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“In the middle of catastrophe, in the middle of disaster, people—particularly people who have already suffered—see an opportunity to evolve to another stage of humanity.” – Grace Lee Boggs

Pivoting During the Pandemic:
We launched Shaping Change Together, gathering visionary responses to the pandemic led by grassroots movements on 3 topics: Opportunities for Radical and Visionary Demands, Collective Care and Healing Justice, and Beyond Recovery, Beyond Borders - lessons from grassroots international movements. With partners, we launched the People’s Bailout, calling for Just COVID-19 Relief and Stimulus packages and a just recovery: thepeoplesbailout.org. We also raised and distributed over $80K to rapid response and grassroots organizing during the pandemic: bit.ly/GGJCOVIDRelief.

Movement-Building Beyond Elections:
We continue Building a Bigger We through It Takes Roots (our core alignment with the Climate Justice Alliance, Indigenous Environmental Network, and Right to the City Alliance) and the Rising Majority Leadership Team. In these multi-racial national formations, we engaged our members in election scenario and strategy planning sessions. ITR joined La Jornada Continental in Cuba. We are gearing up for actions in the first 100 days of the next administration to move all elected officials towards politics led by our people. In October we gathered testimonies from frontline communities and international movements for The Freedom Side: The People’s Tribunal & Congress.

Just Transition and a Feminist Green New Deal:
We co-hosted a global feminist town hall on climate justice, and are developing a set of feminist climate justice policy principles. Our Feminist Green New Deal guides policymakers and organizers to apply an intersectional gender lens to policymaking. With the United Frontline Table, we released the THRIVE Agenda and toolkit outlining our bold plan for economic renewal, reinvestment in our communities, and divestment from wars at home and abroad, in response to COVID-19. We also launched the People’s Orientation to a Regenerative Economy, detailing 14 planks of regenerative economy policy stances to protect, repair, invest, and transform capitalist extractivism into a feminist economy. Visit bit.ly/RegenerativeEcon.

DemilitaRISE:
Through a year of alignment work and movement mapping, we have renamed our anti-Militarism work, focusing on resistance to both the war at home - through abolitionist and housing justice organizing - and to wars abroad. We have also brought on two GGJ member leaders to the staff team to helm this campaign: Ramon Mejia from About Face: Veterans Against the War, and Siwatu-Salama Ra from East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC) and the Freedom Team.

Growing Grassroots Feminism:
Over the past four years we have developed a Feminist Organizing School (FOS) to catalyze grassroots power building with a feminist lens. In 2020 for the first time we led 3 schools (online) for 3 different audiences: we partnered with grassroots groups to bring feminist leadership development to civic engagement in the battleground state of Florida; we partnered with international feminist movements to hold an International FOS, and we partnered with key allies in philanthropy to hold an FOS for Funders. In partnership with MADRE and Women Cross DMZ, we launched the Feminist Peace Initiative.

Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (GGJ) is a national alliance of over 60 US-based grassroots organizing groups who integrate an international perspective into their local & regional work for climate justice, gender justice, an end to war and a just transition to an economy that is better for people and the planet.