March 2021: Spring has Sprung.

## Fresno Center for Nonviolence

We are currently CLOSED until further notice regarding the Corona Virus Pandemic. *We miss you already* 



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## World Water Day

'When the well is dry, we learn the worth of water.' -Benjamin Franklin.

Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> is International World Water Day the theme is Valuing Water. Water is the natural resource and the main constituent of Earth. It is widely used for both domestic and industrial uses such as drinking, washing, cooking, etc. There are various sources of water such as wells, rivers, lakes, oceans, big dams, and streams but only 1-2 % water is suitable for human use.

This year intention is to focus on the global water crisis beyond concerns of cost to include the environmental and socio-cultural value placed on water resources. People and organizations mark World Water Day every year by taking action to tackle the water crisis in different ways. This extends World Water Day 2021, to what water means to people, it is value and how we can protect this essential life resource.

## Stir it, UP! Wednesday, March 10th at 3 pm

In February, our radio show was pre-empted by KPFA's radio broadcast of former President Trump's 2<sup>nd</sup> Impeachment Senatorial Removal/Disqualification. Thusly for this month we will broadcast our schedule February show which will be hosted by Josh Shurley with guest Gerry Condon and Helen Jacard of the Golden Rule and Veterans For Peace. They will be discussing the topic of nuclear weapons with the expected expiration of the START Treaty. If you have any questions, please call the Center at 559-237-3223. Although we are closed, we do pick up messages and respond to them.

Our last show in January was also hosted by Josh Shurley and his guest, Fresno City College Professor Paul Gilmore reflecting on MLK Day and Civil Rights struggle. To hear it again go to this link: https://soundcloud.com/user-32180140/fcnv011321

Special days of March to remember from 2021 Peace Calendar www.SyracuseCulturalWorkers.com

<u>March 2, 1901</u> – Platt Amendment passed by Congress Informs Congress that US troops will stay without consent of the people of Cuba and becomes a US "protectorate" until freed by the Cuban Revolution led by Fidel Castro, Chè Guevara and many others.

March 3. 1968 – Chicano students walk out of Los Angeles high schools protesting racist policies.

<u>March 4, 1916</u> – Montana elects Jeanette Rankin first woman to sit in the House of Representative. She voted against WW1, WW2 and marched against the Vietnam War.





<u>March 5, 2012</u> – Coalition of Immakoalee Workers and allies , "*Fast for Fair Food*" as part of a campaign to persuade supermarket chain to other corporate buyer in improving farm workers wages.

March 14, 2021 – Daylight Savings Time – Wake up earlier to enjoy the sunlight.



<u>March 20,1985</u> – 1st Annual Great American MEAT OUT organized by Farm Animal Reform Movement (<u>www.meatout.org</u>) MeatOut has grown into the world's largest annual grassroots educational campaign dedicated to removing meat, and more, from our plates. On March 20th, compassionate people from all over the world, including the U.S. and more than 20 countries, welcome spring by hosting events to honor the animals. Several countries have launched their own MeatOut websites with the purpose of helping consumers all over the world evolve to a more wholesome, non-violent, plant-based diet.

<u>March 22nd</u> – World Water Day. Water is life yet 1.1 billion people do not have drinkable water and every day, 22,000 people, half are children, die from diseases borne by polluted water. (<u>www.worldwaterday.org</u>)

<u>March 25, 1911</u> – Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire in NYC. 146 workers died mostly Italian and Jewish immigrants, women and girls.



<u>March 31<sup>st</sup></u> – Cesar Chavez Birthday and more.