# united<sub>for</sub> peace& justice



# Why it Matters?

Justice and Peace are intertwined, which is why UFPJ is a proud national mobilizing partner of today's Poor People's Campaign. We encourage all our member organizations to work with the Campaign to build a mass movement to demand a national agenda

based on fundamental rights and to end war, racism, poverty, ecological devastation, and a distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism.

### Ongoing War Threatens the Use of Nuclear Weapons

The Russian war of aggression on Ukraine, with its attendant nuclear threats, brings into sharp focus the increasing risks of nuclear war by accident, miscalculation, or crisis escalation. Disarmament is urgently needed. **Now!** 

#### War and Militarism Cause Environmental Devastation

Building and sustaining military forces consume vast quantities of resources and are responsible for an estimated 5.5 °o of global greenhouse gas emissions. Other environmental consequences include decimation of wildlife, extinctions, introduction of invasive species, and outbreaks of disease.

## War and Militarism Drive Poverty

War shatters the foundations of a society, fragmenting communities, destroying infrastructure, and undermining the economy and the provision of social services. War causes scarcity, and social and political conflict, which beget more war. This year the US Department of Defense budget is \$841 billion.

## War and Militarism Fuel Systemic Racism

The US exports racism through its many foreign military bases, which currently number 800 bases in 70 countries. The majority of these countries are populated by brown and black people. US foreign bases and overseas military operations cost \$185 billion in fiscal year 2024.

# Join the Struggle for a Just and Peaceful Society

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