



# MFSA IOWA CHAPTER MEMO

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Hello friends, I/we hope you are having an enjoyable summer and staying safe and healthy. There are a number of events and activities coming up and we hope to see you there!

Peace, *Maria*



## **Hiroshima-Nagasaki: Remembrance and Commitment**

**Monday, August 8 at 7:00 pm**

Aug. 6 and 9, 2022 marks 77 years since the US bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing between 129,000 and 226,000 people, most of whom were civilians. This is a horror we must never forget – or repeat.

Please join us in the 2022 memorial observance near the Japanese Bell South of the Iowa Capitol on Monday, August 8.

Parking available in the Supreme Court Building lot, 1111 E. Court; rain location: Wesley UMC, 800 E. 12th St.). MFSA Iowa is a co-sponsor of the observance.

## **Protecting LGBTQ Families in a Post-Roe World (in-person) – Thursday, Aug. 4 in West Des Moines**

On Thursday, August 4 at 6pm at the West DSM Public Library One Iowa is hosting an education session with One Iowa's Director of Policy and Advocacy Keenan Crow, One Iowa co-founder and Board Emeritus Sharon Malheiro, and Dentons Davis Brown PC attorneys Breanna Young and Tyler Coe. Participants will learn about potential changes in Iowa and federal law and receive practical next steps to protect their family with powers of attorney, wills, confirmatory adoptions, and more. [Register here.](#)

## **Beyond Zero Sum: white people's shared interest in racial and economic justice (virtual)**

On Thursday, August 4 at 7pm (CT), Heather McGhee (author and political strategist) and Erin Heaney (SURJ National Director) will explore the history of strategic racism and how white people can organize their own communities away from a "zero sum" mentality and towards an understanding of their shared interest in fights for justice. [Register here.](#)

## **We Demand Reproductive Freedom Rally (in-person) – Friday, Aug. 5 in Iowa City**

On Friday, August 5 at 6pm at the Pentacrest in Iowa City, join Repros for Iowa, Emma Goldman Clinic, Corridor Community Action Network, Great Plains Action Society, and Iowa City DSA to end 40 Days of Reproductive Freedom by starting to fight!



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## **Hiroshima Day Potluck, Program, and Folding Paper Cranes (in-person) – Sat., August 6 in Decorah**

**NEIPJC and Decorah Friends** invite you to remember the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of WWII. A potluck and speaker are planned, followed by folding cranes and sharing the story of Sadako and the 1000 paper cranes. Phelps Park Shelter #5, Decorah. Saturday, August 6, time TBD.

## **6th Annual Remembrance of US Atomic Bombing of Japan**

### **Saturday, Aug. 6 & Tuesday, Aug. 9 - Iowa Air Guard Drone Command Center Entrance (in-person)**

On Saturday, August 6 at 8am and on Tuesday, August 9 at 11am, at 3100 McKinley Ave., DSM, you are invited to come bear witness to the lies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the war crimes taking place today from our local drone command center. Des Moines, Iowa, is a real-time player with a daily license to kill given the Iowa Air National Guard Drone Command Center. On any given day, at any given time, someone at this Command Center is hunting down our so-called enemies anywhere on the planet, killing them from the sky! This is the same license to kill we gave ourselves in the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. The same reasoning too: “to save lives and keep the peace.” For more information, contact Frank Cordaro and Des Moines Catholic Workers.

## **Crossroads: Will access to abortion be eliminated in Iowa? Friday, August 19 (virtual or in-person)**

On Friday, August 19 at noon the **Interfaith Alliance of Iowa** will host Mazie Stillwell, Director of Public Affairs with Planned Parenthood North Central States to discuss what recent changes to Roe mean for Iowans, access to abortion care, and the future of reproductive healthcare more generally in Iowa. There are three ways to attend: [register here](#) to attend (options for in-person with or without lunch, or receive a link to join virtually). Location: **Plymouth UCC in Des Moines.**

## **Onelowa LGBTQA Older Adults Conference 2022 (in-person)**

On Friday, August 19 experts from the medical, social service, and advocacy fields will unite to discuss the issues facing LGBTQ older adults and find an inclusive and intergenerational solution to ensure they can age with dignity and grace. Tickets and more information [available here.](#)

## **Membership and Donations:**

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