A.J. Muste Memorial Institute

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Dear Friend of the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute,

The A.J. Muste Memorial Institute started operations in 1974. Since then we've done a great deal to promote nonviolent action and education for social change. You can be proud of our work over the last 23 years.

Thanks to your support, the Muste Memorial Institute has helped fund hundreds of activist groups across the United States and around the world. Most of these are small, local organizations with limited prospects for grants. The projects we've helped underwrite were significant efforts to engage people in their communities in making peace. When you total it up, we've given out over half a million dollars! That's a lot of support to local organizers in virtually every state and many other countries.

Our fiscal sponsorship program has been a valuable service that has allowed War Resisters League, War Resisters' International and a number of other groups to receive foundation grants, major bequests and raise additional contributions to support their efforts. More recently, the Institute staff has been instrumental in providing fundraising assistance and investment management to WRL.

Our International Nonviolence Training Fund has made ten grants totaling $18,000 since its inception in 1994. This pilot program, made possible by a special contribution and sustained by an additional grant, has funded nonviolence trainings in Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia and Central America. We continue to pursue funding outside of our regular contributors to expand this program. As conflicts arise around the world, this initiative to develop a trained cadre of nonviolent activists in conflict situations is the kind of bold strategy that A.J. Muste promoted in the post-World War II period.

Our pamphlet series has become a primary resource for peace studies courses in a number of colleges and schools, but we lack the funds to effectively promote this literature in wider circles. There are many other schools and groups that could use our materials if we could only budget the money for additional advertising and direct mail. Our publications are relevant for womens' studies, labor history and philosophy courses. The Institute could be having a greater educational impact if we could reach a larger audience.

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