

LONG ISLAND ALLIANCE FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES—
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The mission of the Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives is to increase public awareness of foreign policy issues and to encourage citizens to become involved in shaping our national policies and priorities.

During 2007 we were able to fulfill our goals and objectives through a variety of programs and activities, including our successful spring and fall International Scene Lecture Series in cooperation with Hofstra University Cultural Center; regular contact with our congressional representatives and Senators, which included meetings, letter-writing campaigns, and vigils and demonstrations at their offices; and press conferences and press statements that addressed everything from the State of the Union to how LIers federal tax dollars are spent. Among the highlights from 2007 are the following:

- **Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives is one of ten not-for-profit organizations inducted into the WNET/WLIW Community Hall of Fame** in recognition of our “outstanding community service and leadership” in the field of social concerns (June 2007).
- **Fund Our Troops! De-Fund the War! Vigil to Bring the Troops Home** in response to Congressional vote on additional funding for war. Coordinated by LI Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives (September 2007).
- Margaret Melkonian, Alliance Co-director, speaks at the opening forum, attended by more than 200 people, for the exhibits *Transforming the Human Spirit* and *United Nations Peacekeeping Force—Courage for Peace*, sponsored by Hofstra University’s Center for Civic Engagement (October 2007).
- **“Religious Fundamentalism: War and Terrorism,”** with James Carroll, journalist and author (November 2007). Co-sponsors: LI Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives, The Interfaith Alliance—LI Chapter, and The Shelter Rock Forum.
- **LI Clergy and Religious Call to End the War** statement signed by 110 men and women religious leaders (Fall 2007)..
- **“Stop the Hate Vigil: Living Martin Luther King’s Dream Together,”** Hofstra University (January 2008). Attended by 200+ people. Co-sponsored by The Interfaith Alliance, LI Chapter; LI Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives, The Shelter Rock Forum, The Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, and The Center for Civic Engagement, Hofstra University
- **“Dissent: Voices of Conscience,”** with Ann Wright, Army Colonel (Ret.) and Former State Department Diplomat (February 2008). Co-sponsored by LI Alliance for Peaceful

Alternatives, The Shelter Rock Forum, Great Neck SANE/Peace Action, Code Pink LI, LI Veterans for Peace, Pax Christi LI, and Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock.

- ***The People’s Agenda for 2008*** campaign is launched (February 2008).
- **LI Says: 5 Years Too Many! Stop the War—Bring All the Troops Home!** (March 2008) Vigil to mark the 5th anniversary of the Iraq War. Attended by 200 people.
- **“The War, The Budget, and The Economy,” with Paul Krugman, New York Times Columnist** (April 2008). Sponsored by the LI Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives and The Shelter Rock Forum.
- **“National Insecurity—America at a Crossroads: Our Challenge and Opportunity in 2008,” with Tom Andrews, National Director, Win Without War** (May 2008). Sponsored by the LI Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives and The Shelter Rock Forum.
- **‘Say No To Torture: The Nonviolent Response to Torture,’ with Father Louie Vitale, OFM** (June 2008). Sponsored by the LI Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives, Pax Christi LI, and The Shelter Rock Forum.

A complete listing of our activities is available in our *2007 Outreach Report*.

The following is an overview of the Alliance’s income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

Financial Report 2007

Income

Contributions and Membership Dues.....	25,258
Grants	28,000
Special Events	8,140
Other	70
Total income	61,468

Expenses

Program Services	36,747
Management and General.....	15,475
Fundraising Expenses.....	3,338
Total Expenses	\$55,560

Net income..... 5,908

Note: Our most recent IRS Form 990EZ is available at <http://www.guidestar.org>