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***Mobilize:***

***Creating a Collective Shift from Militarism to a Culture of Peace and Environmental Justice***

The [Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice](https://www.wnpj.org) will host its 33rd Annual Fall Assembly on Saturday, October 19th beginning at 10 am in person at the Madison Friends Meetinghouse (Quakers), 1704 Roberts Ct., Madison and also on-line. We welcome people from around the state to participate via zoom. [Please register in advance. https://tinyurl.com/wnpifall24](https://tinyurl.com/wnpifall24)

Please join WNPJ as we explore the interconnectedness between militarism and the environment and our collective and conscious transition towards a culture of peace.

WNPJ began over 30 years ago to confront the voices of war. The Peacemaker of the Year award is given to those who have contributed to the well-being of our community and humanity at large.

WNPJ's Peacemaker of the Year award will be given to Dr. Samer Alatout, Professor in the Dept. of Community and Environmental Sociology at University of Wisconsin-Madison. This award is given in recognition of Dr. Alatout's consistent urging to collectively build a culture of global and environmental justice. As a Palestinian American, and through his life's work Dr. Alatout brings valuable witness to what is possible and encourages us to explore new ways of critically examining notions of nationalism and nations. He will address our Assembly.

Guest speakers will also include Indigenous Chef and Founder of [Wild Bearies](https://www.wildbearies.com), Elena Terry, on healing and restoring communities by providing ancestral foods in a nurturing and nourishing way; and Alan Chavoya, Outreach Chair of the Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression on bringing awareness to and ending militarism on our campuses and in our communities.

Following the guest speakers there will be a break with refreshments from 11:30 to noon. From noon to 1:00pm, WNPJ will share how we have been operating during the past year, elect Board Members and Officers for 2025, and offer time for discussion. Board nominations from the floor must present a brief bio for consideration.

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