



# Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation

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**OLYMPIA FOR'S ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION SUN. MAY 17 FROM 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.**



Each year the Olympia FOR's Annual Meeting is a celebration as well as a meeting. This year we'll enjoy ourselves again, and **YOU ARE INVITED!** Please join us on Sunday May 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water downtown.

We'll celebrate with cake, coffee and tea, and social time. We'll review a year of rich and varied accomplishments since last May and elect several members to our Steering Committee.

The Olympia FOR's Guidelines provide for a maximum of 16 persons on the Steering Committee. Thanks to Steering Committee incumbents Audrey Daye, Jerry Smith, Paula Allison, who have completed their two-year terms. Thanks to Berd Whitlock, Dennis Mills, Kristen Dahle, Vale Core, and Glen Anderson, who have completed two-year terms and are running again for new two-year terms (through May 31, 2011). John Harvey, Kerri Griffis, Alice Zillah, and Rozanne Rants have accepted the Nominating Committee's invitation to run. If you would like to run for a vacant position, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Berd Whitlock (259-4291), Jody Mackey (915-6757), or Glen Anderson (491-9093). Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Thanks also to incumbents Cheryl Crist, Chris Carson, Dan Ryan, Jody Mackey, Kim Dobson, and Monica Hoover, who are half-way through their two-year terms. Jody Mackey has one more year left as Co-Chair, and Berd Whitlock is willing to serve another two-year term in the other Co-Chair position. Vale Core has completed her two-year term as Treasurer, and she accepted the Nominating Committee's invitation to serve again. Monica Hoover has one year left in her two-year term as Secretary.

For other information about our Annual Meeting contact Berd Whitlock (259-4291), Jody Mackey (915-6757), or Paula Allison (754-5822).

### Planning Ahead

◆ **Thurs-Sun July 2-5: FOR's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference at Seabeck: "Building a Just and Sustainable World"** – Join 200 other FOR folks of all ages for an amazingly informative, inspirational and enjoyable weekend near Hood Canal in Kitsap County. Enjoy **Antonia Juhasz's keynote address**, your choice of four workshops from 20 offered, and lots of fun! See article just inside this newsletter's outside wrap, and look for a special brochure with registration info in mid-to-late April. Info and car-pooling: Oly FOR 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net) or Western Washington FOR (260) 789-5565 [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org)



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**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.

## BETTER AND BETTER OFF

Peter Maurin (1877-1949) wrote this for the Catholic Worker many decades ago.  
It has been reprinted widely.  
Read more of Peter Maurin's poems on various Catholic Worker websites, including at [www.cjd.org/papers/essays.html](http://www.cjd.org/papers/essays.html)

The world would be better off  
if people tried to become better.  
And people would become better  
if they stopped trying to become better off.  
For when everybody tries to become better off,  
nobody is better off.  
But when everybody tries to become better,  
everybody is better off.  
Everybody would be rich  
if nobody tried to become richer.  
And nobody would be poor  
if everybody tried to be the poorest.  
And everybody would be  
what he out to be, if every-  
body tried to be what he  
wants the other fellow to be.

Christianity has nothing to do  
with either modern capitalism  
or modern Communism,  
for Christianity has a capital-  
ism of its own  
and a communism of its own.  
Modern capitalism  
is based on property without responsibility,  
while Christian capitalism  
is based on property with responsibility.  
Modern Communism  
is based on poverty through force  
while Christian Communism  
is based on poverty through choice.  
For a Christian, voluntary poverty is the ideal  
as exemplified by St. Francis of Assisi,  
while private property  
is not an absolute right, but a gift  
which as such cannot be wasted,  
but must be administered  
for the benefit of God's children.



## RAISE WAGES TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY by Glen Anderson



In the early 1900s Henry Ford significantly raised the wages of his workers building the Model T, so they could buy the cars they were building. This stimulated the whole economy.

From the mid-1940s to the mid-1970s, rising wages stimulated unprecedented prosperity in the US for 30 years.

Real wages (in relation to inflation) peaked in 1976 and declined more sharply under Reagan. Ever since, businesses have been cutting wages, and workers have fallen into debt.



Squeezing workers downward was not sustainable. Now the economy has crashed. Business greed killed the goose that laid the golden egg.

“Trickle-down” does not work.

Especially in a weak economy, businesses don't build new factories or hire people to produce goods that people can't afford to buy.

To stimulate the economy, instead of “trickle down,” we must “gush up.”

Instead of giving money to businesses that caused the problems, raise the minimum wages and help workers organize to increase wages through collective bargaining.

When rich people get money they save it or speculate. But poor people spend income immediately and locally for food, clothes, and other necessities.

Also, increasing food stamps, unemployment compensation, and welfare benefits would quickly stimulate the local economy.

We're all in this together!

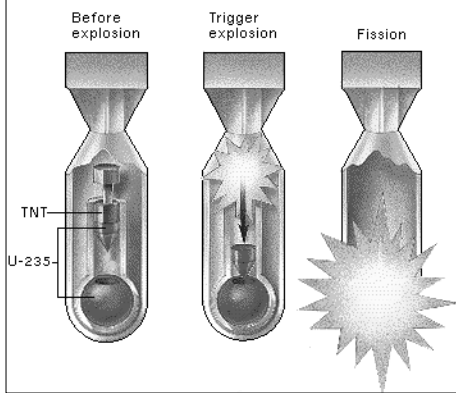




For 22 years the Olympia FOR has produced one-hour TV programs on issues related to peace, social justice, economics, the environment, and nonviolence. The Olympia FOR's program airs on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for Thurston County's cable TV subscribers. Each program airs **EVERY 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.

## APRIL: "Nuclear Weapons"

Explosion of an Atomic Bomb



Although the Cold War that had existed between the US and the USSR since the late 1940s had faded in many ways by 1991, Russia, the United States, and other nations still kept their nuclear weapons. Without the Cold War's global standoff – the game of nuclear “chicken” that we had been playing for four decades – many people assumed that the danger of nuclear war had ended.

The truth is very different. The Cold War might be over, but nuclear weapons still exist. And – partly because the U.S. has failed to comply with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty – some other nations want nuclear weapons too.

The world faces many serious problems right now. But if we blow ourselves up in an accidental nuclear war – or if we contami-

nate a part of the world with radiation – we will **literally** be in a world of hurt.

Our April TV program features two guests:

Sister Jackie Hudson has worked for peace very actively for many years with the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Kitsap County. On October 6, 2002, Jackie and two other Dominican nuns entered a nuclear missile site in Colorado and committed non-violent civil resistance. They used their blood to make the sign of the cross there and concluded their witness with a religious liturgy. They were arrested and served several years in federal prisons. Jackie continues to work for peace, social justice, and profound nonviolence.



Anabel Dwyer is a Michigan attorney and Board Member of The Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy. She was a defense attorney in four cases of civil resistance related to nuclear weapons, including Jackie Hudson's 2002 case. She was a member of the Legal Team for the World Court Project during the 1995 International Court of Justice Oral Hearings on Legality of Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons. (In 1996 the World Court concluded that nuclear weapons were illegal under international law.)



Our April program summarizes recent nuclear weapons issues, the spread of nuclear weapons to additional countries, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, international law, the Trident nuclear submarine, the U.S.'s first-strike nuclear policy, and the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action. Our guests provide much information and explain it clearly. Don't miss it!

**MAY: Our May TV program topic will be confirmed by mid-April.**

### Planning Ahead



**Thurs-Sun June 26-28: Nonviolence training – “Creating a Culture of Peace”** – This high quality 21-hour training in the theory and practice of nonviolence will be offered in Olympia from Friday morning June 26 through Sunday evening June 28. The national FOR designed the curriculum, tapping decades of work by many activists and trainers. More than 50 local persons have taken this training. Curious? Contact Dave Bellefeuille-Rice at 360-943-6264, [dbrkbr@gmail.com](mailto:dbrkbr@gmail.com).

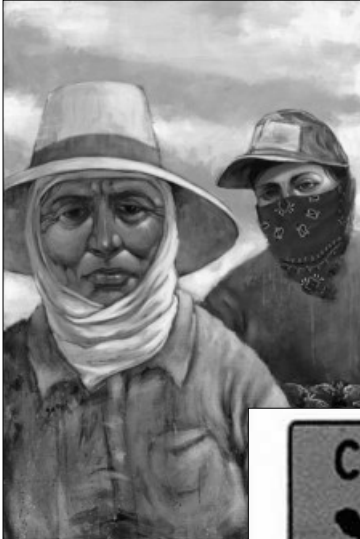
## OLYMPIA FOR'S "BIG PICTURE" DOCUMENTARY SERIES ON TCTV

In addition to the Olympia FOR's TV series of locally produced interview programs (see page 3), 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 interesting 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 (or record) 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)

### APRIL: "IMMIGRANTS: THE REAL STORY"

This is a compilation of three performances presented by the Immigrant Theater Group at the Immigrant Learning Center in Malden, MA. Scenes from "Immigration Simulation Game Show," "If You Could Hear my Voice," and "Bring Them Back" tell the true and moving stories of the immigrant experience. This is an endearing amateur performance by people who are studying English at the center.

It came from the Immigrant Learning Center, Malden, MA [www.ilctr.org](http://www.ilctr.org) (45 minutes)



### "MAY: "LIFE AND DEBT"

Free Trade? Globalization? Shouldn't these be welcomed by people who hold progressive beliefs?

"Life and Debt" is a highly praised documentary that reveals the full effect of economic globalization, making these complexities understandable and personal.

The film looks at the detrimental effects of free trade and foreign debt on ordinary people in Jamaica. It reveals the devastating consequences of unfettered market competition in developing countries and the role of the IMF, World Bank, and WTO in promoting policies that are costing many ordinary Jamaicans their livelihoods while driving the country deeper and deeper into debt. (86 minutes, 2001)

In case you are unable to view this documentary on TCTV, the Timberland Regional Library has a DVD copy donated by the Olympia FOR.



## NEWS - RESOURCES - OPPORTUNITIES



**Save our climate! The Cool Thurston Campaign Takes Off!** Thurston County's people are beginning to move against global warming. The first step was the Global Warming Cafe on March 2, where "you put yourself on a low-carbon diet to lose 5,000 pounds" (of CO2 emissions). Many of those attending the Global Warming Cafe decided to form or join eco-teams. Team members have books describing actions they can take, and each team has a mentor. They meet regularly and support each other in their efforts to lower their carbon footprints. Thirteen teams are now readying themselves for action. The Olympia FOR Steering Committee joined as a

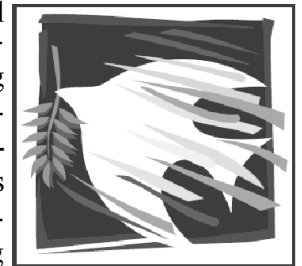
Campaign Partner in this effort. We encourage Olympia FOR folks to join eco-teams and go to the Cool Thurston Campaign website ([www.coolthurstoncampaign.ning.com](http://www.coolthurstoncampaign.ning.com)) to find a team in your neighborhood or workplace. Or you may form your own team and email Rachel Laderman, [rachel.laderman@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.laderman@gmail.com), to have it listed on the site.

**Olympia's impeachment play wins TV award:** Congratulations to producer Kerri Griffis and all who helped produce and act in the play "I," by Richard Lasser, on TCTV. The Olympia-based Citizens Movement to Impeach Bush/Cheney scored a victory! Their entry into the Alliance for Community Media Northwest Region's Best of the NW Video Awards 2009 has won in the **Original Teleplay** Category. While the group that created the video was totally separate from the Olympia FOR, a lot of Olympia FOR people worked for impeachment and helped with various aspects of producing this play.



**Cut military spending! Create a peace economy!** After World War II our national economy shifted dramatically. People assumed that military spending got us out of the Great Depression. Since then our country has maintained an ever increasing level of military spending as a means of "stimulating our economy." However, if we can ramp up our economy by spending money for war during war-time, then we can do the same during peace-time by investing in domestic and human needs! President Obama has made many promises about the military budget. He has said he wants to "stop waste and cost overruns," and he wants to phase down our occupation in Iraq and call it a reduction in military spending. But he also wants to increase military spending, and that does nothing to promote a peace economy. Even

without any of the costs for occupying Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. military budget is still larger than that of all other nations combined. Peace Action ([www.peace-action.org](http://www.peace-action.org)), the organization that formed by merging SANE and the Freeze, is ramping up a campaign to make sure that the Obama Administration does not go the way of its Republican and Democratic predecessors. **The Peace Economy Campaign** will officially kick off in April with protests in cities and towns all over the country. Peace Action will use the 6th anniversary of the Iraq occupation to draw attention to the wasteful spending and Tax Day actions to ask the people of this country, "Where do you want your tax dollars spent?" Change comes from people, not presidents. [www.peace-action.org](http://www.peace-action.org)



**Protest war taxes on April 15?** Do you want to join with others to register your disapproval of the ongoing wars the US is waging? April 15th is Tax Day. For ideas, resources and connections, contact [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net) or phone 491-9093.

**NEWS - RESOURCES - OPPORTUNITIES** (cont.)



**COFFEE STRONG “supports the troops” in different ways:** People in the military are not much listened to by those who outrank them. A “GI coffee house” creates a safe space where people can talk and listen – and sometimes learn how to protect their rights or stand up for peace. During the Vietnam era, GI coffee houses helped dissident soldiers find their voices and find each other. The movement is coming back again with COFFEE STRONG, which is located in Lakewood, just west of I-5 near Fort Lewis (Berkeley Street exit, west to Union, and north on Union). The COFFEE STRONG name pokes fun at the army recruitment slogan “ARMY STRONG.” It’s open to everyone, not just military personnel and veterans. Peace people have been supporting this new effort. Zoltan Grossman’s article in the March

10 *Counterpunch*, ([www.counterpunch.org/grossman03102009.html](http://www.counterpunch.org/grossman03102009.html)) provides good information. Also see [www.GIVoice.org](http://www.GIVoice.org). A good nationwide source of information about GI rights and alternatives is the GI Rights Hotline (800-394-9544).

**International Conscientious Objectors Information:** The War Resisters International website, [www.wri-irg.org](http://www.wri-irg.org), includes a new online Conscientious Objection Information System (COBIS), which will combine WRI’s alert system in cases of imprisoned conscientious objectors, a conscientious objector and activist database, update e-newsletter, and world survey on conscientious objection and recruitment. There is also a permanent Prisoners for Peace list, to strengthen support for imprisoned COs and peace activists.



**World March for Peace and Nonviolence** will begin in New Zealand in October and will have many segments throughout the world. It will pass through Olympia sometime in late November and end in Chile in January 2010. Communities are being urged to form promotion committees to heighten public awareness of the March. The March’s website, [www.ourtragicflaw.com/convergence](http://www.ourtragicflaw.com/convergence), will provide monthly news updates, including videos of community actions. How about a committee in Olympia? We could have a sculpture in “Sand in the City,” an art project in “Arts Walk,” or generate other ideas. Check out the video and talk to your friends about it. NW contact: Parke Burgess (253) 627-3007 [parkeburgess@gmail.com](mailto:parkeburgess@gmail.com).

**Procession of the Species Art Studio is open now:** Create your costume for the 2009 Procession of the Species! The Procession Art Studio is open seven days a week (from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm weekdays, and from 12 noon to 10 pm weekends). Volunteers and creators are needed. The studio is located at 311 Capitol Way N. Information: [www.procession.org](http://www.procession.org)



**National FOR’s daily blog:** Subscribe to the national FOR’s daily blog. See [www.forpeace.net](http://www.forpeace.net)

**National FOR’s Colombia activities:** Keep current on the national FOR’s work in Colombia. See weekly updates at [www.FORcolombia.org](http://www.FORcolombia.org)

**Olympia FOR’s newsletter available as .pdf document:** If you would rather receive the Olympia FOR’s newsletter as a .pdf document instead of on paper, please notify us at [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net) or (360) 491-9093. It’s OK to receive both if you prefer.



**Mon Jun 8-12: Green Car Tour:** Let’s look at electric, bio-diesel and electric cars in Olympia, Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver.



## CALENDAR

FOR-sponsored events have a ♦ before them.

These TCTV programs use cable channel 22 in Thurston County.



The events on this page are ongoing and occur every week.

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♦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. **APRIL:** "Immigrants: The Real Story." **MAY:** "Life and Debt." See article on page 4. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto: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

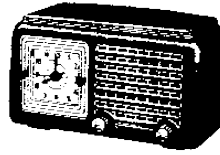
Every Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 am: "Democracy Now" with Amy Goodman on KAOS 89.3 FM

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

♦Every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: **APRIL:** "Nuclear Weapons". Our **MAY** topic will be confirmed by mid-April. See page 3 or [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)

♦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 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

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](mailto: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](mailto:parralleluniversity@yahoo.com)

♦Every Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: **APRIL:** "Nuclear Weapons". Our **MAY** topic will be confirmed by mid-April. See page 3 or [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)

♦Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm: **Peace Vigil** at south end of Percival Landing near W 4th Ave. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. Sponsor: Olympia FOR. Info: 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

Every Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm: "Women in Black" **Silent Vigil for Peace** on the south side of W. 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kraftkf@comcast.net)



♦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: June Butler 360-748-9658 or Larry Kerschner 360-807-5106 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com)

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photo by Bernd Whitlock

Iraq Memorial to Life 3/20/09



**Wed March 25:**  
**“The Way War Works in Our Times: Vietnam -- Agent Orange -- Dioxin”** - Bernie Meyer’s PowerPoint presentation with dialogue follows up from his January trip to Vietnam, where he visited the victims of Agent Orange,



ington St, downtown Olympia. Tickets on sale at box office, 753-8586 [www.washingtoncenter.org](http://www.washingtoncenter.org). Donate good quality handcrafted jewelry in advance for sale tonight to benefit Monarch Children’s Justice and Advocacy Center. Info: 923-1884 or [RtMom@aol.com](mailto:RtMom@aol.com)

as a way to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his civil resistance action at Dow Chemical Company’s Washington DC office. In 1969 Bernie participated in the DC Nine action to resist the US Vietnam War and use of Agent Orange, an action for which he went to prison. Tonight’s presentation is a continuation of peacemaking by addressing the human causes with action to end modern war. A Vietnamese law professor wrote, “From 1961 to 1971, the U.S. military conducted the greatest chemical warfare ever known in the history of mankind, which led to serious and long-term consequences on Vietnamese humans and environment.” 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> and Water SW, downtown Olympia.

**Wed March 25: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP)**, an inclusive community social justice group meets from 7 to 9 pm at Media Island, 816 Adams SE, just east of the Olympia library. Current issues include organizing locally to resist US imperialism in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Palestine; supporting poor and working peoples movements here and internationally. Info: Patty Imani [pattyimani@hotmail.com](mailto:pattyimani@hotmail.com) or Larry Mosqueda [imosqueda@comcast.net](mailto:imosqueda@comcast.net) OMJP’s website is [www.omjp.olympiaworkers.net](http://www.omjp.olympiaworkers.net)

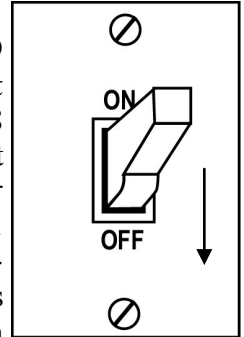
**Thurs March 26: The Future of Transportation:** The League of Women Voters presents this evening of practical information and public interaction with several responsible governmental officials. 6:30 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia

**Fri March 27: Righteous Mothers Benefit Concert (and benefit homemade jewelry sale) for Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy Center** to help children who have been sexually abused. 8:00 pm at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Wash-



ington St, downtown Olympia. Tickets on sale at box office, 753-8586 [www.washingtoncenter.org](http://www.washingtoncenter.org). Donate good quality handcrafted jewelry in advance for sale tonight to benefit Monarch Children’s Justice and Advocacy Center. Info: 923-1884 or [RtMom@aol.com](mailto:RtMom@aol.com)

**Sat March 28: Earth Hour 2009 unites the world in a stand against global warming:** On March 28 switch off from 8:30 to 9:30 pm – at work as well as at home. Earth Hour 2009 is bold, simple and accessible. Its one major aim is to show governments, individuals and businesses that it is possible to take action on



global warming. The world can no longer wait; and the first step is as easy as turning off a light. In 2008, 50 million people across 35 countries switched off their lights for one hour. This year, in what we hope will be the world’s largest mass participation event, Earth Hour will be the culmination of **one billion people** around the globe, in more than **1,000 cities** from business, government and the community turning off lights as a message to leaders of the world in the run up to the December 2009 Copenhagen Climate Change Conference. The world calls for a commitment to actions that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the short and long term benefit of the planet. **Sign up** now at [www.earthhour.org.za](http://www.earthhour.org.za) and tell your friends and family to do the same. On March 28 switch off from 8.30 to 9.30 pm – at work as well as at home.

**Sat March 28: “The Power of Forgiveness”** – Watch this powerful documentary on the physical, emotional and spiritual effects of forgiveness. Enjoy dessert and discussion too, at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) of The United Churches, 11<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Way. This is part of The United Churches’ Spiritual Cinema Movie Night. Upcoming films are listed at [www.theunitedchurches.org](http://www.theunitedchurches.org) Info: Pat Sonnestuhl 943-8933 [cnmpat@comcast.net](mailto:cnmpat@comcast.net)

**Sun March 29: Democracy Now’s Amy Goodman speaks in Olympia:** See and hear a real professional journalist who works hard to provide real information you don’t hear elsewhere! 5:30 pm at the Capitol Theater,



206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, downtown Olympia. Tickets \$10. All proceeds benefit KAOS 89.3 FM and TCTV (Thurston Community Television, cable channel 22). Tickets available at Traditions Fair Trade, Rainy Day Records, TCTV, at the door (day of show) and online at [www.buyolympia.com](http://www.buyolympia.com) Olympia FOR will have an info table there.



**Sun March 29: Blintzapalooza! 21<sup>st</sup> Annual book, bagel & blintz sale to benefit four local charities:** Enjoy delicious Jewish food, a lot of used books, and connecting with pals from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the annual Blintzapalooza festival at Temple Beth Hatfiloh, 8<sup>th</sup> & Washington, downtown Olympia. This year's proceeds benefit the Neighborhood Free Medical Clinic, Camp Quixote's homeless tent city, the Union Gospel Free Dental Clinic, and Interfaith Works. To volunteer call Angela or Linda Watt 438-9077 or Karen Farber 705-0238.

**Mon Mar 30:  
Sweatshops?  
Economic  
Stimulus Tour:**

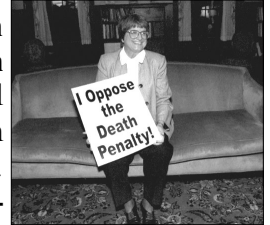


Come hear the stories and learn how you can take action to promote humane factory working conditions. The event is part of a national speaking tour organized by the South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign ([www.southsoundcleanclothes.org](http://www.southsoundcleanclothes.org)), in conjunction with the national organization, Sweatfree Communities ([www.sweatfree.org](http://www.sweatfree.org)). A Honduran woman and a Puerto Rican man will speak about their experiences working in the garment industry and about their efforts to improve working conditions in their respective countries. They will be joined by two staff members of Sweatfree Communities who have been working to help communities organize public policies for government and school entities in order to avoid making purchases with our tax dollars from sweatshops. Our elected officials spend billions of our tax dollars each year on uniforms and other clothing for public employees like police officers and firefighters. Unfortunately, most of this gear is made in sweatshops by workers forced to work long hours for poverty wages in inhumane and abusive conditions. Without full disclosure by manufacturers and suppliers for our local governments and the State of Washington, it is likely that their purchases are enriching sweatshop owners and continu-

ing working conditions that they would like to avoid. In addition, these sort of issues are very germane to school districts and other group purchasing entities. 7:00 pm at Traditions Cafe, 300 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SW (& Water St.), downtown

Olympia. Info: Dick Meyer 705-2819

**Tues March 31: Sister Helen Prejean speaks about the death penalty:** Scheebeck Concert Hall at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma's north end at 7:00 pm. Info: Judith Kay [judithkay@harbournet.com](mailto:judithkay@harbournet.com)



**Wed April 1: "Communicating to Connect" workshop in Nonviolent Communication:** This introductory workshop by Liv Monroe helps people resolve conflicts, heal relationships with other people, promote positive social change, and increase happiness. No need to pre-register. Free, but donations accepted. 6:45-9:00 pm at Lincoln Elementary School cafeteria, 213 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SE (& Washington SE), Olympia. Info: Liv Monroe 357-4503 [liv@psncc.org](mailto:liv@psncc.org)

◆**Thurs April 2: "Nuclear Weapons" – Olympia FOR's April TCTV program** runs from 9:00 to 10:00 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 3 and [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org)

**Thurs-Fri April 2-3: Building Sustainable Communities Conference: "Sustaining High Performance Community Collaboration: A Systems Approach" - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm** at Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Ave SE. Sponsored by Together! Info: [enelson@thurstonttogether.org](mailto:enelson@thurstonttogether.org) 493-2230 ext 24.

◆**Sun April 5: "Immigrants: The Real Story."** This film promotes immigrants as real assets to America. 10 pm on cable channel 22 in Thurston County. This is the debut night of the Olympia FOR's "Big Picture series for April. See description on page 4. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

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**Wed April 8: "The Biosphere Interdisciplinary Project: A Community Update" presentation by TESC's Jean MacGregor:** Discussion will follow her talk. Jean MacGregor of The Evergreen State College's Washington Center for Improvement of Undergraduate Education, will speak on the very creative and effective Curriculum for the Bioregion process. Academics from a wide range of disciplines have crafted assignments on sustainability into their syllabi, and have met with other professors statewide to fine tune their assignments. Tours of superfund areas like the Asarco site and Commencement Bay cleanup have also brought chemists and many other academicians together with community members on all sides of the issues. This is grassroots, exciting sustainability work. Please come and hear all about it. This event is co-sponsored by Earth Care Catholics of Olympia and the Interfaith Works Earth Stewardship Committee. 7:00-8:30 pm at Traditions 300 5th Ave SW (& Water St. SW). Everyone welcome! Free admission! Info: [LeslieHR@aol.com](mailto:LeslieHR@aol.com) or [myfamilyhome@comcast.net](mailto:myfamilyhome@comcast.net)

**Fri April 10: NAFTA Turns 15: Free Trade, Food Security and Migration in Mexico:** Take a deeper look at the effects of NAFTA (the odious North American Free Trade Agreement, a trilateral trade bloc created by the Mexican, Canadian and the US governments).

NAFTA has resulted in more genetically modified corn, more migration, problems in the sending communities, and food shortages in Oaxaca's indigenous communities. Discuss with Baldemar Mendoza Jiménez, agro-ecologist with the Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juarez, Oaxaca, Mexico. 7:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 19<sup>th</sup> & Capital Way, Olympia. Sponsored by Witness for Peace Northwest, OUUC Social Justice Committee, and Bridges Not Walls. Info: Shelley Spalding 427-7444 [saschar44@gmail.com](mailto:saschar44@gmail.com)



**Fri April 10: Heartsparkle Players: "Stories of Using the Library"** -- This month's performance collaborates with Lacey Friends of the Library, whose purpose is to aid the library staff in maintaining, promoting and expanding the Lacey Timberland Library services. **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 nonprofit 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)

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**Mon April 13: "Peak Oil Imposed by Nature" film:** Leading world experts give us direct insight into the causes and consequences of global oil decline. It's not when we will run out of oil, but rather what will happen when there is less tomorrow than there is today. Discussion: What will it mean for us here? Should we be doing something to prepare? 7-9 pm at MIXX 96 meeting room, SW corner of State & Washington, Olympia. Sponsor: Olympia Climate Action. Info: Jack Zeiger 956-2017

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[www.nwcompass.org](http://www.nwcompass.org) Info: Contact Liv at 360-357-4503 or [livvm@comcast.net](mailto:livvm@comcast.net)

**Wed April 15: Income Tax Day is a good time to protest excessive military spending:**

Do you want to join with others to register your disapproval of the ongoing wars the US is waging? Urge better ways to spend our tax dollars? For ideas, resources and connections, contact the Olympia FOR at 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)

**Fri April 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 April 17: Interfaith Works 2009 Annual Membership Meeting:** Find out about the many wonderful things IW has done since last April, and look ahead too. Elect officers and approve budget. Everyone welcome! 7pm. at Temple Beth Hatfiloh, 8<sup>th</sup> & Washington. 357-7224 [www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org)

**Fri-Sun April 17-19: The Art of Being Human, Weekend Meditation Workshop Shambhala Training - Level 1,** With Shelley Pierce, at Bodhi House in



Olympia. Shambhala Training is a series of meditation programs for both beginning and experienced meditators. The simple and profound technique of mindfulness and awareness meditation it embodies can benefit those of any spiritual tradition or way of life. Bodhi House is located at 4846 Johnson Point Rd NE in Olympia. Cost of program is \$140 for the weekend which includes light breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday. Limited partial scholarships are available. Space is limited, so pre-registration and a \$25 deposit are required. For more information phone 561-6325 or email [zoedailey@yahoo.com](mailto:zoedailey@yahoo.com).

◆**Sat April 18: "Grassroots Change We Can Believe In" – Western Washington FOR Spring Assembly** brings folks together to network and explore timely issues. 9 a.m. registration and social time, 10 a.m. start, morning workshops, 12 noon catered lunch, afternoon workshops, 4 p.m. end. Fauntleroy UCC church in

West Seattle near the Vashon Ferry. **SEE THE FLYER / PRE-REGISTRATION FORM ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.** Sponsor and info: Western Washington FOR 206-789-5565 [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org) [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org) Info and carpooling from Olympia: 360-491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net)



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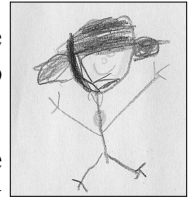
**Mon April 20 to Sun April 26: "International Turn-off Week" -- Turn off TV and other screens, and connect with people and communities!** International Turnoff Week is a time for individuals and families to turn off TVs and other screens, and to get active and involve themselves in their communities. More than 20 million people will participate this year! Events are being planned in every state and in some other countries. There is no excuse to find yourself alone and attached to the TV or computer. In December 2008 the National Institutes of Health released a review of 30 years of studies on screen-times impact. The study reveals alarming health concerns, including problems that lead to a breakdown of family and society. Turnoff Week is the first step in reversing this trend, and it opens a door to a new way of life. For information about how your family or your school can participate, please visit the Center for Screen-Time Awareness at [www.screentime.org](http://www.screentime.org)

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◆ **Arts Walk includes children's art** in the window of Buck's 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 209 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Every year the Olympia FOR arranges for kids at a local school to produce and display their own artwork reflecting some theme of peace or social justice. Thanks to Kristen Dahle for organizing this!



**Sat April 25: Procession of the Species:** Mark your calendars now to enjoy this 4:30 pm downtown event. This joyous, colorful, musical parade celebrates the natural world through homemade costumes and is free from motorized vehicles, spoken words, live animals, or advertising. Info about the Procession and its art studios: [www.procession.org](http://www.procession.org)

**Sun-Wed April 26-29: Mobilization to End Poverty:** Join with thousands of Christians in Washington DC to call upon Pres. Obama and the new Congress to take immediate steps to address extreme poverty. Hear great speakers, learn a lot, network with others, and visit your members of Congress. This uphill struggle needs a lot of people power! It's organized by Sojourners, [www.sojo.net](http://www.sojo.net), and other organizations working to end poverty.

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◆**Sun May 3: “Life and Debt.”** This is the debut night of the Olympia FOR’s “Big Picture series for May, at 10 pm on cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See description on page 4. Info: Carol 866-7645 [carolburns98@comcast.net](mailto:carolburns98@comcast.net)

◆**Mon May 4: Olympia FOR’s May 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 on TCTV cable channel 22 within Thurston County. The May topic will be confirmed by mid-April. Info: Glen 491-9093 [glen@olywa.net](mailto:glen@olywa.net) [www.olyfor.org](http://www.olyfor.org) See page 3.

**Wed May 6: “Thomas Berry: The Great Story”** (The life and work of the famous cultural historian and eco-theologian): As a pioneer in the field of spirituality and ecology, Thomas Berry has created a quiet revolution. This film opens displaying the beauty of the natural world as Berry unfolds the story of creation. He sees his life work as waking us up to that sacred story. He calls us “mad” for the way we are despoiling our home, our planet, its beauty, and its life systems. At the heart of the film is Berry’s experience of the universe as a cosmic liturgy. He reminds us that “we are not a collection of objects but a communion of subjects.” Discussion will follow the film. 7:00-8:30 pm at Traditions Cafe, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, downtown Olympia. Sponsors: Earth Care Catholics of Olympia and the Interfaith Works Earth Stewardship Committee. Everyone welcome! Free admission! Info: [LeslieHR@aol.com](mailto:LeslieHR@aol.com) or [myfamilyhome@comcast.net](mailto:myfamilyhome@comcast.net)

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