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True Peace: The Presence of Justice

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True peace is not merely the absence of war; it is the presence of justice. — Jane Addams

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What constitutes true peace?

Jane Addams was at the forefront of the women's international peace movement. In a radical and transformative act, she traveled in 1915 along with over 1500 women to the Hague in the Netherlands to oppose World War I for the first International Women's Congress.

Women from enemy nations united at the Hague Congress in an unprecedented action to demand peace. They issued a series of 20 resolutions urging governments to employ mediation. Delegations of women brovely moved through war-torn areas in Europe to persuade officials, to learn more about what was happening in the war and to report on was not being covered by the media. Their hope was to expose and eliminate the causes of war.

After World War I ended in 1919, delegates formed the Women's international League of Peace and Freedom (WILPF). Founder of the Women's Peace Party, Jane Addams served as the first President of WILPF until 1929 and presided over six of the organization's international conferences.

WILPF members denounced the worldwide nation of the patriatic, patriaticitial nation-state and the nationalistic views that actively fueled wor. They believed that peace would never be achieved without social, economic and gender justice. They sought peace in the form of democracy, decolonization, women's rights, human rights and civil rights.

What does international women's peace organizing look like today?

Artist-activists, Sarah-Ji and Monica Trinidad share their photographic and print work that documents Chicago activism around a range of nationally recognized causes within the past ten years. They have created art for and from the many civil and human rights campaigns in which they participated, including anti-militarization of the police and police brutality, education justice, mental health advocacy, prison abolition, trans and gender non-conforming liberation, the struggle for Black Lives, Indigenous land rights, immigration rights and many more. Their work demonstrates that most grassroots struggles in Chicago continue to be led and energized by the organizing efforts of women and queer communities of color, and that the contemporary fight for peace is rooted in the fight for racial, economic and gender justice.







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