



Women's International League
for Peace and Freedom
www.wilpfus.org

WILPF US
PO Box 13075
Des Moines IA 50310

FOR COMMUNITIES, FOR PEACE, FOR THE PLANET: **NOW**

Dear Members and Friends of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom US,

The news is in, and the Floyd murder trial is a fitting milestone in a long and active year since the pandemic swept in. The verdict shows what people's work can accomplish. With other breakthroughs in late 2020, it suggests how critical work in 2021 can be. That's why your donation now is crucial for effective WILPF work.

WILPF US engaged for peace, justice, and equality in 2020, with many accomplishments. In 2021 we're reaching out to others, building a peace movement for restoration of communities, hope for the planet, and alternatives to conflict. In this pandemic, the world sees how – more than weapons – national security requires justice and equality.



California WILPF Members taking action on TPNW

One generous WILPF donor understands the urgency of now.

Make your donation by June 22, and she will match it. You know WILPF does diverse and vital work; see what your donation can do to advance it!

The time is NOW:

We began 2021 with a positive change! On January 22, WILPF members and disarmament activists around the globe welcomed the "entry into force" in ratifying countries of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), starting new international law, banning nuclear weapons work.

This is a crucial moment of opportunity: We've benefited from the Presidential race outcomes and the all-out work in Georgia through Stacey Abrams, with two crucial Senate seats. Now WILPF is mobilizing to **demand** – along with the Poor People's Campaign and many other allies – **Pentagon savings and moving the money** to a Green New Deal and other human needs. *This year we have a special opportunity for breakthroughs.* After COVID experiences and effects, the US public is open as never before to new ideas and possibilities. As CO2 levels go up and voter suppression laws crop up, the importance of 2022 snaps into place. *We must be effective now.*

And WILPF has been effective!

COVID shut down live local meetings, but our branches have continued to work and organize virtually. With virtual meetings, even at-large members nationwide can meet in a branch of their own.

- We began 2020 with the "forever chemicals" PFAS tour in California – cut short due to COVID but continuing with the Military Poisons website and plans for a Northeast project, starting in Vermont.
- With both international cooperation and threats in the public mind, the Disarm Committee spotlighted the politics of the UN and nuclear weapons, both in 2020 and 75 years earlier. In 2021 that series of webinars focuses on Africa – from US militarism to women's activism.
- Building on the 2020 success in California, now our public banking campaign is turning people out across the country.

Your gift of any size
before June 22 will help us
secure a generous match
and double our Spring
Appeal returns!

Donate online at
www.tinyurl.com/donate-to-wilpf

Donate by June 22 to double your money and support our work!

In the months of COVID, WILPF US has worked with many allies: other peace groups, justice organizations, environmental movements, and voter protection coalitions. With them, we've coordinated on strategy and messaging, on tactics and objectives, all to better achieve progressive movement goals. We've co-hosted webinars and endorsed and signed-on to a record number of items.

Calling us to *Move the Money* for communities and the planet

Almost a year ago, on June 20, 2020, WILPFers nationwide joined over 3 ½ million people in the Poor People's Campaign virtual March on Washington. WILPF backs the PPC's Moral Budget demands for a 50% Defense Department cut. In WILPF's **Call for Peace** we seek a 50% savings in all military spending.

Military spending for *next* year, across multiple federal departments, can be *reduced* in the House. We ask you to contact your member in the House of Reps. Urge them to support major military savings and join the new Defense Spending Reduction Caucus.

Check our website, wilpfus.org, for more ideas on how you can lobby Congress.

With your help, WILPF is acting now, to move the money from the military to human and planetary needs.

That's why I ask for your financial support today!

With lobbying, organizing, and publicity campaigns; in presentations featuring the voices of those affected; in committees and branches, our WILPF activists are asking fundamental questions:

- With new urgency we ask – what are fair wages for caregivers, for women working at home and in hospitals, retirement homes, and rehab. centers?
- With freed-up military monies, which needs will we serve in our local communities?
- After years of war-making, how will US government policies help support the resurrection of the Middle East countries we've devastated?

Now—for 2022 and 2024!

WILPF members make WILPF strong and effective – by donating and by volunteering in branches and on committees. Acting now, stimulating discussions, we shape 2022 and 2024 elections.

Support the projects and work giving WILPF's messages a wider audience and influence:

- Peace & Freedom magazine and Monthly ONE WILPF calls
- eNews, eAlerts and eAction emails, with issue updates and action reports from branches (Make sure we have your email address, to send you the eNews!)
- Mini-grants that fund branch and committee actions
- Our small and remarkable WILPF staff, keeping our organizational structures in place

Donate now to help build the strength of members, numbers and branches.

These all take money – plus planning, support, willingness, and effort from many people.

That's why each month we share ideas and encouragement through the Membership Drive meetings, generating ways to connect more people to the tools and opportunities WILPF offers. And this year WILPF's new branch development project is highlighting community assets. These projects and other WILPF work are building toward **our first virtual national Congress, August 13-15 and 20-22** – with bonus mid-week sessions, panels, speakers, and plenaries.

Each of us has some ways in which we can help WILPF. We appreciate your donation of any amount – and I hope you'll consider stretching a little, if that's possible for you. And please let others know about WILPF; invite them to join us. We always welcome volunteer energy!

Take action now to double your donation. Please, fill in and send us the reply card with your check, or donate online at www.tinyurl.com/donate-to-wilpf.

With thanks for all you do,

Darien Elyse DeLu
Darien De Lu
President, WILPF US



WILPF members at a PPC march on December 11, 2019

