

AUGUST LETTER FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Greetings, PJSA members and other interested friends and colleagues!

As we transition from summer to fall (and many of us prepare for fall courses and a return to our campuses), we hope that you feel the renewed sense of purpose and excitement that can come with new beginnings. We certainly need to harness any sense of renewal that summer might have brought as we confront the multiple conflicts and crises we face right now.

As we also prepare to gather for our annual meeting at Iowa State University in less than a month, we look forward to seeing old friends and new faces as we present our most recent research, share insights from our classrooms, and think strategically and tactically about the various movements for peace and justice that we participate in. We think you'll find the program to represent a diversity of interests, issues, and perspectives. Given the escalating impact of global warming, pervasive inflation on a global scale, and the mounting issue of food insecurity, we are thrilled that this year's conference committee has opted to spotlight food and nutrition as a

fundamental pillar of peace and justice. We are grateful to our conference planning committee, whose leadership includes Simon Cordery, Christina Campbell, and Michael Loadenthal, for all their time and effort in bringing this year's conference to fruition. We hope that you'll be able to join us.

This issue of the Peace Chronicle focuses on love, and we couldn't be more appreciative of editor Wim Laven's vision to focus on this theme, one that is at the heart—quite literally in this case—of our interconnected fields. As we continue the struggle to transform so many of the conflicts and injustices that we face in our world, returning to one of the foundational values that grounds us is a welcome balm to any of us whose souls might feel weary. Our deepest gratitude for all that Wim did to shepherd all of the writers and their pieces through the publication process.

We hope you enjoy and appreciate this volume, and look forward to seeing you in Ames, Iowa!

In solidarity,

Geoffrey Bateman and Margarita Tadevosyan
Co-Chairs, PJSA Board of Directors
