



Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation

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OLYMPIA FOR'S 6:30 POTLUCK PICNIC FOLLOWS 5:30 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

Everyone is invited to the Olympia FOR's potluck picnic at 6:30 pm on Wednesday August 12 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.

For Steering Committee information, contact Co-Chair **Berd Whitlock** at 259-4291 **robertfwhitlock@gmail.com** or Co-Chair **Jody Mackey** at 915-6757 **hungryfor-peace@gmail.com**.

For picnic information contact **Glen Anderson** at 491-9093 **info@olyfor.org**.



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FLOAT LANTERNS FOR PEACE AT OLYMPIA'S JAPANESE BON ODORI FESTIVAL SATURDAY AUGUST 8

Olympia celebrates Bon Odori, the traditional Japanese midsummer festival, on Saturday August 8. When the dancing ends at dusk, the public is invited to move from Water Street to another area of Capitol Lake to float lanterns for peace. The Olympia FOR is organizing this part of the Bon Odori festival as we have for nearly 20 years.

In Japan the annual Bon Odori midsummer festival welcomes our ancestors and other people who have died to come back to the world of the living to spend some time partying and dancing with us. At the end lanterns are floated on a body of water to guide their spirits back to the other world. Since the U.S. bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki during this time of year, the traditional Japanese lantern floating ceremony has taken on additional meaning. Now floating these lanterns is also a way to remember all who were killed when our government dropped the atomic bombs, to remember all other people who have died in wars, and to rededicate ourselves to working for peace.

When the Bon Odori dancing ends, an announcement will tell people where to go to participate in the lantern floating ceremony. Each participating family or individual will be given a lantern consisting of a small block of wood, a candle, and a paper lantern frame. We will invite participants to write the names of one or more persons they want to remember and/or a prayer or message for peace on the paper lantern frame and then to place them in Capitol Lake, where the wind will move them gracefully along. This beautiful sight in the night hushes the crowd into a reflective silence.

You will be glad you attended!

Thanks to Olympia FOR member **Kristen Dahle** for organizing this event and recruiting volunteers to help. For information, please contact **Kristen** at 357-3553.

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.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING STRENGTHENS OLYMPIA FOR!
VOLUNTEER NOW FOR NEW ACTIVITIES!**



Since last summer, 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. Last November our Fall Planning Retreat and Fall Survey generated a lot of feedback and suggestions.

Our LRSP Committee and Steering Committee have converted these ideas into new ways 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.).

Now is your time to volunteer! Choose one or several of the new opportunities. You can do this in any of several ways now and in the next few months:

- Come to our potluck picnic on **Wednesday August 12** and check out the sign-up list. (See page 1.)
- Look for a special mailing and/or a special e-mail **later this summer**.
- Check our website (**www.olyfor.org**) **later this summer** for a list of new opportunities, and sign up by e-mail.
- Come to our special October Fellowship & Activity Builder from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday October 10**. We'll confirm the location and provide plenty of information in late August by e-mail and also in our October newsletter.

The new Obama Administration is changing some things in positive ways but is continuing "business as usual" in others. Despite frustrations, we see a number of new realities, new opportunities, and shifting cultural patterns. The Olympia FOR wants to take advantage of these, while also continuing our ongoing activities.

But regardless of changes in Washington DC, the FOR is strictly nonpartisan. We persist with our values of peace, social justice and nonviolence regardless of who is in Congress and the White House. The Olympia FOR started in mid-1976 when Gerald Ford was President. The national and international FOR began when Woodrow Wilson was President. We do interact with the local, national and international context. And we keep organizing to move our values-based issues ahead to create a nonviolent world with peace and justice for all people and for the environment – especially at our grassroots level!

Now really is a good time for the Olympia FOR to strengthen our role and activities in the local community and beyond. Amid the variety of opportunities we're offering, **you** can find ways to help! For information contact the Olympia FOR at (360) 491-9093 **info@olyfor.org** **www.olyfor.org**

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- **Afghan Quagmire Threatens the Success of the Obama Administration** (by Mike Yarrow and Thaddeus Spratlen): Afghanistan is one of the poorest countries on earth. Outside invasions and civil wars have destroyed its economy and what little infrastructure it had. Currently Afghanistan is occupied by 41 foreign armies. The Afghan people want us out. There is no way the US can "win" this war, any more than the USSR could in the 1980s with several times as many troops as the US can deploy. Seattle FOR activists Mike Yarrow and Thaddeus Spratlen have written a 1½-page article that powerfully lays out the facts and concludes that the Bush-Obama policies for Afghanistan are doomed to fail, make Afghanistan's problems even worse, and waste the money and Obama's "political capital" that are needed for urgent domestic programs. This article calls for negotiations and for aid that is independent from the military. See the complete article at **www.olyfor.org**

NATIONAL FOR'S "DRUG WAR ROADSHOW" COMES TO OLYMPIA THURS AUG 27



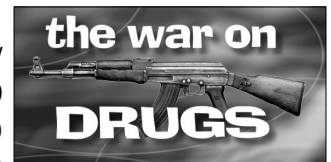
The national FOR's Colombia Program has produced an informative and entertaining "Drug War Roadshow" to expose the failure of the US government's so-called "War on Drugs" and the implications for poor farmers in Colombia and for poor communities in the US. The Olympia FOR is producing the "Drug War Roadshow" for a special performance at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW in downtown Olympia, at 7:00 p.m. Thursday August 27. We will air performances later on TCTV, channel 22 for cable TV subscribers in Thurston County. The Olympia FOR also will offer informal video showings of our TCTV production with refreshments in one or more private homes in September and October.

The Drug War Roadshow combines classic popular education tools (skits, puppets and humor) with rare on-the-ground digital images that examine the human impacts of US drug policy. The Roadshow invites audiences to question the US's 25-year old, \$25 billion "Drug War" through fresh information, provocative questions, an interactive performance, and good old-fashioned fun. The small cast uses big puppets, another big visual image, and a PowerPoint presentation to inform the audience, which is encouraged to cheer and boo at appropriate times. The Drug War Roadshow believes all of us should have a say in how we address issues of drugs, crime and foreign policy. A discussion will follow.



John Lindsay-Poland, co-director of the national FOR's Task Force on Latin America and the Caribbean (TFLAC) for 20 years, was one of the keynote speakers at the FOR's Seabeck Conference July 2-5 and produced a performance of the "Drug War Roadshow" during that weekend. Several Olympia FOR members (Monica Hoover, Berd Whitlock, Jody Mackey, and Glen Anderson) enthusiastically arranged to borrow the props and produce Olympia's performances.

For more information see www.forcolombia.org/dwr or contact Monica Hoover at (360) 943-3070 mmhoove@aol.com or the Olympia FOR at (360) 491-9093 info@olyfor.org. The TCTV schedule will be posted at www.tctv.net. Contact the Olympia FOR to watch additional airings of the TCTV program in homes.



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- **Criminologists Say the Death Penalty Does NOT Deter Murder:** On June 16, 2009, a new study, "**Do Executions Lower Homicide Rates? The Views of Leading Criminologists**" was published in the Northwestern University School of Law's *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*. The study is authored by Prof. Michael Radelet, Chair of the Dept. of Sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Traci Lacock, an attorney and graduate student in Boulder. The 20-page study report is at www.abolishdeathpenalty.org/PDF/DeterrenceStudy2009.pdf See our one-page summary on page 8 and at www.olyfor.org



For 22 ½ 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.

AUGUST: "TRANSITION INITIATIVES FOR RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES"

Our whole world – locally, nationally and globally – is facing **three simultaneous crises**:

1. **Peak Oil:** Oil production is maxing out and is starting to decline.
2. **Climate Disruption:** Burning fossil fuels is causing climate chaos.
3. **Economic Contraction:** Resources are limited, so endless economic growth is not possible.

Each crisis alone is massive, but they are all interrelated, and – taken together – they form a “perfect storm” that is more powerful than just the total of the three crises. Each of these three crises requires a total rethinking of how we live as individuals and how we function as a society.

Many people are in denial about one, two, or all three of these crises. They assume that “technology will save us” or “the markets will save us” or “the Democratic Party will save us.” But these three crises are real, and we will be even more vulnerable if we deny their existence, dismiss their seriousness, or practice wishful thinking about easy solutions or returning to “business as usual.”

We must adjust to a new world of limited resources and economic contraction. We can either plan to adjust in ways that will strengthen our local communities, or we can fail to plan and get beaten down in ways that hurt us and our local communities.

The Olympia FOR's August TV program focuses on **positive solutions** through a creative new approach. A growing worldwide movement for “Transition Initiatives” and “Transition Towns” is addressing all three crises head-on and using grassroots people-power to generate creative and sustainable solutions. The movement for “Transition Towns” or “Transition Initiatives” is rapidly growing worldwide – and here in Thurston County – to pursue these solutions. Our guests – Gita Moulton, Ramsey Zimmerman and Joanne Lee – are active in this local movement to generate creative, humane and sustainable ways for our local community to create a better future.

For more information call Joanne Lee at (360) 352-6224, and also see www.transitiontowns.org and www.transitionolympia.org

SEPTEMBER: "IMMIGRANTS' EXPERIENCES AND PERCEPTIONS OF THE U.S."

The U.S. is a nation of immigrants, and overwhelmingly the American people like to see ourselves that way. The Statue of Liberty's famous quotation welcomes people from other nations, including those at the bottom of their national societies:

Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

How do immigrants perceive the U.S. before they come here and after they have settled in? What can we learn about them – and about ourselves – through their eyes and their experiences?

The Olympia FOR's September program will include four guests from different parts of the world who have immigrated to the U.S. and settled in the greater Thurston County area. Some of our guests have arrived just recently, and others have been here many years. They will share their experiences and insights with us. Our September program also will promote “A Day for Africa” on September 25-26 in Olympia. It will feature activities at the State Capitol Rotunda and other nearby locations.

For information about these events contact Jens Stahmer at 438-7087 jdstahmer@comcast.net

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 morning** for a full month. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

AUGUST: GIRLS! ACTION! MEDIA! "GIRLS' THEORY" & "RESPECT ME, DON'T MEDIA ME!"



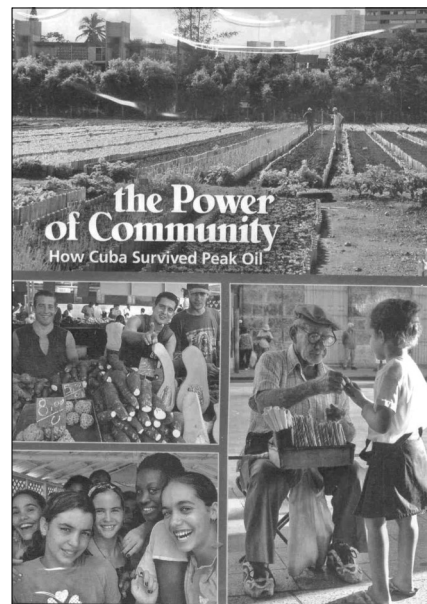
These two half-hour videos were made in collaboration with under-served and under-represented women and girls as they learn to recognize and resist media stereotypes. They tell their own stories, shape their own identities and organize for community issues. From Beyond Media Education in Chicago. www.beyondmedia.org.



SEPTEMBER: "THE POWER OF COMMUNITY: HOW CUBA SURVIVED PEAK OIL"



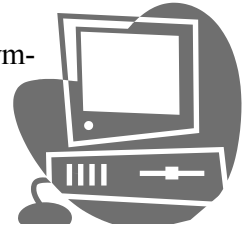
When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. With imports of oil cut by more than half – and food by 80 percent – people were desperate. This film tells of the hardships and struggles as well as the community and creativity of the Cuban people during this difficult time. Cubans share how they transitioned from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens. It is an unusual look into the Cuban culture during this economic crisis, which they call "The Special Period." 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 is the only country that has faced such a crisis – the massive reduction of fossil fuels. We can learn from Cuba's example of options and hope.



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



Book discussion groups on energy/environment/transition topics: Olympia's favorite book discussion leader, Gita Moulton, is offering groups to read and discuss any of these books: *The Transition Handbook: From Oil Dependence to Local Resilience* (by Rob Hopkins); *World Made By Hand: A Novel of the Post-Oil Future* (by James Kuntsler); *Power Down: Options and Actions for a Post-Carbon World* (by Richard Heinberg). Info: Gita Moulton 352-9351 gitamoulton@earthlink.net. See more info on page 4.

Support the Second Annual Rachel Corrie Soccer Tournament in Rafah, Gaza:

A community soccer tournament will be held in the Yebna neighborhood of Rafah, Gaza, during 2009's month of Ramadan, August 21 through September 14. Cut off from the world by a brutal siege, the people of Gaza live with hunger, massive unemployment, and frequent attacks by the Israel army. Stress and anger lead to hopelessness and rage, with the youth being particularly vulnerable. This innovative, community-developed soccer tournament for young people and adults gives neighbors a chance to strengthen bonds and relieve the stress caused by their dire situation. They need financial support by August 30.

Info and donations: www.palestinerewiew.org/Rachel_Corrie_Soccer_Tournament/Welcome.html. If you mail tax-deductible checks to MECA, 1101 Eighth Street, Suite 100, Berkeley, CA 94710, please indicate "Rafah Soccer" in the memo line. Thanks to John Harvey for providing this information!



Ground Zero's newsletter about local nuclear weapons: The Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in nearby Kitsap County is now offering its newsletter on its website, www.gzcenter.org, as well as on paper. Reading it online will save Ground Zero the cost of printing and postage. You can read the current newsletter and ask for future issues to be sent by mail or on-line.

New international petition opposes nuclear weapons: Peace Action (www.peace-action.org), the nationwide organization resulting from merging SANE and the Freeze movements, applauds the new shared intentions by the US and Russia to reduce nuclear weapons, but Peace Action cautions that the reductions are fairly modest. As always, grassroots people from around the world – especially in the US – need to pressure governments to abolish nuclear weapons. A new international petition urges prompt action, not the slow pace the US and Russia have proposed. Now is the time! The international coalition will deliver the petition to President Obama before he attends the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference at the United Nations next May. See www.peace-action.org/nukes/campaigns/nptpetition.htm

How "Green" is your religious congregation? A faith-based environmental group -- Washington Interfaith Power & Light – offers energy-saving resources for members. This group offers a number of ways for faith communities to evaluate and reduce their energy consumption. Free services include the *Cool Congregation Carbon Footprint*

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Calculator (www.coolcongregations.com); the film *Fighting Goliath* about the struggle to keep coal plants from being built in Texas, which can be checked out from Earth Ministry's resource library (see www.earthministry.org); and a new extended version of the *Irreplaceable Campaign* DVD, which will be available soon. Earth Ministry and Washington Interfaith Power & Light offer much more. Check them out!



Washington Nuclear Museum and Educational Center: Washington State has played an incredibly important part in nuclear history, but there is no easily accessible nuclear education center in Western Washington. Therefore, Washington Physicians from Social Responsibility (WPSR www.wpsr.org) has decided to invest resources in developing a clearinghouse of literature and other materials related to this history.

www.wanmec.org is up and running and more information is being added regularly. In addition to extensive historical information embedded in the website, several areas add unique dimensions to the WANMEC site and are not currently available from other sources. The goal with all of these projects is to partner with other organizations, experts, and interested citizens to make a collaborative effort to bring the history and facts about Hanford to the public. Please take a look at www.wanmec.org and spread the word about this new and useful resource!



Olympia FOR's finances at the end of the 2008-2009 fiscal year: The Olympia FOR's fiscal year ended June 30. Preliminary data show that our expenses totalled between \$9,673.90 and \$9,930.95 (a few details will be confirmed soon), compared to a budget of \$10,575. However, our income of \$8,287.27 was even further below the budgeted amount, leaving a shortfall in the range of approximately \$1,386 to \$1,644. Please look for our next fundraising letter in early September – or send a spontaneous donation payable to “Olympia FOR” and addressed to PO Box 7273, Olympia WA 98507. Please give as generously as you can! Thank you!

Bike and Walk for Climate Change Awareness: Check the air in your bike tires and the tread on your walking shoes. Then sign up for “Bike and Walk for Climate Change Awareness” on Saturday, October 24. On that morning, 350 families from OUUC and other faith communities will bike and walk a section of the Chehalis-Western Trail, rewarded with refreshments and music at the ending point. The organizers are recruiting 350 families of bikers and walkers in order to represent the fact that scientists have identified 350 CO₂ parts per million in our atmosphere as the safe upper limit. Washington State Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice, Olympia's U-U congregation, Earth Care Catholics, and others are organizing this event in the Olympia area. They enthusiastically encourage more people to join Olympia's 350 Planning Team and to help with the various tasks they have identified. Contact UU Voices' coordinator, Carol McKinley, at coordinator@uuvoiceswa.org, (360)786-8074.

Thanks to the local Veterans for Peace chapter for inviting the Olympia For and other peace folks to join them in the Lakefair Parade on Saturday July 18. This is the kind of cooperation that builds the overall peace movement! VFP gets a good response from parade watchers when they participate in Tumwater's 4th of July Parade, so this was an opportunity to add a much-needed peace aspect to Lakefair.

Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meeting dates change during this summer: OMJP will meet once a month instead of twice a month during this summer, and the times may vary to accommodate some new organizing about Venezuela. For dates and current activities contact Larry Mosqueda at 866-2404 lmosqueda@comcast.net

Olympia's Amnesty International group will return from summer break in October: Everyone who wants to protect human rights is encouraged to participate in Olympia's Amnesty International group. Although they won't hold meetings during August and September, please contact Kerri Griffis 867-9237 kerrigriffis@yahoo.com for other activities and to be notified when this fall's meetings resume.

**EXPERT CRIMINOLOGISTS ISSUE NEW REPORT:
DEATH PENALTY DOES NOT DETER MURDER.**

On June 16, 2009, a new study, “**Do Executions Lower Homicide Rates? The views of Leading Criminologists**” was published in the Northwestern University School of Law's *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*. The study is authored by Prof. Michael Radelet, Chair of the Dept. of Sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Traci Lacock, an attorney and graduate student in Boulder. A complete copy of the study is available at www.abolishdeathpenalty.org/PDF/DeterrenceStudy2009.pdf

- Eighty-eight percent of the country’s top criminologists do not believe the death penalty acts as a deterrent to homicide
- Eighty-seven percent of the expert criminologists believe that abolition of the death penalty would not have any significant effect on murder rates.
- Seventy-five percent of the respondents agree that “debates about the death penalty distract Congress and state legislatures from focusing on real solutions to crime problems.”

This background information from other sources adds to what is in the criminologists’ report:

- Generally, states without the death penalty have consistently lower murder rates than states with the death penalty. A *New York Times* review in 2000 of murder rates over the past 20 years found that the murder rate in states with the death penalty has been 48% to 101% higher than in non-death penalty states.
- When contiguous states are compared, the one without the death penalty usually has a lower murder rate than the neighboring state with the death penalty. For example, West Virginia (no death penalty) has a lower murder rate than Virginia, and Massachusetts (no death penalty) has a lower murder rate than Connecticut.
- The South accounts for over 80% of the executions in this country and has consistently had the highest murder rate of the four regions. The Northeast, which has had only 4 executions since the death penalty was reinstated, has the lowest murder rate of the regions.
- The U.S. with the death penalty has a much higher murder rate than countries in Europe which do not have the death penalty.
- Some recent studies have shown a reverse deterrent effect, or brutalization, associated with the death penalty. Murders in some jurisdictions increased in the periods following well-publicized executions, just the opposite from what a deterrent effect would produce.

For more information about the death penalty contact the Olympia FOR’s Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty at (360) 705-8520 or the **Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty** at (206) 622-8952
www.abolishdeathpenalty.org



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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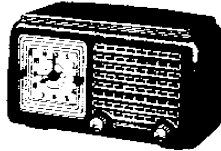


♦Every Sunday evening at 10 pm AND every Wednesday morning at 3:00 am: The Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" documentary videos on TCTV. AUG: "Girls' Theory" and "Respect Me, Don't Media Me!" SEPT: "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil." See article on page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

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: AUG: "Transition Initiatives for Resilient and Sustainable Communities." SEPT: "Immigrants' Experiences and Perceptions of the U.S." 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 Thursday at 9:30 am and every Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm: 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 environ-

ment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: parralleluniversity@yahoo.com

♦Every Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: AUG: "Transition Initiatives for Resilient and Sustainable Communities." SEPT: "Immigrants' Experiences and Perceptions of the U.S." 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

John Lennon *Imagine*

Imagine there's no Heaven - It's easy if you try - No hell below us - Above us only sky - Imagine all the people Living for today

Imagine there's no countries - It isn't hard to do - Nothing to kill or die for - And no religion too - Imagine all the people Living life in peace

You may say that I'm a dreamer - But I'm not the only one I hope someday you'll join us - And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions - I wonder if you can - No need for greed or hunger - A brotherhood of man - Imagine all the people - Sharing all the world

You may say that I'm a dreamer - But I'm not the only one I hope someday you'll join us - And the world will live as one

Thurs July 30: The nuclear-free peace walk comes through Olympia: From Mon July 6 to Mon Aug 10 the “Trinity to Trident Interfaith Peace Walk for a Nuclear-Free Future and Respect for Mother Earth” is bringing people together in a nonviolent, spiritually motivated action to reclaim the future. Participants have walked and prayed at Trinity NM, where nuclear bombs were first tested; continued to the H-bomb lab in Livermore CA and the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Eastern WA; and will



end at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor in Kitsap County WA, for Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days. Peace walkers will average about 17 miles per day along the way. **Local folks are invited to join the walkers when they**

pass through Olympia on July 30. You may 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, senji@nipponzan.net and gzperez@juno.com call (206) 780-6739, (206) 419-7262(cell), or (206) 419-2591(cell).

◆**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 at Centralia library. Info: www.wwfor.org Info and carpooling from Olympia: Glen 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

◆**Sun Aug 2: “Girls’ Theory” and “Respect Me, Don’t Media Me!”** This is the August debut night of the Olympia FOR’s “Big Picture series at 10 pm on cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See more on page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

◆**Mon Aug 3: “Transition Initiatives for Resilient and Sustainable Communities” – Olympia FOR’s August TCTV program** runs 1:30 to 2:30 pm today and every Monday in August on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 4. Info: Glen 491-9093 and www.olyfor.org



Wed Aug 5: Health Care Action Meeting: Collaborate with others to promote single-payer health care reform. 7:00-9:00 pm at Italia Pizzeria, 2505 4th Ave W (in the Westfield Capital Mall near Books and Best Buy). Buy your own food at the counter and then meet in a private room. Several sponsoring organizations. Info: Linda Davis at legislative@wahealthsecurity.org or toll-free at (877) 502-1873 ext. 705

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: 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



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Sat-Mon Aug 8-10: Resist nuclear weapons at the Trident submarine base: This year's theme is "*Nuclear Abolition? Yes We Can!*"

Join fellow citizens at the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Poulsbo in Kitsap County to commemorate the anniversaries of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. The new Ground Zero building will be dedicated on Saturday the 8th, and this weekend also will feature music, street theater, speakers, education, nonviolence training, and vigiling. Enjoy a panel of experts, films, music, discussions, and welcoming the Trinity to Trident Interfaith Peace Walk, (Los Alamos, NM, to Ground Zero, Bangor). The weekend 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. The top of the website's home page includes links to the August 2009 flyer and calendar of events. You may call (206) 545-3562 or (360) 377-2586.

Mon Aug 10: VIDEO: "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil" – Watch this challenging and uplifting video. Then discuss what we can do locally. 7:00-9:00 pm, Mixx-96 meeting room, SW corner of State & Washington. Info: 352-6224 www.TransitionOlympia.org See page 5.

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through each of their traditions. Discover deeper dimensions of your own spiritual process through the teachings of the three Abrahamic faith tradi-

tions. Each faith will have one full day of the retreat dedicated to its open exploration, leaving a full day to experiment with creating an Interfaith identity. Info about registration, costs, lodging, etc.: www.indralaya.com

Sun Aug 16: Veterans for Peace: All veterans and others are invited to connect and work for peace. **5:30 to 7:00 pm** [special time change for this month only]. Traditions Cafe, 5th & Water. Info: Terry Zander 943-6109 tezzer1.tz@gmail.com

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@harboret.net

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Sun-Fri Aug 23-28: Puget Sound Interfaith 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 www.soundinterfaithcamp.org

◆**Tues Aug 25: 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 Aug 26: Climate Change Awareness Day (Oct 24) planning meeting: The 350 Action Team will meet at 12:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW, to plan for the special event on Sat. Oct. 24. They need many volunteers to help in various ways. See page 7. Info: Carol McKinley at coordinator@uuvoiceswa.org, 360 786-8074

◆**Thurs Aug 27: FOR's "Drug War Roadshow" exposes "War on Drugs" in Colombia and against our own communities:** 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW. Watch the Olympia FOR's live production of the national FOR Colombia Program's informative and entertaining event. Voluntary sliding-scale donations of \$5-\$20 will benefit the national FOR's Colombia Program. See the enclosed flyer and page 3. Info: 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

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Sun Sept 27: 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 357-2825 ssbpf@comcast.net

Fri-Sun Oct 2-4: "Eco-N-vergence" -- Northwest Gathering on the Economic and Ecological Crises: Join with folks from throughout the NW in Portland OR to inform ourselves and strengthen the networked and movements related to these interrelated issues. Info: www.econvergence.org, greatgatheringpdx@gmail.com

◆**Sat Oct 10: Olympia FOR's Special Fellowship & Activity Builder:** Gather with many other members and friends of the Olympia FOR to get to know each other and to connect with exciting new opportunities to strengthen the Olympia FOR and the overall movements for peace, justice and nonviolence. 10 am to 4 pm with a simple lunch. **Mark your calendars now** and look for the location and more information soon by e-mail, at www.olyfor.org, and in our October newsletter. Info: 491-9093 info@olyfor.org

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