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PEACE SITE NETWORK: THE TRADITION CONTINUES



Re-dedicated at St. Peter Claver in Montclair

New Jersey Peace Action's 30-year-old Peace Site Network has continued to expand over the past year. Thirty sites now proudly declare themselves dedicated to peace, with several more organizations shortly due to be designated as peace sites and others that have expressed interest in becoming one.

The newly added peace sites within the past year have included Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, the Fort Lee Peace Vigil, Puffin Foundation in Teaneck, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pompton Lakes, and Sparta United Methodist Church. Others that have rededicated themselves as peace sites this year are: The Church of the Redeemer in Morristown, the Rahway/

Plainfield Friends Meeting House, Resurrection School of Jersey City, St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth, and St. Peter Claver Church in Montclair.

The concept of peace sites began when Louis Kousin, a member of NJ Peace Action (then known as NJ SANE) first became a grandfather and looked ahead to his granddaughter's future. His perspective during those Cold War days included the threat of nuclear war. Kousin made note of the numerous military sites throughout the world, and it occurred to him that a natural antonym for military sites are peace sites—places where visually and physically the positive message of

world peace could be consolidated and expanded. This idea of establishing peace sites was approved by the Board of the SANE Educational Development Fund (now the NJ Peace Action Education Fund) and the peace site network was established in June 1981.

A peace site can be anywhere that groups of people congregate, socialize, or study. It can be a religious institution, peace center, community center, school, office, business, or municipality. Today a website can also be a peace site, linked to other websites and carrying the ideals of the physical peace site.

If you are a member of any group that dedicates itself to the ideals of peace and justice and are interested in learning more about becoming a peace site, contact Peace Site Coordinator Judith Arnold, at ajarno@msn.com or 973-398-0725.

NJ PEACE ACTION'S ANNUAL SOUP LUNCH

with

JONATHAN GRANOFF

President, Global Security Institute

AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT:

WHAT NEXT FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Saturday, November 10 12-4 p.m.

Bloomfield High School

www.njpeaceaction.org

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New Jersey Peace Action and the New Jersey Peace Action Education Fund—founded in 1957—are committed to working through grassroots citizen action to abolish nuclear weapons, end domestic and international weapons trafficking, demilitarize the federal budget and teach non-violent conflict resolution.



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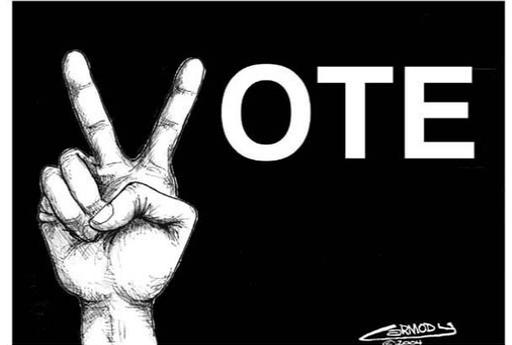


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2012 PEACE VOTER CAMPAIGN

Our Peace Voter 2012 Campaign is in full force as we approach Election Day. Since the campaign began, we have tabled at street fairs across New Jersey—Hoboken, Glen Ridge, Montclair, Asbury Park, Clifton, Cranford, Leonia and Rutherford, among others—where we have obtained signatures on a petition against war with Iran and our “Move the Money” post cards and distributed flyers about military spending. These tabling events have not only increased our visibility and helped us gain new members, they have also brought peace and justice issues out there to people on the street who have known little about these issues before. See the Calendar of Events for upcoming tabling and leafleting opportunities until the election.



We have also succeeded in setting up meetings with the offices of our elected representatives in order to understand more where they stand on peace and justice issues. This past August we met with the Deputy Chief of Staff at Rep. Bill Pascrell’s office. This was the second time this year we were able to meet with his office. In early October, we met with representatives from the offices of Rep. Donald Payne Jr. and Sen. Robert Menendez. At these meetings, we requested a more detailed summary of where they stand on our issues. We gave them our candidate questionnaire and delivered to Sen. Menendez all of the signed “Move the Money” postcards that we have been collecting throughout the year.

Finally, we have successfully created voter guides for Districts 5, 7, 11 and for the Senate race. These guides will be posted on our website and distributed at our tabling events. We will also post the detailed responses we received from some of the candidates in other districts, including District 8 and District 10, and plan to send Letters to the Editor to newspapers in the districts where the incumbents failed to respond to our questionnaire.

At This Critical Moment: What Next For Our International Security?



Jonathan Granoff, who will be the keynote speaker at our Annual Soup Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 10, is a respected and renowned author and speaker on nuclear disarmament. President of the Global Security Institute and Co-Chair of the Task Force on Nuclear Nonproliferation of the American Bar Association, he serves on numerous governing and advisory boards including the governing council of the American Bar Association’s International Law Section and the Jane Goodall Institute. Granoff testified before the United Nation’s Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters in 2006 and in 2007, and has been a presenter at the UNESCO-sponsored Universal Forum of Cultures, moderating panel events with Mikhail Gorbachev, Ted Turner, and Robert McNamara at the United Nations.

Since 2002 he has annually addressed the Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, several times representing the Nobel Peace Laureate Organization, the International Peace Bureau. He has been highly involved in the drafting of Nobel Laureate statements, including the Rome Declaration and Charter for a World Without Violence signed by the Laureates and Laureate Organizations.

Granoff is the award-winning screenwriter of *The Constitution: The Document That Created a Nation*, and has written articles in more than 50 publications. His books include: *The Sovereignty Revolution, Toward a Nuclear Weapons Free World, Imagining Tomorrow, Analyzing Moral Issues, Perspectives on 911, Toward a World in Balance, Reverence for Life Revisited, and Hold Hope, Wage Peace*. He is a regular contributor to *Tikkun* and *The Huffington Post*.



Legislative Action Alert



Call your Senators and Representative and tell them to get their priorities straight.
TOLL-FREE numbers for Congress: 800-517-5696 * 866-220-0044 * 888-784-0527

MOVE THE MONEY

Contact New Jersey Peace Action for copies of our "Move the Money" postcards, calling on our representatives to end the wars and support bills that would cut military spending by at least 25%.

AFGHANISTAN—H.R. 780

Put pressure on representatives to cosponsor H.R. 780, The Responsible End to the War in Afghanistan Act. This bill has 72 cosponsors including Rep. Rush Holt of New Jersey.

IRAN—H.R. 4137

Continue to lobby your representative about H.R. 4137, The Prevent Iran From Acquiring Nuclear Weapons and Stop War Through Diplomacy Act.

NUKES—H.R. 3974

We must continue to put pressure on our representatives to co-sponsor H.R. 3974, The Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditures Act (SANE Act).

VOTER GUIDES

We are creating voter guides for the Congressional races in Districts 8,10 and 11 as well as the Senate race. We are waiting for responses from Reps. Albio Sires and Rodney Frelinghuysen and from Senator Robert Menendez. Help us by calling these representatives/senator and urging them to fill out the questionnaire we sent them so we know where they stand on issues of war and peace. After you call, please send us an email or call us to let us know what they said.

Contact numbers are:

Rep. Albio Sires—201-222-2828.

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen—973-984-0711.

Senator Robert Menendez—973-645-3030.

KEEP THE NATIONAL GUARD IN NEW JERSEY—State Senate Joint Resolution 59 and Assembly Joint Resolution 66

Your help is needed to call on the Military and Veterans Affairs Committees of the New Jersey Senate and Assembly to pass Senate Joint Resolution 59 and Assembly Joint Resolution 66 and bring the resolutions to the full legislature. The resolution reads as follows:

This joint resolution urges the President and the Secretary of Defense to cancel the deployments of the New Jersey National Guard and to withdraw all New Jersey National Guard personnel from Afghanistan. The cost of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan exceeds \$1 trillion, which amounts to more than \$16,000 for each American family of four, and continues to rise. The deployments have caused substantial difficulty for their families and their employers who rely on them and worry about their continued presence in Afghanistan. In addition, the deployments may seriously curtail the ability of the New Jersey National Guard to respond to a natural disaster or terrorist attack.

Contact New Jersey Peace Action to obtain copies of the petition in support of this state legislation or visit our website www.njpeaceaction.org to download a copy.

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**Peace Site Rededication—
Rahway/Plainfield Quakers**

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Quote for the Season . . .

“Jonathan Granoff is truly one of the good guys! As President and founder of the Global Security Institute, his passion, intelligence, energy and devotion to making the planet a safer place by ridding the world of weapons of mass destruction can only be seen as exemplary inspiration.”

Michael Douglas
Actor and UN Messenger of Peace

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit www.njpeaceaction.org or call 973-259-1126 or e-mail nj_peaceaction@yahoo.com for more information on these and other events and activities.

- Sat. Oct. 20 Tabling at the Montclair Farmer’s Market, Walnut Street, Montclair. Please contact the office if you’d like to volunteer to help at the table.

- Fri. Oct. 26 The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood hosts a program on peace and justice with noted speakers Madelyn Hoffman of New Jersey Peace Action and Guido Girgenti of 99Rise. The program focuses on “Moving the Money” from war to peace and getting big money out of politics. Please contact the NJPA office if you’d like to table at this event.
7:30pm

- Fri. Nov. 2 “Winning Hearts and Minds: War Poems by Vietnam Veterans” 40th Anniversary Celebration, a fundraiser for Warrior Writers, including Jan Barry at the Puffin Cultural Forum, 20 Puffin Way, Teaneck, New Jersey. \$10 donation requested.
7:00pm

- Tues. Nov. 6 Election Day Watch Party. Please call or e-mail the NJPA office at 973-259-1126 or nj_peaceaction@yahoo.com for location and time.

- Sat., Nov. 10 NJ Peace Action’s Annual Soup Lunch at Bloomfield High School, 160 North Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, featuring Jonathan Granoff, nuclear disarmament advocate, a great silent auction and delicious homemade soups, breads, and desserts!
11:45am-4pm

~LEAVE A LEGACY~

Help perpetuate your commitment to peace and justice by remembering New Jersey Peace Action in your will. Bequests and life insurance to the NJPA Education Fund are tax-deductible. For more information on planned giving options, please contact us at 973-259-1126.