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## MFSA Iowa September Memo

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Hello everyone! Welcome to fall, a new school year, and exciting things happening around the state. In particular, I want to highlight the International Day of Peace celebration at Cowles Commons (in Des Moines) on September 21 that we are co-sponsoring and ask you to add our Fall Statewide Gathering on November 12 to your calendar—more details to come!

Peace,  
Maria

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### **Veterans for Peace: Climate Change and Militarism Project (virtual)**

Join Jim Janko, a Vietnam war vet, as he explains the VFP “mission to inform the public about the U.S. military’s contribution to the climate crisis” on **Tuesday, August 30 at 7pm**. Email [Iowa Peace Network](#) for the zoom link.

### **Iowa Hunger Summit (virtual)**

Join the World Food Prize Foundation and Iowa’s hunger-fighting community to discuss “Our Paths to Zero” and focus on charting a course to overcoming hunger with a focus on our collective health. Virtual

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### **Songs of Healing and Uplift, Benefit Concert (in-person)**

On **September 9**, Iowa CASA is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year of service with a benefit opera performance dedicated to survivors of abuse. Meet and Greet with musicians at 6:30pm, performance at 7:30pm. For tickets, [click here](#).

### **Ecumenical Interfaith Gathering (in-person)**

Faith leaders, lay leaders, folks interested in getting to know their religious neighbors--join us for breakfast at DMARC (100 Army Post Rd., DSM) on **Tuesday, September 13 from 9-10:30**. Please RSVP to Sarah Trone Garriott [stronegarriott@dmarcunited.org](mailto:stronegarriott@dmarcunited.org) .

### **World Food and Music Festival (in-person)**

The World Food & Music Festival will return to its location in Downtown Des Moines (DSM)'s Western Gateway Park for its 18th year on **Sept. 16 – 18, 2022**. The three-day event offers international cuisine, live music and performing arts, cooking demonstrations, interactive programs and much more. More details available at [worldfoodandmusicfestival.com](http://worldfoodandmusicfestival.com) .

### **International Day of Peace (in-person)**

Join the Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace on **Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30pm** at Cowles Commons. "End Racism—Bring Peace" is this year's theme for the United Nation's International Day of Peace. Dr. Kesho Scott will be the keynote speaker and musical selections will be offered by the Heartland Youth Choir's Chamber Choir.

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### **SQB Online!**

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### **Questions about Membership?**

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