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Dear Campaigners,

This organizing packet is designed to help you join with others to Abolish Corporate Personhood. This is an opportune time to build coalitions and public support in communities all over the country around the notion that only human beings should govern. Corporations have no "business" impersonating us!

The 2002-2005 goals of this effort are to:

- insert the issue of corporate personhood into 2002 and 2004 election campaigns;
- pass town/city resolutions abolishing corporate personhood in 50 communities;
- change the ACLU position on corporate free speech.

The leadership team of WILPF's campaign to Challenge Corporate Power, Assert the People's Rights will serve as a clearinghouse for activities and a resource for further actions. In creating our ten-session study group (available at www.wilpf.org), as well as this packet, we want to acknowledge the valuable information and analysis provided by the Program on Corporations, Law & Democracy (POCLAD).

In solidarity,

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This packet contains items that tell parts of the story of how “corporate personhood” came to be and the effects it has had on our system of governance. Other pieces offer ideas for getting actively involved, for doing this work democratically, for lightening your labors with skits and songs. The sample resolutions can be modified for use in your own communities and organizations.

Contents:

- “Abolish Corporate Personhood,” a presentation
- Timeline of Personhood Rights and Powers
- Declaration to Abolish Corporate Personhood
- Personhood Song
- Quo Warranto Song
- Democratic Arts: What it Takes to Do Democracy
- What Could Change if Corporate Personhood Were Abolished
- Critique of Carly Fiorina
- “Racism and Global Corporatization,” an article from *Peace & Freedom* (WILPF’s quarterly publication), Fall 2001
- “Corporate Personhood and the ‘Right’ to Harm the Environment,” an article from *Peace & Freedom*, Spring 2002
- “As the Country Turns,” a short drama
- Matt Wuerker cartoon
- Ten Ways to Get Involved
- Sample Resolutions
 - Point Arena City Council
 - National Lawyers Guild
 - American Academy of Family Physicians
- Santa Clara Blues
- Abolish Corporate Personhood bumper sticker
- Abolish Corporate Personhood flyer

Tackle corporate personhood with gusto and let us know what’s happening.

In solidarity,
Campaign Leadership Team