



# TRAPROCK CENTER FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

**Who we are and what we do – with your support, going forward!**

## *Action in our community*

On Earth Day '22 we walked along the Connecticut River with expert [Karl Meyer](#) and others, learning about the destructive FirstLight Corp's Northfield Mt. Pumped Storage Project. In May we visited the affected Rock Dam river area.



On May 25<sup>th</sup>, the second anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, 125 people joined Franklin County standouts for racial justice along Rts. 2 and 116.

Saturdays from 11 to noon, Traprock friends vigil on the Greenfield Common. We honored this two decade long vigil for peace with the August "Why I Stand" exhibit at the LAVA Center in Greenfield, with personal statements, photos, banners and videos. See one [here](#).

In August we also remember the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and support a nuclear weapons ban. Traprock peace actions are coordinated by the new [Franklin County for Peace](#).



## WHY I STAND



In November we held our second annual “**Armistice Day**” rally for peace and supported the efficacy of nonviolence with an on-demand showing of the film [The Third Harmony](#), and webinar discussion.



Internationally, Traprock supports the **10,000 Trees for Vietnam** project, restoring biodiversity in an area bombed with US Agent Orange. See a video [here](#).

## ***Youth is our Future***

*Traprock donors supported these youth programs:*



### **Common Threads/ Respect for Girls Project**

Traprock’s Long Line for Racial Justice program teamed up with youth in the West African nation of Sierra Leone. Together they created the Respect for Girls Project, to address sexual harassment and promote female leadership and empowerment. Girls are the future leaders of tomorrow.

### **Young Peacemakers Awards**

Each spring since 2000, the Interfaith Council of Franklin County and Traprock honor Franklin County teens for social justice accomplishments. See a [video](#) on the awards, by Traprock board member ‘emerita’ Diana Roberts.

### **Wally and Juanita Nelson Scholarships**

Financial support is offered annually to a student attending Greenfield Community College. The award



was established in the Nelsons' names to support and encourage studies in peace, social justice and the environment.

### Children's Book Collaborative

In 2022 Traprock partnered with the Montague Catholic Social Ministries' Love2Grow program. Parents and children meet for a weekly hour of reading children's books together. Our grant bought books for each family, building family libraries for reading at home. Given the success of the program, we'll continue in 2023.



### Twice as Smart

Created by Greenfield activist Gloria Matlock, this program for children aged 5 to 12, primarily from public housing in Greenfield, augments educational skills and promotes art and music, especially learning the violin. Many play in Música Franklin. Traprock is working with Gloria Matlock to support an exhibit at the LAVA Center in 2023, on "Why School Is Important."

## ***Outreach and education***

With the Covid pandemic -- along with better internet in our rural area -- our outreach expanded online. Traprock's [website](#), twice monthly free [newsletters](#), zoom events and emails amplify our work and that of others for change. Local solidarity is crucial for progress, reflecting our [mission statement](#).

**With your help we can continue and expand our work for peace, racial and ecological justice.**

### **Our holiday gift to you:**

Pat Hynes' important December column in the Greenfield Recorder:

[Letter to President Joe Biden](#) (harking back to their 8th grade together!)

### ***How to help***

Donations of any size are welcome, directly with PayPal on our [website](#), or send checks to

Traprock Center, P. O. Box 1201, Greenfield, MA 01302.

Contributions of \$25 or more are tax deductible.

**THANKS for considering an end of year donation to support the work of the Traprock Center for Peace & Justice – we need you!**