

Happy and Healthy New Year from the
Coalition Against Global Genocide

As we look to the hope of a new year, the Coalition Against Global Genocide (COAGG) has so much to be thankful for. It is with gratitude that we acknowledge the support of our coalition partners, donors, advisors, and friends. Thank you for your support of our united mission-to educate, motivate and empower individuals and communities to oppose genocide, and genocidal conflicts against humanity. But before we celebrate our accomplishments we must reflect. 2022 shaped up to be a Year of Genocide as defined the Genocide Convention signed in law after World War II in 1948, however it has taken center stage again in conversations centered on accountability and scrutiny to counter recent world events.

These world events like the War in the Ukraine; Chinese officials responsible for genocide against the Uyghur people; atrocities committed by the Assad regime in Syria; gender-based violence in northern Ethiopia; the Burmese military's genocide and crimes against the Rohingya; the Taliban's restrictions on women and girls; the Dinka-Nuer conflict in South Sudan. The list of genocidal conflicts and crimes against humanity goes on and on.

The Coalition Against Global Genocide was established in response to the desperate need to make people less complacent, more aware and teach them what they could do to help stop genocide and crimes against humanity. CoAGG's work, creating a world with much less conflict stemming from race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, or other factors that divide us, lies waiting to ensnare us. During CoAGG's planning while emerging from COVID, heightened our sense that we must urgently move forward with new and signature programs and shore up the organization's reserves for years to come. Current events glaringly highlight genocide and crimes against humanity that have not stopped. The pandemic has uncovered a level of anger and hatred that has been unleashed globally. CoAGG cannot rest on its laurels.

With your support, both in attending events and in financial support in 2022, CoAGG's had many notable accomplishments including our first Sermon Weekend to shed light on genocide and crimes against humanity through our faith-based organizations, welcoming new coalition partners, new speakers to our bureau and our 10* Annual Fundraising Event. Our Executive Director was very busy as well as a featured speaker for a delegation of Romanians, a keynote speaker for the Rotary Club of Golden on How to Build Peace and she is a member of the Golda Meir House Museum Advisory Board.

We also approved the creation of our new Advisory Council and Ad Hoc Bylaws committee to help guide us through the years to come. We are excited about our plans for 2023 where we will host our Youth Conference, work in conjunction with History Colorado for our Heritage Tour and our 2* Sermon Weekend. We are building a better stronger CoAGG to help ensure that our mission to educate, motivate and empower individuals and communities to oppose genocide & crimes against humanity is achieved.

As we reflect over our year and look into our future, we will never forget why we started this organization. CoAGG must continue to shine a bright light on the bigotry, racism and anti-semitism happening every day here and elsewhere. We know that we cannot afford to be silent and allow genocide and genocidal conflicts against humanity to thrive and increase.

There is a heightened sense of urgency, we must do more to keep genocide and these issues in the forefront before our government, through education and in society. Together, we can continue to create a groundswell of our voices speaking out and our hands committed to the work before us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we continue to ask you to support CoAGG now more so than ever--our voices, this organization, and our programs are needed. Let our resilience carry us through these dark days in this work during 2023 and beyond..

Kind regards for a safe, healthy and happy New Year!
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