

Happy and Healthy New Year from the Coalition Against Global Genocide

As we open our calendars to a new year, we want to thank you for your 2021 support of our vital mission -to educate, motivate and empower individuals and communities to oppose genocide and crimes against humanity.

We had hoped that after our world turned upside down from the pandemic in 2020, the Coalition Against Global Genocide (CoAGG) would be able to move forward in 2021 on our work creating a more peaceful world, a world with less conflict based on race, religion, cultural background, sexual preference or other differences between peoples.

But we continued to face another year of the pandemic, and another year of violence and brutality in countries such as South Sudan, China, Iraq, Syria, Indonesia, Myanmar and Ethiopia, and in our own backyard. We knew we had to move forward with our plans for the year because genocide and crimes against humanity do not stop with a pandemic. And so, under very challenging circumstances, we had to keep going and we did.

With your participation and financial support in 2021, CoAGG had many notable accomplishments including the following:

- Hosted a very successful virtual Ninth Annual Fundraising Event that featured special recognition of the four Colorado Congressional sponsors of the Holocaust/Genocide in Public School legislation that was signed into law by Colorado Governor Jared Polis in July 2020.
- Organized and sponsored a virtual national conference focused on "Genocide and Slavery - Differences and Similarities" with such speakers as Lonnie G. Bunch III, 14th secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and former director of the National Museum of African-American History and Culture; Dr. Gregory H. Stanton, founding president and chairman of Genocide Watch; and the Honorable Wellington Webb, former mayor of Denver, among others distinguished presenters.
- Continued to convene meetings with our US Congressional staff members, including a special meeting with representatives of the Tigray Action Committee whose family members are suffering from crimes against humanity in Ethiopia.
- Received a proclamation from Governor Polis which proclaimed April as Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month.
- Circulated and posted on our website an important document, Rising Violence Against Women Through Genocide, War and Crimes Against Humanity, during National Women's Month in March.

In addition, CoAGG Executive Director Roz Duman was invited by the Colorado Springs World Affairs Council to give the keynote address at a symposium for more than 250 high school students followed by a lively discussion. In the evening, she delivered a keynote to members of the Council. Everyone associated with CoAGG is also very proud that in January, Roz received the Torchblazer Award by the MLK Colorado Holiday Commission.

As we look towards 2022, we must forge on with our work because we know for sure that genocide and crimes against humanity thrive on our failure to act. We cannot stop what we are doing and must do even more to keep these issues in the forefront of government, education and society. Together, we will continue to create a swell of humanity standing up and speaking out.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we again thank you and ask that you continue to support CoAGG so that together we can continue this work in the coming year and beyond.

With best regards for 2022,
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