



# Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation

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## Western Washington FOR Fall Retreat in Lacey, Fri-Sat November 7-8

### “Celebrate Our Victories and our Possible Futures: Where To From Here?”

What? We haven't stopped war and injustice yet? The Powers That Be want us to feel discouraged and to give up. They always tell us we are losing, even while we are making progress in a great number of ways! While peace and justice activists set our sights on ambitious goals, we easily fail to notice and celebrate the smaller step-by-step goals we are accomplishing along the way. Recognizing and celebrating our accomplishments can reinforce and energize us to keep moving ahead and bring other people into the movement.

Every year the Western Washington FOR holds a fascinating Fall Retreat at a pleasant retreat site in Lacey. This year we'll address the frustration and despair so many people are feeling. We'll help each other recognize and celebrate the progress we have made in the recent past. And we'll generate visions for the future we want to achieve.

Please join us for the 2008 WWFOR Fall Retreat from supper-time Friday November 7 until 2:15 Saturday afternoon November 8. Stay until 5:00 for a brief meeting of the WWFOR Area Committee, our regional networking and decision-making body.

If you don't stay overnight, the cost is only \$25 plus a little pot-luck food. For simple overnight accommodations, the cost is still only \$35 plus the food. We keep costs low and try to just barely break even. We give discounts to young and low-income people upon request. Persons who can afford to contribute more offset the discounts for those who can afford less. Thank you!

See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter and also posted on WWFOR's website, [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org) Please pre-register by Fri. Oct. 31.

Questions? Contact WWFOR at (206) 789-5565 or by email at [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org) or the Olympia FOR at (360) 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)



**Our Mission Statement:** The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism, intolerance, and economic and social injustice with nonviolence, peace and justice. We are an organization of many faiths committed to active nonviolence as a transformative way of life and as a means of profound social change. We model these principles by personal example. We collaborate and dialogue with the larger community to educate and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions.

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## Please Participate in Olympia FOR's Strategic Planning Retreat Saturday November 15

After 32 years the Olympia FOR has begun a year-long strategic planning effort. A highlight of the strategic planning process will be a **retreat for everyone who cares about the Olympia FOR on Saturday November 15.**

The retreat encourages broad participation (remember, we are a "fellowship") to help the Olympia FOR ground ourselves again in what our people want us to be and to do. We'll consider our strengths, weaknesses and challenges, the opportunities and threats around us, how to improve our effectiveness, and how to involve more people in our various activities.

We'll gather at St. John's Episcopal Church, 19<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Way, Olympia. Please enter from the back parking lot. We invite you to arrive as early as 9:30 a.m. for social time and refreshments so we can start promptly at 10:00 a.m. We'll provide a simple lunch and end promptly at 4:00 p.m.

Look for a special mailing sometime this fall containing a survey to help you evaluate what we've been doing and what you'd like the Olympia FOR to do in the future. We are eager to find out what you think, what you want, and how to help you be more effective in your efforts for peace, social justice and nonviolence.

Questions? Contact any of the five persons guiding our Long-Range Strategic Planning Process: Bert Whitlock, Jody Mackey, Dennis Mills, Kim Dobson, or Glen Anderson. Or contact the Olympia FOR at 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)

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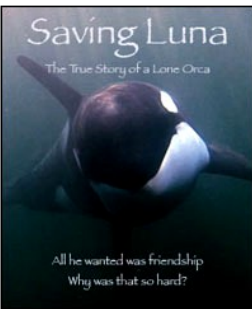
## Documentaries at Olympia Film Festival (Nov 7-15)

The Olympia Film Society's 25th Anniversary Film Festival (Nov.7-15) at the Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave. SE, will feature some great documentaries along with a variety of other films. For show times see [www.olympiafilmsociety.org](http://www.olympiafilmsociety.org) or phone (360) 754-5378.



**Fire Under the Snow:** Makoto Sasa's timely documentary traces the Chinese occupation of Tibet as seen through the eyes of Buddhist monk Palden Gyatso, who was imprisoned for 30 years and brutally tortured. Gyatso's unwavering faith in the face of horrific circumstances would make for essential viewing in itself, but it couldn't be more relevant now: News coverage that takes you right up through the current global strife over the 2008 Olympics in Beijing bookends his story perfectly.

**Profit Motive and the Whispering Wind:** Inspired by lefty Howard Zinn, John Gianvito's haunting experimental documentary takes us on a silent, meditative journey through the forgotten gravestones, memorial plaques, and other landmarks of America's underground history. We're not talking the Jefferson Memorial here. Gianvito foregrounds abolitionists, organizers, poets, and victims – from Sojourner Truth to Sacco and Vanzetti to Cesar Chavez.



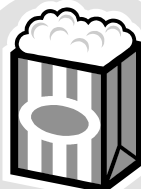
**Saving Luna:** documents a lost baby killer whale's struggle. Nearly two years after a tragic accident ended the saga of a wayward killer whale known as Luna, documentary filmmakers Suzanne Chisholm and Michael Parfit bring the gregarious little orca to the big screen in a thought-provoking, first-person account likely to stir debate. From the opening montage of watery coves and misty hillsides that establishes the remote setting of Nootka Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island, **Saving Luna** sets out to transport audiences beneath the surface of this compelling story, and does so.

**March Point:** Three teenagers from the Swinomish Reservation in Washington State make a film about two oil refineries that are harming the health of the people, the land, the water and the traditional way of life. As they take on the responsibility of making a documentary film about an issue that affects their community, Cody, Nick and Travis gain a new sense of themselves. (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde) (Swinomish/Lummi) (Guests from Longhouse Media and the making of this film will be present for Q & A.)



**Great Speeches From A Dying World:** Linas Phillips' unique and compassionate exploration of the hard luck, wrong turns, and broken dreams that reside on our city's streets. **Great Speeches** uncovers the stories and struggles of 10 Seattle homeless people, each of whom recite famous speeches from history that relate to their lives: from Shakespeare to JFK to Chief Sealth. (The director of the film will be present for Q& A.)

**The Sari Soldiers:** Filmed over three years during the most historic and pivotal time in Nepal's modern history, **The Sari Soldiers** is an extraordinary story of six women's courageous efforts to shape Nepal's future in the midst of an escalating civil war against Maoist insurgents, and the King's crackdown on civil liberties. **The Sari Soldiers** intimately delves into the extraordinary journey of these women on opposing sides of the conflict, through the democratic revolution that reshapes the country's future.





For 21 years the Olympia FOR has produced one-hour TV programs on issues related to peace, social justice, economics, the environment, and nonviolence. The Olympia FOR's program airs on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for Thurston County's cable TV subscribers. Each program airs **EVERY Monday at 1:30 p.m. and EVERY Thursday at 9:00 p.m. for a full month.** This creates many opportunities to watch each program.

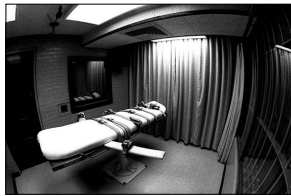
## OCTOBER: "The Death Penalty: An Idea Whose Time Has GONE"

The death penalty has been around for a very long time. Most of society simply accepts it as part of the *status quo*. People assume that it keeps us safe, provides justice, is used on only "the worst of the worst," helps victims' families reach "closure," and saves money. **Actually, the death penalty does not accomplish any of these. The opposite is what really occurs:**

- The death penalty brutalizes society and perpetuates the cycle of violence.
- It is terribly complex and reflects society's biases and inequities, so it is full of inconsistencies and is unjustly used against minorities, the poor, people with mental disabilities, and people without adequate legal representation.
- Victims' families need various kinds of help, but not fixation on revenge which might come after decades or not at all. The death penalty costs more than life in prison without parole.

**Indeed, the death penalty causes new problems that would not occur if life sentences were imposed.**

In recent years 130 persons on death row have been exonerated because they were wrongfully convicted, and a number of innocent persons were executed. Death penalty cases are more likely to include errors during trials. Lethal injection – which is touted as a humane way of execution – is actually full of problems that are rarely discussed. Prison employees who have carried out many executions suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Washington State – which prides itself on being civilized – has a terrible record of errors in death penalty trials, racial disparity on death row, and executing persons with mental illness.



Recently New Jersey's legislature and governor abolished their death penalty. One-fourth of the states in the US live just fine without the death penalty, as do all nations in the European Union and a great and growing number of nations in all parts of the world. **The time has come to let go of this brutal, archaic practice.**

The death penalty's unworkability has become obvious in recent decades. See pages 9-10 for a brief history of this.

The Olympia FOR's October TCTV program will provide fresh information and insights regarding the death penalty. Our three guests – Alice Curtis, Rozanne Rants, and Chuck Schultz – are active members of the Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, which meets one Tuesday evening each month in downtown Olympia. You can reach our committee at (360) 705-8520, [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com), or [chuck-schultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuck-schultz3@msn.com).

## NOVEMBER: "The Common Good – Real Democracy – vs. the Special Interests"

Have you noticed a growing trend at both the national and local levels? **Special interests and government officials are concentrating power in fewer hands, while denying the public the opportunities to practice real democracy.**

Right now – as we write this newsletter – the biggest concentrations of capitalism and the Bush regime are pressuring Congress to transfer \$700 billion of our money (more than \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in the nation) to gigantic banking and investment corporations with practically no strings attached. Bush's proposal would allow his appointed Secretary of the Treasury to do pretty much whatever he wants with it – and the legislation would prohibit any court – not even the U.S. Supreme Court – from reviewing how the money is used. They are using scare tactics to stampede Congress into passing this without adequate consideration – just as they rushed to start the Iraq war and pass the Patriot Act.

Here in Olympia, the new City Council unilaterally decided – again without hearings or adequate public input – to rescind the Nuclear Free Zone ordinance the 2005 City Council had passed with enormous public support.

And the new Olympia City Council seems willing to privatize the view we all enjoy across the downtown isthmus and let a real estate developer impose buildings taller than what the current zoning allows. The public overwhelmingly opposes rezoning this area, but – once again – the special interests and governmental entities reveal dismissive attitudes toward the public interest and the common good.

**Case after case could be cited where powerful interests grab power and overrule democracy:**

- Governmental surveillance increases, Bush's regime illegally and unconstitutionally spies upon people for any reason simply on Bush's say-so, and the bipartisan Congress gives him and the telecom corporations retroactive immunity.
- The public wants peace and elected the 2006 Congress to end the war in Iraq, but instead the new Democratic majority led the way in promoting more and more funding for the war, and both major parties nominated candidates who want to escalate the war in Afghanistan and increase the size and funding for the military.
- Local businesses and banks get bought out by bigger and bigger corporations, disempowering local people, creating monopolies, reducing our choices, and cutting our access to decision-makers.

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- Big box stores come here, squeeze out the locally owned businesses, and send the profits out of our community.
- Deregulation of various industries reduced public oversight and control, so giant corporations could defy the public interest in accountability, safety, fairness, etc.
- Media consolidate ownership into fewer and fewer hands, reducing local control and diversity. Mainstream media publicize establishment-oriented views (pro-business, pro-empire) and prevent or marginalize grassroots or pro-labor or anti-empire views from getting prominent visibility.
- TV news coverage of presidential elections focuses on fluffy non-issues, leaving the voters mis-informed and dis-informed (filled with wrong information).
- Election campaigns have become increasingly dependent on big contributions from wealthy special interests.

**When power becomes centralized, giant special interests disregard the broad public interest and reduce democracy.**

In other countries with oppressive governments, grassroots people create “pro-democracy” movements. They organize around

the values of democracy and seek to change or topple the oppressive regimes. We need a pro-democracy movement right here in the U.S. – and in our local community.

The problem goes far beyond political parties and far beyond electoral politics. It’s not about **replacing** the people who are on top. It’s about **taking away power from the top** and **re-empowering** the people at the bottom.

How could we reclaim democracy? How could we assert our democratic values and begin practicing them in stronger and stronger ways? How could we take back our politics, our economy, our society, our culture? What specific things could we do to start at the local grassroots level to help people empower themselves and rebuild democracy from the bottom up?

The Olympia FOR’s November TCTV program will explore the problems and solutions questions. Our guests will include Terry Zander, a passionate and creative thinker and doer for real democracy. The other guests will be confirmed soon.

## OLYMPIA FOR’S “BIG PICTURE” DOCUMENTARY SERIES ON TCTV



In addition to the Olympia FOR’s TV series of locally produced interview programs (see page 4), we also air thought-provoking documentaries that you’re not likely to see elsewhere on TV. Under the series title “**The Big Picture**,” Carol Burns finds suitable documentaries and arranges to show them on Thurston Community Television (**TCTV channel 22**) for cable subscribers in Thurston County. Thanks to Carol for continuing to inform the people! You can watch these programs at **10 p.m. every Sunday evening** and **3:30 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday morning** for a full month. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

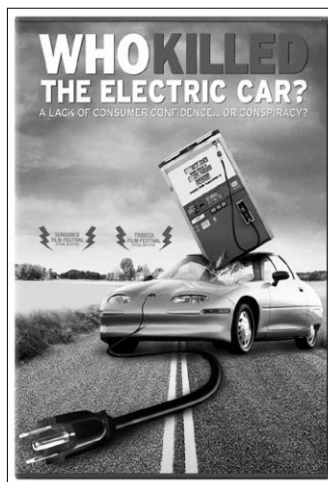
### OCTOBER: “SIR! NO SIR!”



Few Americans are aware that some of the most vocal and active opponents of the Vietnam War were the very soldiers who fought in it. Some, like the so-called Nine for Peace, formed GI protest groups while still on active duty in Vietnam. Some went AWOL (there were reportedly 500,000 incidents of desertion). A great many, including soldiers who refused to be deployed to 'Nam at all, were court-martialed and imprisoned in military stockades like San Francisco's Presidio. Still others returned home, joined movements like Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and published underground newspapers. All of this is delivered via personal anecdotes, photos, and file footage.

This film serves as an inspiration as more and more Iraq Veterans speak out against the current war. (83 Minutes)

### NOVEMBER: “WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?”



It begins with a solemn funeral ... for a car. As narrator Martin Sheen notes, “They were quiet and fast, produced no exhaust and ran without gasoline.” The first electric car was created 100 years ago by General Motors, but abandoned in favor of the internal combustion engine. Everyone gets the chance to have their say: engineers, politicians, protesters, and petroleum spokespeople in a revealing documentary about hard sci-

ence and complex politics, concluding with a small ray of hope for development of environmentally friendly vehicles. (2006) (1hour 33 minutes)

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**Keep in touch with Olympia FOR by e-mail:** Occasionally – not too often – the Olympia FOR communicates with our people by e-mail. If you haven't received an e-mail from us lately (not counting listservs you might be on), we probably don't have your current e-mail address. Please let us know. We're at [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org). Thanks!

**National FOR's blog connects you with many sources of information:** Visit the new blog – [www.forpeace.net](http://www.forpeace.net) -- and consider signing up there for daily e-mails about what's new.

**National FOR's youth activities:** The national FOR's Nonviolent Youth Collective connects and empowers young people. Programs include the "I Will Not Kill" campaign to challenge the militarism pervasive in our culture and to promote a broad understanding of conscientious objection; the Peacemaker Training Institute's 5-day training for youths 18-25; counter-recruitment; and organizing to break the conveyor belt that channels people from high school to either the military or prison, and other activities. See [www.youth.forusa.org](http://www.youth.forusa.org)

**No more stolen elections!** In 2004, Ukrainians took to the streets to protest a stolen election. They demonstrated by the millions, for days on end, until they overwhelmed the attempted electoral coup. They demanded a revote, and they got their legitimate government back. But in 2000 and 2004, we Americans had our votes stolen and our government hijacked, but we were immobilized with shock. A new organizing effort will be ready for the 2008 election. The **Election Defense Alliance** and other election integrity allies are monitoring the lead-up to the election for danger indicators. They will know where to look, and what to look for. They will analyze election returns in real time, and when they find vote theft and suppression, **they will call on their members to rally for the republic in mass protests strategically focused for maximum effect – until the public gets an honest accounting of the votes!**

The Election Defense Alliance encourages people to sign up for the **Code Orange Rapid Response** at [www.electiondefensealliance.org](http://www.electiondefensealliance.org) to be notified if needed.



**Promoting nonviolence in Iraq:** September 11<sup>th</sup> Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, United for Peace and Justice, and other peace organizations in the US and elsewhere are supporting **LaOnf**, – a network of Iraqi civil society organizations and activists who are using nonviolence as a tool to resist the occupation, terrorism, and corruption in all parts of Iraq. **LaOnf**, which roughly translates to “nonviolence” in Arabic, began in 2006 and has grown to a coalition of more than 100 civil society organizations from all 18 regions of Iraq, with democratically elected structures at the regional and national levels. For more info see [www.laonf.net](http://www.laonf.net) and click on the English language button in the upper right corner. Here in the US, the Campaign in Solidarity with LaOnf is working to amplify the voices of Iraqis who are proposing nonviolent solutions to their embattled nation. LaOnf is currently organizing their 3rd annual “Week of Nonviolent Action,” which will take place in dozens of cities and towns across Iraq in October 2008. Supporting LaOnf can be an important part of ending the war and occupation of Iraq and highlighting US responsibilities to reconstruct Iraq with Iraqis at the helm. See [www.peacefultomorrow.org](http://www.peacefultomorrow.org) or call 212-598-0970

**One way to protect Olympia's waterfront:** The **Friends of the Waterfront** is a group of Olympia area residents and businesspeople who see the waterfront as a treasure – a central feature that is vital to the health of the whole community. They advocate managing the area within 600 feet of the water wisely and developing it for the benefit of the entire community, not just limited interests. Doing that well requires managing it according to the community's vision, as determined by a process that includes all elements of the community. They are working hard to persuade the Olympia City Council to deny a real estate developer's request to rezone it to allow buildings 90 and 65 feet high (plus up to 16 more feet of sheds on the top for equipment.) The buildings would include condominiums for rich people and other commercial uses. The rich people who buy the condos would be excused from paying property taxes, shifting their tax burden onto the rest of us. Rezoning this area would likely open the floodgates for other rezones to spoil additional views for those of us not rich enough to buy the ritzy condos. The growing grassroots movement to protect our waterfront needs more support. Info: [www.friendsofthewaterfront.org](http://www.friendsofthewaterfront.org)

**Another way to protect Olympia's waterfront:** The **Olympia Capitol Park Foundation** wants to prevent the rezone mentioned above and instead turn much of the isthmus between Capitol Lake and Budd Inlet into a new park for the public to enjoy. They are petitioning the Olympia City Council to investigate acquiring and developing into a park the blocks across

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from Bayview, reaching from the old KFC building by the bridge through the buildings by the fountain. The **Olympia Capitol Park Foundation** wants the City to work with the various local, state and other public and private entities that have a hand in managing this area. Info: [jerryreilly@msn.com](mailto:jerryreilly@msn.com) or [waterfrontoly@aol.com](mailto:waterfrontoly@aol.com)

**Can Olympia's voters own their elections? Proposal submitted:** Monica Hoover and other members of the local Olympia branch of Washington Public Campaign proposed a Voter-Owned Elections program to the Olympia City Council on August 5. The Olympia City Council's Finance Committee and Government Affairs Committee will study the proposal. Whether it is adopted by the council or referred to the voters in 2009, the local group is continuing to educate the community. Voter-owned election organizing is underway in several other Washington cities. Wealthy people and entities that donate to electoral campaigns disempower the broad general public and distort our democracy. Replacing the special interests' big money with public financing can clean up the system and let the voters reclaim democracy. Thanks to everyone who signed petitions during the past year! For information see [www.WashClean.org](http://www.WashClean.org) and click on **"Bring Voter-Owned Elections to Your Town."** Local info: 943-3070

**Health care reform: Local and state groups need volunteers:** Do you want universal, single-payer health care? The Health Care Coalition of Thurston County (HCCTC) is part of the statewide Washington Health Security Coalition (WHSC), which is the only coalition in Washington that is actively committed to securing a single payer health care system for our State (and, eventually, the U.S.). The statewide Coalition's board and working committees need a lot more people power, especially leading up to the 2009 state legislative session, and so does the county-level group. Many kinds of skills are needed: researching, writing, public speaking, and whatever you can offer. The group is very understanding and flexible about personal time commitments. Please contact Linda Davis, WHSC Vice-Chair, toll-free at (877) 502-1873 ext. 705 or at [legislative@wahealthsecurity.org](mailto:legislative@wahealthsecurity.org). Thank you!

**What does God think about torture?** The U.S. government tortures people. It was unthinkable just a few years ago, but now many people are used to it. But the religious community is organizing against it. The Washington State Religious Campaign Against Torture (WSRCAT) encourages local faith communities to take public stands. One way is to get a banner from WSRCAT and post it visibly outside your congregation's building so the public can see it. Banner messages may vary (e.g., "Torture is wrong," or "Torture is a moral issue"). Various religious faiths and denominations participate in this interfaith effort. Info: [www.stopstorture.blogspot.com](http://www.stopstorture.blogspot.com)

**Nominate a local person for a human rights award:** The Thurston Council on Cultural Diversity and Human Rights is accepting nominations until October 17 for "Lifetime Achievement" and "Unique Achievement." The person or organization must live in Thurston County. The Olympia FOR won a Unique Achievement award in 2001. Info: Ruth Elder, 357-2489 [elderr@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:elderr@co.thurston.wa.us)

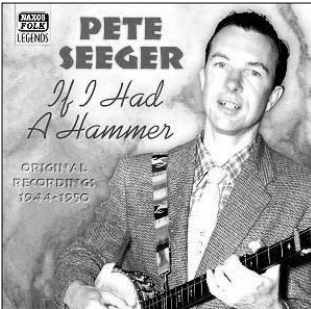
**New Hanford booklet is available:** The Hanford Task Force of Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility (WPSR) has completed its new booklet, "The Challenge of Hanford and Health." The booklet summarizes the history of the nuclear weapons and related activities at Hanford in Eastern Washington. The booklet also explains the, environmental damage, potential health impacts and cleanup progress. Producing this booklet was a major effort. For a free copy phone (206) 547-2630 or e-mail [wpsr@wpsr.org](mailto:wpsr@wpsr.org). It will soon be available to download free from WPSR's website, [www.wpsr.org](http://www.wpsr.org).

**"Recovering the Sense of the Earth as Sacred" – a 5-week study group:** How can key insights of the new cosmology help us understand and solve the crises our Sacred Earth is facing? This class will focus on the loss of the sense of Earth as sacred. Thomas Berry -- a celebrated cultural historian and ecologist -- and many others, feel its rediscovery may be the key to an eventual solution. Please join us in exploring this claim. Gather with facilitators Bernie Steckler, Tom Joldersma, Samara Joldersma, and Sister Mimi Maloney from 10 am to 12 noon for five Wednesday mornings (Oct 15, 22, 29, and Nov 5, 12) at the Olympia Unitarian-Universalist congregation, 2200 East End Street NW (north on Division, left on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NW), Olympia. \$10 will be requested from those able to donate. Info: Mimi 459-5825

**Be an intern for International FOR and its Women Peacemakers Program:** IFOR and WPP seek two young women who are active in civil society organizations (CSOs). WPP's International Orientation is a 6 weeks annual orientation next spring at the IFOR office in Alkmaar, The Netherlands. The International Orientation will cultivate skills and support temporary placements in peace projects and offices for up to 6 weeks. It also works on conflict resolution, development, human rights and gender awareness. The deadline for the 2009 International Orientation is 15 December 2008. Info and application at

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[www.ifor.org/WPP/education\\_int\\_orient.htm](http://www.ifor.org/WPP/education_int_orient.htm) and from Cristina Reyna [c.reyna@ifor.org](mailto:c.reyna@ifor.org).



**Nominate Pete Seeger for Nobel Peace Prize:** The Olympia FOR, Western Washington FOR, and many other organizations have joined the growing movement to nominate Pete Seeger for a Nobel Peace Prize. The petition has nearly 20,000 signatures. A new website, [www.nobelprize4pete.org](http://www.nobelprize4pete.org), has information and resources. The next step is to find an eligible person who will nominate Pete before February 2009. U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee is supportive. The campaign is not about making an icon of Pete Seeger, but rather about recognizing Pete as a lifelong activist for peace and social justice – a role model for others – and a cultural worker who shows the power of using the arts not merely for commercial entertainment but as part of a grassroots movement for empowerment and social change. Pete says, “Not everybody can talk at the same time but everybody can sing at the same time.”

**The 5<sup>th</sup> annual World Sacred Music Festival of Olympia needs a few key volunteers now to plan the Sat. March 7 event:** Interfaith Works needs an **Event Coordinator** (someone to oversee the work of the various committee chairs and keep them on track), a **Funding/Sponsorship Coordinator** (someone who – with IW’s staff support – will seek business and community sponsors for the festival), and a **Volunteer Coordinator** (someone to schedule and arrange the training of festival volunteers). Interested? Call 357-7224 or e-mail [interfaithworks@comcast.net](mailto:interfaithworks@comcast.net) The rest of the planning committee is already deeply engaged in recruiting performers and artists, soliciting tablers, recruiting volunteers, etc. Once again there will be performers and workshops on 3 stages, ethnic food, an expanded marketplace, and an exhibit of sacred art – this time, in the art gallery! Lots more info about the festival may be found at [olysacredmusic.org](http://olysacredmusic.org) (The Olympia FOR belongs to Interfaith Works and supports IW’s many activities.)

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**FOR Auction** (cont.) (near Greenwood Ave N on Phinney Ridge, NW of Woodland Park Zoo). Info 206-789-5565 [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org)

◆ **Sat Nov 8 Fire Mountain (Lewis County) FOR** vigil in SE corner of Washington Park, Centralia, from 12 noon to 1 pm. Many members will be attending the WWFOR Fall Retreat in Lacey, so please call to confirm whether they will meet immediately before their vigil as usual. Info: June Butler 360-748-9658 [juneb2@earthlink.net](mailto:juneb2@earthlink.net)

**Sat Nov 8 (and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday): Vigil for Human Rights at the NW Immigrant Detention Center in Tacoma:** See info at the Sat Oct 11 listing above.

**Wed-Sat Nov 12-15: Environmental Education Association of Washington Annual Conference: “Generation Green: Sustainability Takes Root”** – Connect with environmental educators from throughout Washington state, and help empower and inspire today’s generations to make decisions now that will ensure healthy ecologies, healthy economies, and healthy people for seven generations to come. This conference is especially for persons who care about environmental and sustainability education. This includes young people, teachers, school administrators, college level educators and administrators, early childhood educators, researchers, business and governmental leaders, persons who work in civic, community-based and informal organizations, and other interested persons. It will occur at the Wenatchee WA conference center. Info: EEAW, PO Box 6277, Olympia, WA 98507 360-943-6643 [info@eeaw.org](mailto:info@eeaw.org) [www.eeaw.org/conference](http://www.eeaw.org/conference)

**Sat Dec 6: Compassionate Listening: Healing our World from the Inside Out – A Basic 1 Day Introductory Training:** Compassionate Listening workshops teach heart-based skills for building peace and reconciliation in our families and communities, on our jobs, and in deeply conflicted parts of the world. Learn to listen and speak from the heart, even in the heat of conflict. 9:30 am to 6:00 pm at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave, Seattle. Facilitators Andrea Cohen and Susan Partnow are highly experienced and skilled. A sliding-scale donation of \$75 to \$175 is requested, and scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. (Also, an intensive two-day training on Bainbridge Island, west of Seattle, will occur on Sat. Jan 10 & 17.) Info: 206-523-6018 and [www.compassionatelisting.org](http://www.compassionatelisting.org)

## BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE PEACE MOVEMENT

This is the **sixth** of a series of articles exploring various ways the peace movement can strengthen itself and become more effective. These articles recognize that: (1) The way to win peace and social justice is through grassroots organizing to build an ever-larger movement of the general public; (2) To win public opinion, nonviolence is both necessary and powerful; (3) We need to strategize carefully to build this movement through a variety of smart campaigns and activities; and (4) Details that might seem small can mean the difference between success and failure. Each issue of the Olympia FOR newsletter includes an article related to one of these topics, although not necessarily in this 1-2-3-4 order. Previous articles will soon be posted on our website, [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)

### Devising Issue Campaigns to Persuade the Public BY GLEN ANDERSON

#### CLARIFYING THE ISSUES AND OUR GOALS:

The issues and our goals might seem obvious at first, but we should think clearly to make sure we focus on what our campaign really must accomplish, rather than something too big or too small. Only after clarifying issues and goals can we plan strategies.

During the 1980s while Reagan was escalating the nuclear arms race, attacking Central America, and expanding the U.S. military, a local school district was considering whether to add Junior ROTC (JROTC) to its curriculum. A tiny handful of local peace organizers came together to stop it.

We recognized that while we opposed Reagan's foreign policy and militarism in general, those were beyond the scope of the urgent specific local goal. We did not need to spin our wheels trying to convince the local school board to oppose Reagan's foreign policy or militarism in general. We recognized that our goal was to prevent the school district from allowing JROTC into the curriculum.

Who was responsible for making that decision? The district's school board.

We focused on specifics: Which individuals were on the school board? For each of these five different individuals, what were their values, interests and concerns? For each individual, what could we do to persuade him or her to reject the JROTC proposal? Who do we know who knows those individuals? We proceeded accordingly.

Teachers told us that as employees they have difficulty speaking out to the school board, but that parents and voters in the district do have clout.

We did our research. We studied JROTC's various problems and pitfalls. We recruited and organized people to write to the school board, speak at school board meetings, and critique the proposal in ways that the various school board members would understand and find persuasive. After just a few months the school board voted to reject the JROTC proposal. We won!

We won by (1) Focusing on the right issue and goal; (2) Devising a clear, focused strategy; and (3) Mobilizing the right people to act within that clear strategy for the focused goal.

#### USING STRATEGIC QUESTIONS TO DEVISE A WINNING STRATEGY:

If you clearly understand your issues and your goals, you want to plan a winning strategy for persuading the public. Consider such strategic questions as:

- What will persuade the majority of people who are not yet with us?
- What do the public (and major sub-populations) value and want?
- What do the public (and major sub-populations) fear?
- What symbols and images can get the public (and major sub-populations) to respond our way?

Several years ago when working to convince Thurston County's voters to vote against a bond issue to build a gigantic new jail, I realized that we should develop strategies to persuade two very different constituencies. We would need one strategy to persuade liberals who are inclined to support social services and prevention rather than more jails. We would need a very different strategy to persuade conservatives who don't want to pay more taxes for big government programs.

#### CONSIDER SUCH STRATEGIC QUESTIONS AS:

- What are the best ways to reach each particular audience?
- How should we communicate our message so people can actually hear it and be persuaded by it?
- How should we attend to emotional factors in addition to presenting informational content?
- What pitfalls might exist in each strategy, and how could we avoid the pitfalls?

## Devising Issue Campaigns to Persuade the Public (CONT)

### ORGANIZING TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO:

Often the subject of our organizing is something embedded in the status quo. For example, the death penalty has existed for a long time, and most Americans accept it as just the way things are.

Some of us work to abolish the death penalty, but very few work to maintain or expand it. The death penalty's support seems to be "a mile wide and an inch deep." We suspect that people would let go of it if we could offer people other ways to meet their needs for safety, justice, etc. Indeed, surveys have shown that when attractive alternatives (e.g., life in prison without parole while working in prison for restitution for the victim's family) are offered, people are willing to abandon the death penalty in favor of such alternatives.

The Olympia FOR's death penalty abolition committee changed its name to the Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty so that we could not just abolish a bad thing but also be in favor of better alternatives.

We believe that the state legislature won't abolish the death penalty if they fear the voters will think they are "soft on crime," so we must show the legislators that the voters are willing to substitute non-lethal alternatives. In 1999 we replicated the studies that had been done elsewhere and found that a great many Thurston County voters who normally support the death penalty would choose the alternative mentioned two paragraphs above. We sent news releases to the media and to each of Washington's 147 state legislators.

The scientific survey we designed also asked other questions about the death penalty, and we found that the biggest concern – even among people who support the death penalty – was the risk of executing innocent persons. (This was in 1999, before very many news stories about innocence had made national headlines.) Based on this finding that Thurston County's voters were deeply concerned about innocence, we devised "Death Penalty Awareness Week" for the following spring. This week featured a wide variety of activities to reach a variety of audiences and educate them about innocence and the death penalty.

## The Death Penalty: A Brief History of an Unworkable System BY GLEN ANDERSON

For many decades people have recognized serious problems with the death penalty, and they have tried to fix them. But no matter how the legislators and judges might try to rework or reform the death penalty, nobody can make it workable, fair or just. It is terribly complex and fatally flawed. It continues to reflect society's biases, make mistakes, and cause injustice. The death penalty is what conservatives would call "a big government program that doesn't work." With the stakes literally as crucial as **life or death**, we can no longer pretend that more tinkering can fix this unworkable system.

In the late 1960s, the U.S. Supreme Court was recognizing constitutional problems regarding arbitrariness, racial bias and other factors that produced terrible inconsistencies. In order to eliminate these inconsistencies, the Court tried to reduce judges' wide discretion in imposing death sentences and tried to guide capital sentencing.

However, in 1971 the Supreme Court stated that guiding capital sentencing discretion was "beyond present human ability." The Court said, "To identify before the fact those characteristics of criminal homicides and their perpetrators which call for the death penalty, and to express these characteristics in language which can be fairly understood and applied by the sentencing authority, appear to be tasks which are beyond present human ability."

But just one year after that 1971 decision, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said the opposite. In *Furman v. Georgia*, he wrote this in his concurring opinion: "The high service rendered by the 'cruel and unusual' punishment clause of the Eighth Amendment is to require legislatures to write penal laws that are evenhanded, nonselective, and nonarbitrary, and to require judges to see to it that general laws are not applied sparsely, selectively, and spottily to unpopular groups."

Judges and juries had tremendous amounts of leeway in making their decisions, and this resulted in wildly inconsistent decisions from one case to the next and from one place to the next. It also resulted in severe racial discrimination. In the 1972 *Furman v. Georgia* case, the Supreme Court ruled that a punishment would be "cruel and unusual" if it was arbitrary.

After *Furman* the states replaced their death penalty laws with the intent of ending arbitrariness in capital sentencing. Some states went so far as to remove all discretion by mandating capital punishment for persons convicted of capital crimes.

## The Death Penalty: A Brief History of an Unworkable System (CONT)

However, the Supreme Court ruled that unconstitutional in 1976.

Other states sought to limit that discretion by providing sentencing guidelines for the judge and jury when deciding whether to impose death. The guidelines allowed for the introduction of “**aggravating**” and “**mitigating**” factors in determining sentencing. These “guided discretion” statutes were approved in 1976 by the Supreme Court in *Gregg v. Georgia*. That’s how Washington’s law and other states’ laws work nowadays.

The *Gregg* decision also provided an automatic appellate review of each conviction and sentence – and also a proportionality review, a practice that helps the state to identify and eliminate sentencing disparities.

**But even with these reforms, racial bias and economic class bias still persisted. Three decades after sentencing guidelines were approved by the Court in *Gregg*, the death penalty is still being unpredictably applied to a small number of defendants. There remains a lack of uniformity in the capital punishment system. Some of the most heinous murders do not result in death sentences, while less heinous crimes are punished by death.**

**Ineffective guidelines and constraints in the capital sentencing process can result in decision-makers falling back on their prejudices about who are the worst kind of criminals or who are the more sympathetic victims. Many factors other than the gravity of the crime or the culpability of the offender appear to affect death sentences, including geography, race, gender, economic class and access to adequate counsel.**

These factors inject a variety of inconsistencies into the life-or-death decisions, so they do not provide true justice.

Can we at least agree about not executing people who are likely to be innocent? No. The Supreme Court addressed the constitutionality of executing someone who claimed actual innocence in *Herrera v. Collins* (506 U.S. 390 (1993)). Although the Court left open the possibility that the Constitution bars the execution of someone who conclusively demonstrates that he or she is actually innocent, the Court noted that such cases would be very rare. The Court held that, in the absence of other constitutional violations, **new evidence of innocence is no reason for federal courts to order a new trial.** Someone else confessed to the crime for which Herrera had already been convicted and sentenced to death. He was not granted a new trial – and not even clemency – so he was executed in 1993.

Since *Herrera*, concern about executing the innocent has grown. Since 1973 some 130 persons in 25 states have been released from death row because of wrongful conviction or outright innocence. In November 1998 Northwestern University held the first-ever National Conference on Wrongful Convictions and the Death Penalty, in Chicago. The Conference, which drew nationwide attention, brought together 30 of these wrongfully convicted inmates who were exonerated and released from death row. Many of these cases were discovered not as the result of the justice system, but instead as the result of new scientific techniques, investigations by journalism students, and the work of volunteer attorneys. These resources are not available to the typical death row inmate.

In January 2000, after Illinois had released 13 innocent inmates from death row in the same time that it had executed 12 people, Illinois Governor George Ryan declared a moratorium on executions and appointed a blue-ribbon Commission on Capital Punishment to study the issue. The Commission was created with equal numbers of supporters and opponents of the death penalty serving on it. The Commission worked hard for a long time and produced 85 recommendations. Essentially, the Commission’s report said that if Illinois wanted to continue having the death penalty, it would need to fix 85 serious defects. The legislature fixed some and ignored others. Washington State’s death penalty system meets only a small number of these procedural safeguards; we are out of compliance with the vast majority.

A great many death sentences in Washington are overturned by the State Supreme Court and by federal appellate courts.

Washingtonians like to feel that our state is pretty civilized and sophisticated, but we have no room for smugness regarding the death penalty.

**The death penalty is too complex and has too many variables to be workable. It has too many inconsistencies and biases to provide true justice. Decades of efforts have tried many ways to fix it, but every effort falls short. Biases, filters, screens, and inconsistencies are still rampant.**

Let’s admit that there is no way to fix the death penalty to provide consistent justice. The only mature and responsible decision is to abolish the death penalty altogether. A viable alternative – life in prison without any possibility of parole – can protect society. Indeed, that is Washington State’s default when the jury chooses not to impose death.

We really do not need the death penalty, and we’d have more consistent justice without it.

**LOCAL CALENDAR**

**Within Thurston County**

FOR-sponsored events have a ♦ before them.



These TCTV programs use cable channel 22 in Thurston County.

**The events on this page occur every week.**

The Every Every Every Every Department: ▼▼▼



♦ Every Sunday evening at 10 pm AND every Monday and Wednesday morning at 3:30 am: The Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" documentary videos on TCTV. OCT: "Sir! No Sir!" NOV: "Who Killed the Electric Car?" See article on page 4. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

Every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 am AND from 4:00 to 5:00 pm: "Democracy Now" with Amy Goodman on TCTV

Every Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 am: "Democracy Now" with Amy Goodman on KAOS 89.3 FM

Every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 5:30 pm: Free Speech Radio News on KAOS 89.3 FM

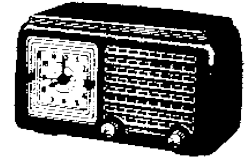
Every Monday from 6:00 to 6:30 am: "Reclaiming Democracy," a locally produced program on TCTV, addresses issues related to big business, public policy, democratic values, etc. Info: www.sounddemocracy.org or Rus Geh 705-0862 rusgeh@yahoo.com

♦ Every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: OCT: "The Death Penalty: An Idea Whose Time Has GONE." NOV: "The Common Good – Real Democracy – vs. the Special Interests." See page 3.

♦ Every Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm: Peace Vigil in NW corner of Sylvester Park (corner of Legion & Capitol Way). Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a very friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Info: 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

Every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm and every Thursday at 9:30 am: Veterans for Peace airs a locally produced program on TCTV. Info: Robert Poteat (360) 880-4226 rpoteat@hotmail.com

Every Thursday from 12 to 1 pm: "Parallel University" on KAOS 89.3 FM features interesting, informative programs about peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: parralleluniversity@yahoo.com



♦ Every Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: OCT: "The Death Penalty: An Idea Whose Time Has GONE." NOV: "The Common Good – Real Democracy vs. the Special Interests." See page 3.

♦ Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm: Peace Vigil at south end of Percival Landing near W 4th Ave. *We need more participants!* Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. Sponsor: Olympia FOR. Info: 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

Every Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm: "Women in Black" Silent Vigil for Peace on the south side of W. 4th Ave. near the fountain. Women only. Please wear black. Some signs are provided. Since 1988 "Women in Black" has been a loose network of women worldwide committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to war and violence. Info: Karin Kraft 754-5352 kraftkf@comcast.net

Every Friday from 6:00 to 6:30 pm: "Reclaiming Democracy," a locally produced program on TCTV, cable channel 22, addresses issues related to big business, public policy, democratic values, etc. Info: www.sounddemocracy.org or Rus Geh 705-0862 rusgeh@yahoo.com

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Sen. Richard Russell, former Chairman of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, said this more than 35 years ago:

"There is something about preparing for destruction that causes men to be more careless in spending money than they would if they were building for constructive purposes. Why this is, I do not know; but I have observed over a period of almost thirty years in the Senate that there is something about buying arms with which to kill, to destroy, to wipe out cities, and to obliterate great transportation systems which causes men not to reckon the dollar cost as close as they do when they think about proper housing and the care of the health of human beings."

◆ **Thurs Oct 2: “The Death Penalty: An Idea Whose Time Has GONE” – Olympia FOR’s October TV program** debuts today and runs every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and every Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm through Oct. 30 on TCTV cable channel 22 within Thurston County. Info: Glen 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org) See page 3.

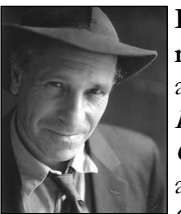


**Fri Oct 3: Innocent death row survivor speaks:** Juan Roberto Melendez spent more than 17 years on Florida’s death row for a crime he did not commit. He was the 99<sup>th</sup> death row inmate since 1973 to be exonerated and released. (The total is 130 now.) He will speak at St. Martin’s University in Lacey from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Info: [jhopkins@stmartin.edu](mailto:jhopkins@stmartin.edu)



**Fri Oct 3: Amnesty International’s Olympia group works for human rights worldwide:** Meet on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Mixx-96 meeting room at the SW corner of State & Washington in downtown Olympia. Everyone is welcome to share information, write letters, and organize community outreach to promote human rights. Info: Kerri Griffis 867-9237 [kerrigriffis@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrigriffis@yahoo.com)

**Fri-Sat Oct 3-4: Arts Walk includes children’s peace-related art:** Olympia FOR member Kristen Dahle, a local elementary school teacher, arranges for students to produce and display art for Arts Walk in the window of Buck’s Fifth Avenue, 209 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Olympia Friday evening, Saturday, and beyond. The Olympia FOR sponsors this as part of the United Nations’ Decade of Nonviolence. Info: 357-3553 [kjdahle@comcast.net](mailto:kjdahle@comcast.net)



**Fri Oct 3: Greg Palast, investigative journalist, speaks in Olympia** about elections and other hot issues. He wrote *Armed Madhouse* and *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*. His research, writing and speaking are informative and powerful. Doors open at 6:00 for his 7:00-9:30 pm presentation at South Puget Sound Community College’s Minnaert Center, 2011 Mottman Rd SW, Olympia. Free. Donations welcome. Sponsors include SPSCC’s progressive student group BRICK (Building Community by Increasing Community Knowledge) and TC Pro-Net (Thurston County Progressive Network. Info: [info@tcpronet.org](mailto:info@tcpronet.org)

**Tues Oct 7: Nonviolent Communication workshop – “Communicating to Connect”** – Enjoy this introduction to Nonviolent Communication to learn some immediately usable tools for resolving conflicts, reducing criticism, de-

visiveness, blame, shame, misunderstanding and violence, and for increasing respect and hope in your everyday life and in the world. 6:45-9:00 pm at Lincoln Elementary School cafeteria, 213 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SE (corner of 21<sup>st</sup> & Washington). Info: Liv Monroe 357-4503 [livvm@comcast.net](mailto:livvm@comcast.net)



◆ **Wed Oct 8: Olympia FOR Steering Committee meets** to provide overall guidance and decision-making. Everyone is invited. 7:00 pm at Monica Hoover’s home in NE Olympia. Info: 943-3070

**Wed Oct 8: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP)** meets from 7 to 9 pm to plan a variety of activities to work for justice and peace everywhere. Olympia Community Free School, 610 Columbia SW. Everyone is welcome. Info: Peter Bohmer, [peterbohmer@yahoo.com](mailto:peterbohmer@yahoo.com)

**Fri Oct 10: “Stories of Being Your Own Boss” -- Heartsparkle Players:** This month’s performance collaborates with Enterprise for Equity, a local non-profit that helps low-income people reach their dreams through self-employment. Heartsparkle Players is an outstanding local troupe with a loyal following. They use Playback Theatre, a spontaneous collaboration between performers and the audience. People tell moments from their lives, and then watch them re-created with movement, music and dialogue. Each month they collaborate with a different local non-profit group around a different theme. Everyone welcome! A \$5-\$10 donation is requested if you can afford it; nobody is turned away. 7:30 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Debe Edden 943-6772 [debek@olywa.net](mailto:debek@olywa.net) [www.heartsparkle.org](http://www.heartsparkle.org)

**Fri-Sat Oct 10-11: Basics of Nonviolent Communication:** In one evening and a full day we will delve into the consciousness and practice of connecting with others and ourselves, of being the person we most want to hang around with, and of relating in ways that express our values. This is an opportunity to practice Nonviolent Communication skills with others wanting to do the same. It’s for people who have attended a previous NVC workshop or read the book. Friday 7:00-9:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in NW Olympia. Info: Liv Monroe 357-4503 [livvm@comcast.net](mailto:livvm@comcast.net) Pre-register at [www.nwcompass.org](http://www.nwcompass.org)

**Sun Oct 12: “The Cost of War” featuring Wayne Smith – Fundraiser for Coffee Strong (GI Coffee House):** In 1998, Wayne Smith, a combat medic during the Vietnam War and a long-time advocate for veteran’s rights, returned to Vietnam and was one of 20 U.S. veterans who met with 20 Vietnamese former enemy soldiers on a mission of peace and reconciliation. Together, they bicycled the 1,200 miles from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). He is one of the veterans featured in the 1999 Emmy Award win-

ning documentary, "Vietnam: A Long Time Coming." Smith will discuss the true cost of war, how local communities can work for peace, and how to resolve the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. He was president of the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation. He also was executive director and president of the Justice Project, where he helped change U.S. attitudes about the death penalty. Mr. Smith will meet with all of us, including the students who set up the first student initiated program in the US to bring displaced Iraqi students to complete their college education. Iraq Student Solidarity Committee (ISSC) will join us, along with members of the New GI Coffee House to further define how Olympians are acting to create healing and restitution. 2:30-4:00 pm at Lacey Library, 500 College St, Lacey. Donations at the door. Info: Molly Gibbs 412-1519 [mollygibbs3@gmail.com](mailto:mollygibbs3@gmail.com)

**Mon Oct 13: Bernie Meyer, "The American Gandhi," speaks about recent trip to India:** Bernie was recently invited to attend and present at India's Round Table Conference: "The Role of Science and Spirituality in Promoting the Culture of Peace in the World." Back home in Olympia, he will speak at 7:00 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, in downtown Olympia. Info: 570-0975

**Tues Oct 14: Karma Cafe – open forum explores life as seen through Buddhist/Taoist perspective:** This roundtable discussion is casual and allows everyone to share personal viewpoints in an open and nonjudgmental setting. 6 to 8 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Mud Bay Coffee Meeting Room (1600 Cooper Pt Rd SW, near Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia). Info: 867-9316 [korodo@msn.com](mailto:korodo@msn.com)

**Tues Oct 14: Local organizing against sweatshops: The South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign** formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and to get public agencies to adopt sweatshop-free purchasing practices. Meet at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Info: [www.southsoundcleanclothes.org](http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org)

**Tues Oct 14: National Organization for Women (NOW)** meets at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Info: Linda Malanchuk-Finnan 357-7272 [lryh@hotmail.com](mailto:lryh@hotmail.com)

**Fri Oct 17: Iraq Moratorium occurs on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month:** The Iraq Moratorium is a monthly series of actions demanding an end to the war. Devote a significant part of today to build the peace movement and show the U.S. government that our troops must be brought home, now! Take this pledge: "On the third Friday of every month, I will break my daily routine and take some action, by myself or with others, to end the War in Iraq." Info: [www.iraqmoratorium.org](http://www.iraqmoratorium.org)

**Fri Oct 17: Restore the Nisqually Delta:** Jean Takakawa, Refuge Manager for the Nisqually Delta, talking about restoring the delta. Sponsor: People for Puget Sound. 7:00 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, downtown Olympia.

**Fri-Sun Oct 17-19: "Dual Occupations: Sovereignty and Freedom from Iraq to Palestine" – the 2008 Peace Works Conference sponsored by the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice:** This high quality weekend conference will share knowledge and skills. Outstanding speakers and workshop leaders include Dahlia Wasfi, MD (an Iraqi- and Jewish-American activist), Col. Ann Write (a career military woman, State Dept diplomat, and influential anti-war speaker), Ali Abunimah (Journalist and co-founder of Electronic Intifada), Phyllis Bennis (outstanding scholar specializing in Middle East issues for the Institute for Policy Studies), and Adam Shapiro (co-founder of International Solidarity Movement and the Iraqi Student Project). Three big days at The Evergreen State College. Sponsor & info: Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice [www.rachelcorriefoundation.org](http://www.rachelcorriefoundation.org) (360) 754-3998 or [peaceworks@rachelcorriefoundation.org](mailto:peaceworks@rachelcorriefoundation.org)

**Sat Oct 18: FSSCA (Foundation for Self Sufficiency in Central America) Fundraiser and Evening with Texas singer-songwriter Jolie Holland at Capitol Theater, 7:30 PM** Jolie does folk, bluegrass, blues, jazz and rock songs. Tickets are \$20 and available at Rainy Day Records or on line at [www.buyolympia.com](http://www.buyolympia.com). Info: 357-4755. FSSCA supports peasant-led efforts to restore environment and communities in the Lower Lempa River region of rural El Salvador.

**Sun Oct 19: Veterans for Peace:** All veterans and others are invited to connect and work for peace. 1:30 pm social time. 2:00 meeting. Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Info: Jody Mackey 915-6757 [hungryforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hungryforpeace@gmail.com)



**Mon Oct 20: Antonia Juhasz and "The Tyranny of Oil" –** Antonia Juhasz will speak powerfully on her new book, *The Tyranny of Oil*. She has thoroughly investigated the U.S. oil industry's realities and uncovering its virtually unparalleled global power, its influence over our elected officials, its lack of regulatory oversight, the truth behind recent price increases, and its high profits. She presents information about Big Oil clearly, persuasively, and entertainingly. Ticket sales (\$10 at the door or \$11 at [www.buyolympia.com](http://www.buyolympia.com)) will benefit the local GI Coffee House. 7:00 pm at Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, downtown. Info: Molly Gibbs 412-1519 [mollygibbs3@gmail.com](mailto:mollygibbs3@gmail.com)

**Tues Oct 21: Protect the separation of church and state:** The local chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Olympia Unitarian Church, 2200 East End Street NW. Go north on Division, left on 20<sup>th</sup>, and right on East End St. Info: Dennis Mansker 786-9584 [dmansker@comcast.net](mailto:dmansker@comcast.net)

**Wed Oct 22: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP)** meets from 7 to 9 pm to plan a variety of activities to work for justice and peace everywhere. Olympia Community Free School, 610 Columbia SW. Everyone is welcome. Info: Peter Bohmer, [peterbohmer@yahoo.com](mailto:peterbohmer@yahoo.com)

**Thurs Oct 23: TC Pro-Net's Birthday Bash:** Celebrate four years of progressive networking within Thurston County and a quick annual meeting. Meet old friends and make new ones! Just networking with no other agenda! Free birthday cake. You may buy dinner or snacks. 6:30-8:30 pm at the Urban Onion's Sylvester Room, 116 Legion Way SE, Olympia, Info: Sherri Goulet [info@tcpronet.org](mailto:info@tcpronet.org)

**Sat-Sun Oct 25-26: A World Beyond Capitalism Conference (4<sup>th</sup> Annual):** Upbeat presentations, workshops, and more! Info: [www.aworldbeyondcapitalism.org](http://www.aworldbeyondcapitalism.org)

◆ **Tues Oct 28: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR** meets to work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7-9 pm at the Mixx-96 meeting room at the SW corner of State and Washington in downtown Olympia. Info: Rozanne or Chuck, 705-8520 [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com) or [chuckschultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuckschultz3@msn.com)

◆ **Mon Nov 3: "The Common Good – REAL Democracy – vs. the Special Interests" – Olympia FOR's November TV program** debuts today and runs every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and every Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm through Nov. 27 on TCTV cable channel 22 within Thurston County. Info: Glen 491-9093 [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org) See page 3.



**Thurs Nov 6: KOWA 106.5 FM alternative progressive radio monthly meeting:** This low-power FM station seeks to give voice to individuals, organizations and movements working for social justice, economic democracy, ecological sustainability and peace. KOWA

also plays music. Come to the monthly meeting from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month at Media Island, 816 Adams St SE, just east of the library. KOWA is looking for local DJs and community participation in building the station. Info: 352-1646 [kowa@riseup.net](mailto:kowa@riseup.net)

**Fri Nov 7: Amnesty International's Olympia group works for human rights worldwide:** Meet on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Mixx-96 meeting room at the SW corner of State & Washington in downtown Olympia. Everyone is welcome to share information, write letters, and organize community outreach to promote human rights. Info: Kerri Griffis 867-9237 [kerri-griffis@yahoo.com](mailto:kerri-griffis@yahoo.com)

◆ **Fri-Sat Nov 7-8: "Celebrate Our Victories and Our Possible Futures: Where To From Here?" – Western Washington FOR Fall Retreat in Lacey:** See article on page 1 and the

flyer/pre-registration form enclosed with this newsletter or download the flyer/form from [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org). Low cost and enjoyable! Info: [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org) 491-9093 in Olympia or [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org) 206-789-5565 from anywhere.

**Tues Nov 11: Karma Cafe – open forum explores life as seen through Buddhist/Taoist perspective:** This round-table discussion is casual and allows everyone to share personal viewpoints in an open and nonjudgmental setting. 6 to 8 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Mud Bay Coffee Meeting Room (1600 Cooper Pt Rd SW, near Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia). Info: 867-9316 [korodo@msn.com](mailto:korodo@msn.com)



**Tues Nov 11: Local organizing against sweatshops: The South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign** formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and to get public agencies to adopt sweatshop-free purchasing practices. Meet at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water.

Info: [www.southsoundcleanclothes.org](http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org)

**Tues Nov 11: National Organization for Women (NOW)** meets at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Info: Linda Malanchuk-Finnan 357-7272 [lryh@hotmail.com](mailto:lryh@hotmail.com)

**Wed Nov 12: Interfaith Earth Stewardship committee meets** 12:00 noon in the library of First Christian Church, 7<sup>th</sup> & Franklin on the second Wednesday of each month. Info: [LeslieHR@aol.com](mailto:LeslieHR@aol.com)

**Wed Nov 12: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP)** meets from 7 to 9 pm to plan a variety of activities to work for justice and peace everywhere. Olympia Community Free School, 610 Columbia SW. Everyone is welcome. Info: Peter Bohmer, [peterbohmer@yahoo.com](mailto:peterbohmer@yahoo.com)





**Thurs Nov 13: Krishnammal Jagannathan, a Gandhian activist, speaks:** She spent her life serving India's poor and providing homes and work skills in a sustainable environment. She won the 2008 Opus Award. 6:30 pm at the Longhouse at The Evergreen State College. Local sponsor is

Common Bread, <http://Cbread.blogspot.com> or Fred LaMotte (253) 720-5025

**Fri Nov 14: Heartsparkle Players: "Audience Up"** - Join the Heartsparkle Players in a special performance where the audience has the opportunity to get up on stage and act!. See Fri Oct 10 for basic info or contact Debe Edden 943-6772 [debek@olywa.net](mailto:debek@olywa.net) [www.heartsparkle.org](http://www.heartsparkle.org)

◆ **Sat Nov 15: Olympia FOR Planning Retreat:** Help evaluate the Olympia FOR's work and set our future directions. Refreshments and social time begin at 9:30 am. Planning retreat starts promptly at 10 am. Enjoy free lunch. End promptly at 4 pm. St. John's Episcopal Church, 19<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Way. (Enter from the back parking lot.) See page 1. (360) 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org) See Page 1.



**Sun Nov 16: Veterans for Peace:** All veterans and others are invited to connect and work for peace. 1:30 pm social time. 2:00 meeting. Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water. Info: Jody Mackey 915-6757 [hungryforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hungryforpeace@gmail.com)



**Tues Nov 18: Protect the separation of church and state:** The local chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Olympia Unitarian Church, 2200 East End Street NW. Go north on Division, left on 20<sup>th</sup>, and right on East End St. Info: Dennis Mansker 786-9584 [dmansker@comcast.net](mailto:dmansker@comcast.net)

◆ **Wed Nov 19: Deadline for Olympia FOR's Dec-Jan Newsletter:** Mail or e-mail articles, news, calendar items, etc., before this date if possible, or slightly past this date for late-breaking news. Contact Glen 491-9093 [info@olyfor.org](mailto:info@olyfor.org)

**Fri Nov 21: Iraq Moratorium occurs on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month:** The Iraq Moratorium is a monthly series of actions demanding an end to the war. Devote a significant part of today to build the peace movement and show the U.S. government that our troops must be brought home, now! Take this pledge: "On the third Friday of every month, I will break my daily routine and take some action, by myself or with others, to end the War in Iraq." Info:

[www.iraqmoratorium.org](http://www.iraqmoratorium.org)

**Sun Nov. 23: South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship** hosts an open meeting. SSBPF includes members of the local Buddhist community engaging in the Buddhist path of right action in regard to working for peace, justice and social change. 12:30-1:45 pm. **(tentative time)** Location and info: Robert Lovitt 357-2825 [ssbpf@comcast.net](mailto:ssbpf@comcast.net) [www.ssbpf.org](http://www.ssbpf.org)

**Sun Nov 23: Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration:** Music and words, 2:30-4:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1925 Boulevard Road SE, Olympia. Proceeds from the free-will offering will be split between Garden Raised Bounty and Interfaith Works. Sponsor: Interfaith Works. Info: 357-7224

◆ **Tues Nov 25: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR** meets to work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7 pm at the Mixx-96 meeting room at the SW corner of State and Washington in downtown Olympia. Info: Rozanne or Chuck, 705-8520 [rozannerants@yahoo.com](mailto:rozannerants@yahoo.com) [chuckschultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuckschultz3@msn.com)

**Wed Dec 3: Nonviolent Communication workshop – "Communicating to Connect"** – Enjoy this complete introduction to Nonviolent Communication to learn some immediately usable tools for resolving conflicts, reducing criticism, defensiveness, blame, shame, misunderstanding and violence, and for increasing respect and hope in your everyday life and in the world. 6:45-9:00 pm at Lincoln Elementary School cafeteria, 213 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SE (corner of 21<sup>st</sup> & Washington). Info: Liv Monroe 357-4503 [livm@comcast.net](mailto:livm@comcast.net)

**Fri Dec 5: Amnesty International's Olympia group works for human rights worldwide:** Meet on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Mixx-96 meeting room at the SW corner of State & Washington in downtown Olympia. Everyone is welcome to share information, write letters, and organize community outreach to promote human rights. Info: Kerri Griffis 867-9237 [kerrigriffis@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrigriffis@yahoo.com)

**Fri Dec 5: Duke Ellington's Nutcracker concert to benefit Interfaith Works:** Enjoy hearing the Olympia Jazz Senators perform the traditional Nutcracker Suite with Ellington's jazzy twist at South Puget Sound Community College's Minnaert Center for the Arts. Info soon at 357-7224 [www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org)



## OUT-OF-TOWN CALENDAR

### Outside Thurston County

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Hundreds of events and activities (mostly in the [Seattle area](#)) are listed at Jean Buskin's calendar at [www.scn.org/activism/calendar](http://www.scn.org/activism/calendar). She'll e-mail it to you regularly if you request it at [bb369@scn.org](mailto:bb369@scn.org) and specify text and/or RTF format.

♦ **Every Saturday: Peace Vigil in Centralia:** 12 noon to 1 pm on the edge of Washington Park at Locust & Pearl in downtown Centralia. Sponsor: Fire Mountain FOR. Info: Karen Kirkwood 360-767-0161 or June Butler 360-748-9658

**Every Saturday: People for Peace Justice and Healing (PPJH)** meets 10 am to 12 noon at Associated Ministries, 1224 S. I St., [Tacoma](#) to plan local peace activities. [www.associatedministries.org/pages/directions.htm](http://www.associatedministries.org/pages/directions.htm)

**Every Saturday: Peace Vigil in Tacoma:** 12:30-1:30 pm in front of Borders Books at 38<sup>th</sup> & Steele. Sponsor: United for Peace of Pierce County, [www.ufppc.org](http://www.ufppc.org)

♦ **Now through Sat Dec 6: "Unembedded" exhibit of 4 independent photojournalists on the Iraq war and occupation:** "Unembedded" is a national exhibit of 60 visually stunning images that tell the story of the war's impact on the lives of the Iraqi people. It is a powerful expression of the effects of war that go largely ignored by the mainstream media. In the Odegaard Library at the University of Washington in [Seattle](#). **Special event on Sun Oct 12:** At 5 pm photographers Thorne Anderson and Kael Alford will present a talk and slideshow at the University of Washington's Kane Hall, titled, "Through the Looking Glass: Seeing Iran from the Other Side." Info: [www.unembedded.net](http://www.unembedded.net) WWFOR is one of many sponsoring groups.

**Sat Oct 4: "Restoring God's Peace with Justice"** – Enjoy workshops on environmental sustainability, Christians and the 2008 election, the Iraq war, Iranian-American relations, Christian-Muslim relations, torture, international trade and globalization, racism, violence, homelessness, and living God's politics. Presenters include Dr. Richard Mouw, Dr. David Domke, Dr. Dolphine Oda, Dr. Rob Crawford, Jamal Rahman, Abdi Sami. \$30 donation includes lunch. Childcare for children up to 4 years of age will be provided. 8:15 am to 4:00 pm at [Mercer Island Presbyterian Church](#).

Info and registration at the conference web site <https://sites.google.com/site/restoringcreation/> and from Heidi Francis: 206-762-1991 ext. 4 or [heidi@presbytery.org](mailto:heidi@presbytery.org)

**Mon Oct 6: Jeff Halper visits Seattle to support Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD):** Seattle's Friends of Sabeel group invites everyone to meet Jeff Halper, a bold and inspiring leader for human rights and a model of Jewish commitment to social justice. Enjoy light supper and an evening with Jeff for a suggested donation of \$15. 6:00 pm at St Andrews Episcopal Church, 111 NE 80th Street, [Seattle](#). Park behind the church off 80<sup>th</sup>. Many co-sponsors. If you can't attend you may send a check to ICAHD-USA, P.O. Box 2565, Chapel Hill, NC 27515

**Mon Oct 6: "Globalization and Growing American Inequality"** lecture by Peter H. Lindert from Univ. of Calif. Davis, at 7:30 pm at the Scandinavian Cultural Center of Pacific Lutheran University at the south end of [Tacoma](#).

**Thurs Oct 9: "Living with Faith and Hope"** The Most Rev. Bishop Gavino Zavala, widely-recognized voice for peace, will lecture on "Living With Faith and Hope: Twenty-five Years after "The Challenge of Peace." Bishop Zavala is the bishop-president of Pax Christi USA, the nationwide Catholic-based peace organization that promotes Christian nonviolence. 7:00 pm at Piggott Auditorium, [Seattle University](#). Free and open to the public. Info: Seattle U. Dept. of Theology and Religious Studies, 206-296-5320.

**Sat Oct 11: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Seattle Race Conference:** This annual conference is coordinated by community volunteers to support racial justice. This year it focuses on Movements for Reparations, Restoring Racial Justice, Building Unity, and Healing Our Diverse Communities. This conference will explore what the movement for redress means for our diverse communities. This year also marks the 20th anniversary of Redress to Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII. The goals are community education on how reparations can help racial reconciliation and building bridges among all our communities. Keynote speaker is Dr. Raymond Winbush, Director of the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University. He is the former Director of Race Relations at Fisk University and in 2001 was a delegate to the UN World Conference on Racism in Durban, South Africa. Dr. Winbush is also an expert on reparations. 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the [Seattle Center's Northwest Rooms](#). The public is warmly invited. Info: 206-448-9000 [www.seattleraceconference.org](http://www.seattleraceconference.org)

♦ **Sat Oct 11: Fire Mountain (Lewis County) FOR** meets 10:00 am to 12:00 noon (just before their 12 noon peace vigil in Washington Park, [Centralia](#)). For location and other info contact June Butler 360-748-9658 [juneb2@earthlink.net](mailto:juneb2@earthlink.net)

**Sat Oct 11 (and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday): Vigil for Human Rights at the NW Immigrant Detention Center:** Community to Community Development invites all social justice, faith, labor and community groups to vigil peacefully from 11 am to 4 pm on the second Saturday of each month at the privately-run Northwest Detention Center in the industrial area near Tacoma's tide flats. As the US government's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) clamps down on immigrants, people are coming together protect their human rights. Come with signs that show support for immigrant workers inside and outside this modern day concentration camp. Consider bringing coffee, water and baked goods or sandwiches for families visiting their detained relatives inside. Stay and learn how to get involved with the growing immigrant rights network the region! (From Olympia, go north on I-5 to Tacoma, take the right-lane I-705 exit north, take the left lane exit toward City Center and Tacoma Dome. Take the E 26<sup>th</sup> St. exit, turn right onto E 26<sup>th</sup>, turn left onto E D St., which becomes E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Turn right onto E. J St. and end at 1623 E. J St.) Info: 360-381-0293 [decomunidad@qwest.net](mailto:decomunidad@qwest.net)

◆ **Sun Oct 12 "Through the Looking Glass: Seeing Iran from the Other Side."** Photographers Thorne Anderson and Kael Alford will present a 5 pm talk and slideshow in Seattle at the University of Washington's Kane Hall, titled, "Through the Looking Glass: Seeing Iran from the Other Side." Info: [www.unembedded.net](http://www.unembedded.net) or [www.healthallianceinternational.org](http://www.healthallianceinternational.org) WWFOR is one of many sponsoring groups. Also see a related listing near the top of this Out-of-Town Calendar.

**Mon Oct 13: "The Fourth Way: Hope for Compassionate Living"** – The NW Interfaith Community Outreach's Interfaith Leadership Summit in Seattle will capture the spirit of April's Seeds of Compassion program. Info: John Hale 425-865-0659 [je hale@earthlink.net](mailto:je hale@earthlink.net)

◆ **Tues Oct 14: Rick Steves on "Uncovering Iran"** – Travel guru and social activist Rick Steves presents a slide-show lecture about his experience on a ten-day trip in May 2008 to Iran. Rick believes travel is a necessary tool to break down cultural barriers and reduce conflict in our world. 7:30 pm at Town Hall, 8th & Seneca (1119 8<sup>th</sup> Ave), Seattle. \$10 per person. Tickets available through [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com) (plus \$1.25 service fee). This is a benefit for the Seattle Metropolitan Chapter of the United Nations Association. Sponsors include: Network Opposing War with Iran, American Friends Service Committee, Department of Peace, Northwest International Health Action Coalition, Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility.

**Fri-Sun Oct 17-19: Seattle Bioneers Conference** includes a mix of live satellite broadcasts and local speakers discussing practical solutions to environmental and social challenges. Now in its 19th year, Bioneers brings together some of the world's most renowned and innovative people to present their ideas and experiences. They speak to a well educated, progressive audience willing to discuss solutions to current environmental and social justice issues. This year's speakers live via satellite include: (complete program online) Naomi Klein, David Orr, and Paul Stamets. 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at the WA State Convention & Trade Center in downtown Seattle. See [www.nweec.org/seattlebioneers](http://www.nweec.org/seattlebioneers) for complete program, more info and registration.

◆ **Sun Oct 19: Tacoma FOR: "The United Nations' Millennium Develop Goals"** – Joanne Dufour and Bonnie Sture will present new information about ending global poverty and related issues. 3 pm business meeting, 4 pm program, 5 pm potluck at Tacoma Friends Meeting House, 2508 S 39<sup>th</sup> St, Tacoma (slightly north of the Tacoma Mall, off 38<sup>th</sup> and west of Steele). Info: David Lambert 253-759-2280 or Vivi Bartron 253-572-4912

**Sat Oct 25: Earth Ministry Colleague and Congregational Sharing:** Informal gathering of Earth Ministry members and Colleagues who work to "green" the activities of their respective religious congregations. Colleagues are congregational activists who are working to bring creation-care education and events to their church bodies (Examples: carpool Sundays, creation-oriented liturgies, lobbying at the State Capitol, and involving children in pea patches). You may report on the creation care activities of your home congregation and hear what is working in other churches. Everyone will have an opportunity to share and network with each other as well as Earth Ministry staff and board members. Coffee, tea, and a light brunch will be provided. Open to everyone! If you are not an Earth Ministry member, you may join for \$35 per individual at [www.earthministry.org](http://www.earthministry.org) or at 206-632-2426. Individual membership is \$35. 9 am to 12 noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 6512 23rd Ave NW, Seattle

◆ **Sat October 25: Annual Fun-Filled Auction to benefit Western Washington FOR:** Enjoy a variety of goods and services. All proceeds benefit the WWFOR's ambitious, high quality work for peace, social justice and nonviolence. 2-5 pm at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church, 225 N 70<sup>th</sup> St. Seattle (cont. page 7)

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