## Women peacemakers: An online educational tool



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# When you think of women peacemakers, what *events* or which *women* come to mind?

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## **Overall Poster Organization**



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Northern Europe Southern Europe

Oceania

South Asia Eastern Europe East Asia Middle East

Africa

Central & South America

- 11 regions
- 7 in each
- order of regions spread of women's movements: anti-slavery → women's rights → suffrage → peacemaking
- Earliest woman for that region at top → most recent

## Database beginnings

- Taught at Scripps College (1956-1989)
- Peace research grows from student reaction to Vietnam War
- 1971 *Nonviolence in Theory & Practice* new course offered to all 5 Claremont colleges
  - Guest Peace activists
  - Nonviolent action by students







## Database beginnings cont.

- 1985 Women & Peace new course on women's global perspectives on peace
- Structure of course
  - Read "classics"
  - Guest peace activists

  - Student research add new women to existing calendar



Mildred Norman Born July 18, 1908



Karen Tse Born Oct 20, 1964

## First women peacemakers



Empress St. PULCHERIA born Constantinople 399 (d. 453).

"Peacemaker" with Attila the Hun 450 AD; first Roman empress



St. Clare of Assisi
Born Umbria, 1194
Repolled invaders by no

Repelled invaders by non-violence



**St Catherine of Sienna**Born 1349. First woman diplomat



**Julian of Norwich** 

Born 1342 English altruist, revered mystic

## Renaissance women peacemakers



Margaret Habsburg (born 1480) Treaty of Cambray



Queen Marguerite of Navarre (born 1492) Playwright; protected opponents in wars of religion



Queen Sophia of
Russia (born
1657)
First Russian
woman ruler;
Signed longlasting peace
with China and
Poland



Queen Christina of Sweden (born 1626) Peace of Wesphalia



Countess Maria
Koenigsmark (born1662)
Courtesan/diplomat

## Early XIX century

- Starting in North America and Great Britain
- Anti-slavery movement
- Women's equality (right to speak in public, attend mixed sex meetings)



Maria Chapman Born July 25, 1806



Hannah More Born Feb 2, 1745

## Post U.S. Civil War (1865-1914)

- Women's suffrage
- Objection to Imperialism
- First Nobel Peace Prize awarded to woman (1905)
- New ways to peace (arbitration, mediation, international conferences, rules of warfare)





Bertha von Suttner, Born June 9, 1843

## World War I opponents (1914-18)

- Movement grows geographically to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa
- Non-violent disobedience
- Women influence Gandhi
- Establishment of Women's International League of Peace and Freedom (WILPF)



Emmeline Pankhurst Born July 15,1858



Helena Blavatsky Born Aug 12, 1831

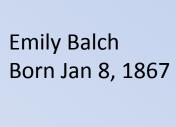


## WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM

### **WILPF**

- Oldest women's peace organization
- Founded in 1915 during WWI
- Founder Jane Addams (Nobel -1931)

Emily Balch (Nobel – 1946)





Jane Addams
Born Sept 6, 1860



## Interwar Pacifism (1919-1941)

- Women take the lead on League of Nations, World Court, Kellogg-Briand Pact
- World-wide expansion of women's peacemaking to Latin America, Middle East, and Africa
- Pacifist testimonies, poetry, dramas, declarations, education for peace
- Disarmament



Aleksandra Kollontai Born March 31, 1872

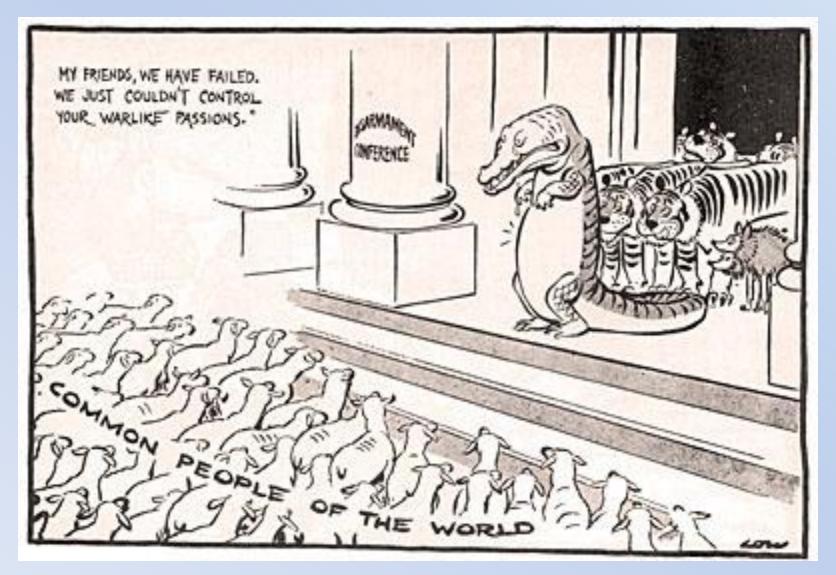


Sarojini Naidu Born Feb 13, 1879



Virginia Woolf, Born Jan 25, 1882 Three Guineas, 1938

#### Disarmament



Crocodile lecturing the sheep

#### **Post World War II**

- Women participate in creation of international orgs for peace
- Charter of UN signed by 4 women (2 from Latin America)
- Lead in creation of Declaration of Human Rights
- New movements of mass protest







Minerva Bernadino Born May 7, 1907



Eleanor Roosevelt, born Oct 11, 1884

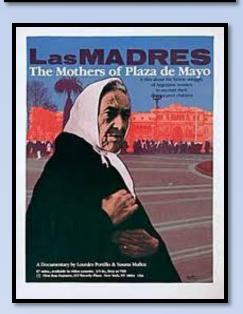
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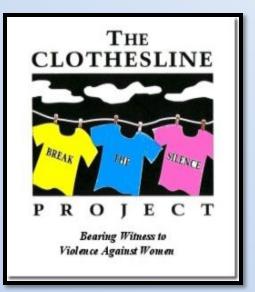
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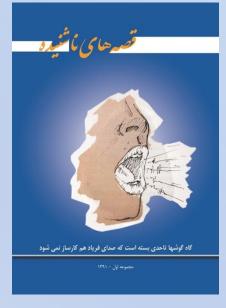












Voices of Women

#### Women In Peace













Sadako Ogata Sept 16, 1927

#### www.womeninpeace.org

- Online Women in Peace Project
  - "Publish" history and development of women peacemakers online
  - Currently over 1000 women
  - Educational tools interactive poster
  - Encourage research
  - Inspire women peacemakers and leaders



Shirin Ebadi June 21, 1947

## Online version – How its set up

More than 1000 women online

- Birthday;
- full name;
- place & year born;
- Occupation;
- major contributions to peace;
- Quote;
- Source of quote & photo



Rigoberta MENCHÚ born 1952
Chimel, Guatemala. Nobel Peace
Prize 1992; UNESCO Goodwill
Ambassador; Indigenous rights
advocate. "change cannot come
through war. War is not a feasible
tool to use in fighting against the
oppression we face. War has caused
more problems." (Nobel Women's
Initiative; 2003 photo Wikipedia).

## Criteria: What is a "peacemaker"?

- Works toward stopping wars
- Resists violence nonviolently
- Works to remove causes and results of war and violence by nonviolent means.



Helen Caldicott Born Aug 7, 1938



Nafis Sadik Born July 18, 1929



Amelia Rokotuivuna Born Aug 7, 1941



Hildegard Goss-Mayr, born Jan 22 1930

#### **Biases?**

Database may be inappropriately biased for the following reasons:

- Primarily English language sources with some French, German and Dutch
- Search engine
- We acknowledge problem but we hope that you feel that we have given all regions a fair chance in the poster.....



Wangari Maathai Born April 1, 1940

Jenni Williams

Born April 1, 1962



Felicia Langer Born Dec 9, 1930



## Actions by women peacemakers every day

"Women's peacemaking this day"

#### Example actions: March 8:

- 1868 Goegg-Pouchoulin calls for international women's association
- 1981 Die-in
- 1984 -Peace Pies
- 2001 -Resolution to use women for Peace
- 2012 -Topless women for Peace



Goegg-Pouchoulin Born May 24, 1826



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- Missing deserving women (e.g., missing birth date)
- Information incorrect (e.g., Maria Chapman)
- Send your ideas and corrections
- Hope to link to events and groups around the world



Ann Wright



## Future challenges

- Women still left out of peacemaking
- U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325
- Alleviate suffering of war
- Do more to remove *causes* of war

United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign



Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Laymah Gbowee, Tawakul Karman - shared Nobel Peace Prize, 2011



Michelle Bachelet Born Sept 29, 1951

## **Favorite quotes**

"Lay down your arms. Say it to many, to many" (Bertha von Suttner)



Bertha von Suttner Nobel Peace Prize, 1905

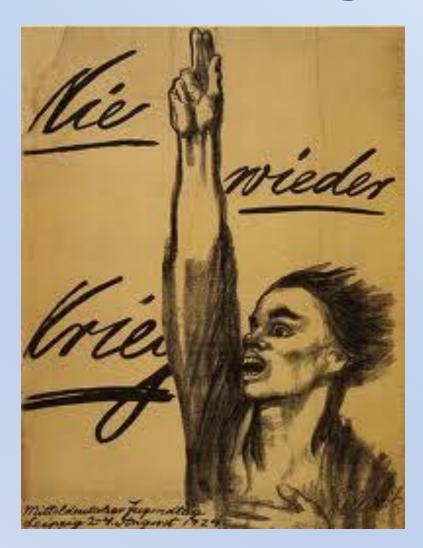
"Nonviolence is organized love...Love thine enemy but confront his evil (Joan Baez, Daybreak, 1968)



Joan Baez, born Jan 9, 1941

### Discussion: Future of Peacemaking

- What can we do to inspire the next group of women leaders?
- What new movements do we see coming where women will lead?



Kathe Kollwitz, "Never Again War," 1924)

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