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Monthly Membership Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month: 7-9 pm at Unity of Livonia (Five Mile Rd. east of Middlebelt)

- January 11: “Ring the Bell & Stop Violence Against Women;” presentation by Mallika Dutt.
- February 8: The Great Peacemakers - Discussion for the Season for Nonviolence
- March 8: “How Could so Many, Murder so Many;” presentation by Robert Weir
- April 12: Youth Violence; presentation by Dr. David Harding
- May 10: Moveable Peace; presentation by Kevin Szawala
- June 14: The Earth Charter; presentation by Nancy Seubert
- July 12: Games Night Fundraiser
- August 9: Vegetarian Potluck
- Sept. 13: Book Reviews by members from the Peace Collection
- Oct: 11: Board Meeting
- Oct. 19: “Peace is Possible” presentation by Paul Chappell on DVD at Unity of Livonia
- Nov. 11: Citizens for Peace 8th Anniversary Fundraiser Concert
- Dec. 13: Peace Pilgrim; film followed by discussion

Speaking Engagements:

- January 18: Presentation to the AAUW Livonia Branch on the Positive Power of Peace: “How to Decrease Violence against Women and Girls: A Department of Peace Approach.”
- March 26: Pax Christi Conference workshop on Moveable Peace: Creating a Michigan Commission for Peace & Justice
Presentation to the National Association of Retired Federal Employees on the proposed legislation for a Department of Peace

Sept. 8: World Prayer Day – Unity of Livonia

Working with Other Organizations:

- Jan.15: Moveable Peace Planning Conference; Michigan Peace Team Office, Lansing
- Mar. 26: Moveable Peace workshop; Pax Christi Conference in Brighton
- Aug. 9: Moveable Peace rally at the State Capital to deliver the Petitions calling for a Michigan Commission for Peace & Justice; Lansing
- Sept. 21: ONE PEACE celebration of the UN International Day of Peace; viewed film, “Globalized Soul;” Livonia Civic Center Library. Co-sponsors: UN Associations of Detroit & Michigan, Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom
- Oct. 22: Non-Violence Leadership Training, facilitated by Michigan Peace Team; co- sponsor Detroit Renaissance Peace Center; Scott Memorial United Methodist Church, Detroit.

Special Events:

- April: Nonviolent Film Series; Madonna University, Livonia
- April 6: “Pray the Devil Back to Hell”
- April 13: “The Singing Revolution”
- April 20: “Soldiers of Peace”
- May 30: “Arlington Michigan” memorial; one cross for every Michigan soldier killed in Iraq & Afghanistan; Livonia Civic Center Park, Five Mile & Farmington
- Sept. 5: Labor Day Parade; Detroit
- Oct. 22: UN Day with DVD presentation “Peace is Possible” by Paul Chappell plus David Levine’s String Quartet, Muruga, and the Ceremonial Peace Band

Children’s Art Exhibit from Peace Pals International

Host of the art exhibit from Peace Pals International by sharing it with public libraries in Western Wayne and Oakland counties. This exhibit features artwork from 68 countries created by children ages 5 -16. Children drew pictures based on the theme, “May Peace Prevail on Earth.”

Peace Collection

Westland Public Library accepted a donation to purchase books from the Bibliography of the 2011 Addendum to the Nonviolent Peace Collection.

Restorative Practices

Members volunteer to work in Detroit public schools to reduce violence and truancy by using Restorative Practice principles.

Education Committee working with Detroit organizers to establish a **Detroit Area Network for Restorative Justice**

Tabling

This activity involves setting up a table at an event and passing out information and talking with people about the Department of Peace legislation. It gives us the opportunity to explain the concept of peace-making at the federal level of government.

- Jan.15: Moveable Peace Conference in Lansing
- Mar. 26: Pax Christi Conference in Brighton
- April 6, 13, 20: Nonviolent Film Series; Madonna University. Livonia
- June 2: Middle East Forum at Hope United Methodist in Southfield
- May 13: Playing for Peace Concert at Unity of Livonia
- July 21: Helping at the Moveable Peace table at the Ann Arbor Art Fair
- Sept. 15: Schoolcraft College SCHOOL DAZE 10 am – 2 pm.
- Sept. 21: ONE PEACE event at the Livonia Civic Center Library 6 – 9 pm.
- Oct. 19: Paul Chappell talk at Unity of Livonia 7 pm.
- Oct. 22: United Nations Day Celebration at Unity of Livonia 7 pm.
- Nov. 11: Generations Concert at Unity
- Nov. 12: Holiday Mart at Swords Into Plowshares
- Dec. 4: Care & Share Fair at the Brighton Unitarian Universalist Church

Fund Raising Events

- May 13: “Playing for Peace;” fundraiser concert for Moveable Peace; Unity of Livonia
- Nov. 11: Generations Concert; fundraiser for the Citizens for Peace Education Fund to purchase books for the Peace Collection; Unity of Livonia

Contact with Political Leaders:

June 8: Congressman John Conyers in his Detroit office. He supports the Moveable Peace effort to establish a Michigan Commission of Peace & Justice

June 8: Phone conversation with Detroit City Councilwoman Jo Ann Watson. She invited us to come to her office.

July 12: Detroit City Councilwoman JoAnn Watson. She asked us to present our request for a Resolution supporting the Michigan Commission of Peace & Justice at a meeting of the City Council.

July 12: Spoke to the Detroit City Council. A Resolution in support of the Moveable Peace effort to get a Michigan Commission of Peace & Justice and the Peace Walk was passed.

Oct. 7: Congressman John Conyers supported our effort to present Paul Chappell’s “Why Peace Is Possible” program and the Nonviolent Training for Adults & Youth.

Media Coverage

Livonia Observer Newspaper

Notices and press releases of all meetings and special events

Dearborn/Dearborn Heights/ Downriver Newspaper

July 23: “Peace Advocates Walk the Talk”

Radio

May 13: Tony Trupiano; station: 1310 am; program aired 6-7 a.m.

August 17: Body, Mind Spirit; Internet radio 7-8 pm

Sept 17: Body, Mind Spirit; Internet radio 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Oct. 15: Body, Mind Spirit; Internet radio 3:30 – 4:00 pm