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# PEACE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

## “There is still hope.”

By Kathy Randall

Peace Connections' annual meeting was held on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at Bethel College Mennonite Church. The afternoon began with lovely jazz music and continued with a review of 2010 by board president, Margaret Goering. The featured speaker for the afternoon was Patty Shelly, Professor Bible and Religion at Bethel College.

Every other January, Shelly conducts a tour to Israel for Bethel students and other interested persons. Shelly shared portraits of several grass-roots organizations, both Jewish and Palestinian, all of which are continuing to work for peace in Israel/Palestine, despite the worsening political climate. It is these groups, of which there are many others, which give Shelly hope for peace, even when the political situation seems hopeless.

It is easy to be discouraged, Shelly said, but she has been fortunate to be connected to a number of organizations that continue to sow the seeds of peace from both sides of the conflict. Shelly shared the story of eight of these organizations: Wi'am Conflict Resolution Center, Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Zochrot (Remembering), Israeli Commission Against House Demolitions, Parents Circle/Family Forum, Combatants for Peace, and Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam/Oasis of Peace.

Wi'am Conflict Resolution Center is located in Bethlehem and uses a combination of Palestinian and Western mediation techniques to attempt to resolve conflicts, particularly those arising from the presence of the wall which separates Palestinian and Jewish residents. More information can be found on the web at [alastah.org](http://alastah.org).

The Hebron Rehabilitation Committee is committed to bring Arabs back into the old city of Hebron. Many had fled due to danger, and now Israeli settlers have begun moving into abandoned areas of the city. This causes conflict because as the Israelis move in, some streets are closed to Arabs, who then can no longer patronize the shops along those streets, which then eventually close. More information can be found on the web at [hebronrc.org](http://hebronrc.org).

Sabeel Ecumenical Libartion Theology Center is a Christian organization with offices in Jerusalem and Nazareth. Sabeel is Arabic for “the way” or “spring of life-giving water.” Sabeel strives to develop a spirituality based on love, justice, peace, nonviolence, liberation and reconciliation for the different national and faith communities. More information about Sabeel can be found on the web at [www.sabeel.org](http://www.sabeel.org).



Featured speaker Patty Shelly

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Zochrot (Remembering) is an Israeli organization to raise awareness of the 1948 "Catastrophe" (Nakba) among Israelis. Many Israelis do not understand that the Zionist perspective on the events of 1948 came at a heavy price paid by the Palestinians who were living in what became the state of Israel. By making the history of the Nakba available to Israelis, Zochrot hopes to make a change in the political relationship between the two groups. "Acknowledging the past is the first step in taking responsibility for its consequences." More information can be found on the web at [zochrot.org](http://zochrot.org).

Israeli Commission Against House Demolitions (ICAHN) is an Israeli group standing in solidarity with Palestinians in the occupied territories. It is very difficult for Palestinians to get a building permit, even when they can prove they own the land. Many of them build anyway, only to watch the Israeli army demolish their house. Sometimes over and over. More information can be found on the web at [icahd.org](http://icahd.org).

Combatants for Peace is an organization of Israelis who have served in the Israeli army as well as Palestinians who have been in active resistance. Members of the group share their stories with one another in an attempt to build trust between the two groups. Shelly mentioned a particularly moving moment, when one Palestinian, who did not speak English, had his story translated by an Israeli, who spoke both Arabic and English. These former combatants believe that only by joining forces will there be an end to the conflict and violence. More can be found on the web at [cfpeace.org](http://cfpeace.org).

Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam/Oasis of Peace is an intentional community of Jews and Palestinians, living on land purchased from a Catholic monastery. They built the first bi-lingual (Arabic and Hebrew), bi-national (Palestinian and Israeli) elementary school in the region. Students are taught about Judaism, Islam and Christianity, and the languages, history and culture of both Palestinians and Israelis. More information can be found on the web at [oasisofpeace.org](http://oasisofpeace.org).

During the question and answer period, Shelly acknowledged that political efforts toward peace in Israel/Palestine do not seem promising at the present. She reiterated, however, that groups such as these, and others, are lights shining in the darkness. They have not given up hope for a lasting, just peace in Israel/Palestine.

The meeting wrapped up with a report from Myrna Krehbiel, Peace Connections director, and dessert.

## Circles Update

Circles® of Hope welcomed Bill and Glenda Reynolds as new Circles® staff members in mid-February. Bill and Glenda share a part-time Coach position, and bring experience in a variety of areas to Circles®. Bill and Glenda were enthused about joining in the work of Circles®, because they feel it to be such "a worthwhile endeavor." We are also pleased to welcome Ryan Goertzen, Bethel College, who is doing his junior social work field experience with Circles® during the spring semester.



**Glenda and Bill Reynolds**

A new group of Matched Circles formed in early March. Seven Getting Ahead December graduates made the commitment to become Circle Leaders for the next 18 months, and eight new Allies joined them in their Circles. Circles®

staff is currently in the process of interviewing applicants for another Getting Ahead class that will begin in April. For those who have interest in learning more about the Getting Ahead class, we now are offering an information session at 5:30 pm on the first Tuesday evening of each month. This is a good chance to visit with Getting Ahead graduates about their experience.

Community interest and investment continues to be strong. A Budgeting Class in partnership with Prairie View is being held at Peace Connections. USD #373 has funded a Getting Ahead class. In addition to the Kansas House visit, presentations have been requested and given to the Parents as Teachers staff, Shalom Mennonite Church, and Trinity Heights Methodist Church. Recently a group from Hutchinson has been in conversation with and visited Peace Connections to discuss Circles® collaboration.

As always, we welcome you to learn more about Circles® and become involved in this community-changing endeavor. See calendar for meetings open to the public or stop by!

Peace Connections is pleased to have recently received a United Way grant towards Circles® of Hope. We are very grateful to United Way, as they contacted us and encouraged us to apply this year!

# Circles of Hope travels to Topeka

by Denise Rhoades

Several Circle Leaders, volunteers and staff from Circles® of Hope in Harvey County served as conferees before the Appropriations Committee in Topeka. Explained Myrna Krehbiel, Director of Peace Connections, lead agency for Circles® of Hope, "It was inspiring to be invited by Chairman Marc Rhoades, our Kansas House Representative, to inform the Appropriations Committee about the difference Circles® is making in our community. I am very proud of the team presentation conducted by Circle Leaders, Jerica Hinshaw and Candie Coutts, Circles Coach Wanda Pumphrey, and Getting Ahead co-facilitator Denise Rhoades." Myrna's husband, Randy Krehbiel, another Circles volunteer, joined the Topeka contingency.

Pumphrey said, "It was a privilege to share with our state representatives how the Circles® model brings people from across the community together to address concerns about poverty. All of us, whether we have few or many resources, are transformed by the intentional relationships we're developing in Circles® of Hope." Pumphrey spoke about the process, from the 15-week Getting Ahead class to Circle Leaders being matched with their volunteer Allies.

She made it clear that Circle Leaders are in charge of setting and achieving their own goals for future change. "Circle Leaders who shared their stories with the Committee showed both courage and leadership. Neither of them could have imagined a year ago that they would be speaking in our State Capitol. Candie and Jerica are strong examples of how Circle Leaders are giving back to our community, and making a difference for others."



**Candie Coutts, Circle Leader, testifies before the Appropriations Committee**

Serving as Circle Leaders for over a year, Hinshaw and Coutts told the Committee just what their association with Circles has meant to them personally.

In sharing her story, Hinshaw offered some insights into what life was like before taking the Getting Ahead class and becoming a Circles Leader, "It actually gets harder to talk about how things were and to have people hear about my life. Things have changed so much for me; but I am so passionate about the Circles® initiative that I find the courage to continue sharing. Overall, the Getting Ahead class taught me how to set goals and achieve them. I have leaned on the power of encouragement I have found in Circles. Doing better financially is very important to me, but it is about a lot more than that. I am looking to provide stable resources and the integrity to teach my son the things I now know he needs in order to be productive in life."

In addition to the Committee, House staffers, members of the media and others were in the audience. Said Krehbiel, "I was delighted when our new SRS Secretary, Rob Siedlecki, remained to listen to our presentation after he had finished speaking before the Committee. He spoke to us before he left, and conveyed a real interest in learning more."

Rhoades has taught three classes for Getting Ahead. The last class, which she co-facilitated with her husband, Rep. Rhoades, and Greg Myers, a Circles® volunteer who works at Mid-Cap, had ten graduates—the largest class thus far.

Said Rhoades, "When Marc mentioned Circles® to me, quite a while ago now, I was immediately intrigued. It made sense. My motto is: 'Nothing significant happens apart from relationship.' There's a big difference between helping people in poverty and helping people out of poverty. Seeing Candie and Jerica accomplish so much since we first interviewed them for the Getting Ahead class, watching them become leaders in every sense of the word—that's what it's all about. They both did so well. Candie explained how important it's been, not only for her, but for her children. She described how hard it was as a single mom, living 30 miles from where she worked, and how, with encouragement from her Circles Allies, she's been able to move to Newton, and save on gas and living expenses. During the question and answer portion, Rep. Jo Ann Pottorff of Wichita asked what keeps volunteers and Circle Leaders motivated. When the Circle Leaders explained how much fun we have in Getting Ahead and what Circles has meant to them, they basically answered the question for me as well. 'What keeps me motivated?'

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I repeated her question: "They do."

As Krehbiel explained to the Committee: "Circles® is a head-and-heart-changing response to the challenge every Kansas community faces as we deal with limited financial resources. It is about developing relationships across socio-economic and ethnic lines in order to access the wisdom, courage and creativity persons of low resources have within them. This requires a change in mindset for everyone. In Circles® we are learning practically that: As important as money is, it's not our most important resource—people and relationships are; teaching people to fish, rather than giving them fish, is what sustains individuals and communities; it's about reciprocity and change...change...change; and if persons of low resources are expected to change their habits and situations, then the community's way of relating also needs to change. Most importantly, we have learned, first-hand, that effective, lasting change does not happen in isolation."

Of the event Krehbiel said, "It was gratifying to hear the questions and see the interest the representatives showed in our presentation and printed materials. I am grateful for the new and significant connections we made."

## PC says goodbye to some dear friends

**Muriel T. Stackley**, who shared her wisdom in all of our newsletters in 2010, passed away at the end of January. Some of her parting words:

*"Love one another and work together to form a lasting peace in our world for our children and our children's children."*

*"Dance as if no one is watching you and sing as if no one can hear you. Sing out daily with the joy of one who appreciates the smallest details and feels powerful enough to do battle with giants."*

**Beth Goering**, a long-time monthly contributor (along with her husband Jake) to Peace Connections, passed away at the end of February. Before she died, Beth wanted to write one last check herself to Peace Connections.

We are grateful for these two persons who through their talents and gifts, made such a contribution to this organization.



## Board Notes

The Peace Connections board officers for 2011 are as follows: Margaret Goering, President; Cathy Anderson, President-elect; John McGee, Board Development Chair; Marjean Harris, Fund Development Chair. We are grateful for their service in these roles.

Over the past couple of months, the PC board accepted the resignations of Virginia Cumley, Jim Moore and Marilyn Helburg. We appreciate the time which these three individuals shared with Peace Connections, with special thanks to Marilyn Helburg, who has served as volunteer bookkeeper for the past five years at Peace Connections, as well as board treasurer during the past year.

The PC Board is in need of new board members! We'd welcome you to consider investigating whether your interests and skills might align with some of our current needs. Peace Connections is especially hoping to find someone with an accounting background to serve as board treasurer, as well as persons interested in the advocacy of this organization and fund development.

**Welcome to Karen Dickson!** Karen has agreed to volunteer as Peace Connections' bookkeeper, and help us manage our Giftworks and Quicken computer programs. We are grateful for the enthusiasm she brings.

# Power up for summer food & activities!

It is time to gear up for the 6th annual Kids Summer Food & Activities Program! Once again the number of children in Newton schools receiving free or reduced lunches has increased – up to 55% this year. Peace Connections is eager to help families access nutritious food for their children through the summer months.

The Kids Summer Food & Activities Program offers free meals (breakfast and lunch daily) to all Newton children and youth ages 1-18 during the months of June and July. Learning activities are available to school-age children on four mornings a week. Scholarships for adult caregivers (often single moms) and busing are important components. The program also provides summer jobs for cooks and coordinators.

USD 373 of Newton is a key partner in this effort. Their staff plans and prepares the meals, coordinates USDA funding, and provides the site for the program's use. Along with the help of volunteers and donations from community members, churches and area businesses, nearly 10,000 meals have been served each summer over the past several years!

We are pleased to have already received a grant from the Women's Community Fund of Newton towards adult caregiver scholarships and activity program supplies/instruction. Your help is also requested to make this important community effort an ongoing success! *We want to partner with you to help meet the needs of Newton's children and families through:*

- **Financial gifts** – individual gifts, special offerings from churches, donations from community groups and businesses,
- **Volunteer** – Share your time throughout the summer. The schedule is very flexible – sign up for what dates/times suit you best. (Training will be offered and is required for volunteers-see calendar on page 6.)
- **Publicity** – help us spread the word that summer meals are available in our community. Email us or drop by Peace Connections for informational fliers to share. Encourage others to volunteer and share their time this summer!



## BOOK & GIFT SHOP



**Windmills** - handmade in Hutchinson. Two sizes - \$15 & \$20.

**Mugs with Quotes-**  
\$9.50

Yesterday is History.  
Tomorrow is Mystery.  
Today is a Gift.



- Eleanor Roosevelt

**Many special events are coming up... stop by Peace Connections for a unique gift!**

- ◆ **Graduations:** "Advice from" t-shirts, mugs
- ◆ **Mother's Day:** therapeutic pillows, jewelry, candles
- ◆ **Father's Day:** windmills, CDs, books
- ◆ **Weddings & Anniversaries:** oil lamps, wind chimes, gift of a tree

*We also give a **gift certificate** in the amount of your choice from Peace Connections!*

**IINK cartridge sales** have been discontinued at Peace Connections. IINK is looking for another location in Newton at which to sell their cartridges in the future.

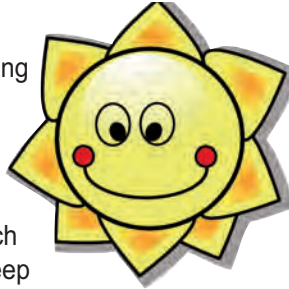
## Giving Garden Gears Up

Potatoes were planted in March. Many thanks to the 1st Presbyterian Church's youth group for their donation of seed potatoes and part of a garden cultivator! Donations to the Garden are always welcome - currently the Garden is in need of a garden shed. Also towards the end of last year we experienced a major increase in the water bill; contributions to Peace Connections towards this expense are appreciated. Volunteers to work in the Garden are also welcome - contact Scott Eckert at the Harvey County Extension Office at 316-284-6930 for more information.

# SPRING CALENDAR

## APRIL

**Circles community meetings** are being held on **Tuesdays**, 6:30 - 8 pm at the First United Methodist Church. The first Tuesday of each month features an educational topic, and the fourth Tuesday is the Big View meeting, which explores and works on barriers that keep people right here in Harvey County from having enough resources. (The second Tuesday is reserved for Ally and Circle Leader meetings and the third Tuesday is reserved for the Guiding Coalition meeting.)



**Harvey County Kid Fest** will be held on **April 2**, 10 am -1 pm at Sunset Elementary, Boyd & Broadway, Newton. Kid Fest offers a variety of booths with information on resources in our community. Peace Connections will have Kids Summer Food Program information available and offer an activity for kids.

**Peace Connections Board** meeting will be **April 7**, 7 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

**Heartland Peace Tax** group will meet at 12:30 pm, Sunday, **April 10**, for a brown bag lunch at the home of Susan Balzer, 217 W Smith Street in Hesston. Local peace and justice issues are on the agenda, and anyone is welcome.

**Summer Food Program Volunteer Training** - April 21 & 28, 5:30-6:00 pm.

## MAY

**Circles community meetings** will be held on **Tuesdays**, 6:30-8 pm at the First United Methodist Church. See info. under April.

**Peace Connections Board** meeting will be **May 5**, 7 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

**Summer Food Program Volunteer Training** - May 3, 5:30-6:00 pm.

## JUNE

**Circles community meetings** will be held on **Tuesdays**, 6:30-8 pm at the First United Methodist Church. See info. under April.

**Kids Summer Food & Activity Program** - dates and times to be announced. See article on page 5 for information on how you can help!

**Peace Connections Board** meeting will be **June 2**, 7 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

### We are grateful to:

- ◆ Marlene Smucker, Leann Toews, Stan Bohn, Cay Siebert, Ruby Moore, Jeanette Stucky, Cathy Anderson & John McGee for help on Saturdays and other times when staff was out of the office
- ◆ Those who have provided food for the Circles® Tuesday evening gatherings
- ◆ Those who attended our Annual Meeting and made contributions
- ◆ Marjean Harris for coordinating the Annual Meeting plans
- ◆ The *Newton Kansan* for printing the daily practices for the Season of Nonviolence



**Thanks and congratulations to Tyler Prochaska**, who wrote an award-winning article on poverty in Newton in the Newton High School paper, the *Newtonian*. The article, which included information from an interview with Myrna Krehbiel about Circles®, received 1st place in a statewide monthly high school journalism competition against all other schools in Kansas. It is the first time in several years that a *Newtonian* journalist has taken first! An excerpt follows:

"In the shadows of Newton's seemingly prosperous exterior, there is a second Newton. A Newton where homelessness and poverty are widespread. For many who lack basic resources and have little or no connections to the community, this is where they are forced to live.

This is the picture of Newton that has emerged for Myrna Krehbiel after her time spent directing Peace Connections, a non-profit organization in Newton that coordinates several programs for the impoverished. Krehbiel said poverty often goes unnoticed in Newton, even though it is more common than many may think.

'[People] don't see [poverty] because they don't want to or they don't see the signs,' she said.'

# How will you invest this year in...

*“Thriving Communities sustained by social justice and compassion.”*

Peace Connections celebrates the successes in 2010, which you have helped make possible: a strong Circles® of Hope initiative, nearly 10,000 summer meals for community children, resources and training on peace-related topics, support of the Giving Garden, a presence on Main Street and much more!

Thank you to individuals and groups who chose to invest time and resources in the peace-building efforts coordinated by Peace Connections.

As we look forward to what can be accomplished during 2011, it is notable that Peace Connections depends heavily on contributions from our individual donors, as well as, supporting churches (approximately ¾ from individuals & ¼ from churches). Donations, along with gift shop income, allowed us to just meet our budget in 2010.

The Peace Connections operating budget for 2011 is \$48,300 (not including special programs, as Circles® of Hope or the Kids Summer Food Program.) Our important community programs only move forward if we have the foundation from which to work. You are making a difference for many people in this community and beyond when you invest in Peace Connections' mission to:

- **building resources within families and communities,**
- **teaching and practicing nonviolence, and**
- **nurturing personal and spiritual well-being.**

*We invite you to consider sending in your pledge using the form below; a donation envelope is included for your monthly, quarterly, or yearly gift.*



On-line donations are welcome! Just visit our website at [www.peaceconnections.org](http://www.peaceconnections.org) and click on the donate button on our welcome page. Donate with your credit card through our PayPal account.

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I/We pledge an annual gift to support the **mission of Peace Connections** in 2011 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid as indicated below.

- In full now (check enclosed).
- Payable by December 31, 2011 as follows: \_\_\_\_ Semiannual; \_\_\_\_ Quarterly; \_\_\_\_ Monthly

I/We pledge to support Peace Connections **Endowment Fund** in 2011 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid as indicated below.

- In full now (check enclosed).
- Payable by December 31, 2011 as follows: \_\_\_\_ Semiannual; \_\_\_\_ Quarterly; \_\_\_\_ Monthly

I/We pledge to volunteer our **Time** at Peace Connections in 2011 – my interests include \_\_\_\_\_.

Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donors may be acknowledged in Peace Connections publications. **If you would prefer your donations to be anonymous, please check here** \_\_\_\_.



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**Vision: Thriving communities sustained by social justice and compassion.**

**“Where Your Income Tax Money Really Goes”** insert is provided by Heartland Peace Tax Fund group. This group meets monthly – contact Stan Bohn for more information.

Live in the present.  
Do all things that need to be done.  
Do all the good you can each day.  
The future will unfold.

--Peace Pilgrim

**Peace Connections partners with others to:**

- ▶ **build resources within families and communities**
- ▶ **teach and practice nonviolence**
- ▶ **nurture personal and spiritual well-being**

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# WHERE YOUR **INCOME TAX** MONEY REALLY GOES

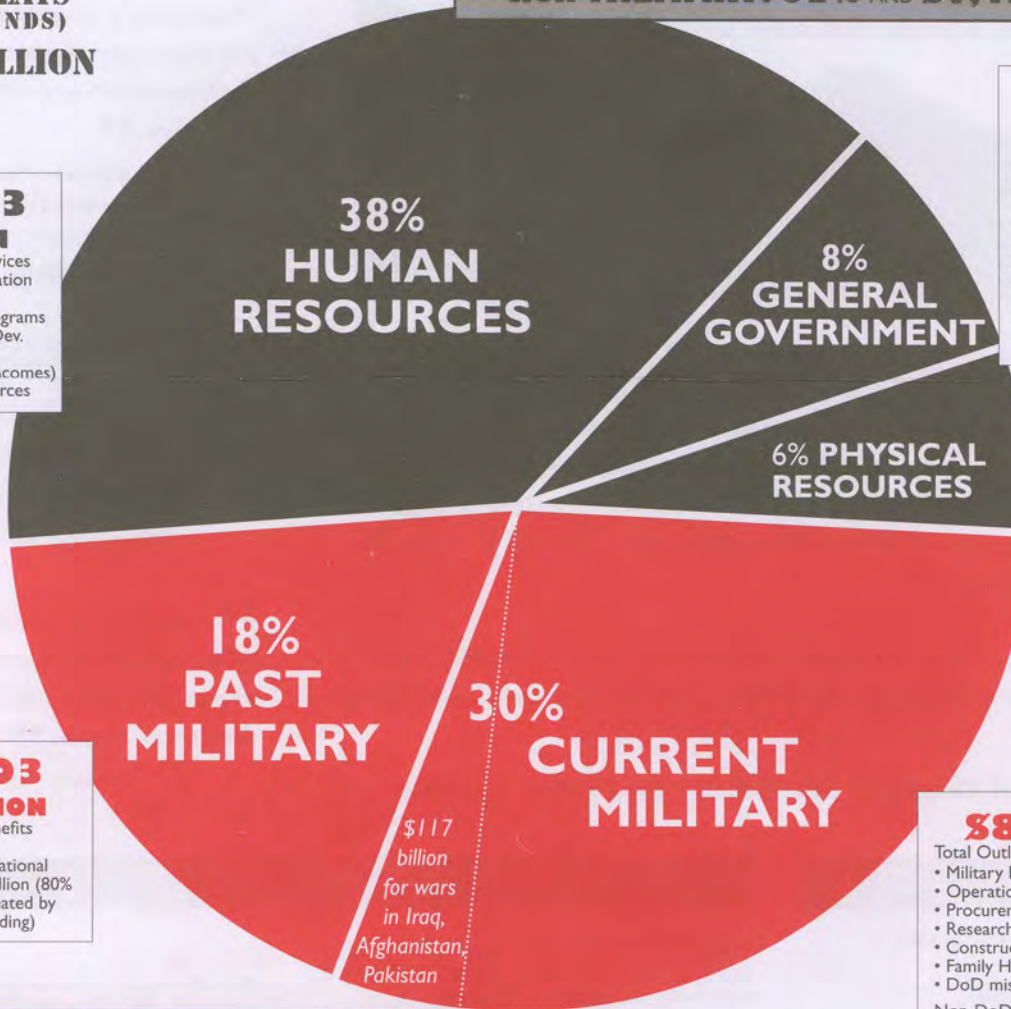
U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET **2012** FISCAL YEAR

**TOTAL OUTLAYS (FEDERAL FUNDS)**  
**\$2,847 BILLION**

**Non-MILITARY: 52% AND \$1,475 BILLION**

**\$1,093 BILLION**

- Health/Human Services
- Soc. Sec. Administration
- Education Dept.
- Food/Nutrition programs
- Housing & Urban Dev.
- Labor Dept.
- Tax Credits (lower incomes)
- other human resources



**\$218 BILLION**

- Treasury, incl. 20% interest on debt (\$95B)
- Government personnel
- Justice Dept.
- State Dept. (partial)
- International Affairs
- NASA (50%)
- Judicial
- Legislative
- Allowances (proposals)
- other general govt.

**\$164 BILLION**

- Agriculture
- Interior
- Transportation
- Homeland Security (\$10B)
- HUD
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- Environmental Protection
- Nat. Science Fdn.
- Army Corps Engineers
- Fed. Comm. Commission
- other physical resources

**\$503 BILLION**

- Veterans' Benefits \$123 billion
- Interest on national debt \$380 billion (80% est. to be created by military spending)

**\$869 BILLION**

Total Outlays DoD \$707 billion:

- Military Personnel \$159 billion
- Operation & Maint. \$302 billion
- Procurement \$134 billion
- Research & Dev. \$78 billion
- Construction \$19 billion
- Family Housing \$3 billion
- DoD misc. \$12 billion

Non-DoD military spending includes:<sup>1</sup>

- Retiree Pay/Healthcare \$67 billion
- DoE nuke weapons/clean up \$20 billion
- NASA (50%) \$9 billion
- Internl. Security Asst. \$16 billion
- Homeland Secur. (military) \$36 billion
- State Dept. (partial) \$4 billion
- FBI military \$7 billion
- other \$3 billion

<sup>1</sup> analysis includes non-DoD activity based on coding and on the military nature of the activity, such as armed agents on flights, border control, DoD space flights, etc.

**MILITARY: 48% AND \$1,372 BILLION**

## HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

“Current military” includes Dept. of Defense (\$707 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in current military box above (\$162 billion). “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.\* For further explanation, please go to [www.warresisters.org](http://www.warresisters.org).

These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the *Analytical Perspectives* book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2012*. The figures are federal funds, which do not include trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes. What you pay (or don’t pay) by April 18, 2011, goes to the federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining Trust and Federal funds began during the Vietnam War, thus making the human needs portion of the

budget seem larger and the military portion smaller.

\*Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems from the military; other groups estimate 50% to 60%. We use 80% because we believe if there had been no military spending most (if not all) of the national debt would have been eliminated.

### The Government's Deception

The pie chart (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and the expenses of past military spending are not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph.

Source: 1040 Forms and Instructions 2010, Federal Outlays for FY 2009



# THE PERMANENT WAR ECONOMY



SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Defense, National Defense Budget Estimates for FY 2011, Table 6-11—DoD Outlays by Appropriation; Budget of the United States for FY 2012: Analytical Perspectives, Table 33-1—Federal Programs by Agency and Account

“The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — not to mention the Pentagon’s voracious appetite for expensive weapons systems — have been a gold mine for the Big Five.”

- 1 Lockheed Martin
- 2 General Dynamics
- 3 Raytheon
- 4 Northrop-Grumman
- 5 Boeing

“From Pentagon, a Buy Rating on Contractors,” Joe Nocera, *New York Times*, Feb. 11, 2011

While local governments cut teachers, firefighters, senior centers, and other essential services, military contractors are laughing all the way to the bank. On Jan. 17, 2011, media attention was given to the 50th anniversary of former President and General Dwight D. Eisenhower’s warning that “we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex.” Today Congress is part of that complex, with money and staff flowing back and forth between Congressional offices and corporations.

“[O]ur analysis suggests that there is no battlefield solution to terrorism.”

“How Terrorist Groups End,” Rand Corp. (rand.org), 2008

“Together we must learn how to compose differences, not with arms, but with intellect and decent purpose.”

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jan. 17, 1961

**Ready for a change? See below and take action!**

## CAMPAIGNS

**New Priorities Network** (national)  
newprioritiesnetwork.org

**True Cost of War** (national)  
mfso.org

**Healthcare Not Warfare** (national)  
pdamerica.org/get-active/healthcare-not-warfare-campaign

**CODE PINK: Bring Our War \$\$ Home** (national), codepink.org

**Campaign to Bring Our War \$\$ Home** (ME)  
bringourwardollarshome.org

**Bring the \$Billion\$ Home** (Seattle)  
wwfor.org

**Peace Economy Project** (St. Louis)  
peaceeconomyproject.org

**25 Percent Solution** (Boston)  
25percentsolution.com

**Campaign for Smart Security** (PA)  
smartsecuritypa.org

**25 Teachers’ Salaries** (CA)  
25teacherssalaries.org

**Our Funds** (MD)  
ourfunds.org

**Global Day of Action on Military Spending** (international), demilitarize.org

... or start your own campaign!

source: defundwar.org

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

• **Leaflet** with this flyer now, on Tax Day — **April 18, 2011** — and in the months before a new budget is passed in October.

• **Write elected officials and local newspapers. Send them copies of this flyer.** Demand that the Pentagon budget be slashed.

• **Protest with your money!** Sign up at **wartax boycott.org**. Refuse to pay all or part of your federal income tax. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10, or a percentage—send a letter to elected officials and tell them why. Though illegal, thousands of people openly participate in this form of protest. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you. Contribute resisted tax money to organizations that support the common good.

• Watch **Death & Taxes**, a 30-min. film featuring war tax resisters from across the country. Online at [nwtccc.org/deathandtaxes.php](http://nwtccc.org/deathandtaxes.php).

• For more about **refusing to pay for war**, contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215, (800) 269-7464, [nwtccc.org](http://nwtccc.org). Support the Peace Tax Fund bill: [peacetaxfund.org](http://peacetaxfund.org).

• **Support military personnel who refuse to fight** in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information see [ivaw.org](http://ivaw.org) or [gights热线.org](http://gights热线.org). Call the GI Rights Hotline if you are in the military and need help: (877) 447-4487.

## RESOURCES

• Additional copies of this leaflet are available for 10¢ each (1-199), 7¢ each (200 - 499), 6¢ each (500+) plus 20% postage or call for exact amount.

• For sample brochures and resources on war tax resistance, send a self-addressed stamped (61¢) envelope to War Resisters League at the New York address below.

• *War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military*, 144-page handbook with history, methods and resources. \$15 plus \$4.95 priority mail; \$3 media mail.

## LOCAL CONTACT:

If no group is listed, check for a WRL chapter on the website below, or start your own. Contact WRL for more information.

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