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Olympia FOR LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE, www.olympiafor.org

The Olympia FOR proudly announces our attractive new website, www.olympiafor.org. It is usable now, and more information will be added this spring and summer and beyond.

The website informs people about the Olympia FOR's many activities, including two peace vigils every week and a variety of special events throughout the year. It includes a calendar of coming events and all of the Olympia FOR's richly informative newsletters from the past few years.

It lets people watch dozens of the Olympia FOR's highly respected TV programs about a wide range of issues related to peace, social justice and nonviolence. It also features information about the death penalty, nonviolence, and a variety of other issues, including the Olympia FOR's exciting activities regarding Iraq and Afghanistan.

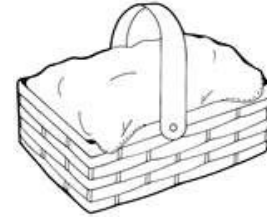
The home page's easy-to-use menu currently lists these pages: About Olympia FOR; Calendar of Coming Events; Newsletters; TV Programs; Vigils; Social Gatherings; Educational Events & Other Activities; Hot Topics; Non-violence; Issues, Resource Materials, Links; Donate and Volunteer; Contact Us.

Please visit www.olympiafor.org from time to time to see what's new.

We thank Dennis Mills, our skilled, hard-working webmaster. Most of the website was generated by our Website Committee's chairperson, Glen Anderson. The committee also includes Dennis Mills, Berd Whitlock, Kerri Griffis, Kim Dobson and Doug Mackey.



Info: Dennis at 867-1487 dennis@olympiafor.org or Glen at 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org.



Picnics with a Purpose Wednesdays June 9 and August 11

Everyone is invited to the Olympia FOR's potluck picnics at 6:00 pm on two Wednesdays this summer – June 9 and August 11 – in the Rose Garden kitchen area at Olympia's Priest Point Park on East Bay Drive. The picnics build a sense of community through sharing food and leisurely, wide-ranging conversations with other Olympia FOR folks.

These picnics will serve an additional purpose. The Olympia FOR Steering Committee will meet at the same time, so we can accomplish the Olympia FOR's good work while we eat. Everyone is invited to meetings of our Steering Committee, which provides overall guidance and decision-making for the Olympia FOR.

Glen Anderson at 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

61 of Our TV Programs Can Be Watched on the Internet

Visit the **TV Programs** page of www.olympiafor.org and click on the link of any of 61 programs that you want to watch. These include some specials besides our monthly interview programs.

Please spread this invitation to other people who care about any of the issues we have addressed in our TV programs.

Thanks, Dennis Mills, for creating the opportunities!

THREE NIGHTS OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP “SECRET CAFÉ” DINNERS BENEFIT OLYMPIA FOR SUNDAY, MONDAY, THURSDAY JUNE 13, 14, 17

Our talented and generous cooks and hosts invite you to enjoy **Three Nights of Food and Fellowship** at a series of “secret cafés” on Sunday, Monday and Thursday June 13, 14, and 17. Proceeds will benefit the Olympia FOR’s ambitious and varied work for peace, social justice and nonviolence.

To build a world of peace, justice and nonviolence we must work together and create a sense of community to sustain us in the struggle. This requires good food! Enjoy delicious meals and social time with old and new friends.

Please review the enclosed flyer for more information.

To help the cooks plan the right amount of food, please RSVP to Alice Zillah, our series coordinator, (360) 357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com

NEW SIGNS FOR PEACE VIGILS!

The Olympia FOR has vigiled through a long winter and wet spring, so now it’s time to replace some of our weathered vigil signs with fresh, new materials and messages.

We invite your help in proposing wording for new vigil signs about peace, social justice and nonviolence. Please think of messages ideas that will convey brief, clear, appropriate messages to the public. For more information about our vigils, see www.olympiafor.org/vigils.htm

By Friday June 18 please send as many ideas as you’d like to olyforvigilsignideas@gmail.com, or call them in to Berd Whitlock at (360) 259-4291, or mail them to the Olympia FOR at 5015 15th Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503.

Soon after Friday June 18 we’ll e-mail the ideas to everyone for a vote. (Please send us your e-mail address if we don’t already have it. If you don’t have e-mail, come to a vigil to read the list on paper and vote.) We’ll tally the votes soon after Wednesday June 30 and make the new signs in early July

Thanks for participating! Cheers to another great year of vigiling and inspiring the greater community to support nonviolence, justice and peace!

Olympia FOR Enjoyed Our Annual Meeting And Elected Our Steering Committee

We’re getting rave reviews from participants who enjoyed the Olympia FOR’s Annual Meeting on Monday May 17 at Traditions Café. About 40 persons enjoyed social time and refreshments, reviewed the year’s abundant and varied accomplishments, and elected Steering Committee members and officers to new terms. Then we shared some individual feelings about working for peace and justice during difficult times.

We elected Beth Rodman to join the Steering Committee and re-elected Chris Carson, Jody Mackey and Kim Dobson. They join Berd Whitlock, Dennis Mills, Kristen Dahle, Vale Core, Glen Anderson, Kerri Griffis, Alice Zillah, Rozanne Rants, and Doug Mackey, who are mid-way through two year terms. Cheryl Crist and Monica Hoover have completed their terms but did not seek re-election. John Harvey also stepped down a few days after the meeting. Thanks to all who have been serving, and welcome to Beth! Alice Zillah was elected to serve as Co-Chair, along with incumbent Berd Whitlock.

It can be very difficult to care about peace, justice, nonviolence, and a healthy environment, when so many factors are deployed against us. Karen Lohmann facilitated a powerful and useful process of sharing our feelings of anger, grief, emptiness, fear and hope in this context.

Thanks to Jody Mackey for planning our annual event.

Olympia FOR’s 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.



THE OLYMPIA FOR IS ALWAYS ACTIVE! OUR VOLUNTEERS ACCOMPLISH A LOT! WE NEED YOUR HELP IN MANY WAYS!

How does an all-volunteer organization like the Olympia FOR accomplish so much? *Because people pitch in and help!*

The Olympia FOR:

- Works directly on a number of specific issues (Iraq, Afghanistan, Death Penalty, etc.)
- Carries out a number of multi-issue activities (vigils, TV programs, newsletters, etc.)
- Performs various functions to keep our organization strong and active (mailing parties, outreach, fundraising, etc.)

We need more volunteers for all of these activities! Here are a few opportunities that need reliable, capable volunteers. Some don't require any special knowledge or skills. We can provide training for those that do.

IRAQ MEMORIAL TO LIFE: The Iraq Memorial to Life is a powerfully compelling display of markers showing names, ages, dates of death, and other information of the Iraqi civilians killed by the US war since 2003. Doug Mackey and others created this with Olympia FOR sponsorship. This project needs people to make and install markers, organizers for future activities, and fundraisers to pay for it. See www.oly-wa.us/iraqmemorial and contact Doug Mackey in Olympia at (360) 915-6757 (485-3764 cell) dougwmackey@gmail.com

AFGHAN YOUTH PEACE VOLUNTEERS: Some young Afghans (mostly teens) have been making powerful short videos. (See www.OurJourneyToSmile.com) They express their pure heartfelt desire for peace and reconciliation. Doug Mackey and others have generated support from the Olympia FOR and elsewhere to spread their message, organize phone conversations with them, and more. Doug needs volunteers to organize a June-July nationwide tour of youths from several countries, raise the necessary money, and so forth. (See page 10) Info: dougwmackey@gmail.com (360) 915-6757 (home) or 485-3764 (cell)

ORGANIZE AROUND SPECIFIC ISSUES: The Olympia FOR and our people care about a variety of issues. One committee works actively to abolish the death penalty. Who would like to form an Olympia FOR committee to work on nuclear weapons? Cutting the military budget? Raising children nonviolently? Other issues? To explore possibilities contact us at (360) 491-9093 info@olympiafor.org

VIGIL ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS: Our vigils are well established, effective, and enjoyable. Join us whenever you can! We vigil every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the NW corner of Sylvester Park, Legion & Capitol Way, and every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the southern end of Percival Landing, 4th & Water. Enjoy the Artesian

Rumble Arkestra's lively jazz from 5 to 6 pm Fridays!
Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

HELP WITH MAILING PARTIES: Volunteer just a few hours every now and then to fold and label our newsletters and fundraising letters for mailing. It's useful, social and fun! Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

COORDINATE OR HOST MAILING PARTIES: We can easily teach you how to do these practical tasks. We need a Mailing Party Coordinator (someone who is well organized and enjoys practical activities) and a Mailing Party Host (someone with a fair-sized kitchen table and kitchen counter or a 6-foot portable table). The same person could easily perform both tasks. Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

NEWSLETTER RESEARCHERS AND WRITERS: Producing the Olympia FOR newsletter is too big a task for one person, but several volunteers could make it manageable. We need reliable people with energy, excellent writing and editing skills, and a reliable computer. We can e-mail raw information to you in advance, and you can edit it down into tight announcements for the **CALENDAR**, the **NEWS-RESOURCES-OPPORTUNITIES** section, and feature articles. We'll need a turnaround in a few days so we can maintain our tight publication schedule. Interested? Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

SERVE ON TCTV CREW: An all-volunteer crew produces our TV programs. Thurston Community Television (TCTV) offers very low-cost training. Once you are trained you can set up the lights, operate a camera, manage the audio, or perform other roles. Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org and TCTV 956-3100 www.tctv.net

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

For 23 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. You may also watch archived programs at www.olympiafellowshipofreconciliation.blip.tv or through our website, www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm

JUNE:

"PAKISTAN: WHAT ARE THE REALITIES?"

The US war in Iraq seems to have dropped out of the news, but are those problems really solved? Or has a sleight-of-hand maneuver of public relations trickery shifted our attention from the "bad" war in Iraq to the "good" war in Afghanistan?

And why has the US war in Afghanistan escalated into Pakistan, where the US is attacking people – including many innocent civilians – in a country that is supposed to be our ally?

The American people are long overdue in understanding Pakistan and the realities that are baffling the Obama Administration and the Pentagon.

The Olympia FOR's June TV program features two knowledgeable guests with great insights into several parts of the world. Zahid Shariff and Steve Niva clearly explain the historical background and current events regarding Pakistan.

They address the decades of US meddling in Afghanistan and Pakistan, including US funding for the extremist Mujahideen who became the Taliban and al Qaeda, US interference with Pakistan's democracy, US support for its corrupt and abusive military, the futility of the US war in Afghanistan and its escalation into Pakistan, the US drone attacks, and other abuses that have turned Pakistani public opinion overwhelmingly against the US.

The US's war in Afghanistan was going so badly that Obama escalated it into Pakistan. But for several reasons we don't dare put too many actual troops there – at least the US government does not admit to them publicly. Bush started using unmanned "drone" airplanes to attack targets, but Obama has massively escalated the drone attacks – and started attacking a wider variety of targets. The US has been targeting Pakistani civilians – in many cases not even knowing their names – and has killed between 600 and 1,000 Pakistanis based on mere suspicion, without any trials or any due process. The US military and CIA



(which is largely running Obama's war in Pakistan) simply targets people and kills them (and whole neighborhoods) with pilotless drone aircraft flown remotely from a military base in Nevada.

Barack Obama ran for President on a platform of "change," but he is continuing a great many of George W. Bush's worst policies regarding

foreign policy and human rights. For many decades the bipartisan US foreign policy in that region has made things worse for the people there and worse for the world as a whole. Mainstream news media play along with the US-centric worldview and fail to understand realities from other nations' perspectives.

When somebody feels angry and lashes out in violence against someone else, then that person becomes angry and lashes back in violence. The cycle of violence continues.

Military violence kills and disables people, and it bankrupts the countries that practice it. It damages our souls as individuals and as entire societies. We must stop the cycle of violence. Military "solutions" are really the **problem!**

JULY: "UNDERSTANDING AND PROTECTING CIVIL LIBERTIES"

How can we create a society of grassroots activism for peace and social justice when so few Americans understand and support our basic constitutional rights? Bit by bit, governments and right-wing agitators try to squeeze people into conformity, restrict free speech, impose certain religious beliefs upon the rest of us, expand police and surveillance powers, undermine due process, and reduce our constitutional freedoms and human rights in other ways.

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In the late 1700s, Britain's Lord Acton said, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Americans across the political spectrum from left to right oppose the growing concentrations of political power. Progressives also oppose the growing concentrations of economic power, which also can interfere with human rights. Now only a few corporations own the vast majority of US media, and they bias media coverage in favor of big business and other powerful interests.

Since the 1970s the "tough on crime" mania and the futile "War on Drugs" have expanded police power, reduced the rights of ordinary people, and made the US much more punitive and much less free.

After September 11, 2001, the Bush regime and other right-wing elements intimidated Congress and rammed through the PATRIOT ACT, which vastly expanded the federal government's powers to spy on Americans and slashed some of our basic constitutional rights.

Likewise, the US unashamedly promoted torture and denial of basic human rights to people our military captured in other countries. The US blatantly violated internal law and international human rights standards.

Partisan politics have corrupted the process even further. Many Republicans who knew better supported Bush's roll-backs of constitutional rights and his blatant use of torture. Although Obama campaigned for "change," he has continued a great many of Bush's abuses, and loyal Democrats who used to criticize Bush now quietly give Obama a "free pass" to commit the same abuses and crimes.

Public opinion surveys and decades of public policy have shown that the American people have a shallow and distorted understanding of the US Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the various amendments and laws that protect our various freedoms and civil liberties.

The public cannot protect what it does not understand or value.

The Olympia FOR's July TV program will help the viewers better understand the range of civil liberties and how important they are for a free society. The program also will help viewers understand how to protect them from neglect or abuse.

Our three guests, Gery Gerst, Don Clocksin and Kevin Wimsett, are active in the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington. The ACLU-WA works statewide to protect the Bill of Rights and other Constitutionally protected civil rights and civil liberties. (See www.aclu-wa.org or call 206-624-2184.)



I am convinced that ... we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values....

A true revolution of values will lay hand on the world order and say of war, "This way of settling differences is not just." ...

A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death....

Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism.

**Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., April 4, 1967,
at Riverside Church, New York City**

SPECIAL MEETING IN SEATTLE ON SATURDAY JUNE 12:

COLLABORATE WITH OTHER FOR FOLKS TO SET AND REACH GOALS ON ISSUES

The Western Washington FOR (WWFOR) invites you to join with others to make significant grassroots progress toward peace and justice. **Please mark your calendars now for Saturday June 12** and think creatively about the information below. See www.wwfor.org for more information.

WWFOR will develop an exciting issue-based campaign to stimulate current members and new people to work together to focus energy and action to make significant progress on real issues. Four possible campaigns are summarized below. On Saturday June 12 we will develop these proposals further and choose one of them. We need your ideas and energy. The four possible campaigns are:

- **Human Security Instead of War:** Wars in the name of “national security” actually make all of us **less** secure: the troops, civilians in other countries, our own society and the whole world community. This campaign would put a human face on everything and promote a more sane and profound concept of security.
- **Take Our Communities’ Money Back from the Pentagon:** Bush and Obama have increased military spending while cutting the funds that our schools, communities, health and environment need. This campaign would inform and mobilize grassroots people, school boards, unions, community groups, and others to pass strong resolutions and take other actions to pressure Western Washington’s US House and Senate members to cut military spending 10% per year for each of the next five years and re-direct the savings to meet crucial domestic needs.
- **Humanize the Criminal Justice System:** The US imprisons more people than any other nation. Our whole approach is vengefully punitive rather than rehabilitative. This campaign would mobilize people to urge the Legislature and judges to reduce prison sentence lengths, repeal the “three-strikes-and-you’re-out” law, eliminate the racial disparities in drug sentencing, support rehabilitation and

“Restorative Justice,” and abolish the death penalty.

- **Oil, Environment, and Implications for Justice & Peace:** The oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, the US’s wars for oil, the climate crisis, the power of oil companies to control the US government and exploit other countries link a great many issues. This campaign would stimulate creative thinking and actions for “handles” we can grab onto to apply leverage to many aspects of public policy.

Info about these will be posted soon at www.wwfor.org

WWFOR’s 10-month-long Strategic Planning efforts produced a strong commitment to an issue-focused campaign such as the four summarized above, and to hiring a Campaign Organizer to help us work on it. **The June 12 meeting is crucial for this effort.** An experienced campaign organizer will teach us about campaigns. We will refine these four proposals and choose one that will:

1. Identify clear, realistic outcomes with measurable benchmarks and a timeline
2. Excite FOR members, chapters, and the broader community
3. Identify the FOR as its organizer, provide FOR leadership and promote FOR values of nonviolence
4. Activate people region-wide, stimulate FOR members and chapters throughout Western Washington, reach out to communities, and also start new FOR chapters.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW for Saturday June 12 at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church (225 N 70th St. on Phinney Ridge, NW of Woodland Park, Seattle). Please **arrive at 9:30 am** for social time and refreshments so we can **start promptly at 10:00 am** . We promise to **end by 4:00 pm** or perhaps earlier. **Please bring a brownbag lunch.**

If you want to attend, please RSVP at 206-789-5565 wwfor@wwfor.org. You and your input, wisdom, and enthusiasm are important for WWFOR’s future and building a peaceful and just society.

We’ll create carpools through the WWFOR office or our local chapters. Olympia’s carpools form at 491-9093 info@olympiafor.org

Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" DOCUMENTARY SERIES ON TCTV

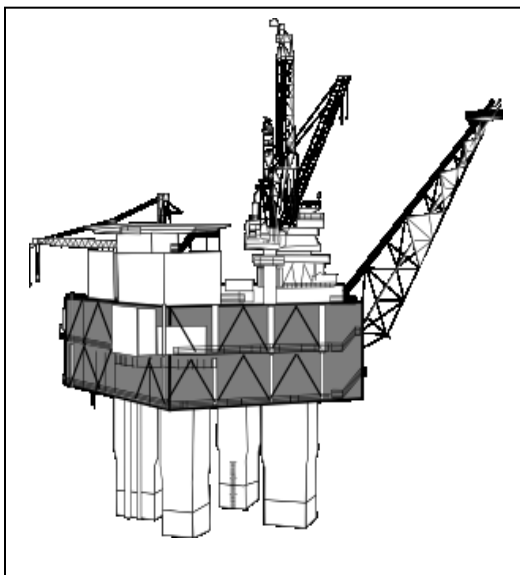
In addition to the Olympia FOR's TV series of locally produced interview programs (see page 4) we also air thought-provoking documentaries that you're not likely to see elsewhere on TV. Under the series title "**The Big Picture**," Carol Burns finds interesting documentaries and arranges to show them 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 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

JUNE: "CAPITALISM HITS THE FAN: RICHARD WOLFF ON THE ECONOMIC MELTDOWN"



In a clear and simple presentation, renowned University of Massachusetts Economics Professor Richard Wolff breaks down the root causes of today's economic crisis. He shows how it was decades in the making and in fact reflects deep flaws within the structures of American-style capitalism itself. Wolff traces the source of the economic crisis to the 1970s, when wages began to stagnate and American workers were forced into a spiral of borrowing and debt that ultimately exploded in the mortgage meltdown. By placing the crisis within this larger historical and systemic frame, Wolff argues convincingly that the proposed government bailouts, stimulus packages, and calls for increased market regulation will not be enough to address the real causes of the crisis. He promotes the model of worker-owned enterprises as one small step toward changing the capitalist system. Richly illustrated with graphics and charts, this is a superb introduction that allows ordinary citizens to comprehend, and react to, the unraveling crisis.

2008. 1 hour. Media Education Foundation, www.mediaed.org



JULY: "A CRUDE AWAKENING"

"A Crude Awakening" offers the rock-solid argument that the era of cheap oil is in the past. This intensively researched film drills deep into the uncomfortable realities of a world that is both addicted to fossil fuels and blissfully unaware of the looming "peak oil" crisis. Drawing on an international cast of maverick energy experts and thinkers, directors Basil Gelpke and Ray McCormack debunk the conventional wisdom that oil production will continue to climb, and instead stare bleakly at a planet facing economic meltdown and conflict over its most valuable resource. Featuring a fascinating array of rare archival footage, the film explores oil's rocky relationship with human progress in locales ranging from ancient Baku, Azerbaijan, to the dusty oilpatch town of McCamey, Texas. Amidst a dark and disturbing vision of our future, "A Crude Awakening" hints at a humbler way of life built around sustainability and alternative energy, provoking not just thought but action.

2006. 90 minutes. From Lava Productions, Zurich, Switzerland.

REGISTER NOW FOR FOR'S REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT SEABECK July 2-5 -- "VISIONING THE CONFLUENCE OF JUSTICE & PEACE"

Register now for the FOR's 52nd annual NW regional conference at Seabeck in Kitsap County WA. "**Visioning the Confluence of Justice & Peace**" runs from Friday July 2 (late afternoon) through Monday 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.

See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! The schedule, more information, and registration materials are posted at www.wwfor.org/seabeck/ and can be obtained on paper from the Olympia FOR (360) 491-9093, or from the Western Washington FOR office in Seattle, (206) 789-5565.

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

The FOR is a 95-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, respectively. The Olympia FOR's new website is www.olympiafor.org.

Hot Topics

When hot new issues break into the news, people will want to learn about them. The Olympia FOR's new website, www.olympiafor.org, includes a "**Hot Topics**" page that will provide information about these hot new issues and links to additional sources of information.

Beginning now, the Olympia FOR's newsletter will also list one or more "**Hot Topics**" that you can read about on our website. Obviously, hot topics that emerge between our publication dates can't be mentioned in the newsletter, but they could be posted on our website, so we invite you to visit www.olympiafor.org occasionally and see what's breaking.

In early June we will post a few articles with information missing from mainstream news media. These "**Hot Topics**" include:

- "Corporate personhood," the bogus notion that business corporations are "persons" with constitutional rights
- Congress's pending climate/energy legislation, which is terribly weak in many ways that need to be exposed
- Background and analysis of offshore oil drilling and oil companies' lack of regulation and accountability
- Nuclear weapons: Obama's new national policies, including proposals for new weapons plants, and updates on international treaties



WAR IS TERRORISM WITH A BIGGER BUDGET

THE JUNE-JULY “PEOPLE’S JOURNEY TO A PEACE BEYOND DISMISSAL” Is inspired by THE AFGHAN YOUTH PEACE VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTED by FOR

In just a year, some wise and courageous young Afghans have created about 100 short videos, all available at www.OurJourneyToSmile.com, sharing their Gandhian messages about creating peace through reconciliation. They have inspired people throughout the world, and their conversations with youth in America, Palestine, Israel and Iraq have become the core of **The People’s Journey to a Peace Beyond Dismissal**, a June-July trip through the US.

The trip is expected to come through Olympia between July 2 and July 4 and might also visit the FOR conference at Seabeck in Kitsap County on Saturday afternoon July 3. The Rachel Corrie Foundation will host the visitors locally.

You can follow The People’s Journey every day through the website/blog www.thepeoplesjourney.org

Abdulai, Faiz and Hakim sought visas so they can visit the United States and speak person-to-person with American youths about peacemaking through constructive nonviolent dialogue. International complications make getting visas extremely difficult, so the Afghans’ requests seem to have been denied, but youth from elsewhere are coming, and the young Afghans will participate by electronic connections.

In a recent teleconference with about 100 people in over six locations in America, Hakim shared this message: “Peace doesn’t just come from heaven. Peace doesn’t just come from what individuals say. Peace comes when we ordinary people work hard to make the human-to-human

connections; to become friends so that love may become possible. That is what we have been trying to do in connecting with youth in Kabul, and as we’ve been doing in Bamiyan going from village to village, as well in other provinces ... And we hope that you will journey with us in making contact everywhere in the world.”

Mohammed Jan said the youth want peace in Bamiyan, and also throughout Afghanistan, America and the world.

Nasrullah asked for forgiveness: “The mainstream media of the world have given the impression that we ordinary Afghans are violent and rough people. You may not believe this, but we are not violent people, and we are certainly not suicide bombers.... We hope by making these connections, like we are now, that we will get to know one another.”

The Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers’ strength of character and their commitment to peace-making has inspired and energized young and old alike all across American, in Palestine, and in Iraq. And this is why The People’s Journey must go on with or without the Afghan youth. It will begin June 1, 2010 in San Francisco, CA. The Olympia FOR and the national FOR are supporting this project.

The People’s Journey to a Peace Beyond Dismissal looks forward to receiving your support. Info: Doug Mackey, (360) 915-6757 dougwmackey@gmail.com

NEWS — RESOURCES — OPPORTUNITIES

Obama and Congress renewed the PATRIOT ACT, including many of its worst provisions -- This brutal, oppressive, unconstitutional law was terrible under Bush and the Republicans. But Obama and the Democrats who run Congress renewed it in February without any of the long overdue protections for civil liberties and transparency demanded by voices from across the political spectrum. See www.bordc.org/newsletter/2010/03/#lead

Challenge “Corporate Personhood” -- What an outrageous notion that business corporations are “persons” with human rights and constitutional rights! This mistaken notion has persisted for a century, and the US Supreme Court reinforced it in a January decision granting corporations the power to give huge donations to election campaigns. Across the political spectrum from left to right, Americans are outraged. People are organizing to challenge “Corporate Personhood.” The Women’s International League for

Peace and Freedom (WILPF) offers a ten-part study series and other resources (<http://wilpf.org/cvd>) A nationwide effort is underway to amend the US Constitution to specifically eliminate the notion that corporations are “persons.” (See www.movetoamend.org) A local Move to Amend group is meeting regularly. (Contact Aleta DeBee at aleta555@gmail.com) Also, some FOR members and others in Lewis County have formed an organization that intends to reach out across the political spectrum to challenge “corporate personhood.” They’ve chosen the name American Sovereignty Movement and created this website <http://americansovereignitymovement.wordpress.com/> and a blog. Look for information about “corporate personhood” on the **HOT TOPICS** page of our new website, www.olympiafor.org

If domestic violence is bad, why is military violence OK? -- Let's work for a "culture shift" in which our society as a whole will know that organized violence (militarism) is wrong, just as our society knows now that domestic violence is wrong. Just a few decades ago, society tolerated the notion that it was OK for husbands to beat wives, and some people still accept the notion that it's OK for parents to beat children. The peace movement needs to **deliberately and explicitly challenge the notion that it's OK for the U.S. to use violence against other nations.** We need to move our society to recognize that militarism is just as repugnant as domestic violence. Let's work on it!

Why Military Keynesianism Is NOT the Answer -- The US government is preparing to send 30,000 additional troops to Afghanistan by this summer. Military contractors, deeply integrated into the U.S. economy, will continue to prosper and profit from increased military spending resulting from this surge of troops. Now while unemployment in the domestic economy remains near 10%, some people seek the military Keynesianism, the mistaken notion that war helps the economy. Read the March 5, 2010, article "**Why Military Keynesianism is NOT the Solution**" at www.commondreams.org/view/2010/03/05-10

Fellowship Magazines from 1990s to 2005 are available -- Dozens of copies of the national FOR's informative, insightful and inspiring *Fellowship* magazine are being offered free from one of our local members. The quality of the articles is outstanding, and has been for many decades. Some of the magazines are from the 1990s, and many are from 2000 to 2005. To borrow or own some or all of them for free, contact the Olympia FOR at 491-9093.

Read the national FOR's Statement of Purpose and join as an actual member -- The national FOR's website invites people to read the FOR's Statement of Purpose and join the FOR as an actual member. See <https://www.forusa.org/getinvolved/membership2.html>

Organize in greater Olympia area to reduce and abolish nuclear weapons -- The immediate need to update the START and Non-Proliferation treaties – plus **Obama's request for a bigger budget for nuclear weapons** – create new opportunities exist right now! Yes, he won the Nobel Peace Prize partly for his bold words in Prague a year ago. But he actually wants to increase federal spending on nuclear weapons! We need to organize vigorously to make him "walk the talk." A few years ago Olympia's anti-nuclear organizers produced some very impressive "Beyond Hiroshima" activities. Olympia FOR members and others are active with the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action (www.gzcenter.org). We have great opportunities now to organize at our own grassroots in the

Olympia area, to educate the public, and to vigorously press governmental officials for peace. Are you interested? Wouldn't it be great to have a local committee focusing attention and action on nuclear weapons? This could be a committee of the Olympia FOR, so we could have a little budget and some other organizational infrastructure. This could operate in a similar way to the Olympia FOR's death penalty committee, which works very well. What do you think? Would you help start it? Who else would you recommend to include? Contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

COFFEE STRONG "supports the troops" in different ways -- Ordinary military troops are not much listened to by those who outrank them. A "GI coffee house" creates a safe space where people can talk and listen – and also learn how to protect their rights or stand up for peace. During the Vietnam era, GI coffee houses helped dissident soldiers find their voices and find each other. The movement is coming back again with COFFEE STRONG, which is located in Lakewood, just west of I-5 near Fort Lewis (Berkeley Street exit, west to Union, and north on Union). The COFFEE STRONG name pokes fun at the army recruitment slogan "ARMY STRONG." It's open to everyone, not just military personnel and veterans. Peace people have been supporting this new effort. Zoltan Grossman's article in the March 10, 2010, issue of *Counterpunch*, (www.counterpunch.org/grossman03102009.html) provides good information. Also see www.GIVoice.org. A good nationwide source of information about GI rights and alternatives is the GI Rights Hotline (800-394-9544). The military has been discharging people without adequately telling them how to document their injuries or get medical and disability benefits. Every Friday from 10 am to 2 pm active duty folks and veterans can meet with knowledgeable advocates who can help them claim the VA medical and other benefits to which they are entitled. See www.givoice.org/coffeestrong or contact Dennis Mills, (360) 867-1487 mills.dennis@comcast.net

Watch a variety of politically progressive DVDs -- A strong peace & justice activist moved to Olympia and gave the Olympia FOR dozens of DVDs on a variety of progressive political topics, so we can lend them to people. The DVD library includes four Michael Moore films ("Sicko," "Capitalism: A Love Story" "Bowling for Columbine," and "Fahrenheit 9/11"), "The Exonerated" (the powerful drama about several death row prisoners who were actually innocent and released), "The End of America" (with Naomi Wolff), "Weapons of Mass Deception" and "Outfoxed" (about media bias), several ACLU-produced documentaries, and others. To borrow them or watch them here, contact us at 491-9093 info@olympiafor.org

Close down the US's terrorist training camp, the US Army School of the Americas -- While the US attacks "terrorist training camps" in other countries, it has operated its own since 1946. At Fort Benning, Georgia, the US Army School of the Americas (often referred to as the "School of Assassins," but formally re-named with a euphemism abbreviated WHINSEC) has trained many of Latin America's worst thugs, human rights abusers and coup plotters. The US has trained them specifically to torture and assassinate Latin Americans. A growing movement conducts massive protests at SOA/WHINSEC every November and urges Congress to shut it down. Currently HR 2567, the bill to suspend and investigate the SOA/WHINSEC, has 98 cosponsors and needs more. The 2010 protest and civil resistance at Fort Benning, Georgia, will occur from November 18 to 21. Info: www.soaw.org



Congress's dismal voting record on peace -- In the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s Congressional Democrats from Washington state typically voted for peace, but they seem to be slipping now. Our state's Congressional Republicans are worse than before, too. Several organizations that track Congressional votes on foreign policy legislation summarize individuals' voting records based on about a dozen votes each year. One organization, Peace Action (the merger of SANE and the Freeze, www.Peace-Action.org), released a 2009 voting record showing that on ten key votes dealing with Pentagon pork, Iran, Afghanistan, torture, military contractors, and North Korea, Maria Cantwell voted for the peace position only 50% of the time, and Patty Murray only 67% of the time. In 13 crucial peace votes in the House, Washington's three Republicans voted for peace only 15% (Doc Hastings and Dave Reichert) or 17% (Cathy McMorris-Rodgers). Among the Democrats, Jim McDermott scored 92%, but the rest ranged from a dismal 46% (Adam Smith, Norm Dicks and Rick Larson), to 58% for Brian Baird and 62% for Jay Inslee.

Friends of the Waterfront issues long-term view for Olympia's waterfront -- The "Friends of the Waterfront Policy Position Executive Summary" is available from waterfrontoly@aol.com. They submitted it to the Olympia Planning Commission to influence the Shoreline Master Program, which is now being re-written. They invite comments and participation. (See Isthmus article on page 13)

June is Torture Awareness Month: The Obama Administration is continuing gross violations of human rights in Guantanamo, Bagram, and elsewhere. Amnesty International asks decent people to sound the alarm and educate the public. You can get information and resources and organize a vigil, film screening, or other event to shine a bright light on the US's continuing crimes against humanity. During June the Olympia vigils will include special signs opposing the US's continuing use of torture – and the US's cover-ups. Info: www.amnestyusa.org

Obama gives US military aid to Honduras's illegal, unconstitutional government, which used a military coup to overthrow its democracy last summer: In yet another continuation of traditional US policy (not the "change" that the American people voted for), the Obama Administration restored full military cooperation with Honduras's brutal, illegitimate government, after suspending it briefly after last summer's military coup. The new Honduras government has very violently suppressed dissent through killings and other massive repression. While all other Latin American nations rejected the coup, the Obama Administration waffled. Obama even accepted the sham election that had repressed opposition parties.

"Think Outside the Bomb" – a nationwide youth movement against nuclear weapons -- Since 1995 "Think Outside the Bomb" has become an autonomous collective working on many aspects of nuclear issues. Their 2010 national tour will take them to Seattle on Thursday July 1 and Olympia on Friday July 2. They seek several kinds of help along the way. For info about their see <http://totbtour.wordpress.com>

Affirm the Charter for Compassion -- "The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the center of our world and put another there, and to honor the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect." The Charter for Compassion is a document people can sign to affirm the need to work compassionately for compassion in all areas of life. See www.charterforcompassion.org

Washington Association of Churches supports Initiative 1098 to tax the rich: -- Washington state has the nation's most regressive tax system. This means that the poor pay far more than their share of state taxes, and the rich pay far less than their share. Initiative 1098 would create an income tax on the people with the highest incomes and use this revenue to fund education and health care. It also would reduce owner-occupied property tax by 20% and repeal the B&O tax on small businesses. These

reforms would make our state's taxes more fair. The Washington Association of Churches is one of many religious and social justice organizations that supports I-1098. An overview of Initiative 1098 (formerly I-1077) is at www.yeson1098.com/YesOn1077_OnePager.pdf, and answers to frequently asked questions are at www.yeson1098.com/YesOn1077_FAQs.pdf The Washington Association of Churches and the Lutheran Public Policy Office have worked to form the Religious Coalition for Tax Reform (RCTR). They remind us of the economic justice message that Jesus said in Luke 12:48: "From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more."

Don't let Obama overturn the ban on whaling -- In 1986 when Reagan was president the International Whaling Commission (IWC) imposed a moratorium on the commercial killing of whales. This has allowed some threatened whale populations to recover. Even George W. Bush did not seek to overturn the moratorium on whaling. Barack Obama campaigned on a promise to maintain it, but now that Obama is President he is considering a "deal" with the IWC that will allow several nations to start commercial whaling again. People who care about whales are

urging Obama to stop the "deal" and make the moratorium permanent. Environmentalists urge Obama to support Australia's proposal, which would end whaling in the Southern Ocean once and for all. Please tell President Obama: "Stop the sellout and save the whales!"

Citizens unite and fight the "Citizens United" corporate personhood abuse -- When the Supreme Court ruled in favor of "corporate personhood" and big business funding of elections in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, some clever folks turned the plaintiffs on their head by creating **CitizensUnitedAgainstCitizensUnited.org** The original "Citizens United" is an organization that uses populist rhetoric to promote a corporatist agenda. It contorts words like "citizens" and "united" and "freedom" in service of big business. One of its top goals is "complete U.S. withdrawal from the United Nations." But the progressive public interest organization Public Citizen (founded decades ago by Ralph Nader) created a website attacking corporatocracy. Visit **CitizensUnitedAgainstCitizensUnited.org** and **DontGetRolled.org**, where you can sign the petition for a constitutional amendment to prevent the corporate takeover of our democracy. For more information, also see www.citizen.org

CREATE A PARK ON OLYMPIA'S ISTHMUS

Local organizers have made a lot of progress since the summer of 2008 when they started an effort to create a park on Olympia's Isthmus. Now they need more help, including fundraising. The park idea arose as a creative alternative to the proposal for expensive high-rise condominiums on that precious land in our community's heart. A park would protect the views to and from America's most magnificent Capitol Campus setting.

A citizens' initiative gathered more than 5,000 signatures and led the city council to conduct a feasibility study that found that a Park on the isthmus was possible. The Isthmus became the central focus of the 2009 City Council elections. The voters rejected the incumbents and elected City Council members who repealed the high-rise rezone and restored the 35 foot height limit. The developer (Triway) still insists that he has a "vested" right to proceed under the rezone that was briefly in place during 2009. The rezone's opponents and park's supporters believe that the project is not "vested" and that the original re-zone was not legal. The courts might eventually decide.

The Olympia Capitol Park Foundation's Board believes the only sure way to protect the Isthmus is to move ahead with efforts to acquire the parcels needed to establish the Park. To accomplish this **four things are necessary:**

- (1) We need the talent and assistance of people in the community to work on planning and fundraising.
- (2) We need the cooperation and support of our city and state governments.
- (3) We need to raise a substantial amount of capital, initially from local donors and eventually from a wider array of sources.
- (4) We need the help of partners who will work with us to arrange interim financing for acquisition.

Efforts are moving ahead, but many volunteers are needed now to work on these four immediate needs. Please help! This information and much of the wording came from Jerry Reilly, Chair of the Olympia Capitol Park Foundation. Info: 561-4212 jerryreilly@msn.com

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EVERY WEEK:

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FOR Every Sunday evening at 10 pm AND every Wednesday morning at 3 am: The Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" documentary videos on TCTV. **JUNE:** "Capitalism Hits the Fan: Richard Wolff on the Economic Meltdown." **JULY:** "A Crude Awakening" See page 7. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

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



Every Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 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

FOR Every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: **JUNE:** "Pakistan: What Are the Realities?" **JULY:** "Understanding and Protecting Civil Liberties." See page 4 or www.olympiafor.org

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

Every Thursday at 9:30 am and every Friday from 9 to 10 pm: Veterans for Peace airs a locally produced program on TCTV. Info: Dennis Mills 867-1487 mills.dennis@comcast.net



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

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FOR Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm: Peace Vigil at south end of Percival Landing at 4th & Water downtown. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. Also enjoy the Artesian Rumble Arkestra's lively jazz performance there from 5 to 6 pm supports our vigil! Sponsor: Olympia FOR. Info: 491-9093 info@olympiafor.org

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

Every Friday from 9 to 10 pm and every Thursday at 9:30 am: Veterans for Peace airs a locally produced TCTV program. Dennis Mills 867-1487 mills.dennis@comcast.net

FOR 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

SPECIFIC DATES:

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Thurs June 3: "Altruistic Thoughts and Actions" – Geshe Jamyang Tsultrim will talk on developing skills in self-awareness. Sponsor: Nalanda Institute for Buddhist Study and Meditation. Lien Hoa Temple, 1211 Wilson St NE, Olympia. Suggested donation \$15. www.nalandaolywa.org

FOR Thurs June 3: "Pakistan: What Are the Realities?" Olympia FOR's June TCTV program debuts today and airs this month every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and every Thursday 9-10 pm on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. Glen 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org www.olympiafor.org

Fri-Sat June 4-5: Sea Cinema: Celebrate world oceans! Several activities run from 6 pm to just after midnight each night at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Washington SE, downtown. Details in calendar at www.tcpronet.org

FOR Sat June 5: Olympia FOR's new book discussion group about moving from war to peace: 6:00 pm at Chuck Schultz's home, 1621 Tullis NE (a little north of San Francisco Street Bakery). Ask Chuck for suggestions of books you might read for the discussions tonight and in future months. Info: 705-8520 chuckschultz3@msn.com (If you can't attend tonight, the alternate date is 7:00 pm on Tuesday June 1.)

Sat-Sun June 5-6: Green Festival at the Washington State Convention Center in downtown Seattle offers many sessions from mainstream to progressive. \$15 pass for the full weekend. It's a joint project of Global Exchange and Green America. Info: www.greenfestivals.org

FOR Sun June 6: "Capitalism Hits the Fan: Richard Wolff on the Economic Meltdown." Tonight is the debut date for the June episode of the Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" series of documentaries. Watch it at 10:00 pm on

TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 7. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

Sun June 6: Immigrant rights: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants: BNW meets from 3 to 5 pm on the on the first and third Sundays of each month. Meetings on the first Sunday are at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW, Olympia. Meetings on the third Sunday are at the Mason County Literacy office in Shelton. Info: Jean Eberhardt 943-8642 eberhardtjl@yahoo.com

Tues June 8: National Organization for Women (NOW) meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW. Info: Linda Malanchuk 357-7272

Tues June 8: Organize to stop sweatshops: South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and has focused on getting public institutions to adopt sweatshop free purchasing practices. SSCCC meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Info: Dick Meyer 705-2819 and www.southsoundcleanclothes.org



FOR Wed June 9: Olympia FOR's Potluck Picnic – AND our Steering Committee meets for overall planning and decision-making. All Olympia FOR members are invited to attend the meeting and the simultaneous potluck picnic at the **Rose Garden**

Kitchen area at Priest Point Park from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. (See page 1) Info: 491-9093 info@olympiafor.org

Wed June 9: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets at 7:00 pm. Location and info: Larry Mosqueda 866-2404 lmosqueda@comcast.net

FOR Sun June 12: Western Washington FOR meeting to choose an issue-based campaign: Seattle. See page 6.

Sat June 12: Capital City Pride Festival, 11 am to 5 pm in Sylvester Park. Look for the Olympia FOR's information table about abolishing the death penalty. Event info at www.capitalcitypride.net

FOR Sat June 12: Lewis County's FOR Chapter – the "Fire Mountain FOR" – meets from 1 to 3 pm at the St. Lucia Coffeehouse, Locust & Tower in downtown Centralia, following their 12 noon to 1 pm peace vigil nearby in Washington Park on Pearl Street. Info Larry Kerschner

(360) 807-5106 peacepoet@gmail.com or June Butler
(360) 748-9658 juneb2@earthlink.net

Sat June 12: Friendly Supper Club – a potluck dinner for people of all ages, colors and religious backgrounds: Some years ago Dan and Lonnie Locke hosted Friendly Supper Club potlucks focusing on racial diversity. Now the Friendly Supper Club meets on the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Locke home with the new focus on religious harmony. Bring a dish to share. After eating, an interfaith devotional will honor all faith traditions. Info and directions: 456-2865

Sat-Sun June 12-13: Olympia's Really, Really Free Market: Come and bring extra clothes, books, random knick-knacks, and household items to give away. Pick up free items that you want. Also, you may bring food, games, and musical instruments to share. Everybody is welcome to this family-friendly event. Admission is FREE, and nobody will solicit donations. The free market is what we make it. 11 am to 4 pm each day. **Saturday** at Woodruff Park, 1500 W Harrison, and **Sunday** at Bigelow Park, 1220 Bigelow Ave NE. Info: www.rrfmolympia.blogspot.com

Sun June 13: Capital City Pride Parade starts at 12 noon at the State Capitol Building, goes down Capitol Way, and ends in Sylvester Park. Info: www.capitalcitypride.net

Sun June 13: PFLAG monthly gathering after the Pride Parade. This month's meeting features Transgender Resources Olympia & South Sound, a presentation and discussion with Rachel Welkin (and probably others) from the Olympia chapter of Gender Alliance of the South Sound (GASS). www.southsoundgender.com 2:00-4:30 p m in the Gathering Place room at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE (near Boundary Street), Olympia. Info: <http://pflag-olympia.org/> or Alec Clayton 628-8412

FOR Sun June 13: "Something for Everybody" secret café to raise funds for Olympia FOR: 5-9 pm at Glen's home. See p. 1, enclosed flyer and www.olympiafor.org Info: 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org. RSVP to Alice Zillah 357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com

FOR Mon June 14: "Lots of Variety from Several Local Cooks" – This mostly vegetarian/vegan secret café will raise funds for Olympia FOR. 7-9 pm at Traditions, 5th & Water SW in downtown Olympia. See p. 1, enclosed flyer and www.olympiafor.org. RSVP to Alice Zillah 357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com

Mon-Fri June 14-18: "Religion and Violence" – 28th Annual Spiritual Life Institute at St. Martin's University. Schedule: www.stmartin.edu/spiritual_life/schedule.htm Costs and other info: www.stmartin.edu/spiritual_life

June 14 to July 2: Second annual Canadian School of Peacebuilding (CSOP), a program of Canadian Mennonite University (CMU), will be held in Winnipeg, MB. Three 5-day sessions, each with two or three courses running concurrently, will be offered for academic credit or for professional training for practitioners. The Canadian School of Peacebuilding serves practitioners, professionals, activists, students, non-governmental organizations and faith-based groups engaged in peacebuilding. Session I (June 14-18) and Session II (June 21-25) offer fascinating topics with expert instructors. Ask csop@cmu.ca for an electronic version of the brochure, application, and poster that you can forward to your contacts. Info: www.cmu.ca/csop

FOR Thurs June 17: "Local Seafood & Local Garden Delights" secret café to raise funds for Olympia FOR: 7-9 pm at Tim Russell's home in West Olympia. See p. 1, enclosed flyer and www.olympiafor.org. RSVP to Alice Zillah 357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com



Fri June 18: "Beyond Inclusion: Strategic Interventions for Anti-Oppression" – This training will improve communication and empowerment. It will focus on understanding the dynamics of oppression and helping people work across significant differences. Facilitator is Leticia Nieto, MA,

Psy.D., who is well respected in this field! 9 am to 4 pm at First Christian Church, 7th & Franklin. Sponsor: Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County, 956-1155 www.mediatethurston.org Register by June 11. Fees \$80 for DRC volunteers or \$135 for community members.

Sat June 19: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries: No experience is necessary. Volunteers must be aged 14 or above. 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. CHUMA has sent medical supplies to are Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, Uganda, and other countries. Help CHUMA's volunteer efforts locally **from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** at Providence Health International / CHUMA, 2601 Willamette Drive NE, Suite G, Lacey (NE of the county solid waste facility). Info: Ray Reyes 493-5641 raymond.reyes@providence.org

Sun June 20: Immigrant rights: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants: See June 6 calendar item for details.

Sun June 20: Veterans for Peace: Monthly meeting: 5:30-7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW, Olym-

pia. Info: Terry Zander 943-6109 tezzer1.tz@gmail.com
www.vfp109rcc.org

Mon June 21: People for Puget Sound – Membership Gathering: 7-9 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW, Olympia.

Tues-Sat June 22-26: U.S. Social Forum in Detroit will bring many people together for multi-issue progressive conference and organizing: 20, 000 activists, including many from the labor movement, are expected to attend. The USSF is an important step in our struggle to build a powerful multi-racial, inter-generational, diverse, inclusive, internationalist movement. Info about the Forum, (registration; where to stay; how to get there; how to volunteer for local projects while in Detroit, etc.): www.ussf2010.org and abc.ussf2010.org. Some Olympia folks will share rides. Rick@mediaisland.org or bwildleaf@gmail.com

Wed June 23: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets. See June 9 item for details.

Mon June 28: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries: 6-8 pm. See June 19 calendar item. Info: Ray Reyes 493-5641 raymond.reyes@providence.org

FOR Mon June 28: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR meets to educate ourselves and work on outreach and other activities. 7 pm in Tumwater. Info: Emily 352-0695 deathpenalty@olympiafor.org

Mon June 28 to Fri July 2: 40-Hour training in mediating disputes: Do you want to solve interpersonal problems at home, at work, or in the community? This fun and highly interactive 40-hour training will give you understanding and skills for serving as a neutral mediator. 8 am to 5 pm each day. \$625, less for teens and groups. Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County, 956-1155 www.mediatethurston.org



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Fri July 2: “Think Outside the Bomb,” – a youth movement against nuclear weapons – visits Olympia on nationwide tour. See p. 11. www.totbtour.wordpress.com

FOR Fri-Mon July 2-5: “Visioning the Confluence of Justice & Peace” – FOR’s 52nd Annual Seabeck Conference: Register now! For 52 years the Western Washington FOR and Oregon FOR have partnered to conduct one

of the Northwest’s largest and best-loved peace conferences. Nationally known keynote speakers and many workshop options inform and inspire the 200 people who gather each year to examine and discuss current peace and justice concerns in our local communities, the nation, and the world. Seabeck also offers an outstanding music program, led by folksinger Tom Rawson. Child and youth programs ensure learning experiences for all family members. Info: John Roy Wilson (503) 585-5436 jrw45@comcast.net and Janet Hawkins (503) 244-7703 janetchawkins@msn.com See brochure and registration info at www.wvfor.org or call the Olympia FOR at 491-9093 or the Western Washington FOR at (206) 789-5565.

Sat-Mon July 3-5: “Resistance for a Nuclear-Free Future” will celebrate decades of organizing and action against nuclear weapons and nuclear power. The Nuclear Resister (www.nuclearresister.org), Nukewatch



(www.nukewatch.com) and the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA) (www.stopthebombs.org) invite you to join them for a national gathering, culminating with nonviolent anti-nuclear direct action to declare our independence from nuclear weapons and nuclear power. Come and meet with hundreds of activists from around the U.S., as

we educate and energize ourselves throughout a weekend of networking, music, speakers, celebration, workshops, community, nonviolence training and nonviolent action. This multi-generational campaign will help new and seasoned activists meet and strategize nuclear-free future! Come to Maryville College near the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Info: www.nukewatch.com/30th/index.htm

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Tues July 13: Organize to stop sweatshops: South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and has focused on getting public institutions to adopt sweatshop free purchasing practices. SSCCC meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Info: Dick Meyer 705-2819 and www.southsoundcleanclothes.org

Wed July 14: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets. See June 9 item for details.

Sat July 17: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries: See June 19 calendar item. Info: Ray Reyes 493-5641 raymond.reyes@providence.org

Sun July 18: Immigrant rights: Bridges Not Walls meets to plan ways to help our communities value and respect immigrants: See the June 6 calendar item for details.

Sun July 18: 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. At this month's meeting we hope to Skype with BPF's new director, Sara Weintraub and discuss BPF's current nationwide foci and activities. 3:30-5:00 pm. Location and other info: Robert Lovitt 357-2825 ssbpf@comcast.net www.ssbpf.org

Sun July 18: Veterans for Peace: Monthly meeting: 5:30-7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW, Olympia. Info: Terry Zander 943-6109 tezzer1.tz@gmail.com www.vfp109rcc.org

FOR Mon July 19: Deadline for Olympia FOR's Aug-Sept newsletter: Send news, announcements and calendar items by this date or soon after. (360) 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

Sat-Sun July 24-25: Ethnic Fest in Tacoma's Wright Park (slightly north of downtown) features thousands of diverse people enjoying multi-ethnic music, dance, food, and fun. Visit the Olympia FOR's booth with information opposing the death penalty. Info: glen@olympiafor.org 491-9093 www.metroparkstacoma.org/page.php?id=724

Mon July 26: Sort and box medical supplies for other countries: 6-8 pm. See June 19 calendar item. Info: Ray Reyes 493-5641 raymond.reyes@providence.org

FOR Mon July 26: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR meets to educate ourselves and work on outreach and other activities. 7 pm in Tumwater. Info: Emily 352-0695 deathpenalty@olympiafor.org

Wed July 28: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets. See June 9 item for details.



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