

Conference Registration continued

WRL member: Yes No

Other organizational connection:

Will be bringing one or more children:

Ages: _____

Special needs: Wheelchair accessibility

Other: _____

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REVOLUTIONARY NONVIOLENCE

*Building Bridges
Across Generations
and Communities*



**War Resisters League
National Conference
90TH ANNIVERSARY**

AUGUST 1-4 · 2013

**Georgetown University
Washington, DC.**

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- Last U.S. troops leave Germany;
- New Mexico coal mine explosion kills 120;
- USSR established;
- KKK attack in Rosewood, Florida kills 8 people;
- Insulin becomes available for diabetics;
- 1st Black pro basketball team is organized;
- U.S. Attorney General says it is legal for women to wear trousers anywhere;
- Marcus Garvey sentenced to 5 years for mail fraud;
- All non-fascist parties dissolved in Italy;
- U.S. draft law passes;
- Albert Einstein speaks on pacifism in Berlin;
- Hitler arrested in Germany for attempt to seize power....

and the
**War Resisters League
is born!**



1923: WRL is formed by Jessie Wallace Hughan, a leading suffragist, socialist, and pacifist.

This summer, just weeks before the 50th anniversary of the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, WRL members and friends will gather in our first national conference in 10 years. Events around the world and at home this past decade have kept the War Resisters League busy, and our work is far from complete. We will come together to honor our history, acknowledge our current struggles and re-energize ourselves for the work ahead... and we invite you to be here with us!

As was true 90 years ago, there is a need for the insights and activism of the War Resisters League. We bring decades of experience in nonviolent resistance to the broader movement for peace and justice. We know our work is made stronger through the ties we build with other communities. And our own history is living proof that a multi-generational movement is a pre-requisite for durability and growth.

We live in dangerous times. The assertion that the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are behind us, or coming to an end, is riddled with falsehoods. A global economic crisis coupled with escalating environmental degradation – both with roots in militarism – means millions of people around the world are living in desperate situations. Here at home, the culture of violence has exploded on our streets and horrendous cuts in spending for the social programs our communities need unfold every day. The military machinery thrives while in the name of fighting terrorism our liberties are eroded.

But we also live at a moment when there is a sense of hope and possibility. Throughout the country and around the world, people are reaching past what has divided them and developing new ways to work together. We saw it in the Arab Spring and in the Occupy Movement, and in the daily struggles unfolding in our communities.

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War Resisters League National Conference

9 0 T H A N N I V E R S A R Y

In August we will take a few days to come together to share our work, challenge our thinking, sharpen our analytic and organizing skills and lay the foundation for the next decade of our work.

This 90th anniversary national conference is an opportunity for WRL members and our allies to reflect on our past as we prepare for the future. We will strengthen our understanding of and commitment to nonviolence as a foundation for the direct action resistance we engage in. And we will address the need to open the definition of “we” as we struggle to help build the broad and diverse movement that’s waiting to be created.

Our conference will include a healthy balance of small group discussions, full conference gatherings, plenty of music, poetry and time to relax with friends old and new. Much of our time will be in workshops organized in threads – a series of small group discussions tied together by a common theme that is a foundation of our work: **Learn, Resist, Disarm, Restore, and Build**. The workshops will be opportunities to delve into specifics while making links, all aimed at learning from our past, understanding our present and preparing for our future. Our aim is to be specific and focused, and at the same time we’ll make connections and weave issues together.

Our larger plenary sessions will include presentations clustered along these lines: **Revolutionary Nonviolence – What is it and how do we build it?; Global Hot Spots and Grassroots Solidarity; Unraveling the Knot of Militarism, Class, Gender and Race; Saving the Planet – Wars, the Attack on the Environment and Global Capitalism; and The Culture of Violence**.

As important as all of these presentations and discussions will be, perhaps most important will be the ways this gathering reinforces our community and reinvigorates our work.

We hope you’ll join us!

Conference Information

Dates: The conference will **begin Thursday evening, August 1st and end mid-day on Sunday, August 4th.**

Location: **Georgetown University in Washington, DC.** (For more information about GU, visit their website at www.georgetown.edu)

Our Conference Host: **Georgetown University Program on Justice and Peace**

Travel: Make your travel plans now to get the best deals. You can fly, take a train or bus, or drive to Washington, DC. And once in town there’s easy public transportation to the conference location. (More details available on our website at www.warresisters.org)

Meals: There are several food options on campus, and many places to eat in easy walking distance. We’ll provide everyone a full list of the options.

Housing: We are offering housing on campus with options for single or double rooms. Staying on the campus means you will have easier access to all conference activities.

Accessibility: **Georgetown University is wheelchair accessible.** *Please let us know if you have any other special needs.*

Children: Children are welcome; early childhood educators, not part of the conference nor sponsored by GU, will be working in consultation with parents and guardians to provide safe and fun spaces for younger participants.

Registration: We encourage you to register on line at www.warresisters.org. If you cannot register on line, use the registration form attached to this brochure. **Please register as early as possible, July 15 at the latest.** Your full payment in advance is very much appreciated and simplifies our record keeping. At the

very least, we request the registration for each child and adult at the time of the conference. This fee is nonrefundable. After you register, we will send you more information before the conference itself.

Scholarship Fund: We want to make the conference accessible to everyone. *Please help us build a scholarship fund.* You might want to make your contribution in the memory of someone important to you. Make checks payable to WRL. If you would like to make your donation tax deductible, please make your check for \$50 or more payable to A.J. Muste Memorial Institute with WRL in the memo. Mail checks to WRL at 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012. **Thank you!**

Conference Cost: The conference registration fees help cover our organizing costs as well as packets for participants, equipment, some travel expenses for speakers and all the other things that go into creating a wonderful weekend such as this! If you need financial assistance to attend, please contact us for the scholarship form.

Registration Form

If you can register online please do so at www.warresisters.org
Please register as early as possible, July 15 at the latest.

Registration Fees

Conference registration fees are on a sliding scale: please indicate what you will pay.

- One Day Participation:** \$15 – \$25
amount paying \$ _____
- Full Conference:** \$40 – \$80
amount paying \$ _____

On-campus housing (food not included): please indicate if you want a single or a double room, and which nights you need housing:

- Single Room:** \$50 per night
- Double Room:** \$70 per night (\$35 per person)

I need housing for:

- Thursday night**
- Friday night**
- Saturday night**

I am paying the following:

Conference registration fee.....\$ _____
 Housing fee\$ _____
 Donation for scholarships.....\$ _____
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