



TRAPROCK CENTER FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

Traprock Center for Peace and Justice: from 2021 to 2022 – with your help

In this decisive decade, issues of ongoing concern and attention to members of the Traprock board and our many friends and supporters include:

- shifting resources from war-- towards peace, racial and climate justice, and
- educating and acting for social and environmental justice across generations.

Founded in 1979, many involved in Traprock's early days remain active. Others have become spiritual and political inspirations as we remember and honor their work. We think of Frances Crowe, Wally and Juanita Nelson, and most recently the loss of Dr. Marty Nathan.

In this new century and decade, Traprock is continuing and developing current forms of communication, via our website, e-newsletters, Facebook page as well as email.

And we're still on the streets! Traprock sustains support for the weekly Saturday vigils on the Greenfield Common: from 10 to 11 am, Greenfield-based Racial Justice Rising sponsors a vigil with an anti-racist focus and from 11 am to noon is an open peace and democracy vigil, ongoing since 2002.



Traprock has organized special actions around the Saturday vigils with the Franklin County Continuing the Political Revolution Peace Task Force, among them August 6-9 Hiroshima-Nagasaki commemorations, calling for nuclear disarmament; Tax Day (defund the military); Armistice Day, originally celebrated on behalf of peace among nations, and most recently support for the Afghanistan population, left in dire need.



Highlights from 2021 –

- successful fundraising to support youth intern work on social media raised our digital communication to a more professional and accessible level, through an updated website, biweekly e-newsletters and Facebook postings.
- The work of the Common Threads project, led by Sarah Pirtle, achieved new levels of outreach and involvement in opposing sexism and empowering girls with the Respect for Girls project, revealing strength and creativity through new alliances and cooperative projects. Sarah helped organize a widely supported on-line concert for the first day of spring 2021 honoring the work of United Against Hate and the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Injustice.



- Longtime Traprock director Pat Hynes continues as an active board member to educate and activate our community and beyond with frequent editorials, articles, video presentations and radio podcasts. These are posted on our website and linked to in newsletters. We look forward to the spring 2022 publication of a collection of her work, *Hope but Demand Justice*.

Additional support for youth: The 21st Peacemaker Awards ceremony honoring active teens went forward on Zoom, with awards sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Franklin County and Traprock Center. Twelve Franklin County students and two student groups were recognized for their efforts in making a difference in the community through activism and outreach. A special plus is a 2022 video project featuring these activist youth, led by board member Diana Roberts.

On-going Traprock projects that support and benefit youth will continue in 2022, with your help. In addition to the Peacemaker awards, these include the [Wally and Juanita Nelson Scholarship](#) support for a student at Greenfield Community College (GCC), a GCC fellowship for student activism, and the Children's Books Collaborative, providing libraries with books on subjects including world peace, empathy, friendship, diversity, tolerance, community, and humans' place in the natural environment.



Internationally, in 2021, Traprock supporters were again able to aid the **10,000 Trees for Vietnam** environmental justice project in its restoration of biodiversity to an area of central Vietnam heavily sprayed with herbicides such as Agent Orange during the American War in Vietnam. We have, thus far, supported the planting of 18,000 trees and thousands of Moringa tree seedlings. *See a video on this project [here](#).*



Traprock in community: work for peace and justice must involve many, thus Traprock is a member of the state-wide [Mass Peace Action](#) and works with local and Western Mass. groups including: Racial Justice Rising; Twice as Smart; the FCCPR Peace Task Force; the Resistance Center; Interfaith Center of Franklin County; Nuclear Ban US; the Middle East Peace and Justice Coalition, Ban Killer Drones and CodePink of W. Mass., among others.

Looking ahead to 2022, with more support for even greater impacts

Traprock's effective voice for peace, racial, gender, economic and climate justice depends on the action and support of its board members, the many participants in our programs and actions, and those who support these efforts financially. Our modest annual budget from donations is augmented by hundreds of hours of volunteer work.

Please check our website for more information about the work, and sign up for our bi-weekly newsletters, at <https://traprock.org/>

Tax-exempt donations can be made directly from our website ([here](#)), or send a check to *Traprock Center for Peace & Justice*
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