



Welcome to the WFPSC March Newsletter!

This past month, the Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective, launched our new membership program!

Become a member of WFPSC today and join our work in building transnational grassroots solidarity to resist U.S. government and corporate policies that contribute to violence, poverty and oppression in the Americas. We invite you to become a member by making a contribution to:

- Amplify the voices of grassroots movements on the ground in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Participate in urgent actions to hold the U.S. accountable for imperialist foreign policy
- Attend quarterly membership meetings
- Get access to popular education training, teach-ins and educational resources and more...

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## CUBA



In February, our Cuba Co-Director's welcomed a delegation of 10 people focusing on Pan-Africanism and the African diaspora's experience in Cuba. Students, teachers, researchers and organizers who identify as Black, hailing from various regions in the U.S, British Guyana and Puerto Rico, came together to explore the influence of historical Haitian immigration into Cuba; religious syncretism; feminist and black-pride efforts at the neighborhood level; the successful referendum which brought into law a vanguard Family Code protecting the rights of elders, children and LGBTQ Cubans; efforts to eliminate racial bias in healthcare access; among others. Delegates also visited the historical city of Trinidad, a hub for sugar production up until XIX century, learning about the footprint of enslaved people in today's culture, architecture and religious practices in the area. To tie all this together, the delegation reflected on what all these lessons mean for the struggle for Black liberation in the U.S.



# HONDURAS



This past month, Honduras team, through their involvement with the Honduran Solidarity Network (HSN), supported the launch of the campaign “Putting the US & Canada On Trial” with the objective of holding the U.S. and Canada responsible for their complicity in bolstering the Juan Orlando Hernandez narco-regime. We are working in coalition with organizations in Canada, and the U.S. to contact Canadian Members of Parliament and U.S. Congressional representatives to demand investigations into the role of our governments in backing the narco-state in Honduras. To support our campaign as an individual or an organization, please join our sign on action below! In addition, the Honduras team went on a human rights accompaniment to the Bajo Aguan region, where we witnessed the increased risks to campesino land defenders, after two separate murder attempts and the kidnapping of a campesino cooperative member. Lastly, our Honduras team led a protection workshop with grassroots land defenders & Indigenous leaders to facilitate the creation of community-led protection plans.

**ACT NOW!**



## COLOMBIA



The WFPSC Colombia team, alongside Communities Building Peace in Colombia (CONPAZCOL), stood in solidarity with the family and community members of Phanor Guazaquillo Peña. Phanor, a Nasa social leader and member of the Board of Directors of CONPAZCOL, was tragically assassinated on December 3, 2023, in Puerto Asís, Putumayo. We continue to honor his legacy and advocate for justice.

Also the WFPSC Colombia team, in collaboration with 42 other peace building organizations forming part of The Space of Cooperation for Peace (Espacio de Cooperación para la Paz), issued a compelling call for the resumption of peace negotiations between the Colombian government and the ELN. This call, integral to the larger Total Peace plan, has garnered attention from major Colombian media outlets such as El Espectador. Our thoughts and support are with Briceida Lemos, a courageous individual who participated in a WFPSC organized Speaker's tour in the U.S. last November. We would like to share our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported Briceida in seeking funds to undergo cancer treatment. This support has really been fundamental in the treatment Briceida has received so far. Our team had the privilege of meeting Briceida both at La Elvira farm with her family and at a hospital where she is undergoing treatment for late-stage cancer. We stand in solidarity with Briceida in her tireless efforts for the defense of territory and the construction of peace in the campesina communities of Miranda and northern Cauca.



The former Honduran President, Juan Orlando Hernández, a long-time U.S. ally will soon go to trial in New York on drug-trafficking charges. Demand that his allies, the US and Canada, be held accountable for their role in the narco-state in Honduras.



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## **ROOT CAUSE OF MIGRATION AUGUST 1-10, 2024**

This delegation will focus on US-backed militarism in Honduras and its negative impact on communities struggling against the climate crisis by contextualizing the root causes of climate migration. Delegates will learn directly from frontline communities and organizations centering the experiences of Indigenous and campesino people who are witnesses and victims of hyper-militarism and who are at risk of being displaced because of climate aggravation. This delegation intends to spread awareness of how militarism exacerbates the climate crisis which harms the living conditions of Indigenous and campesino communities. Climate and anti-war activists are strongly encouraged to apply, as well as students interested in global human rights and climate migration. Apply by May 1st, 2024.

**APPLY NOW!**



## **Exploring Art, Healthcare, Sustainability & Education JUNE 23-30, 2024**

Join us on a delegation to learn directly from the Cuban people about their rich history, dynamic society, and complex present. What advances have been made in areas of education, healthcare, the arts, and sustainability? What can the rest of the world learn from Cuba? What challenges remain? What impact do U.S. policies have on the lives of Cuban people? How can we best work in solidarity with the Cubans on the island? This people-to-people delegation will explore these questions through conversations with youth, artists, doctors, professionals, families, educators, musicians, economists and neighborhood organizing committees. Visits to artists' collectives, urban agriculture projects, museums, and historical sites provide an on-the-ground immersion into Cuban life and culture. Delegates located in the Raleigh/Durham area are encouraged to apply. Deadline to apply by April 3rd, 2024.

**APPLY NOW!**



## **ART AND REVOLUTION JUNE 14-23, 2023**

Cuba has a rich history of Arts and emancipatory action that has inspired the world. Join us as we explore the heart of Cuba through the perspective of Poetry, Dance, Music and other contemporary Art forms. Together we will learn about the unyielding strength of Cuba's civil society and how their soul-centering work is the intersection of education, healthcare, culture, and artistry. Deadline to apply March 15th.

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## **BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SOLIDARITY AND CREATIVITY NOVEMBER 15TH- 24TH, 2024**

Delegates will experience the revolutionary spirit of the Cuban people in creating their own futures. This people-to-people delegation will meet with women-led cooperatives and collectives that organize projects to strengthen and sustain their communities. Learn directly from the Cuban model of collective well-being, cooperative practices, and shared opportunities in the midst of the ongoing U.S. Blockade against the Cubans.

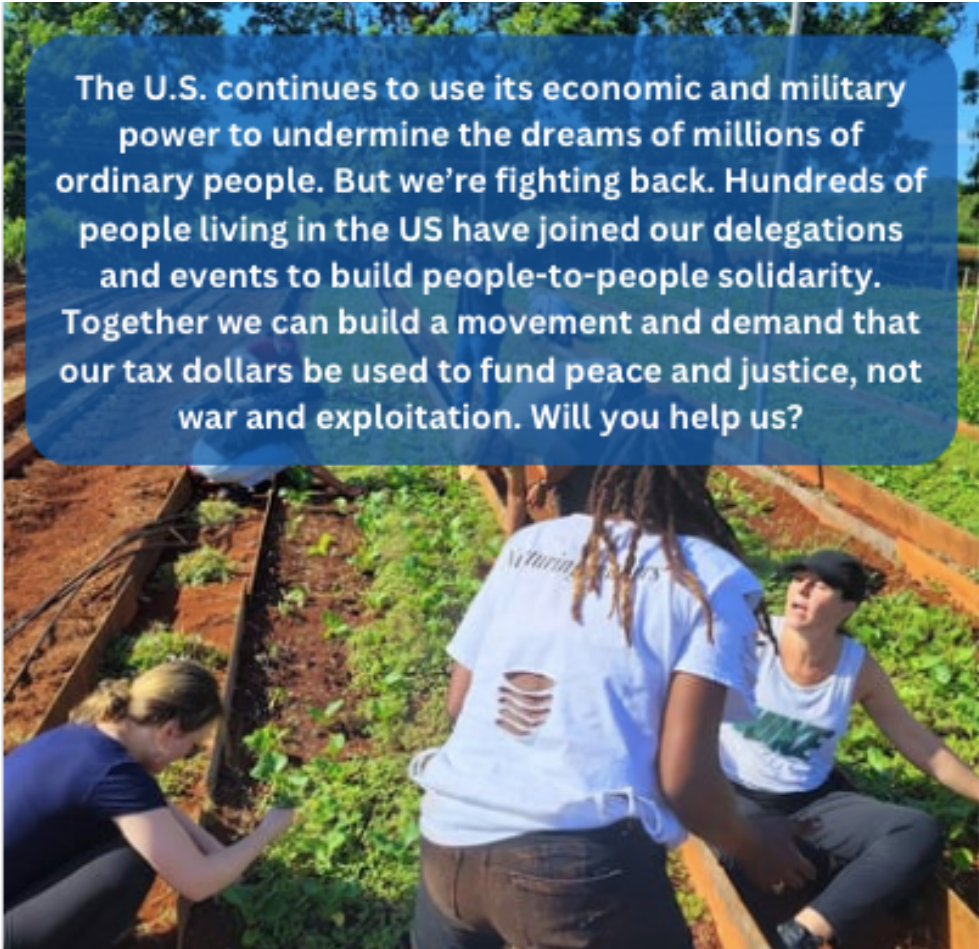
In partnership with Martin Luther King Jr. Center, we will visit with doctors, musicians, artists' collectives, urban agriculture projects, museums, and historical sites, provides an on-the-ground immersion into Cuban life and culture. This delegation is open to all applicants, and will speak to many different interests!

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# Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective

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The U.S. continues to use its economic and military power to undermine the dreams of millions of ordinary people. But we're fighting back. Hundreds of people living in the US have joined our delegations and events to build people-to-people solidarity. Together we can build a movement and demand that our tax dollars be used to fund peace and justice, not war and exploitation. Will you help us?

**DONATE NOW!**

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