



Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation

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Olympia FOR's 6:30 Potluck Picnic Follows 5:30 Steering Committee Meeting Wednesday June 10



Everyone is invited to the Olympia FOR's first potluck picnic of the summer at 6:30 pm on Wednesday June 10 in the Rose Garden kitchen area at Olympia's Priest Point Park on East Bay Drive. The picnic builds a sense of community through sharing food and leisurely, wide-ranging conversations with other Olympia FOR folks. Come and enjoy!

Everyone is invited to the 5:30 meeting of the Olympia FOR Steering Committee immediately before the 6:30 picnic. The Steering Committee provides overall guidance and decision-making for the Olympia FOR.

Another Steering Committee meeting and potluck picnic will occur on Wednesday August 12 at the same times and place.

For Steering Committee information, contact Co-Chair Berd Whitlock at 259-4291 robertfwhitlock@gmail.com or Co-Chair Jody Mackey at 915-6757, hungryforpeace@gmail.com. For picnic information contact Glen Anderson at 491-9093 info@olyfor.org.

Olympia FOR's Strategic Planning Leads to New and Stronger Activities

Since last June, the Olympia FOR's Steering Committee and Long-Range Strategic Planning (LRSP) Committee have been finding out what our members think about the Olympia FOR's activities and what they want us to do in the future. Many of you participated in our Fall Planning Retreat and our Fall Survey. These generated a lot of feedback and suggestions. We have incorporated some improvements already. The LRSP Committee and the Steering Committee have been figuring out how to proceed in additional ways.

We have been using this information to strengthen our activities and develop new opportunities. We will be increasing our outreach and creating more opportunities for people to interact, to form committees for working together on common interests (e.g., abolishing nuclear weapons, raising kids nonviolently, conducting more workshops about nonviolence, organizing more proactive efforts for peace & justice, etc.).

Look for decisions and new opportunities during the next two Steering Committee meetings and picnics on Wednesdays June 10 and August 12, and perhaps also in a special mailing and/or through e-mail communications this summer.



Please join us on Wednesdays June 10 and August 12 to connect with these exciting new opportunities. Watch your mailbox and e-mail inbox for more information and opportunities this summer. **Do we have your current e-mail address?** If not, please notify us at info@olyfor.org. *Thanks!*



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Our Mission Statement: The Olympia Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation works for a nonviolent world, a healthy environment, social justice, economic justice, and peace. We bring together people of diverse ages, races, and faiths who are 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 for mutual education and to engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions.

“Building a Just & Sustainable World” – July 2-5
Register Now for FOR’s Seabeck Conference

Now is the time to register for the FOR’s 51st annual regional conference at Seabeck in Kitsap County. **“Building a Just & Sustainable World”** runs from Thursday July 2 (late afternoon) through Sunday July 5 (after lunch) Join 200+ people of all ages from the Pacific Northwest for a thoroughly enjoyable, informative and inspirational event. Enjoy keynote speakers and workshops, plenty of music, social time, special activities, and more. Spend the long Fourth of July weekend building the new society with people you will enjoy getting to know – or connecting with again. It’s a great opportunity for networking, building relationships, and organizing region-wide.

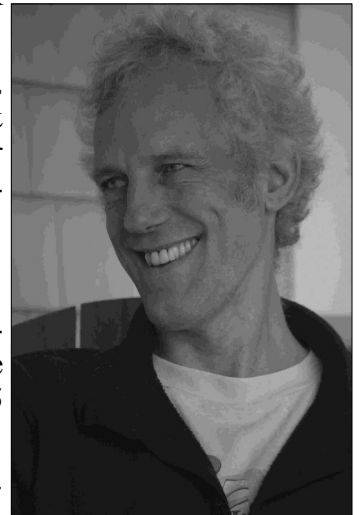


Antonia Juhasz

This year's theme was chosen because sustainability and social/economic justice are crucial for a peaceful future. FOR works with people around the world who are working at personal, local, regional, national and global levels for peace, justice, nonviolence and sustainability.

Our keynote speakers are Antonia Juhasz (policy analyst, activist, and author of *Tyranny of Oil* [2008] and *The Bush Agenda* [2006]) and John Lindsay-Poland (co-director for 25 years of National FOR's Task Force on Latin America & the Caribbean).

More than 20 workshops include climate change, big oil & Obama, green jobs, micro-finance & women's empowerment in Bangladesh, global water problems & solutions, local & organic foods, participatory economics, economic inequality as a root cause of unsustainability, and more.



John Lindsay-Poland

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! The schedule, more information, and registration materials are posted at www.wvfor.org/seabeck and can be obtained on paper from the Western Washington FOR office in Seattle, 206-789-5565 wwfor@wwfor.org or 225 N 70th Street, Seattle WA 98103-5099.

The FOR is a 94-year-old international pacifist organization that is committed to profound nonviolence. For information about our national and international levels, see www.forusa.org and www.ifor.org The Olympia FOR’s new website is being rebuilt at www.olyfor.org.

Scholarships and low-income discounts are available. Carpooling from Olympia is coordinated by Glen Anderson, (360) 491-9093 info@olyfor.org



WATCH WWW.OLYFOR.ORG GROW!

The Olympia FOR is rebuilding our website, www.olyfor.org, with a clean new design and new content. Some information is already posted – including information about the FOR and our current and recent newsletters – and we’ll be adding more content during the coming weeks and months. Check it out to see what’s new. Between our bi-monthly newsletters, look for updated listings of coming events. In the future, look for special sections about some important issues. Thanks to our webmaster, Peggy Olsen-Missildine, for her skillful work!

**These New Articles Will Be Posted to Olympia FOR's Website.
We Can Mail Paper Copies to Persons Without Internet Access.**



This entire newsletter and the articles within it will be posted on the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's website, www.olyfor.org. In addition, we'll also post some timely and informative articles from other sources. Listed below are summaries of some articles we'll post. If you don't have internet access, call the Olympia FOR at (360) 491-9093 to request a paper copy of any article you want. Do you like this new feature of our newsletter? Let us know whether we should continue, modify, or stop this new feature.

➤ **Death Penalty: "The Worst of the Worst?"** Many people say they want the death penalty to be used only for "the worst of the worst." But in practice the death penalty is not – and cannot – be reserved only for "the worst of the worst." A great number of "filters" (geography, race, income, other factors in social status, personalities of officials in the criminal justice system, etc.) strongly influence how cases are investigated, prosecuted, tried and sentenced. These filters reflect our society's many biases and inequities at every step of the process, as well as random factors such as geography. The people who end up being sentenced to death are not "the worst of the worst."

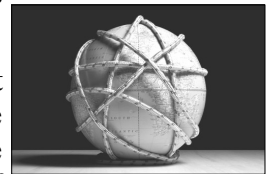
➤ **"Beyond Afghanistan: Choosing Nonviolence"** The War Resisters League, which was founded in 1923, works on many peace and justice issues through active, principled nonviolence. On April 1, 2009, WRL released a statement about Afghanistan, which also appears in WRL's Spring 2009 *WIN Magazine*. WRL's statement recounts the US's violent behavior in the world and how it hurts the poor. The article points out how Martin Luther King's 1967 "Beyond Vietnam" speech still pertains to US militarism and wars today.

➤ **"UFPJ Afghanistan Fact Sheet: Surge Peaceful Alternatives, Not Troops!"** United for Peace & Justice, a large coalition of many organizations, offers a one-page flyer listing constructive steps the US should take for real peace and real solutions in Afghanistan.

➤ **On Memorial Day, Veterans For Peace Asks, "Who Dies in War?"** Mike Ferner, national president of Veterans For Peace, says, "many more innocent civilians die in war than soldiers. That is the message that Veterans For Peace would like people to think about on Memorial Day." He continues, "We have been taught that the purpose of Memorial Day is to remember fallen service members. Veterans For Peace is here to tell the nation that the number of innocent civilians who die in war far outnumbers the combatants. It would be immoral to only remember those who fought and died in war and not pay respect to those who are victims."

➤ **New U.S. Military Base in Colombia Would let U.S. Attack Anywhere in Latin America.** The U.S. wants to build a new military base in Colombia that would make it easier for the U.S. to attack almost anywhere in Latin America. This is especially threatening, now that so many Latin American voters are electing leaders who want to end U.S. domination of their region. The reported "mission creep" goes beyond the U.S.'s militarized "drug war" and is continuing now during the Obama administration.

➤ **Trade Agreements Enflame the Financial Crises.** The global "free trade" agreements that the U.S. and some of the other richest capitalist countries have been promoting are making the world's economic crisis worse, according to Ruth Caplan's article in the Spring 2009 "Justice Rising" magazine of the Alliance for Democracy. The "free trade" assumption is that "if money is allowed to flow without restriction, then it will go to the most economically efficient use," she writes. However, the money goes instead to wherever it will make the most profits – and without restrictions that would prevent this money from hurting people and the environment.



➤ **New Efforts to Reduce Nuclear Weapons to "Zero"** – The Center for Defense information is a highly credible longtime organization of experts, including high-level retired military persons, who believe U.S. militarism has gone too far at too much cost and with too much risk for world peace. They publish *The Defense Monitor*, a periodical full of authoritative articles on these topics.



CLICK ON WWW.OLYFOR.ORG TO VIEW THESE ARTICLES IN THEIR ENTIRETY



For 22 years the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation 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.

JUNE: "Folk Music's Power for Peace and Justice"



People have performed music for thousands of years to create beauty, to express what they felt, and to communicate meaningful messages to other people. So it's not surprising that music has played powerful and important roles in movements for peace and social justice.

The Olympia FOR's June TCTV program focuses on using folk music to support movements for peace and social justice. Our guests, Holly Gwinn Graham and Tom Rawson, have delighted audiences with powerful and engaging songs – and with their infectious joy and wit.



Holly and Tom perform lively songs throughout the hour to illustrate their conversation about folk music's history and evolution, ways to activate an audience, the process of writing folk music, and more. This program is informative – as are all of our TCTV programs – and it is also full of life, wit and joy. Be sure to watch!

JULY: "Health Care Reform: Single-Payer Is the Solution!"

Everybody knows that our health care system is broken. The US's health care is by far the most expensive in the world, but we lag behind a great many countries in access, outcomes, and other measures of effectiveness. (The World Health Organization ranked us 37th.) What makes US health care so expensive, yet so ineffective?

Our system is bogged down with insurance companies that rip off nearly 25% of our health care dollars without providing any real health care. Other national governments pay for their health care directly, without insurance companies' overhead. The public, media and politicians all talk about reforming our health care system, but they are only tinkering around the edges so long as they ignore this elephant in the room. Republicans and Democrats alike refuse to eliminate this waste. They may talk about "universal coverage" in terms of "insuring everyone." But – with the exception of Congressmen Kucinich, Conyers, McDermott and a few others – they simply want a scheme to push everyone into the arms of the insurance companies, and use tax dollars to subsidize "insurance" for those who lack it.

Obama's plan for a "public option" would create a publicly funded track for people with serious health problems, but it anticipates that most people would continue dealing with insurance companies, which skim off the healthiest people and exclude those with pre-existing conditions and other health risks. This will force the people with the most expensive health care needs into the public option. As a result, the public option won't be as economical as it should be, and the capitalistic insurance companies would continue to reap big profits. Both of these results would keep overall system costs high.

In contrast, the single-payer solution would replace private insurance with a nationwide system in which everyone is in the same "pool" and the government pays the costs. The single-payer solution would treat the entire population equally, so the publicly funded program would avoid getting only the sickest people dumped into it. It would eliminate private health insurance and all of its waste.

The current system of capitalistically owned insurance companies is terribly wasteful. Each insurance company has its own bureaucracy, its own rules, its own payment rates, its own claim forms, its own high-paid executives, its own advertising, and its own high profits. Patients and medical providers waste terrible amounts of time figuring out how to navigate those many redundant systems. (cont. next page)



JULY: “Health Care Reform: Single-Payer Is the Solution!” (cont.)

Insurance companies make profits by taking in more money than they pay out. Therefore, they employ many persons whose jobs are to figure out ways to deny coverage, so sick people can't get the health care they need. Our insurance premium dollars pay for bureaucrats who are working against our interests!

Also, a single-payer system would achieve economies of scale in administering the program. It would have the power to require low prices from pharmaceutical companies and hospitals.

Of course, politicians rely upon privately owned hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, and insurance companies for campaign contributions. This is a major reason why politicians refuse to consider the single-payer solution.

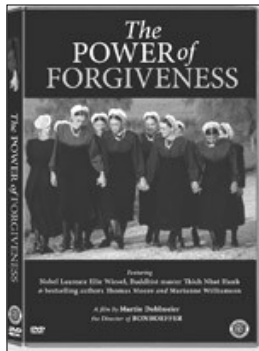
The Olympia FOR's July TCTV program will explain how the single-payer solution is the only way to solve the various problems efficiently, economically, and democratically. The single-payer solution can cover everyone, improve health care results, and save money.

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 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

JUNE: “The Power of Forgiveness”

Over the last 20 years the topic of forgiveness has come into its own as an area of academic study. Researchers are now examining the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness on individuals and within relationships under an amazingly wide variety of conditions, ranging from petty insults to sexual assault.



“The Power of Forgiveness” explores this important work in an accessible documentary film. The focus is on the emergent understanding of contemporary clinical and academic research that shows forgiveness is validated as having real potential for personal and spiritual transformation. At the same time the film points to

the centrality of forgiveness as a virtue in many of the world's great religions and the struggle that people of all faiths have in honoring it.

78 minutes. www.thepowerofforgiveness.com

JULY: “The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil”

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. With imports of oil cut by more than half – and food by 80 percent – people were desperate. This film tells of the hardships and struggles as well as the community and creativity of the Cuban people during this difficult time. Cubans share how they transitioned from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens.

The film opens with a short history of Peak Oil, a term for the time in our history when world oil production will reach its all-time peak and begin to decline forever. Cuba, the only country that has faced such a crisis – the massive reduction of fossil fuels – is an example of options and hope.

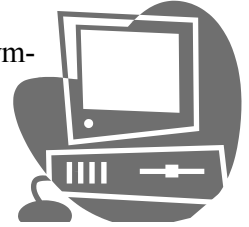
53 minutes www.powerofcommunity.org



NEWS - RESOURCES - OPPORTUNITIES

FOR'S INTERNET OPPORTUNITIES:

- 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 info@olyfor.org or (360) 491-9093. We're happy to send it to you in both formats – paper and internet – if you prefer.
- Western Washington FOR's website: www.wvfor.org
- National FOR's website: www.forusa.org
- National FOR's daily blog: Subscribe to it at www.forpeace.net
- National FOR's Colombia activities: You can see weekly updates on the national FOR's work in Colombia at www.FORcolombia.org
- International FOR's website: www.ifor.org



Olympia FOR's website is alive again: After solving technical problems, webmaster Peggy Olsen-Missildine is rebuilding www.olyfor.org to provide information about the Olympia FOR, our activities, and issues related to peace, social justice and nonviolence. She has posted .pdf versions of recent newsletters, information about the FOR, and some other information. We will soon post this current June-July newsletter and its various parts. During the coming weeks and months we will add information articles about various issues, and other resources. Thanks, Peggy, for your hard work and great skill!

Women Peacemakers Program (WPP) is part of International FOR: The International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) operates worldwide and has an office in The Netherlands. IFOR vigorously supports women's empowerment and activism, especially through the Women Peacemakers Program (WPP). WPP empowers women worldwide through gender-sensitive non-violence training and education. You can receive WPP's occasional e-mails, which contain news, resources, and opportunities for women and others. Info: WPP, IFOR, Spoorstraat 38, 1815 BK Alkmaar, The Netherlands. j.devries@ifor.org www.ifor.org/WPP

Apologizing to Japanese victims of atomic bombs: Awhile ago, Japanese women came to a community in Oregon to apologize where a family had been killed during World War II by a balloon bomb launched by Japan. In response to this compassionate action, Fr. Bill Bichsell and a delegation of 17 people will go to Hiroshima and Nagasaki with statements of apology for the atomic bombs the US dropped there. This link contains the statement people can sign and send to Tacoma Catholic Worker to be presented during their visit. See <http://sites.google.com/site/journeyofrepentance> The link also lets you get a .pdf copy of the petition so you can gather signatures. The statement says, *"I apologize to the people of Japan for my country's atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 64 years ago, and ask forgiveness for these atrocities and the ongoing suffering of those affected by radiation. I am contrite for the continued proliferation of nuclear weapons at the expense of unmet human needs. Further, I offer my remorse for the 57 times the U.S. has threatened to use nuclear weapons since the first atomic bombings of Japan. I firmly resolve, with the help of God's grace, to reject the false idols of nuclear weaponry and embrace the life affirming work of abolishing these weapons of terror."* Send completed petitions to Journey of Repentance 2009, c/o Tacoma Catholic Worker, 1417 South G Street, Tacoma, WA 98405. Scanned copies can be sent to: journeyofrepentance@gmail.com



Nuclear weapons: New organizing to seize new opportunities: A new statewide coalition is forming to coordinate public campaigns in support of abolishing nuclear weapons. The Western Washington FOR has joined this coalition and wants a volunteer to represent us consistently. The politics of nuclear weapons are shifting. Former hawks are opposing new nuclear weapons, President Obama has publicly spoken out for abolition, and the 2010 Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference is a great opportunity that is stimulating more people to organize against nukes. The next two years offer a critical opportunity to turn this momentum into a meaningful multilateral framework for abolition. A large and coordinated public campaign can capture the attention of the public, media, and politicians. The new statewide coalition is bringing together groups and indi-

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viduals to build a coordinated movement that can apply meaningful pressure. We'll need a wide range of skills, strategies, and resources. Please encourage your group to join the Western Washington FOR and other organizations that are building this coalition. Info: Geov Parrish, Executive Director, Peace Action of Washington, (206) 547-4619

The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) evaluates Obama's first 100 days: CCR has worked boldly to protect Constitutional values and human rights since 1966. It was founded by attorneys who represented civil rights movements in the South and uses the law as a positive force for social change. Recently it has challenged abuses by the Bush administration, and it still upholds the same principles now that Obama is president. CCR has released an analysis and report card on the first 100 days of the Obama administration. CCR has found that "in many areas of critical importance, including human rights, torture, rendition, secrecy and surveillance, despite several strong steps, the Obama presidency has failed to live up to its promises." <http://ccrjustice.org/100daysassessment>

Success story! Public outcry frees journalist from prison: When Roxana Saberi, a 32-year-old American journalist was sentenced to eight years in prison on trumped-up charges of espionage, thousands of persons who received action alerts from Amnesty International and other organizations responded by sending more than **26,000 letters** to the Iranian government **in less than 24 hours**. These letters worked! Another organization reports nearly 28,000 signatures on their internet petition. Roxana was promptly released from prison after an Iranian appeal court reduced her sentence to two-years, which was then suspended. Action alerts and internet activism really do work!



Congress considers a weak climate bill, and a hunger strike for strong climate legislation entered 5th week on May 18: Seven people began their fifth week of a Fast For Our Future on May 18, calling for strong climate legislation. The fasters were critical of the draft legislation Congressman Henry Waxman released on May 15. "This legislation is very problematic," said fast coordinator Ted Glick. "It's not even close to being a solution to our urgent climate crisis. 60% or more of the potential revenues that would come from putting a cap on carbon emissions are given free to coal, natural gas, oil and energy-intensive industries. The whole idea of a cap is to increase the price of carbon-based fuels to drive the transition to clean, renewable energy, and this legislation doesn't do that. Further, the requirement for utilities to get their electricity from renewable sources is so weak it might be worse than having no federal renewables requirement at all, given the number of states that have enacted stronger renewable mandates. This is in no way the kind of legislation we need." Also, Jere Locke, Director of the Texas Climate Emergency Campaign, criticized the weak target for reductions of greenhouse gas emissions. "The world's climate negotiators are calling for the world's industrialized countries to reduce their emissions by at least 25-40% by 2020, with 1990 as the baseline year. This bill would require no more than a few percentage points. As someone with close ties to Africa and Asia and who has worked internationally for many years, I fear for those people in the countries of the Global South who have had little to do with the carbon pollution in the air who will be seriously hurt if we don't act soon and strongly to address the climate crisis." The fasters and other organizers of the Fast For Our Future encourage other people to participate a worldwide "rolling fast" continuing until the United Nations Climate Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark in mid-December. Info: Ted Glick (973)-460-1458 or Jere Locke (512) 964-1134 and www.fastingforourfuture.org

World Peace March for Peace and Nonviolence: A tidal wave of events will sweep the world, starting in October. A video at www.youtube.com introduces the World March for Peace and Nonviolence, which will occur in many places, including the Pacific Northwest in the week after Thanksgiving. Currently, events are being planned in Vancouver BC, Seattle WA, Tacoma WA and Eugene OR. What about **Olympia**? Nearby local contacts include Jenelle Van Eynde in Seattle (jenelle.vaneynde@gmail.com) and Leah Coakley in Tacoma (leah.coakley@gmail.com). You may also contact a prime organizer, Parke Burgess (parkeburgess@gmail.com) for some direction and suggestions. Information about the related Peace Train is at www.ourtragicflaw.com/peace-train.

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Great American Peace March across the US will take Peace Pledge to United Nations: Olympia's Mary Abramson plans to dress as the Statue of Liberty and lead a nationwide peace march to 40 cities across the U.S. in 40 days, carrying a new United Nations Peace Pledge to the U.N. The pledge affirms that all human beings are sisters and brothers, and we pledge not to kill each other. Bill Cote is helping with workshops for making 200 drums and will invite people to use these drums in the 40 cities. These drums – after having been drummed across the country – will be given to the U.N's 200 member states, along with the Peace Pledge petitions. Mary is holding meetings at her home every Sunday evening until the event occurs. Info: Mary (360) 360-438-2201 www.MaryHathSpokane.com and www.UnitedNationsPeacePledge.com

Resources for changing the big mainstream media: The conservative status quo persists partly because the mainstream media reinforce it and exclude alternative voices. A nonprofit organization, Free Press, works to empower ordinary people to challenge big mainstream media and to change the rules of the game. Their website, www.freepress.net, and their occasional e-mails offer plenty of opportunities. Now they have issued two handy new booklets, *Media Reform Action Guide (Tools, Tips and Techniques for Promoting Change)* and *Media Policy 101 (What You Need to Know to Change the Media)*. Get information from Free Press, 40 Main Street Suite 301, Florence MA 01062 (toll-free 877-888-1533) or www.freepress.net

MediaMatters.org offers excellent information, critiques, action opportunities, and more: See this outstanding resource's new website, www.MediaMatters.org. Consider subscribing to its e-mail updates and other opportunities.



Can you help with mailing parties? The Olympia FOR, an all-volunteer organization, relies on volunteers to fold and address our newsletters, fund appeals, and special mailings. Newsletter mailing parties typically occur in early afternoons on weekdays. To accommodate various people's schedules, we hold mailing parties for fund appeals and special mailings at various times, including evenings and weekends. They are sociable and fun, as well as useful and productive. You don't need to come every time – only when your schedule allows it conveniently. Please provide your phone number and e-mail address to 491-9093 info@olyfor.org. We'll contact you in advance of mailing parties and invite you to participate if you're available. Thanks!



Volunteers work locally to provide medical supplies for other countries: For just a few hours a month, you can help improve the lives of people all around the world, including Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, and Uganda. Local volunteers (14 years and older, for safety reasons) are needed to sort and package surplus medical supplies for shipment to charitable health-care organizations in economically developing countries. No experience or medical background is needed; training is provided. Some volunteers work one Saturday a month, and some volunteer at various times from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Evening and other hours are available with advance notice. CHUMA International (Catholic Health United for Medical Assistance) practices global solidarity and environmental stewardship by ensuring that useful medical supplies and equipment are shared with charitable health-care organizations in economically developing countries. Info: 360-493-5640 or raymond.reyes@providence.org



Conscientious objection status for taxpayers who can't pay for war: The Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill (H.R. 2085) has been introduced in the 111th Congress by Rep. John Lewis (a progressive congressman from Georgia with a strong background in the Civil Rights Movement) and ten cosponsors, including Jim McDermott, the only Congress member from Washington to support the bill. Info: National Council for a Peace Tax Fund, 2121 Decatur Place NW, Washington DC 20008, (202) 483-3751 or toll-free (888) PEACETAX.

info@peacetaxfund.org www.peacetaxfund.org

Olympia FOR Enjoyed Annual Meeting and Elected Steering Committee

We're still getting rave reviews from participants who enjoyed the Olympia FOR's Annual Meeting on Sunday May 17 at Traditions Café. More than two dozen people enjoyed social time and refreshments, reviewed the year's varied and abundant accomplishments, and elected Steering Committee members and officers to new terms.

We elected five new members to two-year terms (through May 31, 2011) on the Steering Committee: John Harvey, Kerri Griffis, Alice Zillah, Rozanne Rants, and Doug Mackey. We re-elected incumbent Steering Committee members Berd Whitlock, Dennis Mills, Kristen Dahle, Vale Core, and Glen Anderson to new two-year terms. They join Cheryl Crist, Chris Carson, Dan Ryan, Jody Mackey, Kim Dobson, and Monica Hoover, who are half-way through their two-year terms.



We re-elected Berd Whitlock to another two-year term as Co-Chair and Vale Core to another two-year term as Treasurer. Co-Chair Jody Mackey and Secretary Monica Hoover are half-way through their two-year terms.

Thanks to Annual Meeting Planning Committee members Berd Whitlock, Jody Mackey, and Paula Allison.

You Are Fully Empowered!



People often ask whether their donations they send to one level of the FOR are shared with another level, as some non-profit organizations do. With the FOR, you are free to choose how much to give to each level, and that's where it will go. The national FOR does not contribute to the Olympia treasury, nor vice versa.

The only exception is that the Olympia FOR does contribute a budget line item to the Western Washington FOR. This spares Olympia folks from receiving WWFOR's fundraising letters, because our Olympia and WW mailing lists overlap very much. WWFOR helps people throughout Western Washington – including the greater Olympia area – in many ways, so this is an efficient way for local folks to help cover WWFOR's costs.

While the Olympia chapter gives WWFOR what our chapter can afford, individuals may also give directly to WWFOR if they want. WWFOR and the national FOR are experiencing severe financial crises now, so they need help. The Olympia FOR chapter is close to meeting our income needs. The relevant addresses for contributions are:



- Olympia FOR, PO Box 7273, Olympia WA 98507-7273
- Western Washington FOR, 225 N 70th Street, Seattle WA 98103-5099
- FOR, Box 271, Nyack NY 10960-0271

Thank you for your faithful help! All levels are tax-deductible, as allowed by law.

**Generosity is a
virtue that produces peace!**

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. **JUNE: "The Power of Forgiveness."** **JULY: "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil."** See article on page 5. 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

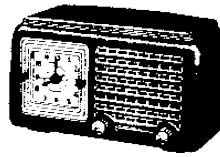
Every Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 am: "Democracy Now" with Amy Goodman on KAOS 89.3 FM

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

♦Every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: **JUNE: "Folk Music's Power for Peace and Justice"** **JULY: "Health Care Reform: Single-Payer Is the Solution!"** See page 4 or 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 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: **JUNE: "Folk Music's Power for Peace and Justice"** **JULY: "Health Care Reform: Single-Payer Is the Solution!"** See page 4 or 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. Also enjoy the jazz band that supports our vigil! 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 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



Muriel Lester, the British pacifist, wrote: "Our Job as Peacemakers"

"Our job as peacemakers is to stop war, to purify the world, to get it saved from poverty and riches, to make people like each other, to heal the sick, and comfort the sad, to wake up those who have not yet found God, to create joy and beauty wherever we go, to find God in everything and in everyone... To disarm - not only our bodies by refusing to kill, or make killing instruments in munitions factories - but also to disarm our minds of anger, pride, envy, hate and malice..."

◆ **Mon June 1: “Folk Music’s Power for Peace and Justice” – Olympia FOR’s June TCTV program** runs from 9:00 to 10:00 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 4. Info: Glen 491-9093 and www.olyfor.org



effects of forgiveness on individuals in the many context in which forgiveness has occurred. The film also recognizes forgiveness as a central virtue in many religions. 10 pm on cable channel 22 in Thurston County. This is the debut night of the Olympia FOR’s “Big Picture series for June. See description on page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

Fri-Sat June 5-6: Sea Cinema Film Festival: Watch award-winning independent film about our oceans, and enjoy performances by local artists. Organized by People for Puget Sound. 6:00 pm at Olympia Film Society, Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave SE, Olympia. \$12 per night or \$20 for both nights for OFS members, students. General admission \$15/night or \$30/both nights. Buy tickets from www.buyolympia.com/events or at the box office on the night of the show. Doors open 5:30 pm. Info: www.olympiafilmsociety.org

Wed June 3 (6:30 pm) and Thurs June 4 (9:00 pm): “Hunger” film about the 1981 hunger strike by Irish Republican Army’s Bobby Sands: This powerful film’s actor portrays Bobby Sands’ well-known hunger strike in Northern Ireland’s Maze Prison. Little dialogue but very informative.

www.hungertthemovie.co.uk



Fri June 5: Capitol High School’s Peace Club benefit for Doctors Without Borders: Enjoy music and other entertainment presented by these high school students’ peace club to benefit "Doctors Without Borders." 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW, downtown Olympia.

Sun June 7: Interfaith Comedy Show: What happens when a Muslim, a Jew, and a Christian walk onto a stage? Laughter for a good cause as three internationally known comedians, Rabbi Bob Alper, Azhar Usman, and Rev. Susan Sparks make jokes to benefit the Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build. 7:00 pm, Urban Grace Church, 902 Market St., downtown Tacoma. Tickets are \$15 adult, \$10 for Students/Seniors/Military. Tickets are available at Habitat for Humanity, 1001 North J Street, Tacoma, 98417, 253-627-5626 or at Temple Beth El, 5975 South 12th Street, Tacoma 98465, 253-564-7101.

◆ **Sun June 7: “The Power of Forgiveness.”** Serious researchers are studying the psychological and physical

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Mon June 8: Transitioning from Oil Dependency to Local Resilience: Learn about the Transition Town Movement, a roadmap away from the triple threats of peak oil, climate change and economic instability to a sustainable future. 7:00-9:00 pm at the MIXX-96 meeting room at the SW corner of State & Washington.

Mon June 8: Amnesty International’s Olympia group works for human rights worldwide: Meet at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Everyone is welcome to share information, write letters, and organize community outreach to promote human rights. Location and info: Kerri Griffis 867-9237 kerrigriffis@yahoo.com or Leanne Smith 923-2344 leanneksmith@yahoo.com

Mon Jun 8-12: Green Car Tour: See electric, biodiesel and electric cars in Olympia, Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver.

Tues June 9: 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 non-judgmental 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: korodo@msn.com

Tues June 9: 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, 5th & Water. Info: www.southsoundcleanclothes.org

Tues-Wed June 9-10: Facilitating Restorative Justice (restoring victims and holding offenders accountable without being punitive): This high quality training is designed for professionals and volunteers who want to facilitate restorative processes and those who want to understand restorative justice. Beth Rod-

man is an experienced professional trainer for restorative justice. 8:00 am to 4:30 pm in Olympia. The \$50 cost covers materials. You may buy lunch for \$10 each day. Register by June 1. Info:(360)943-0780 ext. 121.



kodonnell@communityyouthservices.org.

Wed June 10: Interfaith Earth Stewardship committee meets 12:00 noon in the library of First Christian Church, 7th & Franklin, on the second Wednesday of each month. Info: LeslieHR@aol.com

◆**Wed June 10: Olympia FOR Potluck Picnic follows Steering Committee meeting.** When the 5:30 Steering Committee meeting ends, the 6:30 potluck picnic begins! Everyone is welcome to both the meeting and the picnic! Join us at the Rose Garden Kitchen Area at Priest Point Park on East Bay Drive NE. Info: 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

Wed June 10: Alec Clayton reads and signs his latest novel, *The Wives of Marty Winters*: 7:00 pm at Orca Books, 509 E. 4th Ave, Olympia. *The Wives of Marty Winters* is a story set partially in Olympia, about a PFLAG family: Marty, his wife, his gay son, his not-so-accepting sister, and their transsexual housemate. The story is complicated by Marty's obsession with his former wife. Info: 943-3242 www.claytonworks.com/Publishing/index.html

Wed June 10: ACLU of Thurston County meets from 7 to 9 pm in Room 206 in Olympia Center, 222 Columbia NW, downtown. Everyone is welcome.

Wed June 10: 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 or Larry Mosqueda lmosqueda@comcast.net OMJP's website is www.omjp.olympiaworkers.net

Wed-Thurs June 10-11, Compassionate Listening Basic Intensive Training: Become A More Powerful Peacemaker in Your Family, Community, & Workplace: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm each day in SE Seattle. \$150-\$350 sliding scale with partial scholarships. Info: <http://june09intensive.eventbrite.com> and sources listed for June 13.

Thurs June 11: Reform the "3 Strikes" criminal sentencing: Attend this clemency hearing for Al-Kareem Shadeed at 10:00 am at the Cherberg Building Senate Hearing Room 3, SE of the State Capitol building. Mr. Shadeed

was incarcerated under the State of Washington's "3 Strikes" law, and received the same sentence for three 2nd degree robbery convictions as the Green River killer: Life Without Parole. He needs our support at his clemency hearing, and many people need to push to reform the "3 Strikes" law. This effort is organized by **Justice Works!**, a grassroots criminal justice reform organization whose mission is undoing racism in the criminal justice system as experienced by African Americans. Justice Works! is affiliated with the FOR. Info: Juan Vega (206) 725-9189, www.fix3strikes.org, www.justiceisnogame.org, and www.justiceworks.info.

Sat June 13: Compassionate Listening – One-Day Basic Training: Bring peace and healing to your life and our world. Many professionals, teachers, parents, counselors, mediators, and others have found Compassionate Listening helpful when interacting with other people. Enhance your personal life, improve your relationships with family, friends and co-workers. Bring peace and healing to the world – and bring compassionate support to yourself. Expert facilitators Andrea Cohen and Susan Partnow. 9:30 am to 6:00 pm in SE Seattle. Info: (206) 783-8561 Andrea 206-523-6018 or cohencomm@comcast.net www.compassionatelistening.org

Sat June 13: Protect immigrant rights: Gather the second Saturday of each month from 12 noon to 3 pm at the US government's privately run Northwest Detention Center, 1623 E J St, Tacoma (industrial area east of downtown). Stop the raids. Keep families together. Pass humane immigration laws. Bring signs and stand with others. Info: (360) 381-0293 or decomunidad@qwest.net

◆**Sat June 13: Fire Mountain (Lewis County) FOR** meets 1:00-3:00 pm, just after their 12 noon peace vigil in Washington Park, Centralia). For meeting location and other info, contact June Butler 360-748-9658 june2@earthlink.net or Larry Kerschner 360-807-5106 peacepoet@gmail.com

Tues June 16: 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 20th, and right on East End St.
Info: Dennis Mansker 786-9584 [dman-
sker@comcast.net](mailto:dman-
sker@comcast.net)



Thurs June 18: FILM: “Freeing Silvia Baraldini” – The persons who made this new documentary film about an Italian activist will be present for discussion when it is shown at 6:30 pm. In 1983, Silvia Baraldini was indicted and convicted under federal law for helping to free Assata Shakur (a Black revolutionary) from prison. She also refused to answer

questions to a Grand Jury investigating the Puerto Rican Independence Movement. Silvia was given a 43-year prison sentence. In 1999, after 17 years in U.S. prisons, she won the right to serve out her sentence in her homeland, Italy, where she was imprisoned, diagnosed with cancer, transferred to house arrest, and ultimately freed in 2006 after having been incarcerated since 1982. This documentary presents Silvia’s side of the story, the side that was not supposed to be told. 6:30 pm at Olympia Film Society, 206 5th Ave SE. Info:

Fri June 19: Iraq Moratorium occurs on 3rd 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

Fri June 19: FILM: “Trinidad” -- This is a documentary about the quiet, rural town Trinidad, Colorado, the “sex change capital of the world.” Located on the Santa Fe Trail, where the Rockies fade into the Great Plains, this one-time mafia-run, coal mining town is an unlikely destination for more than 6,500 transsexuals who have gone there to align their bodies with their minds. 6:30 pm at Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave SE, Olympia.

Sat June 20: Stonewall Youth Fundraising Drag Show: Stonewall Youth is a non-profit community organization that supports, informs, and advocates for youth up to 21 years old who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, or who have questions about

their sexual orientation or gender identity. The organization was founded in 1991 and today provides a wide spectrum of services, including Youth Outreach, Peer Support Groups, and Community Education. This fundraising event helps cover their expenses. Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave SE, downtown Olympia. Info soon at www.stonewallyouth.org & www.olympiafilmsociety.org

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Sat-Sun June 20-21: Pride Festival 2009 includes parade, celebration, and much more: The parade starts at about 12 noon at the State Capitol, goes north on Capitol Way to 4th Ave, Washington St, and Sylvester Park, where the celebration continues into late afternoon. Info and more events are posted at www.capitalcitypride.net

Sun June 21: 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, 5th & Water. Info: Jody Mackey 915-6757 hungryfor-peace@gmail.com

Sun June 21: Garden solstice celebration of Persian/ Iranian poetry: Persian and Iranian culture have contributed much to humankind’s history. Historic poets are still very popular, and ordinary people have memorized classic and modern poetry. Enjoy this celebration of Persian poetry at 4:00 pm at 420 N 4th Street, Tacoma. In Iran light is a symbol of the presence of the spiritual in the material world, so we pay tribute to this contribution on the solstice in a Tacoma peace supporter’s beautiful North Tacoma rose garden with a gazebo and a view of Commencement Bay. The celebration will feature both classical and modern poetry read both in English translation and in the original Farsi, with ample time for conversation, conviviality, and refreshment. This event is sponsored by United for Peace of Pierce County (www.ufppc.org), which supports dialogue with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Mon June 22: Amnesty International’s Olympia group works for human rights worldwide: Meet at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Everyone is welcome to share information, write letters, and organize community outreach to promote human rights. Location and info: Kerri Griffis 867-9237 kerrigriffis@yahoo.com or Leanne Smith 923-2344 leanneksmith@yahoo.com

Mon-Fri June 22-26: The Heart in a Heartless World: Religion, Suffering and the Problem of Evil: This five-day learning experience explores the fears



and concerns facing our planet and considers the responses that have been forwarded by the world's religious traditions. This is St. Martin's University's 2009 Spiritual Life Institute. You can register and pay for all sessions (10:00 am to 4:30 pm Mon.- Fri) or simply attend the free presentation from 7:30 to 9:00 pm Friday June 26. Info: Ian Werrett, 360-438-4290; iwerrett@stmartin.edu www.stmartin.edu/spiritual_life

Mon-Fri June 22-26: Learn to mediate disputes: 40 hours of professional mediation training: This highly interactive 40-hour training (8 hours a day, 5 days straight) will acquaint you with the philosophy, model and skills for serving as a neutral mediator to help people resolve disputes. The concepts and skills are easily transferable, so they can improve communication and enhance relationships in all settings. \$585. Some discounts available. Sponsor: Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County. Info: (360) 956-1155. Please register soon. The next 40-hour training will occur Thursdays to Saturdays October 15-17 and 22-24.

◆ **Tues June 23: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR** meets to work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7-9 pm in Tumwater. Info: Rozanne or Chuck, 705-8520 rozannerants@yahoo.com chuckschultz3@msn.com

Wed June 24: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets from 7 to 9 pm. See June 10 info.

Fri-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. \$35. Info: Dave Bellefeuille-Rice at 360-943-6264, dbrkbr@gmail.com.

Sat June 27: FILM: “Baptists at Our Barbeque” – In this fun feature we follow a sweet young Mormon park ranger to his new assignment in a town of 262 Mormons and 262 Baptists. What follows is an adventure in comedy, romance, friendship, satire, family and community that asks us if we are willing to open our hearts and homes to those different than ourselves. This is part of the Spiritual Cinemas series sponsored by The United Churches, 11th & Washington SE, Olympia.

People gather to watch and discuss films with spiritual topics. Meet at 6:30 p m to share desert and community. Then watch and discuss the film. Facilitators are Bernie Clarke and Pat Sonnesnstuhl. Info: Pat 943-8933

cnmpat@comcast.net

◆ **Thurs July 2: “Health Care Reform: Single-Payer Is the Solution!”** -- Olympia FOR's July 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. See page 4. Info: Glen 491-9093 info@olyfor.org www.olyfor.org

◆ **Thurs-Sun July 2-5: FOR's 51st 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 keynote addresses by oil & foreign policy expert **Antonia Juhasz** and national FOR Latin America staff expert **John Lindsay-Poland**. Enjoy your choice of four workshops from 21 offered, and lots of fun! If you need a brochure, ask for one from the Olympia FOR or the Western Washington FOR. **Please register now!** Discounts and scholarships for low-income people. Info: Western Washington FOR (260) 789-5565 wwfor@wwfor.org/seabeck Info and carpooling from Olympia: (360) 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

Sun July 5: 22nd US/Cuba Friendship caravan celebration: Olympia's Rick Fellows will be driving a bus to the Peace Arch Park in Blaine WA to meet with Cuba caravan participants from Western Canada. Olympia area folks are invited to ride this bus to the Peace Arch to celebrate international solidarity with a picnic, music and speakers to welcome our Canadian visitors. The bus will leave Olympia at 9:00 am and return in early evening. To ride, e-mail Rick Fellows at rick@mediaisland.org or phone him at 705-2241. This will be one of 14 routes sweeping the country for ten days leading up to the border crossing from Texas in mid July. To get on the emergency contact list in case the US government causes problems for this caravan crossing out of the US, e-mail p4p@igc.org and visit www.ifconews.org. Sponsor: Pastors for Peace.

◆ **Sun July 5: “The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil.”** When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990 and could no longer supply oil to Cuba, Cuba devised creative and community-building

ways to function with minimal oil. Learn about their struggles and alternatives. Highly relevant for our own Peak Oil crisis! This is the debut night of the Olympia FOR's "Big Picture series for July, at 10 pm on cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See description on page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net



Mon July 6 to Mon Aug 10: Trinity to Trident Interfaith Peace Walk for a Nuclear-Free Future and Respect for Mother Earth – This opportunity invites all people to come together in a nonviolent, spiritually motivated action to reclaim the future. Participants will walk and pray at Trinity NM, where nuclear bombs were first tested; continue to the H-bomb lab in Livermore CA and the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Eastern WA; and end at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor in WA, for Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days. Peace walkers will average about 17 miles per day along the way. The walk is open to all who sincerely believe in abolishing nuclear weapons. All local folks are invited to join the walkers when they pass through Olympia on July 30. You are welcome to join the walk for any amount of time. This is a spiritual walk, so no drugs or alcohol allowed. Food is provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own dishes and cups for eating and drinking water. Info: the Nipponzan Myohoji Bainbridge Island Dojo, 6154 Lynwood Center Road NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110, senji@nipponzan.net call (206) 780-6739, (206) 419-7262(cell), or (206) 419-2591(cell).

Tues July 7: Send off the 22nd US/Cuba Friendship-ment caravan: Olympia folks will send off the Pastors for Peace caravan to Cuba with our route speaker Lisa Valenti, who is president of the US- Cuba Sister City Association. The Olympia location and time are being planned now. Get updated info from Rick Fellows rick@mediaisland.org or 705-2241. More info is in the July 5 calendar item above.

Wed July 8: ACLU of Thurston County meets from 7 to 9 pm in Room 206 in Olympia Center, 222 Columbia NW, downtown. Everyone is welcome.

Wed July 8: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP), meets from 7 to 9 pm. See June 10 info.

Fri July 10: Brian Swimme Lecture on Ecology: A New Story: Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry is hosting a free lecture by Brian Swimme, prolific author and director of the Center for

the Story of the Universe at the California Institute of Integral Studies. This lecture is part of the Institute for Ecology, Theology, Spirituality, and Justice. 7:00-9:00 pm at Seattle University's Student Center,

LeRoux Conference Room 160, Seattle. Info: Sue sueh@seattleu.edu (206) 296-5583 or www.earthministry.org.

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Sat July 11: TC Pro-Net's 5th Annual Progressive Town Hall Picnic and Campaign Forum: The picnic is a popular summer event (150 people last year). Meet local candidates and ask questions. This is a waste-free **potluck** with beverages, salmon and chicken provided. Please bring and share other picnic foods. Many volunteers are needed on that day, so please contact sherri@tcpronet.org to help!

Sat July 11: FILM: "Dust and Illusions" – This new documentary is about the annual Burning Man event in Nevada. The filmmaker will attend. 9:00 pm at Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave SE. Info: Olympia Film Society, www.olympiafilmsociety.org

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Mon-Sat July 13-18: Training in organizing and activism tactics: Join Backbone Campaign, Ruckus Society and Mosquito Fleet on Vashon Island WA for five exciting days of creative tactics trainings, group camping, and connecting with seasoned and aspiring activists from around the nation. Participants will learn a wide range of creative tactics. These include nonviolence trainings, arts for social change workshops, land and water based techniques, campaign design and strategy, and more. Ages 18 and up. Sliding scale

\$200-\$500. Pre-registration and a non-refundable deposit are required. Info: Backbone Campaign (206)408-8058. Register www.backbonecampaign.org



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◆**Sun July 19: Deadline for Olympia FOR’s Aug-Sept 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

Tues July 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 20th, and right on East End St. Info: Dennis Mansker 786-9584 dmansker@comcast.net

Wed July 22: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace meets from 7 to 9 pm. See June 10 info.

Wed-Sun July 22-26: “Real Change for Women: Labor and Community Organizing for Economic and Political Justice” -- This Summer School for Union Women and Community Activists is organized by The

Evergreen State College’s Labor Center. Learn and develop skills from a variety of panels, workshops, discussions, and activities. Info: Sarah Laslett laslett@evergreen.edu or Nina Triffleman triffleman@evergreen.edu, (360) 867-6055.

Sat July 25: FILM: “One, the Movie” – People come together seeking to increase awareness of the connections we all share, remind us of our similarities, celebrate our differences and allow the positive energy of Oneness to emerge in a seemingly disconnected world. First-time filmmakers created this film to simply ask life's ultimate questions to a broad cross-section of humanity. It features regular people, great spiritual masters, authors and icons such as: Ram Dass, Thich Nhat Hahn, Robert Thurman, Deepak Chopra, Father Thomas Keating, Mantak Chia, Barbara Marx-Hubbard and Riane Eisler. Since its release in 2005, it has enjoyed great popularity and acclaim. This is part of the Spiritual Cinemas series sponsored by The United Churches, 11th & Washington SE, Olympia. People gather to watch and discuss films with spiritual topics. Meet at 6:30 p m to share dessert and community. Then watch and discuss the film. Facilitators are Bernie Clarke and Pat Sonnenstuhl. Info: Pat 943-8933 cnmpat@comcast.net. Also see www.onetheproject.com/ONE-overview.htm

Sat-Sun July 25-26: Ethnic Fest in Tacoma brings thousands of people together for multi-ethnic music, dance, food, etc., from 12 noon to 7 pm at Wright Park (between S 6th Ave and Division, and between G and I streets), just north of downtown Tacoma. The Olympia FOR will again host an info table opposing the death penalty. Info: Glen 360-491-9093 info@olyfor.org

Sun July 26: 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. 3:30-5:00 pm. Location and info: Robert Lovitt 357-2825 ssbpf@comcast.net www.ssbpf.org





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kerrigriffis@yahoo.com or Leanne Smith 923-2344 leaneksmith@yahoo.com

◆**Tues July 28: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR** meets to work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7 pm in Tumwater. Info: Rozanne or Chuck, 705-8520 rozannerants@yahoo.com chuckschultz3@msn.com

Thurs July 30: The nuclear-free peace walk comes through Olympia: See info at the July 6 calendar item.

◆**Sat Aug 1: Western Washington FOR Area Committee** meets to provide overall planning and decision-making for our regional FOR activities. All FOR members welcome. 10 am to 4 pm in Centralia. Info: www.wwfor.org Info and carpooling from Olympia: Glen 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

Thurs Aug 6: "From Hiroshima to Hope" -- Remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki and all victims of violence. Float lanterns for peace in Seattle: Join Seattle's Japanese and peace communities from 6:30 to 9:30 pm for this powerful annual peace event on Green Lake's NW shore (just south of the bathhouse Theater) in NW Seattle. The program ends with the Toro Nagashi lantern floating ceremony.

Sat Aug 8: Float Lanterns for Peace at Olympia's Japanese Bon Odori Festival: Olympia celebrates Bon Odori, the traditional Japanese midsummer festival, on Saturday afternoon August 9 on Water Street next to Capitol Lake. When the dancing ends at dusk, the public moves south along Capitol Lake to float lanterns for peace. The Olympia FOR is organizing this part of the Bon Odori festival as we have for about the past 18 years. Look for an article in our August-September newsletter, but mark your calendars now! Info: Kristen Dahle 357-3553 kjdahle@comcast.net. **Kristen needs volunteers this year.**



Sat-Mon Aug 8-10: Resist nuclear weapons at the Trident submarine base: Nuclear abolition? Yes We Can! Join fellow citizens at the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Poulsbo to commemorate the anniversaries of

the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. The weekend will feature music, street theater, speakers, education, nonviolence training, and vigiling. It will culminate with nonviolent direct action at the gates of Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, the West Coast home for the U.S. Navy's Trident nuclear submarine fleet. Each Trident nuclear submarine has 24 missiles, and each missile carries up to eight nuclear warheads. This gives one Trident submarine thousands of times the destructive power of the devastating bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki 64 years ago. To add to the immense folly, it costs \$77 million to operate just one Trident submarine for one year. The Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action has been resisting Trident for more than 30 years and created a community in which thousands of people have learned and participated in Gandhian civil resistance. Info: info@gzcenter.org and www.gzcenter.org. Also, Alice Zillah, a new member of Olympia FOR's Steering Committee, is a local contact for Ground Zero and is happy to answer questions about it and the weekend. Info: 357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com.

◆**Wed Aug 12: Olympia FOR Potluck Picnic follows Steering Committee meeting.** When the 5:30 Steering Committee meeting ends, the 6:30 potluck picnic begins! Everyone is welcome to both the meeting and the picnic! Join us at the Rose Garden Kitchen Area at Priest Point Park on East Bay Drive NE. Info: 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

◆**Sun Aug 16: Tacoma FOR's annual potluck picnic:** 3:00-5:00 pm at Tacoma Friends Meeting House, 2508 S 39th St, Tacoma (just south of 38th Street, NW of Tacoma Mall).

Everybody is welcome! Info: David Lambert (253) 759-2280 dmlamb@harbornet.com

◆**Sun Aug 16: Seattle FOR's annual potluck picnic:** 4:00-7:00 pm (potluck meal at 5 pm) at Woodland Park Shelter #4, Seattle. Everybody is welcome! Info: (206) 789-5565 www.wwfor.org



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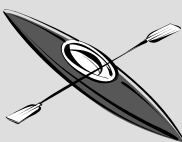
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**Sun-Fri Aug 23-28:
Puget Sound Inter-
faith Youth Camp:**

Camper and staff applications are now available for this collaborative effort of Thurston County's Interfaith Works, Tacoma's Associated Ministries, and

several diverse congregations. Middle school kids of different faiths enjoy swimming, hiking, kayaking and sailing, archery, field sports and campfires – and talking and learning about one another's religions, beliefs, and customs. Adult faith-leaders from many traditions will be resources to the campers of their faith as well as to the campers of other faiths. No proselytizing whatsoever is allowed. Camp fee is on a sliding scale. Scholarships are available. Info and applications: **360-357-7224**

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