



TRAPROCK CENTER FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

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2019 report, with hope for support in 2020

*At a time of historic challenges and resistance, the Traprock Center has had a year full of activity. We now approach a new decade with a sense of urgency, aware of possibilities for change, and grateful for youth demanding a livable future. We look forward to your trust and support in 2020. **Tax-exempt donations help us continue and expand this work.** Online: see traprock.org/donate/. Checks welcome at: Traprock Center for Peace & Justice, PO Box 1201, Greenfield, MA 01302.*

Since 1978, Traprock has been a community-based organization for peace and justice. A volunteer board led by Director Pat Hynes focuses on **education, support and mobilization** for peace and justice. Projects are presented on a newly designed website (traprock.org) featuring a monthly [calendar](#) of social justice events. A brief presentation of our recent work follows. (For active links to details and photos on our website, download our 2019 letter from the opening page.)

EDUCATION

The **Children's Books Collaborative** offers books and related programs on social justice, peace and environment. After collaborating with children's libraries in Greenfield (2016), Orange (2017) and Montague (2018), in 2019 we reached across the Atlantic to West Africa. Pat Hynes' participation in a peace conference in Ghana led to a feminist peace group in Sierra Leone receiving our 2019 award of \$1,000. for books on peace and justice themes that are now in the curriculum of two schools.

Journey Camp, led by board member [Sarah Pirtle](#), had a successful 26th year. This peacebuilding camp offers a summer educational experience in a supportive and empowering community. Sunseed Boys Session and Moonseed Leadership Camp for girls reached youth on peace, social justice and gender equality issues.

The **Wally and Juanita Nelson Scholarship and Traprock student Fellowship** are awarded annually to Greenfield Community College (GCC) students doing exemplary work on behalf of peace, social or environmental justice. GCC faculty and Traprock board member Josh Becker supervises this project.

Common Threads: The latest in the Common Threads [dialogue booklet series](#), **PASSING THE POWER ON: Dialogue to Connect Ages and Change Ageism** can be downloaded [here](#). It gives insights from the January 2018 Traprock conference on ageism in progressive communities co-led by Sarah Pirtle and Larkin Christie of Youth Rise Together.

The Pen is Mightier than the Sword: Our editorials, articles and letters on war and militarism, climate crisis, nuclear weapons, renewable energy and vital social justice issues are published in local papers and national news sites and carried worldwide. See recent posts on the website [homepage](#); all sorted by subject [here](#).

SUPPORT

The Young Peacemakers Program: Partnering with the [Interfaith Council of Franklin County](#), Traprock honors area young people dedicated to peace and justice in their schools and communities with the annual Peacemakers Award.

Our email **Listserve** reaches some 500 people and groups weekly. This community service supports and increases area groups' outreach and mobilization by sharing programs and actions of interest widely. All events are also listed on our web calendar.

Organizational voices count: Traprock supports key legislation on peace, justice and climate health. In 2019, members supported bills on abolishing nuclear weapons and changing the MA state seal.

As a registered non-profit organization, **Traprock supports key projects and groups** with their fundraising. We continue to support [our 10,000 Trees in Vietnam](#) project.

MOBILIZATION

Traprock board members work for disarmament of nuclear weapons through a ban on nuclear materials and other actions. We are part of activist networks for peace with justice in Latin America and the Middle East and. On August 6, 2019, with others we commemorated the