

Background Information – Thursday, July 29, 2021

WILPF US ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE COMMITTEE

The July 29 meeting is the second of a series of meetings to revitalize the AHR issue committee. The registration link for this Zoom meeting was in the eAlert announcing it.

Dates for Upcoming AHR Committee Meetings

At our June meeting we agreed to start at the same time and on these dates:

Monday, August 30

Wednesday, September 29

Joan Goddard has reserved the WILPF US Zoom account for us for these dates on which we agreed at the June 30 meeting – the only available fifth-weekdays-of-the-months. (Many monthly weekdays are already in use by other WILPF meetings.)

Working and Meeting in Subcommittees

Ideally, each subcommittee will meet as a separate group before the next full meeting to have time together to focus on work and planning. The expectation is for the subcommittees to make decisions democratically.

- Possibly, a member of the subcommittee already has a Zoom account that they'll let the subcommittee use.

- Or you can sign up for a free Zoom account, for meeting up to 40 min. in length.

- Or you can find out if the WILPF Zoom account is available for your subcommittee meeting, contact Ellen Schwartz, (916) 835-4330 (Pacific Time Zone). She will provide further instructions on the use of the WILPF Zoom account.

Currently Proposed Subcommittees

- 1. United Nations efforts regarding women** (Interested: Jennifer Bailey, Barbara Nielsen, Julie Kabukanyi.)

2. Immigration and border militarization (interested: Rosa Saavedra, Triangle Branch; Rita Gonzalez-Jackson, Triad Branch; Tina Shelton, Philadelphia Branch)

3. UN International Decade for People of African Descent (interested: Theresa El-Amin, George Friday, Chantaye McLaughlin)

4. Anti-racism work in and by WILPF US, including book groups and resources list (interested: Eileen Kurkoski, who will act as a resource; Janice Hawkins; Paula Rochelle; Barbara Nielsen)

5. Mass incarceration; police militarization (interested: Philena Farley, George Friday, Samantha Turner, Miriam Thompson, Dianne Blais)

Other possible topics/concerns – *Do we have at least three people at this time to form a subcommittee on these and/or other topics?*

- **Affordable housing as connected to public banking** (The Women, Money, and Democracy Issue Committee's work on Public Banking is not specifically focused on this.) (interested: Eileen Kurkoski)

- **Human trafficking**