



## NH Peace Action

<p>As an organization, we work on several issues, topics and problems in our world. We'd like you to understand the relationship we see between our peace work and the issues/topics/problems that we connect with.</p>
<p><b>Why we are drawn to working against racism:</b> For over 400 years, violent othering based on race has been used as a tool to enslave, murder, rob, colonize and oppress largely non-white populations.</p> <p>We believe addressing the construction of whiteness, white privilege and white supremacy culture is central to seeking a more equitable, inclusive and just society. We are especially interested in righting the wrongs inherent in such social structures.</p>
<p><b>What resolution are we seeking in this area:</b> Racism powers the war machine, and the war machine is used to advance racism. Until we abandon an economy addicted to war and the policies that feed it we won't abolish the major drivers of racism. To us, they are tied together, and it seems obvious that eradicating racism is central to the peaceful world we are interested in building.</p> <p>We seek to undo the effects of systemic racism, policing, and foreign policy on civil rights, the economy, and public health. Militarism, at home and abroad, upholds systemic racism, especially as it protects white privilege and corporate power. Our growing awareness has encouraged us to seek out, include and uplift the voices, experiences, and wisdom of all People of Color, including Black and Indigenous communities.</p>
<p><b>NHPA connects with this issue.</b></p>
<p><b>We educate on this issue by:</b> pointing out deep connections between racism, the sidelining of peace in so many instances, and the promise that eradicating both holds for our society as a whole.</p> <p>Race plays a role in our national and global priorities such as resource wars for oil, military interventions, arms sales, and occupation policies effect non-white populations disproportionately. Domestically, the military industrial complex relies heavily on the recruitment and use of non-white combatants to further its murderous goals.</p>

We are working to hold more conversations on racism and compassionate listening projects to address the issues listed above.

We understand that there is much more to learn from the current national discussion, and we approach every opening based on growth, depth and the hope to expand our many perspectives.

**We organize on this issue by:** NHPA has hosted youth conferences and workshops on peace education. We work with young people, who are actively engaged in changing our relationships with every social group including race. We know that the issues of race, class and gender, and militarism, are closely intertwined, and we are inspired to host, mentor and encourage a next generation of anti-racism activists(at schools, in churches, synagogues, etc.).

**We mobilize on this issue by:** We engage in public demonstrations, sit-ins, protests and justice campaigns like those led by Black Lives Matter and the Poor People's Campaign, in order to advocate for social change, to eradicate white supremacy, to stop the perpetuation of violence against Black communities, and to counter a culture of violence with inclusion.

**Our vision comes closer into being when racism decreases or is resolved because:**

“All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” as noted by Martin Luther King, Jr. When we succeed at reducing racism, we begin to tear down one of the biggest barriers to US peace affecting everyone. We prefer to participate actively in a culture working for the inclusion of all, rather than to passively allow racism to control the destiny of all of us.

**If you and/or your organization** would like to pursue partnerships in this area, we invite you to contact us at [info@nhpeaceaction.org](mailto:info@nhpeaceaction.org) .