#### Logic of Love News for July 2020 - Seeking Lasting Change

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# <u>President's Corner: Seeking answers for lasting change</u>

Dear friends.

Surrounded still by the global pandemic as well as racial tensions and unrest here in America, we can no longer deny social ills which have been with us for a long time, but which we have often conveniently ignored.

In this issue we feature thought-provoking articles to that effect, for the sake of creating awareness, but also with the clear goal in mind to seek and find positive solutions and outcomes for a better future for us all.

For that to happen, we feel the answers for lasting change lie within. They lie within the lenses we choose to see things with, and the heart of humility we choose to have to appreciate and learn from our differences instead of seeing them as obstacles...

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## WFWP Ohio Underground Railroad Project: Creating Quilts for Peace

"Never give up, for that is the place and time that the tide will turn." Harriet Beecher Stowe

In 2018, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, visited Goree Island during a conference for peace in Senegal. This place was where thousands of slaves were loaded onto ships, like cargo, never to see their homes again. Many lost their lives on the treacherous sea crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Mother Moon prayed for the liberation of all the tormented souls who perished during the 400 years of slave trade. That prayer ignited a change in how the world perceives the history of slave trade which has currently culminated in an outpouring of tears for current victims of racial hatred...

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#### WFWP Hackensack NJ shows love in a tangible way

Whenever we think about the state of our nation these days, with widening political divisions and COVID-19 cases rising once more in the United States, it can be all too easy to allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by feelings of helplessness. But each and every day is an opportunity to do something good, to spread love and kindness and bring a smile to a stranger's face. The members of the WFWP chapter in Hackensack, New Jersey, embraced this opportunity and exemplified living by the logic of love through two projects in the month of June.

With a heartfelt desire to show support for the weary and hardworking frontline workers that have been battling COVID-19 for more than three months, WFWP Hackensack members thought long and hard about how to help. We ultimately decided to prepare goodie bags for the staff working in such health facilities to cheer them up and give them some encouragement. We realize it takes a certain bravery to get up every morning and go to work in a place where people are facing serious illness and worse...

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# WFWP Montana engages in discussions on self worth and celebrates life

WFWP Montana Representative Marguerite Felig organized two recent events in Billings, one virtual and one small in-person gathering, in an effort to spread positive inspiration and remind us to treasure ourselves during these uncertain times.

Here we are, men and women, boys and girls, and grandmas and grandpas held in isolation since March 2020. We are in need of inspiration not of our own making! Virtual media, like a long, long selfie stick, stretches far beyond my small and now extremely finite four walls. I've finally found some good ways to engage in one-on-one connections, and group meet-ups. If you're like our Billings, Montana individuals and families, just invite Zoom and other social distancing platforms to add a welcome, timely intervention. As many users are already aware, they're free and relatively easy to use...

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# "Love and Compassion are necessities, not luxuries"

This guest article by Miambi Mutandwa is part of a new initiative by WFWP Logic of Love News to feature the voices of African American women and give them a platform to share their thoughts and feelings about the growing awareness of racial injustice and what is needed to work towards peace and reconciliation

"Love and Compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." As I reflect on everything that is going on in the world, this quote from the Dalai Lama becomes more important.

Everyone wishes for peace and love during times of turmoil. When we are comfortable, we tend to forget that we are living in an imperfect, unfair world. We have become desensitized to the struggles of others and overly focused on ourselves. When we are desensitized to the struggles of others it is easy to dismiss or minimize their cry out for help...

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### WFWP Colorado Interreligious Sharing Series: Racial Healing

Together with her husband Antonio, WFWP Colorado Representative Gale Alves hosts a regular Interreligious Sharing Series that brings together people of various faith backgrounds for honest discussions around thought-provoking questions. The gatherings have moved online for the time being due to social distancing recommendations, and the most recent discussion addressed the racial injustice that is currently gaining widespread attention.

On June 10th, 2020, eight participants gathered on Zoom for the Interreligious Sharing Series hosted by Gale and Antonio Alves to talk about the racial explosion in the United States and to offer their insights for racial healing. The diverse group from Colorado included representatives of the Baha'i Faith, young missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, a Christian pastor and members of Women's Federation for World Peace and its sister organization Universal Peace Federation (UPF)...

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### **Exciting update: Support the art kit project by Art B Cause**

In an April edition of Logic of Love News, we reported on a creative initiative by Rhonda Williams, founder of Art B Cause and a Global Friend of WFWP USA. Since March 2020, she has been designing and producing art kits for children, some of which have been distributed by an elementary school in Virginia, and others are personally delivered by her. The art kits provide hours of fun and creativity for kids at home.

She continues to bring joy to children by producing more than 300 art kits every week, paying for all the materials out of pocket. If you would like to support her work, please visit her <a href="GoFundMe">GoFundMe</a> page. We also invite you to find out more about her project by clicking the "Read More" button below.

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