

- Mark your calendars now for SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2015.
- Look for the actual pre-registration form in late February.



“Nonviolent Solutions to Structural Oppression”

Western Washington FOR
17th Annual Spring Assembly

Saturday April 11, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Fautleroy UCC Church, 9140 California Avenue SW, West Seattle

Every year WWFOR brings grassroots folks together for a Spring Assembly to share ideas and strengthen the movements for social justice, nonviolence and peace. Our 2015 Spring Assembly on Saturday April 11 will be more participatory than ever.

This year's theme and activities: The problems we keep seeing at global, national and local levels are huge, persistent, and deeply rooted. The Vietnam war was not an aberration from an otherwise peaceful foreign policy, nor are police abuses caused by “a few bad apples,” nor is homelessness the fault of people making bad choices, nor are people of color to blame for the effects of racial disparities. Big problems cause continuous violence, continuous injustice, and continuous trauma stress. Society needs profound healing from addictions to greed, violence and racism.

These big problems that cause ongoing oppression are structural - built into our society's systems. Solving them requires more than masking symptoms, applying band-aids, or enacting liberal “reforms” that merely tinker around their edges.

Real solutions require radical (getting to the root) approaches based on nonviolent values that profoundly respect the unity and equality of everyone in the human family and all parts of our ecosystems. Real solutions require active listening and bold, creative alternatives to structural oppression.

It's participatory! Instead of one keynote speech to a passive audience, **everyone** will be able to collaborate in shaping our keynote message to flesh out 2015's theme, “Nonviolent Solutions to Structural Oppression.” The morning's workshops will explore problems. The afternoon's small groups will allow everyone to generate creative nonviolent solutions.

→ Please bring announcements to post on our [Announcement Wall](#).

→ Please bring issue-based information, handouts, petitions, etc., to display and distribute on our [Information Tables](#)

You will enjoy a stimulating and positive day as you:

- Meet old and new friends
- Participate in exciting workshops
- Gain and share knowledge and skills about issues and grassroots organizing
- Lift your spirits from the day's social and informational energy
- Network with other activists to build stronger movements
- Browse information tables for handouts, petitions, etc.
- Post and read information on our Announcement Wall

We'll even serve you lunch!

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