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## A gift in your will ensures our work continues for generations to come.

As AFSC responds to the injustices of today—especially in this time of pandemic—we are grateful to generous supporters from years past who had the foresight to include AFSC in their estate plans.

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A protest in Washington, D.C., part of nationwide demonstrations following the police murder of George Floyd. Photo: Carl Roose/AFSC

**I**n a year with pandemic and protests, I know many people want to get back to “normal life.” With so much that is uncertain today, it’s only natural. But now is not a time for a return to the old ways, now is a time to create a better future.

The old days were not “normal” for many of us. They were grueling.

It should not be normal that some people live with money to burn while others struggle to find food and housing. It should not be normal that the color of your skin or your place of birth plays such a strong, determining role in your health, job opportunities, and how you are treated by the government and society. It should not be normal that our governments have unlimited resources for weapons and few for public health and education. It should

not be normal that millions of people around the world are displaced from their homes by violence and lack of livelihoods. And, it cannot be normal to live in a way that makes our planet uninhabitable.

Maya Angelou once wrote, “History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived; but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.”

I am emboldened by the people challenging oppressive systems and calling for racial and economic justice. I am blessed to know so many peacebuilders around the world who are working persistently to ensure that the future after this pandemic is a better, more resilient one.

Thank you for supporting AFSC and being a part of our global community. Together, I am confident that we are making

important progress toward sustainability, peace, and justice. I hope the updates in this magazine find you and your family well, and I hope you are proud to be a part of our courageous community that is facing history and building a better future.



In peace,

Joyce Ajlouny  
General Secretary

# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

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The U.S. Postal Service released a forever stamp honoring Japanese American artist **Ruth Asawa**, whose family had been forced into internment during World War II. AFSC helped Ruth attend college through a scholarship, and in 1947, she participated in a work camp in Mexico that was influential to her artistic development.

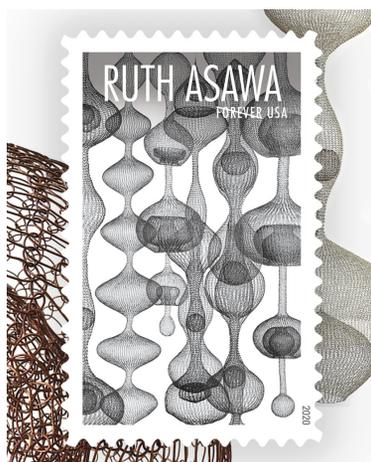


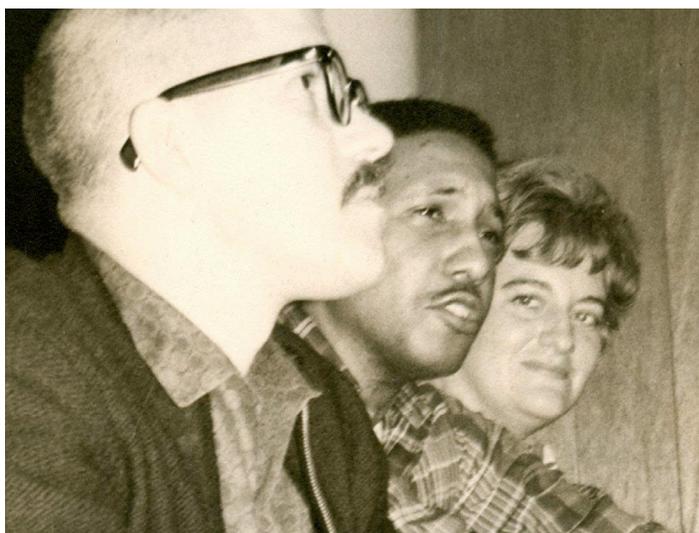
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Elle.com recently featured **Shirien Damra**, who worked for AFSC in Chicago as the Middle East Program associate. Her powerful art—created in solidarity with Black communities—has been highlighted and shared by many on Instagram and other social media.

Civil rights activist **Connie Curry** died June 20 in Greensboro, North Carolina. From 1964 to 1975, Connie was AFSC's field representative in Mississippi and Alabama, working to end segregation in schools. She continued her activism in Georgia, working to address racial injustice in the criminal legal system.



Connie Curry (far right), pictured with Roy Maurer (far left) and Bernard Lafayette (middle).

For more than 50 years, **Graciela Martinez** supported efforts to uphold the rights and dignity of farmworkers and worked with AFSC's Proyecto Campesino (Farm Labor Program) in Visalia, California, for many years. She died on Aug. 1.



Photo: Eduardo Stanley/AFSC

**Bonnyclaire Smith-Stewart** is making a documentary titled "Beyond the Mason," chronicling her experience with AFSC's Southern Student Project. From the late 1950s to the '70s, the project connected Southern Black students with host families in the north to complete their high school years.

**Owen Newlin**, who passed away in July, volunteered with AFSC in Europe after World War II. He went on to work in the newly formed Central region, establishing the Colorado area committee and an open-occupancy housing program in response to housing discrimination in Des Moines.

Do you have news to share? Email us at [alumni@afsc.org](mailto:alumni@afsc.org)!

# News from around AFSC



Day of Action at General Mills headquarters in Minnesota. Photo: Emma Leigh Sron

## We're boycotting Pillsbury. Here's why you should join us.

Corporations should not operate in ways that contribute to gross human rights violations. But food giant General Mills is doing just that by manufacturing Pillsbury products in an illegal Israeli settlement in the occupied Palestinian territory. Earlier this year, a U.N. report named General Mills in its list of companies involved in Israel's illegal settlement activities—one of only seven U.S. companies on that list.

As consumers, each of us has the power to help influence corporate behavior—by boycotting products and letting the company know why. That's why AFSC in coalition with community partners launched the “No Dough for the Occupation” campaign this summer, calling on General Mills to respect Palestinian rights and stop operating in illegal settlements. To date, more than 10,000 people have joined the campaign.

Will you join our efforts? Here are three things you can do today:

- Send a letter to the CEO of General Mills at [boycottpillsbury.org](http://boycottpillsbury.org).
- Don't buy Pillsbury products until the company stops its production in an illegal settlement in the occupied Palestinian territory.
- Get others involved. Ask your family and friends, congregation, community groups, and others you know to contact General Mills and stop buying Pillsbury products until they make a change.

—Noam Perry, Economic Activism associate

 **MORE:** [boycottpillsbury.org](http://boycottpillsbury.org)

## New e-course helps white people of faith learn how to deepen work for racial justice

After the police murder of George Floyd, people of conscience of all ethnicities joined Black Lives Matter protests in Minneapolis and across the U.S.

AFSC staff working in the Twin Cities witnessed this response—and saw that white people of faith needed support in deepening their skills for working to end white supremacy. They proposed and co-designed an eight-part e-course, led by AFSC's Friends Relations Director Lucy Duncan and Friends Lisa Graustein and Mila Hamilton. More than 500 Quakers and people of faith took part.

The course, titled “Radical Acting in Faith for White People,” helps white people learn to more effectively support movements for racial justice, including in following the leadership of Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), speaking effectively to interrupt racist speech, and engaging in nonviolent direct action.

*Interested in listening to webinar recordings and reviewing materials?*

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Photo: Carl Roose/AFSC



Activists deliver more than 300,000 petition signatures, urging ICE to keep families together.  
Photo: Matthew Paul D'Agostino

## How to advocate effectively for immigrant rights

For years, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have separated loved ones, caused hundreds of deaths, and terrorized our communities—all with our taxpayer dollars.

Working with the Defund Hate coalition, AFSC is advocating for Congress to cut funding for ICE and CBP—and instead invest in health care, education, and programs that benefit us all. Recently our coalition conducted a national study to determine which messages will help build broader public support for defunding ICE and CBP.

We hope the findings will help activists and supporters communicate with lawmakers, write letters to the editor, and talk with family and friends about this issue. Here are a few of those tips:

- DO lead with the importance of treating all people with dignity and respect. Messages that lead with this shared value can help persuade a broad audience.
- DO use specific examples of ICE and CBP's abuses, such as that they tear children away from their parents.
- DO emphasize ICE and CBP's astronomical budget, which was over \$25 billion dollars this year.
- DO emphasize that tax dollars could be better spent on programs that benefit us all, like health care and jobs.
- DO describe your vision for a humane immigration system that does not jail people.

 FOR MORE ON OUR FINDINGS, VISIT: [afsc.org/defund-hate](https://afsc.org/defund-hate)

—Beth Hallowell, director of research and analytics

## AFSC in the media

AFSC staff are working hard to make change on the ground—and in the news. Here are some of the highlights:

### On the Supreme Court decision to uphold DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

“Tomorrow we wake up just as committed to pushing for what we want: full citizenship.”

—Itzel Hernandez, AFSC immigrant rights organizer, for USA Today

### On election violence

“Using the criteria developed from our research, there are clear warnings that the U.S. election may see disruptions in November, including possible violence. The good news is that we can use the same pro-democracy methods that have worked elsewhere.”

—Kerri Kennedy, associate general secretary for international programs, for Newsweek

### On bystander intervention when we witness harassment in public

“We have food in the supermarkets because they [farmworkers] are out there working. We owe it to our community to come through in times of need. That’s why we are here doing all we can in getting aid even though we continue to work for policy change and community organizing.”

—Lis-Marie Alvarado, program director of AFSC in Florida, for the Miami Herald

## Q + A

**Sahar Vardi**

Israel Program manager



Photo: Nathaniel Doubleday/AFSC

**Throughout history, governments have exploited crises to introduce dangerous, authoritarian policies. We look at how that's happening in this pandemic in countries around the world.**

**Q:** *In recent years, the rise of far-right governments has led to more measures targeting voices of dissent, making it increasingly difficult for civil society organizations and activists to mobilize. What are we seeing now with COVID-19?*

**A:** Governments and authorities on both local and national levels have been implementing extreme emergency measures under cover of responding to the virus. Examples include Hungary, which has moved toward allowing the administration to completely override the legislative branch, and the Philippines, which has passed a so-called “anti-terrorism law,” which in effect allows for the criminalization of most political opposition.

Governments using crises to pass and normalize harmful policies is not new, but COVID-19 is giving them the opportunity to do it with little international attention and pressure—and reduced ability for communities to mobilize.

**Q:** *These are measures that don't address the public health crisis and, in some cases, exacerbate them.*

**A:** For sure. One example is any policy that would further criminalize people and lead to their arrest and imprisonment. With COVID-19 rampant in prisons, jails, and detention centers, any form

of incarceration—politically motivated or not—is not in the interest of public health.

We're also seeing governments continue to demolish homes and communities—in Kenya, in Israel and Palestine, and elsewhere—at a time when people are being told to shelter at home.

**Q:** *What is the impact of these policies?*

**A:** One phenomenon is increasing technological surveillance, especially when it comes to contact tracing. Digital surveillance based on geolocation is an easy measure for states to implement to track the spread of the virus. While there's a clear appeal in knowing where infected people were, are, and will be—and who they've come in contact with—this raises important questions of privacy and surveillance by our governments.

A year ago, if governments said they wanted to spy on citizens—even for public health reasons—there would have been public outrage and protests. But this is becoming normalized, so whenever the pandemic is over, governments can continue what they're doing and there won't be that outrage, because public outrage doesn't usually happen in retrospect.

We're also seeing an increase in the militarization of police—including the use of actual military in policing positions—as well as increased police brutality, which governments justify as protection of society. In places like Hong Kong and the Philippines, laws are being put into place that have no time limit. So when COVID-19 is done, this becomes the new reality.

**Q:** *What is being done to oppose these dangerous policies?*

**A:** Early in the pandemic, the United Nations issued a statement advising states to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic responsibly, in ways that respect human rights—including limiting the amount of information governments collect through contact tracing, setting clear and short time limits for these policies, and ensuring medical professionals are part of government decision-making processes. That was an important step.

There are a few examples where legal challenges have stopped some of these policies. Here in Israel, a policy on cell phone tracking was very much limited by the Supreme Court because of appeals from civil society. On the grassroots level, we're seeing mass protests around the world and more creative ways to protest—online, through car rallies. At the same time, people continue to peacefully protest in the streets—using social distancing and masks—despite crackdowns by governments.

Today, it's important that we do all we can to oppose these dangerous government regulations. We cannot allow these tools to be normalized. We must carefully monitor them and make clear that they cannot be used to suppress civil liberties, so we can mobilize and demand their lift once the crisis is over. For this, we can use social media and other online platforms to keep a conversation going, raise awareness of these dangers, and make sure our authorities know that we're paying attention.

# Caring for each other during COVID-19

How AFSC supporters worldwide are helping their communities—and each other—through the pandemic.

As the pandemic took hold last winter, AFSC staff, volunteers, and partners responded quickly with initiatives to help thousands of people meet immediate needs.

Recognizing that COVID-19 magnifies the injustices of our world, they connected those efforts with work for transformative systemic change.

Here are just some of the community initiatives made possible by the AFSC community:

## Delivering hygiene kits to Palestinian elders

Many Palestinians living under Israeli occupation have difficulty accessing health care, water, and other essentials—conditions that are especially dangerous in a pandemic.

AFSC's decades-long history in the region positioned us to work with partners to distribute hygiene kits to approximately 1,000 seniors in Gaza and the West Bank—while continuing to advocate for an end to the Gaza blockade and the recognition of the rights of all Palestinians. "I consider your help to be a form of solidarity. I am happy that there are still people who think of us. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart," says Mariam Al-Mashwakh (pictured), a senior in Rafah.

Photo: Khalil Abu Yehya





Photo: Khalil Rubén Barrera



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Photo: Adam Barkan

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## Providing food assistance to community members in El Salvador

El Salvador has struggled with the pandemic while continuing to face a range of issues, including violence, deep poverty, and—in late May—devastating floods and landslides. Since then, AFSC and partners have assisted dozens of families in Mejicanos, Sonsonate, and Tonacatepeque—areas of El Salvador where we have long supported young people working to build peace in their communities. Since this summer, these young leaders have helped deliver food packages and hygiene kits to community members to help them stay healthy and well in these challenging times.

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## Protecting health care workers in Zimbabwe

When the first COVID-19 cases appeared in Zimbabwe, many health care workers went on strike because of the lack of personal protective equipment (PPE). To ensure more workers could safely return to treating patients, AFSC—in partnership with the Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights—coordinated the purchase and delivery of PPE to Gweru Infectious Diseases Hospital in the country’s third-largest city. We also provided supplies to district hospitals in three more provinces, where we supported local peacebuilders in educating community members on public health practices.

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## Safeguarding partners in Indonesia

In this pandemic, many of the local organizations we partner with were among those needing support to weather the crisis. In Yogyakarta, Aceh, and East Timor, we worked with these partners to distribute food, medical and hygiene supplies, and other items to their staff, volunteers, and community members—so they could meet their immediate needs as they continued their peacebuilding work. “When we heard the news that we would get self-care aid ... we felt very happy because it was like a ray of hope to continue our lives,” said Tri Noviana, program manager at an AFSC partner organization in Yogyakarta.

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## Supporting communities across the U.S.

Since the start of the pandemic, AFSC has worked with communities across the U.S. to launch a host of community initiatives—including a Farm to Food Bank project in New Mexico, an eviction prevention hotline in Atlanta, COVID-19 testing for migrant farm workers in Florida, and advocacy for removing barriers to food assistance and other safety net programs in West Virginia. AFSC was among the first organizations to advocate for the protection of people in U.S. prisons, jails, and detention centers from COVID-19. Thousands of supporters have sent messages to public officials while our legal team supported several successful petitions for release.

# FREE THEM ALL!

Why we must get people out of prisons, jails, and detention centers in this pandemic—and work toward a future without incarceration.

## LEWIS WEBB, JR.

*Healing Justice Director (New York)*

## KRISTIN KUMPF

*Director of Human Migration and Mobility*



An action in front of Elizabeth Detention Center in New Jersey. Photo: Ester Jove Soligue

“ **WE WANT TO SEE EVERYONE RELEASED  
SO THEY CAN REUNITE WITH THEIR LOVED ONES  
AND SAFELY PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT HOME.** ”

—CHIA-CHIA WANG, ORGANIZING AND ADVOCACY  
DIRECTOR FOR AFSC NEW JERSEY

**P**risons, jails, and detention centers have never been safe places. Human and civil rights violations are rampant, health care is inadequate, and the trauma of confinement takes a toll on the physical and mental health of those who are incarcerated.

With COVID-19, the risks multiply exponentially, making every sentence a potential death sentence. The nature of confinement makes it almost impossible for people to practice social distancing, and lack of access to medical care and basic sanitation supplies have fueled the virus's spread. As of early October, more than 143,243 incarcerated people have tested positive—and at least 1,211 have died, according to The Marshall Project.

Since the start of the pandemic, AFSC offices have been flooded with letters and calls from incarcerated people across the country. We hear over and over, “I don't want to die in here.”

In Michigan, families and loved ones are pleading with their governor for compassionate release as the virus spreads across the state's overcrowded prisons.

In New York, a young filmmaker, Kharon Benson, who works with AFSC, waited for weeks to hear from his dad who was incarcerated, saying, “I just want to know that he's alright.” We hear similar fears from many other young people with incarcerated loved ones.

This spring, AFSC filed a class action lawsuit with partners demanding the release of all immigrant detainees at the Elizabeth Detention Center (EDC), a for-profit immigration jail in New Jersey where, by early May, more than 18 immigrants had tested positive for COVID-19 and at least one worker has died. Our legal staff also supported several individuals in successfully petitioning for release.

“EDC, like other jails, is a tinderbox for people who are detained there, people who work there, and their families and communities,” said Chia-Chia Wang, organizing and advocacy director for AFSC in New Jersey. “We want to see everyone released so they can reunite with their loved ones and safely practice social distancing at home.”

AFSC was also among the first organizations to unite with people across the U.S. under the call to #FreeThemAll, demanding the release of people from incarceration in this pandemic. From Sept. 9 to 13, we sponsored the National Days of Action



Protesters march to Foley Square in New York City. Photo: Echoes of Incarceration

to #FreeThemAll, timed to coincide with the 49th anniversary of the Attica uprising, when more than 2,000 people incarcerated in upstate New York took over the yard of Attica Correctional Facility to protest inhumane conditions and demand freedom, wages, education access, medical care, and more.

During our days of action, hundreds of people took part in in-person and online events across the country, including virtual gatherings to learn more about the powerful call to end all forms of incarceration—while many others marched, drove, flew kites, and covered their neighborhood in posters in vibrant, creative local actions to pressure on decision-makers to free our community members from cages.

So far, more than 13,000 supporters have sent messages to their governors, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the federal Bureau of Prisons, urging them to release people and take other immediate steps to protect those behind bars from the pandemic. But the call to #FreeThemAll is also part of a larger call for racial justice—and a growing movement that is challenging the policies and practices that have led to mass incarceration in this country.

## Giving every person the chance to come home

It can be hard to imagine a world without prisons and jails. We live in a society where we're repeatedly told that incarceration and law enforcement protect us. But if incarceration stopped violence, the U.S. would be the most peaceful country in the world. Instead, the country warehouses 2.3 million people—the vast majority of whom are Black, Brown, and poor people—while doing little to stop harm or help survivors of violence heal.

Over 600,000 of those 2.3 million people are in jails, and the vast majority in jail are pretrial, meaning they have not yet been convicted of a crime. Many are there simply because they don't have enough money to pay bail. More than 30,000 people are held in immigration detention because of cruel and illogical policies that condemn them to incarceration while they wait for their immigration cases to be adjudicated. And the majority—almost 1.3 million people—are held in state prisons, often serving long sentences of decades or more.

No one is served by keeping millions of people in cages—except for-profit prison corporations and other entities that profit from mass incarceration. If poverty, racism, trauma, and lack of access to essential services are some of the primary factors leading to incarceration, it follows that locking people up in places where they will be further traumatized and impoverished simply perpetuates the cycle. We can do better.

That's why AFSC is calling for resources to be directed away from incarceration and invested in transformative forms of justice as well as education, health care, and other institutions that center community well-being.

We want to give all 2.3 million people the opportunity to come home.

## What can we do instead?

AFSC has a long history of supporting prison abolition. In 1978, the Board of Directors approved a minute that read, in part, "The American Friends Service Committee rejects imprisonment as punishment for those whose behavior may be considered criminal. ... This stand is based on our belief in the dignity of all human beings."

In the decades since, we have worked tirelessly alongside incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, people in immigration detention, and families and communities to end inhumane practices and help people navigate the harms of incarceration—from solitary confinement to physical and sexual abuse and other forms of trauma.

We've also worked to build restorative and transformative forms of justice and community-based practices that move away from a framework of crime and punishment and toward a system rooted in accountability and healing. Here are just a few examples of approaches that can make a big difference if implemented on a larger scale:

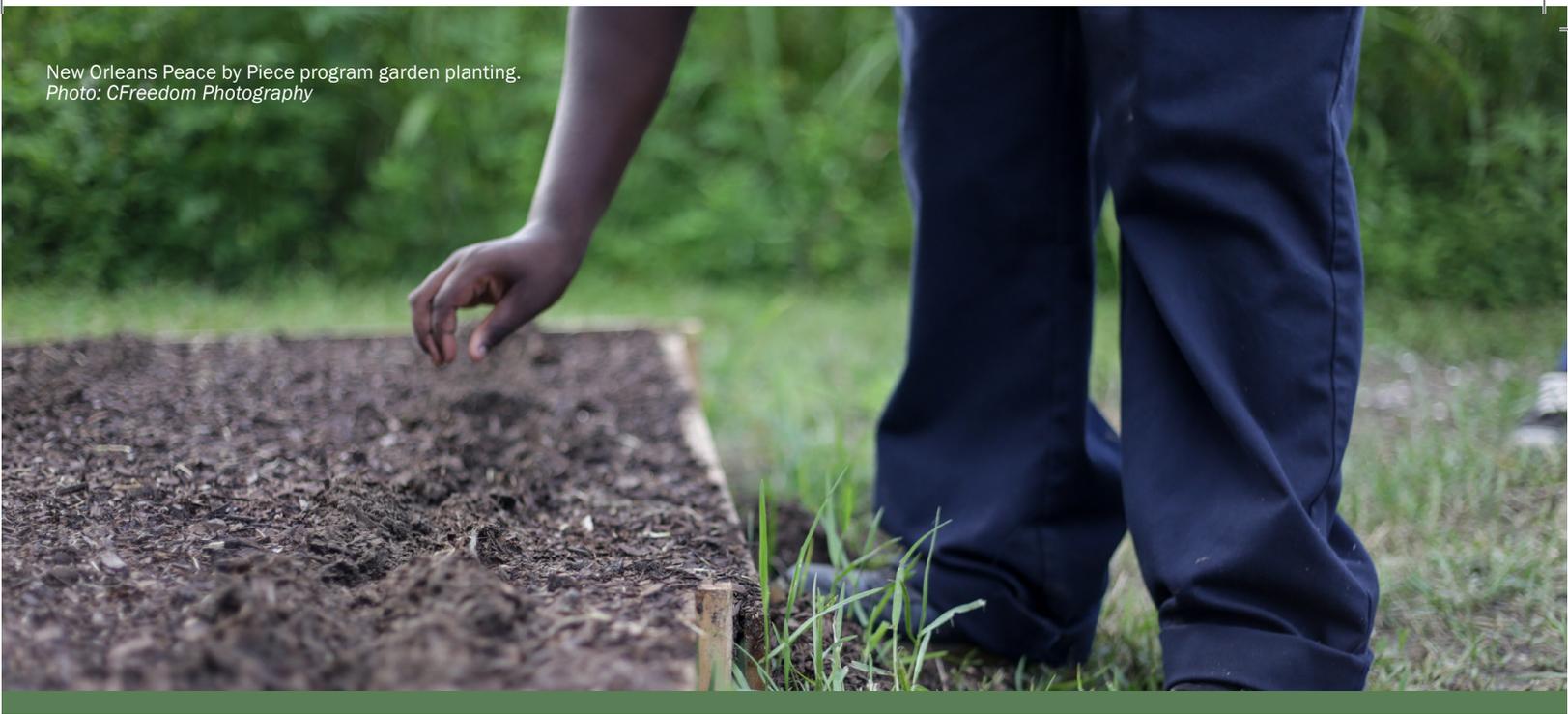
- **Transformative and restorative justice in response to harm:** Transformative and restorative justice processes hold those who cause harm accountable and help survivors of violence heal. Instead of using violent systems to address violence, they address the root causes of what happened with an eye to preventing future harm, centering the needs of those involved and their communities.
- **Mediation and conflict resolution skills for all:** Supporting young people in learning the skills to resolve conflict non-violently is far more effective than having police in schools. When young people are supported, not criminalized, they become leaders in their schools and communities and develop skills that last a lifetime.
- **People's basic needs met:** Ensuring that everyone has access to housing, health care, education, healthy food, employment, environmental protections, and free and accessible addiction and mental health services could go a long way toward addressing the root causes of harmful actions and creating an environment where all people have the resources needed to thrive.
- **Immigration processes based on support, not punishment:** Immigrants are valued members of our communities. They should be given access to the resources and community and legal support they need to adjust their immigration status, not separated from their families, jailed, abused, or deported.
- **Strong emergency response systems that don't involve the police:** In a crisis, we need skilled response teams to respond quickly and help find solutions—for example, people trained in de-escalation and mediation skills, addiction and mental health counselors, and others who can help connect people to the resources they need.

The 2.3 million people now locked up facing the threat—and increasingly the reality—of COVID-19 have families, communities, and loved ones. As COVID-19 continues to reshape many aspects of our lives, it's time for us to also imagine a "new normal" without the inhumane systems that have formed the basis of our criminal legal system for far too long. Prisons and detention centers aren't just amplifiers of a public health crisis, they are a public health crisis. Together, we can create far better solutions to the problems our communities face than condemning people to live—and die—in cages. Together we can make the changes needed to free them all.

### GET INVOLVED

Visit [afsc.org/FreeThemAll](https://afsc.org/FreeThemAll) to:

1. **Tell public officials:** Protect incarcerated people from COVID-19!
2. **Download #FreeThemAll** posters and social graphics.
3. **Get our toolkit** for organizing events and our guide to staying safe at protests.



## A bold vision for lasting change

### AFSC's new strategic plan guides our next decade's work

Throughout our more than 100 years, AFSC has grown and shifted to address arising needs as well as systemic inequities. Based on the Quaker belief in the divine light of each person, we have been at the forefront of many anti-war, peace, and social justice global movements and local efforts. Our new strategic plan builds on this legacy and maintains our role working at the frontiers of urgent peace and justice issues.

Hundreds of staff, governance volunteers, Friends, partners, and members of the communities with whom we work joined in a collective examination of the state of the world and AFSC's role in it. These opportunities for listening and authentic engagement fostered a stronger AFSC community and a bold plan for our work. Through our planning we affirmed our commitments to more actively embrace an anti-racism/anti-oppression agenda and gender justice/feminist principles.

**From this effort, AFSC identified three program areas on which we will center our efforts, with justice at the heart of all our work:**

#### Just and sustainable peace

AFSC is committed to building societies that divest from systems of punishment and violence and invest in alternatives that enable sustainable peace, open civic space, promote transformation and healing, and prioritize human dignity and rights. This work includes driving divestment from militarism; dismantling systems of incarceration, surveillance, and policing; advancing civil rights and liberties; fostering resilient and cohesive communities; and building systems rooted in transformation and healing.

#### Just economies

AFSC is challenging systems of economic power that deny human dignity and a sustainable planet. In advocacy and action,

AFSC supports community efforts and policies to build an economy grounded in the values of cooperation, equity, and climate justice.

#### Just responses to forced displacement and migration

The world is facing the largest displacement crisis since World War II. In response, AFSC is stepping up our organizing and advocacy for humane migration laws and movements, demilitarizing borders, and providing humanitarian assistance to people on the move, while continuing to invest in community efforts led by migrants and refugees.

“In our new plan, we will build on our historic strengths of bringing people together to foster new connections and understandings, providing clear-eyed analysis and research, and strengthening community members' roles in decision making and advocacy” says Phil Lord, who recently completed his term of service as clerk of our Board of Directors.

AFSC General Secretary Joyce Ajlouny says, “We will continually be guided by those affected by conflict and injustice. Anchored by our Quaker values, we will work with others to courageously and creatively challenge oppressive global systems, influence narratives, policies and practices, and advance just and peaceful solutions.”

Quaker values of integrity and stewardship also lead AFSC to new goals within the organization, including better engaging Quaker communities and youth in work we do, enhancing our ability to demonstrate the impact of our programs, ensuring we have sustainable and diversified resources to support our work, and strengthening the inclusion, cohesion, accountability, and justice within our organization. Our values and community discussions also led to a renewed focus on climate justice and sustainability in the strategic plan.

The stakes of the coming decade are high, with communities recovering socially and economically from COVID-19, climate change causing continued forced displacement, growing authoritarianism, and rising, racial and geopolitical tensions. The work of AFSC remains vital as ever during this time, and our strategic plan positions us well to continue creating a more just and peaceful world.

Learn more about our strategic plan at [afsc.org/strategic](https://afsc.org/strategic).

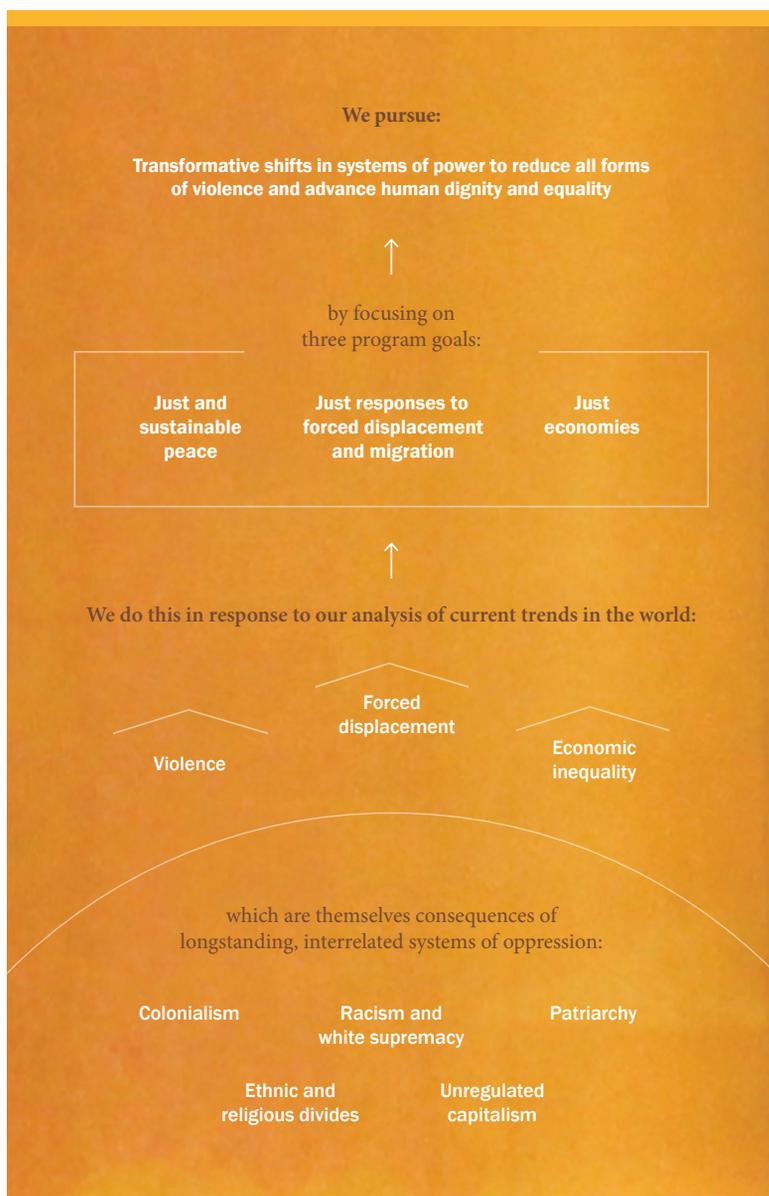


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## Do you have a donor-advised fund?

AFSC has a new tool to make it easy for you to support our work and maximize the impact of your donor-advised fund.

To find out how simple it can be to make a grant to AFSC through your fund, visit [afsc.org/DAF](https://afsc.org/DAF).

Now, it's more important than ever to support our neighbors and communities. And today, it's easier than ever to give through your donor-advised fund.

To get started, visit [afsc.org/DAF](https://afsc.org/DAF) or contact Alyssa Chatten at 888-588-2372 or [GiftPlanning@afsc.org](mailto:GiftPlanning@afsc.org).



**SNAPSHOT**

## A look at AFSC around the world

Liberation Summer Camp end of camp celebration, New York City.  
Photo: Nathaniel Doubleday/AFSC



Left to right, top to bottom:

1. Youth painting mural; Nairobi, Kenya
2. 75-year remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; Des Moines, Iowa
3. #FreeThemAll action outside Elizabeth Detention Center; Elizabeth, New Jersey
4. Distributing essential supplies; Marondera, Zimbabwe
5. Protesting police violence; Chicago, Illinois
6. Farm to Food Bank; Albuquerque, New Mexico
7. Food give away at Hollygrove Community Farm; New Orleans, Louisiana
8. Food delivery; Mezquital, Guatemala
9. Progress of Anastasio Hernandez Rojas mural; San Diego, California
10. #FreeThemAll action; Michigan
11. Kristin Kump at ICE petition delivery; Washington, D.C.
12. Black Lives Matter protest; Washington, D.C.

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