at kyla.noelle@gmail.com.

WILPF MEETING
Sept. 11 (second Thursday), 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom and usually also at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence (1584 N. Van Ness Ave.). This meeting is open to all. Watch your e-mail for an announcement. To check for the in-person option, contact Teresa at taca_03@ymail.com or 559-360-8054.

STIR IT UP—WILPF ON KFCF 88.1 FM
Sept. 24 (fourth Wednesday), 3 p.m. Jean Hays highlights people and events important to our WILPF community.

Listen to our new monthly podcast! “Valley Voices for Peace” can be found on SoundCloud and YouTube, thanks to host Carol Goiburn and a mini-grant from WILPF US.

WOMEN IN BLACK
Sept. 3 (first Wednesday), 11 a.m.–1 p.m. We are now joining Raza Against War’s protest in front of the Federal Building at 2500 Tulare Street in Fresno. Check with Sue Kern at skern@netptc.net or 559-349-3777.