



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

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**RECLAIMING THE
REVOLUTIONARY DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

People have become tired of the copaganda vanilla fake celebrations of an imaginary MLK acceptable to those who oppress us.



Event Honoring the Real Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

When? Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

Where? Free AME at 806 Collins Ave., Fresno

We will have speakers who will help us get ready for the tough times ahead, with resistance and unity.

We will have cake too because this is the birthday of the great leader who said: "Oppressed people cannot remain oppressed forever. The yearning for freedom eventually manifests itself."

"We must see now that the evils of racism, economic exploitation and militarism are all tied together. And you can't get rid of one without getting rid of the other."

"The problems of racial injustice and economic injustice cannot be solved without a radical redistribution of political and economic power."

"If peace means a willingness to be exploited economically, dominated politically, humiliated and segregated, I don't want peace. If peace means being complacently adjusted to a deadening status quo, I don't want peace. If peace means keeping my mouth shut in the midst of injustice and evil, I don't want it. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but the existence of justice for all people."

This event is proudly co-sponsored by WILPF-Fresno!

WHY WILPF IS FOR YOU

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. 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—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.

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 going to turn 60! We've been working on it for a while, and we are not going to quit if the struggle is long, difficult and frustrating.

Gender Perspective

WILPF is rooted in the lived experience of women. We welcome all members: Women, Men, LGBTQI+—Yes, of course!

SO...JOIN WILPF or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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. (This is a local program created by those who can donate a bit extra.)

Your dues make you a member of the International and WILPF-US as well as the Fresno branch.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!
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For questions and information updates, contact Nancy Hatcher at nhatcher46@gmail.com or Kyla Mitchell at kyla.noelle@gmail.com.

WILPF MEETING

Jan. 9 (second Thursday), 7 p.m., via Zoom and sometimes also at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van

Ness Ave. Open to all members. Watch your e-mail for an announcement. For information on the in-person option, contact Teresa at taca_03@ymail.com.

**STIR IT UP—WILPF
KFCF 88.1 FM**

Jan. 22 (fourth Wednesday), 3 p.m. Jean Hays highlights people and events important to our WILPF community.

WOMEN IN BLACK

Not in January. Check first with Sue Kern for February at skern@netptc.net or 559-349-3777.



Funeral of Ahmed Al-Louh, a Palestinian journalist deliberately killed by Israel. Photo courtesy of the Committee to Protect Journalists

**AID FOR PALESTINE—"ANOTHER
HEARTBREAKING DAY..."**

As 2024 comes to a close, I think of the Israeli genocide against the Palestinian people. I think of it because it is still taking place as I write. I recall the protests, demonstrations and march that women of WILPF and members of Peace Fresno, the Palestine Liberation Group, Raza Against War and Veterans for Peace took part in.

We were not able to stop the genocide, but we have brought about more awareness regarding ethnic cleansing by Israel. This administration, without asking us, is freely and openly using our tax money to facilitate Israel's genocide.

Thanks to the courage of journalists who risk their lives to send reports and videos, the world is witnessing the atrocities through the Internet. With close to 200 journalists and photojournalists targeted and killed, reporting in Palestine is an extremely dangerous job. Journalists report at their peril, for the love of their people and country. However, they are facing starvation and lack of medical attention like the rest of the population.

Lama and Ahmed Abed are the young Palestinian sister and brother who had to leave their studies to run a soup kitchen in Rafah after their homes and schools were destroyed. When they came to Fresno with Rebuilding Alliance to speak about the attacks on Gaza, a comment was made that, in addition to working to end the genocide, there are smaller more achievable goals that can help the Palestinian people survive.

One way is to donate whatever you can toward helping the families procure food and medical supplies. There is now a Chuffed or GoFundMe site that has been set up for that purpose. Small amounts, big amounts, whatever it takes to send real help and to show support for our brethren in Gaza. Please donate what you can. You can save lives.

If you would like to donate, please contact me (patriciawells1@gmail.com or 559-485-8558) so that I can send you the donate link.

—Patricia Wells Solorzano

**"JUST ONE OF DOZENS OF PEOPLE KILLED BY ISRAELI AIRSTRIKES
IN GAZA ON SUNDAY"**

On Dec. 15, Ahmed Al-Louh, a 39-year-old Palestinian journalist who freelanced with multiple outlets including Al Jazeera, was killed in an Israeli airstrike on the Nuseirat camp in Gaza city, while reporting on civil defense efforts to rescue victims of a previous Israeli bombing; either four or five Civil Defence workers were also killed. This attack followed an attack that destroyed Al-Louh's home just days before, making it clear that this was a targeted killing.

CNN International reports that "Al-Louh was just one of dozens of people killed by Israeli strikes in Gaza on Sunday."

At least 15 people were killed early Sunday when an Israeli airstrike hit the Khalil Awida school, which was sheltering about 1,500 displaced people in Beit Hanoun, northern Gaza; in Deir al Balah, a strike on tents killed four people and a strike on a family home east of Gaza city killed six; and in the south, Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis said 12 people were killed in an Israeli strike on a UN school compound.

Reporter Hind Khoudary, who has been in touch with WILPF-Fresno activist Patricia Wells Solorzano, said that "it's another heartbreaking day for Palestinians, Civil Defence teams [and] journalists."

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