

#### Welcome to the WFPSC April Newsletter!

This past month, the Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective has been bustling with activity! From hosting delegations in Cuba and Colombia to organizing fundraisers and events, we've been fully engaged throughout this last month. Along with this months delegations WFPSC also held a Solidarity in Actuality: Definitions and Barriers event for Holy Week where members and supporters were able to gather and create a dialogue about what solidarity is, what barriers exist that prevent us from being in solidarity, and what effective solidarity looks like. Stay tuned for more upcoming virtual events reflecting on solidarity.

The WFPSC also led the Pilgrimage for Justice and Peace March through the heart of Raleigh reading, praying, and chanting for justice for Palestine, Latin America, and our own community. Notably, our ongoing "40k for 40 years" fundraiser has been making significant strides, and we're thrilled to announce that we're nearly halfway to our goal! Support our fundraiser by becoming 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.



#### **BECOME A MEMBER**



## **CUBA**



Last week, The Martin Luther King Memorial Center, our main organizational partner in Cuba, welcomed leaders of the Non Violent Medicaid Army (NVMA) in a cross-border solidarity exchange. WFPSC Cuba team was invited to participate in this fruitful brigade. The NVMA is a movement fighting for the human rights to healthcare throughout the United States, and organized this exchange to learn from Cuba's medical system and how they have been able to develop their own Covid vaccine, eliminate parent-child transmission of HIV, and achieve a lower infant mortality rate than the U.S., all while under the crushing economic blockade imposed by the U.S. government.



## **HONDURAS**



On March 21st, the International Day of Water, our Honduras team took part in accompaniment for the 7th anniversary of the Movimiento Amplio por la Justicia y la Dignidad (Broad Movement for Justice and Dignity) which was in support of Pajuiles' struggle against a hydroelectric dam that sought to take away their access to the river. The team lead several accompaniments with our partner OFRANEH, to Colon during the time of increased security risk. Our team and partners are hoping to reintroduce the OFRANEH Resolution and are asking member and supporters to prepare for upcoming news. If you would like to hear more news on the on the ground work our Honduras team doing please checkout our Aguan Monthly News Alert.

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## COLOMBIA



The WFPSC Colombia team lead a successful delegation to the Pacific coast, in Cali, Buenaventura, and Buenos Aires this past month! Delegates from the Duke School of Divinity met with our partners on the ground in Cali starting with Fundación Guagua where delegates visited the Memory Gallery or the "Galería de la Memoria Tiberio A. Fernández", which works to preserve the historical memory of state crimes. After delegates were able to spend time in La Elvira Fram, Miranda where we were able to speak with the Asociación Proconsitución de Zona de Reserva Campesina del Municipio de Miranda (ASPROZONAC) about the reincorporation process. Next the delegation had the opportunity to have a meeting with Renacer Siglo XXI (Buenos Aires, Cauca), a Black civil organization dedicated to supporting, advising and accompanying various judicial and administrative processes of the victims of the armed conflict within the community. Finally, delegates were able to go on accompaniment with the Community Council in Bajo Calima (Buenaventura), where 5 black communities and 1 indigenous reserve have been completely displaced in the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022 to urban areas of Buenaventura.





### <u>Thursday, April 11th - 7pm EST (virtual) WFP Solidarity</u> <u>Collective Trivia Night</u>

Join us for a fun-filled evening of brain-teasing questions and friendly competition, all for a good cause. Test your knowledge on a variety of topics while supporting the important work of the WFPSC. Gather your friends and family for a night of laughs, learning, and prizes. Don't miss out on this opportunity to show off your trivia skills and support our solidarity efforts through a small \$5-\$50 donation. See you there!

#### REGISTER HERE



Message from member John Walsh, calling for the support for grassroots organizations resisting violent and oppressive foreign policies. We ask that you consider joining our membership base, adding your voice to those dedicated to demanding an end to U.S. imperialism. Check out John's video message here.

JOIN NOW!





#### 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 will directly migration. Delegates learn 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 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.





## 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!





#### **DONATE NOW!**

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