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Dear Friends:

We have two reasons for this letter: to cordially invite your group to cosponsor the 21st Annual Peace and Justice Conference and to ask you to become a member or to renew your membership for 2005-2006, if you have not already done so (see below.) This year's conference, entitled "**Creating a Culture of Peace**" will be held on April 29 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Seton Keough High School, 1201 Caton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. We will start with a panel discussion on the theme with Ray McGovern, Mac Legerton, Pat Elder, Michael Mohammed, Dr. Francine Blume, and Bill Jenkins.

There are three sessions of Workshops including:

1. Sarah Craft on the Death Penalty
2. Nancy Fayer on Non-violence
3. John Judge, on counter-recruiting
4. Aparigraha: Victor Landa, and Global Coalition for Peace on new economic paradigm
5. Mac Legerton, coalition-building
6. Chuck Michaels, on the USA PATRIOT ACT and its reauthorization
7. Kevin Zeese, Maryland moves toward transparent elections
8. Ray McGovern on anti-war activities
9. Lea Gilmore on women's, human and civil rights
10. Josh Tulkin on Global Warming, Chesapeake Climate Action Network

This year we will also have action sessions on some of the workshop topics, building on the information given us to actually go out into the world and put it to use.

As in years past, your group's co-sponsorship can range anywhere from a monetary donation to moral support (i.e., in name only.) Please see attached form for the list of possibilities.

Because of the support of members and friends such as you, MUPJ has continued to provide a grassroots coalition of individuals and organizations working for peace and justice throughout Maryland. MUPJ is an all-volunteer organization, so every penny of our modest membership and subscription dues is used for expenses: the Benjamin Peace Awards, support for other peace, justice and environmental groups, publication of the quarterly Newsletter and monthly Calendar of Events, and the annual Peace Conference.

If you have a red dot on the mailing label next to your name, we want to sincerely thank you for already renewing your MUPJ membership or calendar subscription for this year. If there is no red dot, it is time to renew your membership in or consider joining MUPJ. Please use the form enclosed. And please pass them on to any other appropriate organizations you belong to and/or likeminded individuals. Monetary donations for the conference help with transportation expenses, conference scholarships, help keep the cost low and more. Through your help we are able to continue to hold the conference year after year.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and hope that you will attend the 21st Peace Conference. Remember the purpose of MUPJ is to support work to bring about a peaceful, just and environmentally friendly world.

For peace with justice,

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