

Resistance: light in the darkness



2025 has been a dark year in human history as rightwing authoritarian governments- most notably our own- have consolidated power. But just as the longest night ends and turns slowly to increasing daylight beginning on the morning of the Winter Solstice (December 21st), the light of resistance has remained and is growing steadily. We have seen it throughout 2025 with uprisings in our own country and throughout the world against the imperialist wars, the lies, the corruption, the escalating destruction of our environment, and the racism, misogyny, cruelties and injustices whose only goal is to enrich and empower a handful of oligarchs and dictators.

Thousands of people are speaking out every day even though freedom of speech is increasingly dangerous and unfree. Millions are on the march all over the world. There is growing institutional and individual non-compliance with the demands of illegitimate governments. Communities throughout the United States are confronting and stopping ICE, Homeland Security, and the use of the military in our cities. From Starbucks to the Louvre, workers are striking against exploitation, low wages and unfair labor practices. Millions are protesting genocidal wars all over the world. Human rights are being defended by Black and Brown, LGBTQ+, disabled and poor communities and allies everywhere.

For the next several weeks, as 2025 closes and as 2026 begins, the New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice will be sharing news and commentary about this resistance. We will focus largely on the United States, recognizing that the corrupt Trump regime is an ally and leader of the forces of repression everywhere.

Here are just a few examples of very recent actions by diverse groups:

- **December 20:** Thousands of people in Minneapolis marched more than a mile along the city's Lake Street corridor in a coordinated anti-immigration enforcement protest against the Department of Homeland Security's Operation Metro Surge, now in its third week.
- **December 20:** Led by Hands Off the Arts, demonstrators rallied outside the John F. Kennedy Memorial Center for the Performing Arts in D.C. after new signage was mounted adding Trump's name.
- **December 18:** Hundreds of demonstrators gathered at the Port of Oakland at a public meeting of the port commission to demand an arms embargo on Israel because of the ongoing killing of the people of Gaza. (The city's port is under the same authority as the airport, where U.S. arms are regularly shipped to Israel on FedEx commercial aircraft.)
- **December 13:** About 500 protesters lined the streets of Baltimore outside the M & T stadium where Trump was attending the Army-Navy game.
- **December 7:** Dozens of protesters gathered outside the White House, voicing outrage over the continuing U.S. strikes on Venezuelan boats that Washington claims, with no proof, are involved in drug-trafficking operations- a transparent pretext for a war for control over Venezuela's government and oil resources.
- **December 6:** More than 100 people gathered across three protests in Metairie and New Orleans against the federal immigration operation ("Catahoula Crunch") launched by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with the reported goal of "detaining" 5,000 people in Louisiana and Mississippi without legal residency.
- **November 29:** A protest of 200+ people thwarted a large-scale raid by immigration agents in Chinatown in New York City. Some protesters blocked the government vehicles from leaving a parking lot, using makeshift barricades including garbage bags and metal barriers.

The New Haven Sunday for Peace and Justice wishes you a beautiful holiday season and peace, strength and courage in 2026.

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