



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM
 WILPF Fresno, P.O. Box 5114, Fresno, CA 93755

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Help us find you!

Are you getting our announcements of meetings and events? Our contact list is sometimes badly out of date. Let us know your current info: Send an e-mail message to Teresa Castillo at taca_03@ymail.com or text 559-360-8054.

MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH IN MARCH AND YOU ARE ALL INVITED!

In celebration of Women's Herstory Month, YOU ARE ALL INVITED to our MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH this March. Details coming soon, but our contact list is old, so please let us know your current contact info so you don't miss out. Reply to Teresa Castillo at taca_03@ymail.com or text 559-360-8054.

WHY WILPF?

Local, National and International Solidarity

WILPF is a grassroots, community-based international organization of women and men dedicated to building a world free of violence and all forms of oppression. The Fresno Branch is part of WILPF-US, which is a national section of WILPF-International. WILPF Fresno has many activities, and some are listed below. New people are always welcome.

Connection

In WILPF, you have the opportunity to work together with other people in our community on the issues that are most important to you. We support each other and understand that it's all connected. In addition to our local actions and committees, there are national action committees that welcome your participation.

Intersectionality

In WILPF, intersectionality is the rule. This is an organization that understands and works with the interrelationships between peace, anti-racism, anti-imperialist struggles, women's rights, economic justice, environmental protection and justice, and more.



WILPF members Nancy Waidtlow and Gerry Bill march for Martin Luther King's vision of a just peace. Photo by LVR

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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

Feb. 8 (second Thursday), 7 p.m., online and in person, Fresno Center for Nonviolence. Watch your e-mail for an announcement with a link and a call-in number. For info, contact Teresa at taca_03@ymail.com or Leni at lenivreeves@gmail.com.

STIR IT UP-WILPF

KFCF 88.1 FM
 Feb. 28 (fourth Wednesday), 3 p.m. Jean Hays highlights people and events important to our WILPF community.

UNPACKING RACISM

With Dr. Jean Kennedy. Moving toward community event participation. To

join, RSVP with your e-mail address to drjeankennedy@yahoo.com or text 559-270-1023.

WOMEN IN BLACK

Feb. 7 (first Wednesday), noon, Courthouse. Check first with Sue Kern at skern@netptc.net or 559-349-3777.



Decision-Making

Who's in charge here? We are! This is a membership-run organization.

Endurance

WILPF is more than 100 years old and still going strong. Fresno WILPF is 59! We're not going away, and we are not going to quit even if the struggle is long, difficult and frustrating.

Gender Perspective

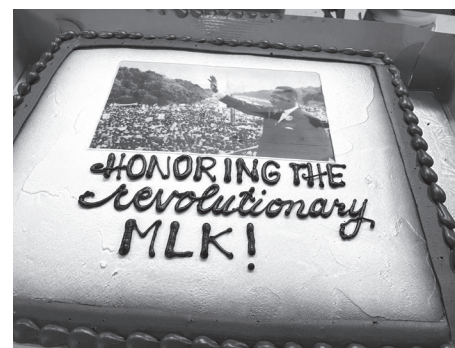
WILPF is rooted in the lived experience of women. We also welcome men who are able to work within that framework.

RECLAIMING THE REVOLUTIONARY MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

We of Fresno WILPF were proud to be part of this event on the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I can remember WILPF Fresno activist-musician Patricia Wells-Solorzano expressing her disgust last year after an MLK Day observance with heavy participation by those who hated him and everything he stood for. Many of us felt the same way, although we recognize and honor the sincerity and dedication of some of those on the Unity Committee.

When Rev. Floyd Harris proposed a celebration of the real, unwhitewashed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we offered our support and participation. Well, it happened and a diverse standing-room-only crowd came to the Free AME Church and Community Center to hear a distinguished panel discuss "What would MLK say about the Gaza genocide?" (See article elsewhere in this issue.)



WILPF member Rev. Floyd Harris at the Free AME Church on Martin Luther King Day. Photo by LVR



Reclaiming the Revolutionary Martin Luther King cake, Jan. 15, 2024

THE REAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SAID

"I know that justice is indivisible, and injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. I'm concerned about justice for everybody the world over."

"We've committed more war crimes almost than any nation in the world, and I'm going to continue to say it. And we won't stop it because of our pride and our arrogance as a nation."

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ASKS COSTA TO SUPPORT CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION

House Resolution 786 calls for an immediate de-escalation and ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, and for the Biden administration to send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza. There are 17 co-sponsors; Rep. Barbara Lee is the only one from California. This resolution has been referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee, of which Rep. Costa is a member.

Our message reads: We expect that our representatives will support peace through humane and decent actions. We expect you to represent all of your constituents, without bias, by showing your understanding and support of an



Your WILPF newsletter editor, Leni Villagomez Reeves, on the corner for Palestine. Blackstone and Nees, Tuesdays at 5 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m.

immediate de-escalation in Israel and occupied Palestine. Our expectation is that you value the protection of all civilian lives enough to act with integrity and humanity by calling for an immediate, sustainable ceasefire.

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