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BERD WHITLOCK'S PHOTO OF THE OLYMPIA FOR'S 2008 HOLIDAY PEACE VIGIL

Holiday PEACE Vigil

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18 FROM 12 NOON TO 1 PM

ALONG WEST 4TH AVENUE NEAR OLYMPIA'S PERCIVAL LANDING AND HERITAGE FOUNTAIN

The Olympia FOR invites the public to participate in our **35th Annual Holiday Peace Vigil** on **Saturday December 18 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm** along both sides of West Fourth Avenue -- along the south side of Percival Landing and also in front of Heritage Fountain.

The Olympia FOR provides many signs and also invites participants to bring their own. We invite participants to enjoy social time and free refreshments at a nearby location after the vigil.

Please bring children and friends! Some families make this a regular part of their holiday tradition.

The Olympia FOR also has also sponsored a weekly peace vigil in Sylvester Park at the corner of Legion and Capitol Way, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday since March 5, 1980, and another vigil at the south end of Percival Landing from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. every Friday since November 1998.

The vigil is free, but the Olympia FOR will gratefully accept donations to support our persistent work for nonviolence, social justice and peace.

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

THREE DAYS OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

"SECRET CAFÉ" DINNERS TO BENEFIT OLYMPIA FOR

DECEMBER 5, 6, 12

Our talented and generous cooks and hosts invite you to enjoy **Three Days of Food and Fellowship** at a series of "secret cafés" on Sunday afternoon December 5, Monday evening December 6, and Sunday afternoon December 12. Proceeds will benefit the Olympia FOR's ambitious work for peace, social justice and nonviolence.

Building a world of peace, justice and nonviolence is possible only by working together – and creating fellowship and a sense of community to sustain us in the struggle.

This requires good food! Enjoy three delicious meals with opportunities to visit with old friends and meet new ones.

Please review the enclosed flyer for more information.

To help the hosts and cooks plan, please RSVP as soon as possible to Alice Zillah (alicezillah@yahoo.com or 360-357-7705), who is coordinating this series along with Glen Anderson.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -

Enjoy Global Days of LISTENING TO AFGHANISTAN. HONOR THE WINTER SOLSTICE.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY DECEMBER 18-19, 2010 (Global phoning STARTS 6:30 pm)
HERITAGE PARK, 5TH & WATER, Olympia

The Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers will be listening and asking the world to listen to them as we share our collective desire for peace.

On September 21, the International Day of Peace and the Autumnal Equinox, the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation helped people around the world experience conversations with the Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers and with people from many countries. Inspired by this success, the Olympia FOR is hosting another day of conversations on the Winter Solstice and continuing a quarterly event for our annual cycle of **FOR** Days of Peace. Watch for the Vernal Equinox, Summer Solstice and again the International Day of Peace on the Autumnal Equinox.

What are the **FOR** Days of Peace?

We share conversations among the peoples of different countries:

- 1st We listen to people Afghanistan and elsewhere. As we listen,
- 2nd We get to know one another. When we know each other,
- 3rd We learn that we really do like and respect each other.

These conversations will inspire us to be more creative in our work for peace.

We share the language of peace:

- Banners with the words for peace (for example, "La Paz" in Spanish)
- Peace banners in more than 100 languages have been made in Olympia by people from many different cultures.
- Each season more banners are made to add even more voices for peace.
- Please help make the peace language banners on Sat. Dec. 11 and Sat. Dec. 18 for this Winter Solstice celebration.

For more information call (360) 485-3764 or email listen@fordaysofpeace.org

Also see more information at the Olympia FOR's website, www.olympiafor.org

We share the arts of our cultures in ways that inspire peace:

Musicians will play the Singing Bowls and share music from around the world. Poets will share poetry.

Our friends in Bamiyan, Afghanistan ask, "Why not love?" We laid out their message in Heritage Park on Sept. 21. See below.



The Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers continue to call for a deepening of understanding. We can do this.

We can share their story and the stories of other Afghan people.

It is nearly the same story of the people Iraq. The story can be told of many other places. We need to listen and respect.

For more information: **FOR** Days of Peace: listen@fordaysofpeace.org; (360) 485-3764 and www.olympiafor.org

WESTERN WASHINGTON FOR'S CAMPAIGN TO CUT MILITARY SPENDING AND "BRING THE BILLION\$ HOME"

UPDATES:

- The November 5-6 Western Washington FOR (WWFOR) Fall Retreat informed, inspired and delighted the people who participated. Olympia FOR members were well represented.
- We started organizing by congressional district, including a number of Olympia FOR members who live in the 3rd and 9th Congressional Districts.
- WWFOR has hired Nathan Hollifield to serve as our Campaign Organizer. He will work at our WWFOR office in Seattle and help us organize the campaign throughout Western Washington. You can reach him at (206) 789-5565 nathan@wwfor.org.
- While Nathan will help a lot, the success of the "Bring the Billion\$ Home" campaign really depends on all of us. **This is a grassroots campaign!**
- **The Olympia FOR invites you to our first meeting to organize our participation in this campaign.** The date, time and place will be set soon. Please contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org for a personal invitation.

BACKGROUND:

While military spending keeps escalating, individual Americans are losing their jobs and homes, and state and local governments are cutting needed services. Taxpayers from Washington state have spent **\$23.8 billion** for the wars, but 40,000 Washingtonians have lost basic health coverage, college tuition has risen, library hours have been cut, and funds to reduce school class size have been slashed 70%.

We must cut wasteful military spending such as the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and transfer the savings to fund human and environmental needs. The federal government spends about \$1 million to keep each soldier in Afghanistan for a year.

WWFOR has launched a multi-dimensional and multi-generational grassroots campaign to "**Bring the Billion\$ Home.**" The campaign will inform and activate the public and pressure the Congress to reduce military spending and apply the savings to fund urgent human and environmental needs in the US. See www.wwfor.org.

Nowhere is it written that the American Empire will go on forever.



The American people need to acknowledge some realities and respond to them with maturity and wisdom. These realities include:

- We live in a world of limited resources.
- Peak Oil is a reality, and less oil will be available year by year in the future.
- Climate disruption is occurring and will get worse in future years.
- The economy of abundant material prosperity is not sustainable.
- The U.S. can no longer dominate the world. We can't afford to, and other nations won't let us.
- We must devise peaceful, sustainable solutions to our problems. Reality will not let us continue as before.

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

For nearly 24 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 about 70 of our recent programs through our website. Simply visit www.olympiafor.org, click the link for **TV Programs**, and click any program you want to watch.



DECEMBER: “CONVERTING TO A PEACE ECONOMY”

Throughout our nation's history, we had occasional wars and then de-mobilized afterward. But after World War II we launched the Cold War and maintained a **permanent war** status.

We also created a “**permanent war economy.**” Massive military spending year after year – decade after decade since the 1940s – has distorted and disrupted the U.S. economy and hurt our society in many ways.

For example, after World War II the U.S. prevented Germany and Japan from re-arming, so those countries devoted their scientific and engineering talent to making better consumer goods, while the U.S. built a military empire. Their economies prospered, but ours suffered.

Country	Military Spending as % of GNP, 1966	% Growth Rate in Output per Employee, 1950-1966
United States	8.6	2.4
West Germany	4.1	5.3
Japan	1.0	7.7

Every year Congress makes decisions about how much money to spend for which purposes. For example, Congress could spend less on nuclear weapons and more on education. But far beyond such budgetary trade-offs, military spending causes **systemic** harm to our economy's functioning – and **systemic** harm to our society as a whole.

If we want to rescue our economy – and our society – from continuing decline, we must convert to a peace economy.

In 1976 and 1977 Glen Anderson conducted a lot of research on this and discovered that economists and other researchers had proven that military spending causes many problems. He also researched Washington State's economic dependence on the military – and how to convert to a peace economy.

Jobs Created per Billion Dollars of Government Spending (Data from 1970s)

Military:	75,812
Health Care:	80,041
Education:	104,019

Other people around the country and here in Washington State were thinking along the same lines. In about 1980 he helped to create the Washington State Conversion Project. He also helped draft state legislation that would move us in positive directions and testified at a legislative hearing on our bills.

In the 1980s when Ronald Reagan launched a massive escalation of military spending, the pressure overwhelmed the political likelihood of converting to a peace economy, and the peace conversion movement withered.

Now our economy is crumbling, and we must look again at peace conversion as one remedy for our economy's systemic problems. Recently Glen re-read his 1977 report and found that the economic reasoning was still sound. The numbers are old, but the somber predictions of economic deterioration have come to pass. Now is the time to lift up the economic realities and the principles for another look and new action.

During this TV program Glen summarizes the economic problems caused by military spending and some potentials for converting to a peace economy. Visual images illustrate this powerful information.

Military spending has bankrupted our economy, so we must convert from a “war economy” to a “peace economy.” This “economic conversion” or “peace conversion” would produce positive ripple effects throughout our economy – and throughout our whole society.

And it is possible to do this. But we must inform ourselves and organize a grassroots movement.

Be sure to watch this powerfully informative TV program!

JANUARY: "CREATE A PUBLICLY OWNED WASHINGTON STATE BANK"

Even during hard financial times, a lot of money flows through the state government. Property tax payments, sales tax revenue, payroll taxes, fees for licenses, and other kinds of revenue arrive at various times. Then the state pays out this money at various times too for salaries, equipment, supplies, rent, payments to local governments, and so forth.

What happens to the money while the state has it? The state deposits it in the big Wall Street banks and other out-of-state parasites. Why doesn't the state government create a publicly owned bank that would use the money productively to serve the public interest within Washington? This is the topic of the Olympia FOR's January TV program.

North Dakota has successfully operated a publicly owned state bank for about 90 years – and North Dakota is the on-

ly state that is not facing a financial crisis now. North Dakota has our nation's only publicly owned state bank. During the Great Depression North Dakota's state bank refused to evict farmers from any foreclosed farms.

Washington State collected a little more than \$10 billion in taxes in 2009. As of August 31, 2010, a little more than 2/3 of Washington State's deposits of \$5.4 billion were in nine privately owned banks with headquarters outside of the Pacific Northwest.

Our state legislature could create a state bank and require all tax revenue to be deposited there. The money could be loaned to small local banks here or to Washingtonians or for purposes.

Our guests will be Dan Leahy, Cindy Cole and John Repp.

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 **3:00 a.m. every Wednesday morning** for a full month. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

DECEMBER: "WELL-FOUNDED FEAR"

In a true "life and death" drama this documentary gives a shocking look at how the Immigration and Naturalization Service decides who will be granted asylum in the United States. The applicant must have a "well-founded fear" of persecution in his or her home country. Despite true and terrifying stories of torture and mistreatment, it's often up to how well the translator presents the case and how sensitive are the ears of the asylum officer to decide a person's fate.

2000 (two hours) www.epidavros.org

JANUARY: DOUBLE FEATURE:

"MARIJUANA: IT'S TIME FOR A CONVERSATION"

In 2006 more than 800,000 individuals were arrested for marijuana offenses; 89% of these arrests were for simple possession only. Yet marijuana remains as available as ever through an unregulated illegal market. Taxpayers spend billions of dollars every year enforcing marijuana laws. These public safety resources could be directed toward more important priorities. Criminalizing people who use drugs has had serious impacts on civil liberties and has diverted attention from solutions to the problems sometimes caused by drug use.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Washington State presented a public forum on the history, current status, and future of marijuana-law reform in Washington and the United States. The forum features local and national advocates for reforming marijuana laws. Video of that presentation is combined with early footage from anti-drug campaigns in this program.

(30 minutes) www.MarijuanaConversation.org

SEE PAGE 10 FOR JANUARY'S SECOND FEATURE.

LEARN ABOUT AND DISCUSS THE DEATH PENALTY: NEW STUDY GROUP BEGINS TUES. JAN. 11

Are you troubled by the death penalty? You can learn a lot about it and discuss various aspects in the Olympia FOR's six-part study group, which will run for six consecutive Tuesday evenings starting on January 11.

The series will address many aspects of the death penalty, including innocence, racial and economic class bias, cost, victims, legal history, and other factors. It will include a variety of faith perspectives as well.

Participants will read and discuss a variety of printed materials, watch three compelling short videos, and share their own insights. The Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty developed the study group curriculum. Alice Curtis and Glen Anderson will facilitate.

The study group will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesday evenings (January 11 through February 15) at the Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End Street NW. (Go north on Division, left on 20th Ave NW, and right on East End Street.)

The Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty is offering this through OUUC's Adult Edu-

cation series. The early 2011 OUUC Adult Education curriculum brochure will be published in late December and will include a registration form. Information will also be posted at <http://ouuc.org/pages/adultED.html>. Register through the brochure's registration form or call the church office at 786-6383. Also – and without waiting for OUUC's late December brochure – if you plan to participate please contact Glen at glen@olympiafor.org (360) 491-9093 so we can plan for the class size and printing.

OUUC's Adult Education program charges \$10 for taking a course to cover their overhead costs, but this is waived for persons who can't afford it. The Olympia FOR will invite voluntary donations to cover the cost of printing our many reading materials.

The Olympia FOR will offer this series again during 2011 and beyond in a variety of other faith community locations. If you would like to host this Death Penalty Study Group from Faith Perspectives, (or the study group without the faith-based content), please contact us.

THE City of Olympia Has Joined THE NATIONAL SWEATFREE CONSORTIUM

by Bob Zeigler

The National Sweatfree Consortium of cities and states, joining together their collective resources and experience in order to pursue effective **sweatshop-free purchasing**, has 13 members. The City of Olympia is the newest member, following quickly the decision by the City of Seattle, to join the Consortium. The nine cities and four states share databases of purchasing, collaborate on best practices, create the financial resources to have independent monitors evaluate worker complaints about factory conditions, and hope to build its membership so that public procurement can be a force to improve labor conditions.

Public purchasing collectively is about 20% of our nation's GNP, and if it were to be responsible in supporting workers to improve pay and working conditions around the globe, such a force in the marketplace would go far to changing the reality for millions of workers who toil at poverty wages in deplorable working conditions. For more Consortium information see www.buysweatfree.org.

The City of Olympia's decision followed a three-day (November 5-7) National Clean Clothes Summit in Olympia. It was attended by activists from the US, and Mexico,

Spain, and Ecuador who have been working for alternatives to sweatshops. Labor organizers from Dominican Republic also attended. They convinced one Dominican Republic company they could out-compete Nike even if they paid their workers a living wage (three times the minimum wage), worked them no longer than eight hours a day, and established a workers education fund. These labor organizers told the Summit's participants that we have to connect workers, labor organizers and consumers so we can turn the race to the bottom into a race to the top.

Local organizers are planning to get Washington State to follow through in one more ways, including possible legislation, memorials to Congress, executive orders for Washington state agency sweatfree purchases, and joining the Consortium. For more information contact Dick Meyer at Traditions Café (360) 705-2819 or South Sound Clean Clothes Community at www.southsoundcleanclothes.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bob Zeigler helped to organize the National Sweatfree Summit, which was held in Olympia November 5-7.

THE OLYMPIA FOR'S BOOK GROUP PONDER'S

TWO ARTICLES BY CHUCK SCHULIZ

ONE: Our book group is looking into social problems (including war), responses made to them, and what leads successful results. The lion's share of US tax money goes to military expenses. The vast sums could be better spent on programs that are not intended to kill or threaten people. Diplomacy could be more cost effective than killing and there are certainly domestic issues where money could be well spent.

Since 1945, the US foreign policy has focused on keeping the US the leader in production and commerce. This has influenced military and trade policies. The Truman Doctrine focused on keeping communists from influencing other countries. This led to the US entering into security agreements with many countries, and to destabilizing duly elected governments. It even led to supporting authoritarian leaders in countries from Chile to Nicaragua to the Congo. Economic policies have led to situations detrimental to developing economies, human rights, and the environment.

Citizens continue to elect governmental officials who pursue policies that keep the military and the corporations strong without regard for international laws or the well-being of society. Some progressives search for ways to improve the quality of life for the world's billions.

Movements flower and wilt

Down through the years social movements have come and gone. They have achieved many objectives along the way, but most movements fade and activists drift away. Two reasons for the abandonment of movements are that members are attracted by other issues or that they are co-opted by the authority they have worked against.

The internet is a source of information about and opportunity for response to a long list of social issues: energy, ecosystem, inequity, hunger, infrastructure, violence, etc. Each of these can be divided into varied sub-areas. For anyone to put substantial energy into any one problem, a number of other issues must be ignored. But myriad crises seem too important to be ignored, so members of a movement may become dilettantes, unable to focus on one thing. Often when a group becomes outraged by the activity of a government or organization they decide to take action. When confronted with unfairness, people may petition, protest, or otherwise show their disapproval. But do they analyze the results in relation to expected short-term or long-term outcome?

Many Americans spend several hours a week watching TV, and it distracts them from other activities that contribute to more effective living. Many citizen activists communicate with one another and follow events by email. How much more constructive is sitting before the computer monitor than the TV monitor?

Planning social action

A social action succeeds when effective methods are systematically applied to a problem. Experts such as Peter Ackerman and Gene Sharp show that the more successful actions are those that have been thoroughly planned and in which activists have adhered to their strategy. Sharp says, "Some individuals ... naively think that if they simply espouse their goal strongly, firmly, and long enough, it will somehow come to pass."

He also says, "If one wishes to accomplish something, it is wise to plan how to do it. Tactics are used to implement strategy. . . . A tactic is a limited action, employed to achieve a restricted objective. . . . To be most effective tactics and methods must be chosen and applied *with constant attention to the achievement of strategic objectives* (emphasis added). Tactical gains that do not reinforce the attainment of strategic objectives turn out to be wasted energy. . . . A particular tactic can only be understood as part of the overall strategy." Responsible and effective non-violent action depends upon the making a plan, selecting and applying appropriate tactics, analyzing the results and adapting tactics to insure that they advance their intent.

We often participate in a vigil, a protest, a boycott, a strike, or civil disobedience. We write letters, sign petitions, and testify at hearings. If we think about why we are doing these things, we may have some general feeling that we are educating people or influencing public opinion. Or we may think that our leaders know that this action is a part of a strategic plan, and that they are analyzing the effects to see that they are achieving the desired results. If no one is monitoring our actions, we don't know if they are working, are making matters worse, or distracting us from doing something productive.

It is hard to keep a social movement active if the members can't see it working. Our book group is looking at successful nonviolent actions to understand how successful results are achieved.

TWO: It is common to feel that violence will always prevail over nonviolence; that some situations require a violent solution to be successful. But how often do violent solutions work? Violence leads to violence. A nonviolent solution leads to an atmosphere in which peace can flourish.

The "war to end all wars" led to "The Great War". The First World War was destruction followed by humiliation followed by oppression. The oppressed prepared to show that they were the greatest, organized to become the strongest military power, and lost the next war. The better situation that grew out of the second war was not due to the military victory but to the efforts of the victors to help the losers to rebuild. And Germany and Japan became two of the most peaceful and productive countries in the world. Assistance worked where violence had failed.

But has violence ever prevailed over totalitarian oppression? Writers on successful nonviolent action, such as Peter Ackerman, find a number of examples involving conflict with the Nazis, the Soviets, and other dictators. Cases in which people had no hope of throwing off oppressors through violent revolution won freedom through nonviolent action. The Poles, for example, embracing Solidarity, won independence against an intimidating regime. Several eastern European countries followed their example. On the other hand Balkan countries attempted to settle their differences through violence and are still at odds with one another.

Nonviolent action sometimes fails because of certain defects. Sometimes resisters resort to violence, triggering suppression by counter violence. Sometimes resisters fail to follow through when they have the advantage or fail to adapt to the opposition's changes. Sometimes resisters bargain away their advantage.

Nonviolent living is a good way to keep violence from arising in the first place. Nonviolent action is the way to peace.

CHARTER FOR A WORLD WITHOUT VIOLENCE

Violence is a preventable disease.

No state or individual can be secure in an insecure world. The values of nonviolence in intention, thought, and practice have grown from an option to a necessity. These values are expressed in their application between states, groups and individuals.

We are convinced that adherence to the values of nonviolence will usher in a more peaceful, civilized world order in which more effective and fair governance, respectful of human dignity and the sanctity of life itself, may become a reality.

Our cultures, our histories, and our individual lives are interconnected and our actions are interdependent. Especially today as never before, we believe, a truth lies before us: our destiny is a common destiny. That destiny will be defined by our intentions, decisions and actions today.

We are further convinced that creating a culture of peace and nonviolence, while a difficult and long process, is both necessary and noble. Affirmation of the values contained in this Charter is a vital step to ensuring the survival and development of humanity and the achievement of a world without violence.

We, Nobel Peace Laureates and Laureate Organizations,

Reaffirming our commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Moved by concern for the need to end the spread of violence at all levels of society and especially the threats posed on a global scale that jeopardize the very existence of humankind;

Reaffirming that freedom of thought and expression is at the root of democracy and creativity;

Recognizing that violence manifests in many ways, such as armed conflict, military occupation, poverty, economic exploitation, environmental destruction, corruption and prejudice based on race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation;

Realizing that the glorification of violence as expressed through commercial entertainment can contribute to the acceptance of violence as a normal and acceptable condition;

In the knowledge that those most harmed by violence are the weakest and vulnerable;

Remembering that peace is not only the absence of violence but that it is the presence of justice and the well-being of people;

Realizing that the failure of States to sufficiently accommodate ethnic, cultural and religious diversity is at the root of much of the violence in the world;

Recognizing the urgent need to develop an alternative approach to collective security based on a system in which no country, or group of countries, relies on nuclear weapons for its security;

Being aware that the world is in need of effective global mechanisms and approaches for nonviolent conflict prevention and resolution, and that they are most successful when applied at the earliest possible moment;

Affirming that persons invested with power carry the greatest responsibility to end violence where it is occurring and to prevent violence whenever possible;

Asserting that the values of nonviolence must triumph at all levels of society as well as in relations between States and peoples;

Beseech the global community to advance the following principles:

First: In an interdependent world, the prevention and cessation of armed conflict between and within States can require the collective action of the international community. The security of individual states can best be achieved by advancing global human security. This requires strengthening the implementation capacity of the UN system as well as regional cooperative organizations.

Second: To achieve a world without violence, States must abide by the rule of law and honor their legal commitments at all times.

Third: It is essential to move without further delay towards the universal and verifiable elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction. States possessing

such weapons must take concrete steps towards disarmament, and a security system that does not rely on nuclear deterrence. At the same time, States must sustain their efforts to consolidate the nuclear non-proliferation regime, by taking such measures as strengthening multilateral verification, protecting nuclear material and advancing disarmament.

Fourth: To help eliminate violence in society, the production and sale of small arms and light weapons must be reduced and strictly controlled at international, regional, state and local levels. In addition there should be full and universal enforcement of international disarmament agreements, such as the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty, and support for new efforts aimed at the eradication of the impact of victim-activated and indiscriminate weapons, such as cluster munitions. A comprehensive and effective Arms Trade Treaty needs to be enacted.

Fifth: Terrorism can never be justified because violence begets violence and because no acts of terror against the civilian population of any country can be carried out in the name of any cause. The struggle against terrorism cannot, however, justify violation of human rights, international humanitarian law, civilized norms, and democracy.

Sixth: Ending domestic and family violence requires unconditional respect for the equality, freedom, dignity, and rights of women, men and children by all individuals, institutions of the state, religion and civil society. Such protections must be embodied in laws and conventions at local and international levels.

Seventh: Every individual and state shares responsibility to prevent violence against children and youth, our common future and most precious gift. All have a right to quality education, effective primary health care, personal safety, social protection, full participation in society and an enabling environment that reinforces non-violence as a way of life. Peace education, promoting non-violence and emphasizing the innate human quality of compassion, must be an essential part of the curriculum of educational institutions at all levels.

To address all forms of violence we encourage scientific research in the fields of human interaction and dialogue, and we invite participation from the academic, scientific and religious communities to aid us in the transition to non-violent, and non-killing societies.

Nobel Signers:

American Friends Service Committee
 Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu
 Betty Williams
 Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo
 Frederik Willem De Klerk
 His Holiness the Dalai Lama
 International Atomic Energy Agency

International Committee of the Red Cross
 International Peace Bureau
 International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
 Jody Williams
 John Hume
 Lech Walesa

Mairead Corrigan Maguire
 Mikhail Gorbachev
 Mohamed ElBaradei
 Muhammad Yunus
 Wangari Maathai

Eighth: Preventing conflicts arising from the depletion of natural resources, in particular sources of energy and water, requires States to affirmatively and, through creation of legal mechanisms and standards, provide for the protection of the environment and to encourage people to adjust their consumption on the basis of resource availability and real human needs.

Ninth: We beseech the UN and its member states to promote appreciation of ethnic, cultural and religious diversity. The golden rule of a non-violent world: Treat others as you wish to be treated.

Tenth: The principal political tools for bringing into being a non-violent world are functioning democratic institutions and dialogue based on dignity, knowledge, and compromise, conducted on the basis of balance between the interests of the parties involved, and, when appropriate, including concerns relating to the entirety of humanity and the natural environment.

Eleventh: All states, institutions and individuals must support efforts to address the inequalities in the distribution of economic resources, and resolve gross inequities which create a fertile ground for violence. The imbalance in living conditions inevitably leads to lack of opportunity and, in many cases, loss of hope.

Twelfth: Civil society, including human rights defenders, peace and environmental activists must be recognized and protected as essential to building a nonviolent world as all governments must serve the needs of their people, not the reverse. Conditions should be created to enable and encourage civil society participation, especially that of women, in political processes at the global, regional, national and local levels.

Thirteenth: In implementing the principles of this Charter we call upon all to work together towards a just, killing-free world in which everyone has the right not to be killed and responsibility not to kill others.

“BIG PICTURE” – JANUARY’S SECOND FEATURE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

“REAL TALK: ENGAGING YOUNG MEN AS ALLIES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN”

Beyond Media Education is a Chicago project that uses video to collaborate with underserved and underrepresented women and youth to tell their stories and organize for social justice. This video was a youth-led project that asked young and adult men what a male ally looks like, and how to build the movement to stop violence against women. The program contains profanity and simulated sexual assault.

(30 Minutes) www.beyondmedia.org

NEWS – RESOURCES – OPPORTUNITIES

Organize locally against religious bigotry: Interfaith Works of Thurston County is launching a campaign to respond to religious based bigotry. This will focus mostly in schools, and primarily at the junior-high level. If you have ideas for developing and helping a campaign like this, or contacts in area schools, please contact the IW office at (360) 357-7224 or office@interfaith-works.org.

The Thurston Diversity Council announces 2010 Human Rights Awards: The Thurston Diversity Council – whose mission is to educate the public about the value of cultural and ethnic diversity and their contributions to the enhancement of our quality of life – announced it will present Lifetime Achievement Awards to Dr. Ann Vandeman, founder and Executive Director of Left Foot Organics, and also to the Church of Living Water. The Council will give a Unique Achievement Award to Craig and Cindy Corrie, founders of the Rachel Corrie Foundation. In the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Human Rights Award celebrates outstanding efforts to advance human rights in Thurston County. The Thurston Diversity Council invites people to a reception and celebration honoring this year's award recipients at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 13, 2010, in Building One, Room 152 of the Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia. The Council meets at the courthouse on the second Monday evening of each month and welcomes new people. Info: diversitycouncil@msn.com or Council Chair Carolyn Lynch (360) 754-6697 or (360) 701-0600

Good news for saving Olympia's Isthmus: On November 1 the Olympia Planning Commission voted 9 to 2 to urge the City Council to permanently restrict buildings heights to 35 feet. This limit was in effect before December 2008, when the former City Council raised the limit to 90 feet. The new City Council restored the 35-foot limit temporarily in January 2010, and the most recent action of the Planning Commission asks the City Council to make the 35-foot limit permanent. The Olympia Capitol Park Foun-

ation, a non-profit group that wants to convert the Isthmus to an extension of Heritage Park, was delighted by the Planning Commission's action and urges the Council to follow their recommendation. For information contact Jerry Reilly, Chair of the Olympia Capitol Park Foundation, at (360) 561 4212 or www.olycapitolparkfoundation.org

Pass a Constitutional amendment to overturn the “corporate personhood” doctrine underlying the *Citizens United* ruling and to begin to restore our democracy: An overwhelming majority of Americans (about ¾ of the people) oppose the January 2010 US Supreme Court decision that gave First Amendment free speech rights to giant corporations to spend as much money as they want to support or oppose electoral candidates. Many individuals and national organizations – and some US senators and representatives – are working for a Constitutional amendment to overturn that reckless decision and its notion of “corporate personhood” and restore the common-sense principle that human rights are for human beings, not for corporations. More information is available from www.movetoamend.org, www.freespeechforpeople.org, www.thealliancefordemocracy.org, and www.poclad.org. Locally, contact aleta@adebee.com or dcnaz@juno.com

Comprehensively reform our dysfunctional criminal justice system: In many ways our nation's criminal justice system is cruel, ineffective, and counter-productive. The U.S. imprisons more people than any other nation in the world, and our criminal justice system is bankrupting state and local governments. Federal legislation (H.R. 5143 and S. 714) would create a bi-partisan national Criminal Justice Commission to study and recommend improvements to all aspects of the criminal justice system. The U.S. House has passed the National Criminal Justice Commission Act, and people are urging the Senate to act before Congress's lame duck session ends in December. For information contact any of the many organizations working on this, including The Sentencing Project

(www.sentencingproject.org) and the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (www.tortureisamoralissue.org).

National Conference for Media Reform: April 8-10, 2011, in Boston: People everywhere have had enough of media that are corrupt, that fail to inform, and that stifle free speech. But here's the thing: If we change the media, we can change the world. Learn and organize to promote better journalism, independent and community media, an open internet, and real democracy. Meet activists from around the country. Info: www.ncmr11.eventbrite.com

“Not Your Fodder! Organizing Against the Militarization of Youth” – 2011 Calendar from War Resisters League:

Every year this venerable pacifist organization (founded in 1923) produces a calendar (spiral-bound 5 ½ x 8 ½ inch) calendar focusing on some aspect of peace, justice or nonviolence, featuring powerful graphics and information and a practical one-week-per-page format. It is suitable to carry with you or keep by your desk. The cost is \$14.95 each or four for \$55 plus \$3.50 per calendar for shipping and handling.) Produced by War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette Street, New York NY 10012. Order from WRL, c/o We-Fulfill, 218 Round Rock Circle, Grand Junction CO 81503. WRL offers this and other materials (t-shirts, pins, literature, etc.) on-line from www.warresisters.org.

How to counter the military recruiters: The War Resisters League has published a new resource for counter-recruitment. See www.warresisters.org/dmz

Interfaith Peace-Builders invites students and young adults to travel on delegations to Israel and Palestine:

Interfaith Peace-Builders, which was created by the national Fellowship of Reconciliation and recently became an independent organization, is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to help persons aged 18-30 to participate in summer delegations. Smaller financial aid packages (\$250-\$500) also are available. Apply by January 21, 2011, for delegations from May 21 to June 3 or July 16-29. Info: www.ifpb.org

Amnesty International USA's High School Essay Competition:

9th-12th graders are invited to submit 500-750 word typed essays on the topic, “How has the promotion or defense of human rights changed our world?” Two winners will each receive a \$1,500 cash award and travel accommodations (along with one adult chaperone) to the AI-USA Annual General Meeting in San Francisco. Second-place (\$500) and third-place (\$250) awards will be given too. Send essays by the December 15 deadline to: Change Our World Essay Contest, c/o AIUSA National Youth Program, 5 Penn Plaza 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001. Winners will be notified by February 1, 2011. Info and

application form: www.amnestyusa.org/pdf/HighSchoolEssayForm2010_ChangeOurWorld.pdf

Some military people and veterans refuse to fight immoral wars. Support “selective conscientious objectors.”

The burden of this brutal, futile war falls heavily on military members and their families. Many of them think that this war is immoral, and that makes fighting in it a weight they'll have to carry their whole lives. This new video features the voices of some of them: www.youtube.com/watch?v=VK0wSpD81wI The organization “Rethink Afghanistan,” which made a powerful video with that title, is collaborating with the Truth Commission on Conscience in War to help lift some of this burden. They are pushing to expand the rights of veterans who refuse to serve in specific wars on moral grounds. The longstanding legal definition of Conscientious Objection requires deep moral objection to all war, but excludes persons who conscientiously object to certain specific wars. For more information about efforts to broaden the CO definition, contact the Truth Commission on Conscience in War at www.conscienceinwar.org You can also read the report titled *Truth Commission on Conscience in War* at that website.

Bold statement and petition call for peace with Iran:

The Campaign for Peace and Democracy invites people to sign a new statement titled “End the War Threats and Sanctions Program Against Iran. Support the Struggle for Democracy Inside Iran.” More than 130 prominent persons signed it, and now it is available for the rest of us to sign. The statement strongly opposes the US government's belligerence toward Iran, and affirms Iranian people's efforts to gain their democratic rights. Get information and sign it at www.cpdweb.org/stmts/1015/stmt.shtml The statement says, in part:

We, the undersigned, oppose the U.S.-led campaign to impose harsher sanctions on Iran, and the ongoing threat of war against that country. Despite Washington's claims, its policy is clearly not animated by a genuine concern for protecting the world from the threat of nuclear war; otherwise how could Washington support such nuclear-armed states as India, Israel, and Pakistan, or maintain its own huge nuclear arsenal? Nor is U.S. policy driven by the goal of defending democracy. If it were, how could the United States support brutally authoritarian regimes such as those in Saudi Arabia and Egypt? ...

We don't want Iran, or any other country, including our own, to have nuclear weapons. But even the U.S. government admits that Iran does not now possess nuclear weapons and has no imminent prospect of acquiring them. Moreover, Iran has no less right than any other nation to develop civilian nuclear power. Many of us oppose the use of nuclear

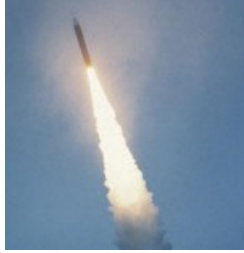
energy by any country, both for environmental reasons and because of its link to nuclear weapons -- but that is not the issue in the present U.S.-Iran confrontation. The United States, a major producer of nuclear energy and by far the leading nuclear weapons nation, which continually upgrades its own conventional and nuclear arsenal and tolerates the possession of nuclear weapons by other reckless and aggressive powers, has no moral legitimacy when it tries to punish Iran for its nuclear activities....

Tell President Obama It's Time to De-Alert All Nuclear Weapons:

The United States and Russia maintain about 1,000 nuclear weapons each on hair-trigger alert, ready to fire within moments of an order.

This Cold War posture is outdated and extremely dangerous!

This "hair-trigger alert" policy vastly increases the risk that an accident or miscalculation will launch nuclear weapons. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation urges people to send President Obama a letter or e-mail urging him to work with Russian President Medvedev to de-alert US and Russian nuclear arsenals and declare a policy of No First Use. Please conveniently send an e-mail or get basic information for a paper letter through http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/6357/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=4476



Online voting systems are easily hacked: Thirty-three states (including Washington State) are experimenting with various forms of online voting for overseas and military voters: allowing voted ballots to be faxed, e-mailed, or, in two states, submitted through a web portal. The District of Columbia's Board of Elections and Ethics allowed a public test of their experimental Internet voting system. Researchers from the University of Michigan carried out a dramatically effective hack. They were easily able to change voted ballots at will, control the server, and find top secret documents. The Verified Voting Foundation, which opposes such "black box" voting, identified additional flaws that could disenfranchise people and lose their ballots. Verified Voting and other pro-democracy groups urge Washington's Secretary of State Sam Reed to cancel his planned e-mail/fax balloting program.

Info: www.verifiedvoting.org

The Word and World Mentor Program puts motivated, passionate 22-30-year-olds with a thirst for justice and a hunger for formation in conversation with some of the most influential and committed radical theologians and activist-scholars.

This year-long course of study and reflection is one answer to what lay theologian William Stringfellow might have called a vocational question – namely, in the face of globalization, polit-

ical division, environmental degradation, and a culture of violence, *what is theological education for?* While many theology programs offer credentials for careers in the academy or institutional church, few options equip everyday disciples for the ongoing work of living an alternative vision of community, downward mobility, reconciliation, and social transformation. The Word and World Mentor Program addresses the need for people engaged in movements for social transformation to be sustained by Scripture studies, critical reflection, and the history of struggles for change. Apply online at www.wordandworld.org before the February 15, 2011, deadline.

June 2011 Canadian School of Peacebuilding offers excellent courses taught by outstanding peace activists:

The Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, will host this amazingly good series of courses. You may choose from 10 different five-day courses for professional development or academic credit. Get information from www.cmu.ca/csop or e-mail them at csop@cmu.ca.

International FOR's Women Peacemakers Program encourages men to be allies:

The WPP believes that training male peace activists in gender-sensitive active nonviolence is important to increase the involvement of men both in gender-sensitive peacebuilding and as allies with women in the fight against gender-based violence and gender inequality. Gender-sensitive male trainers can act as powerful role models for gender equality and are in a good position to reach out to other men. As a response to women's voices in the field, the WPP initiated a pilot Training of Trainers (ToT) cycle, entitled "Overcoming Violence – Exploring Masculinities, Violence and Peacebuilding" for 19 male peace activists from 17 different countries, taking place in 2009/2010. A short video on the ToT is available online at www.ifor.org/WPP. For a direct link on the training report of the first training sessions, see www.ifor.org/WPP/Report_ToT2009_web.pdf This information comes from Jose deVries, at the International FOR's Women Peacemakers Program in the Netherlands, j.devries@ifor.org www.ifor.org/WPP phone +31 (0)72 512 3014

Donate used cell phone and ink cartridges: Jose "Chencho" Alas served as liberation theology priest under Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. Now he works on small-scale, bottom-up development projects in El Salvador and MesoAmerica. His organization, Foundation for Sustainability & Peacemaking in MesoAmerica, has been approved from Planet Green to collect cell phones and computer ink cartridges. His organization receives \$40 for used cell phones and \$3 for used ink cartridges. Please send them to Chencho Alas, 1501 Lisa Rae Dr., Round Rock, Texas 78665. !Muchas Gracias!

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 info@olympiafor.org.

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 make them available for local people to watch and discuss. 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," "Outfoxed" (about media bias), several ACLU-produced documentaries, and others. Borrow them from Olympia FOR, 491-9093 info@olympiafor.org

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Support Palestinian Farmers this Holiday Season! The Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace & Justice chooses to support Palestinian farmers, and you can too! You can buy Canaan Fair Trade organic, cold pressed, extra virgin Nabali tree olive oil in Olympia for the holidays. Great gift ideas include pure olive oil, infused olive oil (choose from either garlic or red chilies), olive oil soap, Palestinian couscous, and 2011 *Colors From Palestine* calendars. Visit their office at 203 East 4th Ave, Suite 307, in downtown Olympia or at a local holiday tabling event. Info: (360)754-3998 info@rachelcorriefoundation.org.



Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation 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.

-- Approved by the Olympia FOR Steering Committee on April 9, 2009

"If we could read the secret history of our 'enemies,' we should find in each person's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility."

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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TCTV PROGRAMS USE CABLE CHANNEL 22 IN THURSTON COUNTY.

EVERY WEEK

FOR Every Sunday evening at 10 pm AND every Wednesday morning at 3 am: The Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" documentary videos on TCTV. **DECEMBER:** "Well-Founded Fear." **JANUARY:** "Marijuana: It's Time for a Conversation" and "Real Talk: Engaging Young Men as Allies to End Violence Against Women." Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net See page 5.

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: **DECEMBER:** "Converting to a Peace Economy." **JANUARY:** "A Publicly Owned Bank for Washington State." 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

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, informative programs about peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: parralleluniversity@yahoo.com

FOR Every Thursday from 9 to 10 pm: Olympia FOR's TCTV Program: **DECEMBER:** "Converting to a Peace Economy." **JANUARY:** "A Publicly Owned Bank for Washington State." See page 4 or www.olympiafor.org

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 jazz band that joins us at 5:00 to support our vigil! Sponsor: Olympia FOR. Info: 491-9093 glen@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 program on TCTV. Info: 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. On most Saturdays gather afterward nearby at the Santa Lucia Coffee House. Sponsor: Fire Mountain FOR. Info: June Butler 748-9658 or Larry Kerschner 880-4741 peacepoet@gmail.com

SPECIFIC DATES

FOR Wed Dec 1: Watch the documentary “Well-Founded Fear.” Today is the debut date for the January episode of the Olympia FOR’s “Big Picture” series of documentaries. Watch it at 3:00 am every Wednesday morning and 10:00 pm every Sunday night this month on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

Wed Dec 1: Watch and discuss the classic NW Indian fishing rights documentary “As Long as the Rivers Run” with filmmaker Carol Burns and others: “As Long as the Rivers Run” was filmed during the tumultuous 1960’s and ‘70’s, when Native Americans were fighting for their rights as guaranteed by treaties in the late 1800s. Panelists will include the filmmaker Carol Burns, a founder of TCTV; Charlene Krise of the Squaxin Island Tribe, Director of the Squaxin Research Center and Museum; Robert Satiacum, Jr., a Puyallup tribal member and son of one of the most famous activists of the time of the “fish-ins” and a famous human rights activist in his own right; Georgianna “Porgy” Kautz of the Nisqually Tribe, longtime natural resource manager for the Tribe, Commissioner to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and former Nisqually Chair and Councilmember; and Brian “Raven Redbone” Frisina, an activist for Native peoples and radio host for KAOS Radio’s “Make No Bones About It.” 6:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW, Olympia. Sponsor: South Puget Environmental Education Clearinghouse (SPEECH). SPEECH is a 21-year-old environmental non-profit organization that publishes the *South Sound Green Pages*. The *Green Pages* is distributed locally and is available online at www.oly-wa.us./greenpages. Info: Janine Gates at (360) 528-9158.

Thurs Dec 2: Afternoon rush hour vigil supporting the United Nations’ Anti-slavery and Anti-trafficking Day: Yes, people are still being sold into slavery and trafficked for sexual and other abuse. 4:30 to 6:00 pm at 4th Avenue and Water Street (weather permitting). Sponsors: Zonta of Olympia and Thurston County National Organization for Women (NOW). Info: Linda Malanchuk-Finnan 357-7272 lryh@hotmail.com

FOR Thurs Dec 2: Fire Mountain (Lewis County) FOR meets to work on Western Washington FOR’s campaign to Bring the Billion\$ Home: 5:00 at the Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 NW Prindle Street, [Chehalis](http://www.chehalis.com). Info: June Butler 748-9658 or Larry Kerschner 880-4741 peacepoet@gmail.com

Thurs Dec 2: Danny Kelly’s benefit concert and opening talk by Bill “Bix” Bichsel to support the local Plowshares 5 who nonviolently resisted nuclear weapons:

Father Bill “Bix” Bichsel will talk about his life work as a radical Jesuit priest fighting poverty in the heart of Tacoma, his commitment to peace work through direct action, and the Plowshares trial. Everyone is welcome! Enjoy wonderful songs by Danny Kelly, connect with Bix, and support our heroic Plowshares 5 activists, whose trial starts just five days after the benefit to defend themselves against felony charges stemming from entering and praying on a nuclear base. A donation of ten dollars is requested, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.



7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water, Olympia. Read about the Plowshares 5 and Bix in the November issue of *Works in Progress* at www.olywip.org/site/parts/2010-11.pdf or on newsprint. For more information and updates see <http://disarmnowplowshares.wordpress.com/>

FOR Thurs Dec 2: “Converting to a Peace Economy” Olympia FOR’s October 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. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org www.olympiafor.org

Fri Dec 3: “Facing Fate, Finding a Destiny” -- Author and mythologist Michael Meade offers his vital blend of storytelling, poetry and discussion: Meade shows how the limitations of family and fate form the inner threads from which our individual destiny must emerge. Weaving stories within stories, lacing pertinent psychology within cultural analysis, and mixing autobiography with myth, Meade opens the territory of fate and destiny to new interpretations and deeper meanings. This event celebrates the release of the new book, *Fate and Destiny: The Two Agreements of the Soul*. Drawing on folktales and myths from many cultures and spiritual ideas from the East and the West, he leads us to an undeniable truth: that the only story we came here to live is our own. 7:00 pm at The United Churches, 110 11th Ave SE (& Washington St), Olympia. Tickets: \$12

Sat Dec 4: Dignity Dialogues for the Community – a participatory forum for a true immigration reform that respects the dignity of our community: 2:00 pm at the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation (OUUC), 2300 East End St. NW (north on Division, west on 20th, right on East End Street). Sponsors: Bridges Not Walls,

OUUC, Inmigrantes Unidos de Shelton, and other good groups. Please come be part of this critical conversation and enjoy a bowl of delicious hot pozole too. Info: (509) 833-6013.

FOR Sun Dec 5: Italian dinner “secret café” to benefit Olympia FOR: Enjoy Italian food served in an Italian style! Enjoy home-cooked food served in sequential courses, as the Italians do: first pasta, then meat, then salad, then dessert. Wine available. Suggested donation \$20-\$25. Up to 6 guests. Space is limited, so you must RSVP to Alice Zillah 357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com

Sun Dec 5: The International Trauma Treatment Program (ITTP) holds its annual Winter Graduation Ceremony and Auction Fundraiser: ITTP is a community-supported non-profit organization in Olympia that enhances practitioners’ ability to treat complex trauma resulting from torture, war, and natural disasters. ITTP seeks to restore survivors’ physical and psychological health through treatment and education. Congratulate our 2010 practitioner, Sinthuja Perinparaja, and enjoy food, beverages, a silent auction, live auction and a dessert auction. 5:00-8:00 pm at the Phoenix Inn, 415 Capitol Way North. RSVP and buy \$40 tickets through Juliet (360) 493-1592 or Hukee (ittpolympia@gmail.com) To donate an item for the auction, please contact Hukee or call (360) 352-2974.

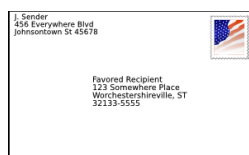
Mon Dec 6: “Communicating to Connect” – Nonviolent Communication introductory session: Learn Marshall Rosenberg’s radical process to help heal relationships, resolve conflicts, promote social change, and increase personal happiness. Liv Monroe offers excellent insights and skills, 6:45-9:00 pm, Lincoln Elementary School cafeteria, around the corner on Washington Street from 213 21st Ave SE, Olympia. Free, but donations help support these trainings. Info: 357-4503 livmonroe@gmail.com

FOR Mon Dec 6: Vegetarian dinner “secret café” to benefit Olympia FOR: Enjoy a home-style vegetarian dinner inspired by Moosewood Cookbook and featuring other creative choices! This is sure to nourish you on a cold winter night. Several talented and passionate cooks will delight you with their creations. Suggested donation \$8-\$20. Abundant seating, but please RSVP to Alice Zillah (357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com) so our cooks will know how much food to prepare. 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW, Olympia.

Mon Dec 6: Disarm Now Plowshares activists who nonviolently resisted nuclear weapons speak in Tacoma Mon Dec 6, Tues Dec 7, Wed Dec 8, and Thurs Dec 9. Enjoy dinner at 5:30 and speakers at 7:00 pm. Some evenings include special guests (e.g., Col. Ann Wright on the 7th). St. Leo’s Catholic Church, 710 South 13th Street, Tacoma.

FOR Tues Dec 7: Olympia FOR’s book discussion group about moving from war to peace: 7:00 pm at the home of Chuck Schultz and Rozanne Rants, 1621 Tullis NE (a little north of San Francisco Street Bakery). Info about books and discussions for tonight and in future months: Chuck at 705-8520 chuckschultz3@msn.com

Tues Dec 7: Disarm Now Plowshares activists speak in Tacoma (See Mon Dec 6 item)



FOR Wed Dec 8: Write-a-thon for human rights and abolishing the death penalty: The Olympia FOR’s Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty is collaborating with the

Amnesty International group at The Evergreen State College (TESC) to observe Human Rights Day (Dec. 10) with a gathering to write letters on behalf of human rights, Amnesty International’s Prisoners of Conscience, and people victimized by the death penalty. People will gather to write letters on Wed. Dec. 8 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm in TESC’s College Activities Building (CAB). An additional date, time and place are being considered. Info: Hannah Etengoff hanners@gmail.com

FOR Wed Dec 8: Olympia FOR’s Steering Committee meets at 7:00 pm at Berd Whitlock’s home in NE Olympia for overall planning and decision-making. All Olympia FOR members are welcome. Info: Co-Chairs Berd Whitlock 259-4291 robertfwwhitlock@gmail.com or Alice Zillah 357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com

Wed Dec 8: Disarm Now Plowshares activists speak in Tacoma (See Mon Dec 6 item)

Thurs Dec 9: Downtown Olympia Focus Meeting -- Imagine Olympia! What are your visions for downtown Olympia? Share them with the Olympia Planning Commission and others from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St NW. You can also participate online. Info: www.ImagineOlympia.com

Thurs Dec 9: Disarm Now Plowshares activists speak in Tacoma (See Mon Dec 6 item)

Fri Dec 10: “Stories of Healing” -- Heartsparkle Players invite people to join them on stage for improvisational “playback theater.” This month’s collaborating group is the Olympia Free Herbal Clinic, a drop-in clinic for people to receive personal health consultations with herbal practitioners. 7:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water, Olympia. Info: www.heartsparkle.org

Sat Dec 11: Watch the film “Female Faces of War: The Untold Story” at the War Experience Project, an art gallery space for veterans. 906 Broadway, Tacoma, at 3:00 pm. Executive producer Moni T. Law and veteran advo-

cate Susan Avila-Smith will be present for post-screening discussion. Also, an art workshop for female veterans will occur from 11 am to 3 pm before the film screening.

Sat Dec 11: Thurston County National Organization for Women (NOW) invites you to their Holiday Party at 7:00 pm at 2427 Cain Road, Olympia. Info and directions: 943-1881

Sun Dec 12: Bridges Not Walls works on immigration issues in humane ways: Bridges Not Walls is a coalition of community members from the South Sound region of Washington State who have united to address issues of immigration in our community. Immigrants, regardless of legal status, deserve to be treated with dignity. We seek to make our communities a place where the contributions of immigrants are valued and respected. We oppose the fear and intimidation created by immigration enforcement in our region. Therefore, we work in solidarity with the immigrant communities in our area to promote human rights, economic rights and civil rights for all people. Meet at 4:00 pm in the MIXX 96 meeting room, SW corner of State and Washington, downtown Olympia. Info: 943-8642

Sun Dec 12: TCTV's Annual membership meeting and spaghetti dinner: Meet TCTV's staff and volunteers, catch up on 2010's many activities, meet candidates for 2011's Board of Directors, plan for 2011, and more. 5:00 pm dinner, 5:45 membership meeting. Lacey Senior Center (next to Lacey Community Center), 6757 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey. Info: 956-3100 www.tctv.net

FOR Sun Dec 12: Salmon and Northwest-themed "eat local" "secret café" to benefit Olympia FOR: Dine on salmon and celebrate the Northwest! Enjoy salmon fillet and locally grown foods, including green beans with red peppers and toasted nuts, mixed green salad with pears, raspberry vinaigrette, chevre cheese, Chuck's bread & rolls, baked squash with walnuts and coconut, desserts, coffee and tea, and more! Suggested donation \$20-\$25. 3:00 pm at the home of Chuck Schultz and Rozanne Rants. Space is limited, so you must RSVP to Alice Zillah 357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com

Mon Dec 13: Reception to celebrate the Thurston Diversity Council' 2010 Human Rights Awards: The Thurston Diversity Council – whose mission is to educate the public about the value of cultural and ethnic diversity and their contributions to the enhancement of our quality of life – will present Lifetime Achievement Awards to Dr. Ann Vandeman, founder and Executive Director of Left Foot Organics, and to the Church of Living Water. The Council will give a Unique Achievement Award to Craig and Cindy Corrie, founders of the Rachel Corrie Foundation. In the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Human Rights Award celebrates outstanding ef-

forts to advance human rights in Thurston County. The Thurston Diversity Council invites people to a reception and celebration honoring this year's award recipients at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 13, 2010, in Building One, Room 152 of the Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lake-ridge Drive SW, Olympia. The Council meets at the courthouse on the second Monday evening of each month and welcomes new people. Info: diversitycouncil@msn.com or Council Chair Carolyn Lynch (360) 754-6697 or (360) 701-0600

Tues Dec 14: National Organization for Women (NOW) meets at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW. Info: Linda Malanchuk 357-7272

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Wed Dec 15: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month (but not the 4th Wed of Dec) to work on a variety of global and local issues. Olympia Center, 222 Columbia NW. Info: Larry 866-2404 Imosqueda@comcast.net

Sun Dec 15: Bill of Rights Day Celebration: 6:00 pm at the Harmon Tap Room, 204 St. Helens Ave., downtown Tacoma. Then a torch-lit parade to King's Books, 218 St. Helens Ave. will follow for a special movie screening and reading of the Bill of Rights. The event is free. Everyone is welcome. Sponsors: Tacoma's Bill of Rights Defense Committee and Tacoma's ACLU chapter. Info: People for Peace, Justice and Healing, c/o Mark Jensen jensenmk@plu.edu



FOR Sat Dec 18: Olympia FOR's 35th Annual Holiday Peace Vigil: 12 noon to 1 pm along both sides of W 4th Ave at Percival Landing and near Heritage

fountain with social time and refreshments afterward at a nearby location. Info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

FOR Sat-Sun Dec 18-19: Come to Olympia's Heritage Park for our Global Days of Listening to Afghanistan: Enjoy connecting with the Afghan Peace Volunteers through a Saturday 6:30 pm phone call to them in Afgha-

nistan's Bamiyan Province, and enjoy other phone calls around the world from 6:30 Saturday evening until Sunday morning the 19th. Enjoy the "Singing Bowls" on Sunday afternoon. More phone calls Sunday 6:30 pm, when the event ends. See page 2. Info: Doug Mackey (360) 485-3764 douglaswmackey@gmail.com Look for updates at the Olympia FOR's website, www.olympiafor.org

FOR Mon Dec 20: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR meets to educate ourselves and work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7 pm in Tumwater. Info: Emily Hammargren 352-0695 deathpenalty@olympiafor.org

Thurs Dec 28: Morning rush hour peace vigil for the Holy Innocents to remember child victims of war:

The children victims of our weapons and policies are dismissed as "collateral damage." We will challenge this dismissal and continued support of our war policies and our allies' war policies (that we fund) that create more child victims. 7:00-8:00 am on the south side of W. 4th Ave near Heritage Fountain. Info: Bob Zeigler 570-0848 zeiglerbob@msn.com



"When Herod found out that he had been tricked by the wise men, he became furious. He gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its neighborhood who were two years old or under. This was done in line with what he had learned from the wise men about the time when the star appeared. "In this way, what the prophet Jeremiah had said

could be fully understood: "A cry is heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation: Rachel is crying for her children. She refuses to be comforted, for they are no more." (Matthew 2: 16-18) *(Thanks to Lee Miller for the powerful graphic.)*

FOR Sun Jan 2: Watch the documentaries "Marijuana: It's Time for a Conversation" and "Real Talk: Engaging Young Men as Allies to End Violence Against Women." Today is the debut date for the January episode of the Olympia FOR's "Big Picture" series of documentaries. Watch it at 10:00 pm every Sunday night and 3:00 pm every Wednesday morning on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. See page 5. Info: Carol 866-7645 carolburns98@comcast.net

FOR Mon Jan 3: "A Publicly Owned Bank for Washington State." -- Olympia FOR's January 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. (See page 4) Info: Glen 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org www.olympiafor.org

FOR Tues Jan 4: Olympia FOR's book discussion group about moving from war to peace: 7:00 pm at Chuck Schultz's home, 1621 Tullis NE (a little north of San Francisco Street Bakery). Info about books and discussions for tonight and in future months: Chuck at 705-8520 chuck-schultz3@msn.com

Tues Jan 4: Bernie Meyer reports on his latest trip to India as "The American Gandhi" -- Bernie's knowledge and passion for Gandhian principles keep getting him invited back to India to share the Mahatma's message -- including relevant applications for our modern world -- with the people of India. He recently returned from his tenth trip there since 2005. He participated in the International Youth Peace Festival, activist roundtables and NGO conversations, media interviews and much more. What is the reality of India? What is happening between India and the U.S.? Bernie will share powerful experiences and insights, 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water, Olympia. Info: 570-0975 berniemeyer2001@yahoo.com

Sat Jan 8: Holly Graham's Instant Plays for Kids: Instant Plays feature kids from the audience in their own character creations, acting stories of peace, communication, non-violence and humor! Suitable for the whole family, and kids aged 5-95. 1:00-2:00 pm at Olympia Timberland Library, 8th & Franklin. Free! Also enjoy "*The Bellybutton Club*" CD and coloring book by Holly Gwinn Graham -- classic, timeless kids' songs of hope, peace and humor with folk art pictures by Tin Can Tillie. \$20 from www.hollygwinngraham.com

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FOR Tues Jan 11: Death Penalty Study Group begins 6-week series: See page 6. Info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org www.olympiafor.org

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Wed January 12: Watch the video “Food, Inc.,” which lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing the highly mechanized underbelly that has been largely hidden from the American consumer. We are a nation riddled with widespread obesity, particularly among children, and an epidemic level of diabetes among adults. Discussion will follow. 7:00-9:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water, Olympia. This is part of the *Earth Care Series 2010-2011* entitled: *Ethical Eating: Healthy Planet, Healthy Food, Healthy People*, co-sponsored by Earth Care Catholics and the Interfaith Works Earth Stewardship Committee. Free, but donations accepted. Info: Mimi Maloney 459-5825 myfamilyhome@comcast.net

Fri Jan 14: Heartsparkle Players Anniversary Celebration: “Stories of Longevity” -- Enjoy these excellent local improvisational performers and their “playback theater.” 7:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water. Suggested donation \$5 -\$10, but no one turned away for lack of money. Info: www.heartsparkle.org

Sat Jan 15: Nonviolent activities at Trident nuclear submarine base in honor of Martin Luther King: Every year on the MLK weekend people are invited to the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Kitsap County to organize and witness against nuclear weapons. This year's events will be publicized at www.gzcenter.org

FOR Sat Jan 15: Olympia FOR Fundraising Committee meets at 10:00 am at Glen Anderson's home to plan ways to raise the money to pay for our ambitious activities. Info: Alice Zillah 357-7705 alicezillah@yahoo.com or Glen 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

Sat Jan 15: Holly Graham's concert “Songs from the Heart of Peace and Justice” -- 8:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5th & Water SW, Olympia. \$12 sliding scale. Tickets at (360) 705-2819. Also enjoy *“The Bellybutton Club”* CD and coloring book by Holly Gwinn Graham -- classic, timeless kids' songs of hope, peace and humor with folk art pictures by Tin Can Tillie. \$20 from www.hollygwinngraham.com

Sat-Sun-Mon Jan 15-16-17: Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend activities: Celebrate the occasion meaningfully. Various activities are planned for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, including the annual Statewide Poverty Action events related to the State Legislature and the Thurston Diversity Council's annual celebration at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts. Info: Ruth Elder 259-1124 diversitycouncil@msn.com

Sun Jan 16: Silent peace walk around Capitol Lake: Start at 12 noon at Marathon Park on Capitol Lake's west side, walk slowly and silently around the park and end at



Marathon Park at 1:00 pm. Please do not bring signs or talk. This silent meditative walk is done in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. The 2010 walk included nearly 180 participants. Join us in 2011! Sponsor: South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship 357-2825

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FOR Wed Jan 19: Deadline for Olympia FOR's February-March newsletter: Send news, announcements and calendar items by this date or very soon after. 360-491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org

Sat Jan 22: Garage sale to benefit Thurston – Santo Tomas Sister County Association: 9 am to 3 pm at Lincoln Elementary School, 213 21st Ave SE, Olympia. Info: Susan Kavanaugh 943-5432 susan@kavanaugh.com

Sun Jan 23: Bridges Not Walls works on immigration issues in humane ways: See the description in the Sun Dec 12 listing. Meet at 4:00 pm at the Mason County Literacy office in Shelton. The carpool from Olympia will leave from the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural (State and Capitol) at 3:15 pm. Info: 943-8642

FOR Mon Jan 24: Death penalty abolition committee of Olympia FOR meets to educate ourselves and work on further activities to abolish that atrocity. 7 pm in Tumwater. Info: Emily Hammargren 352-0695 deathpenalty@olympiafor.org

Mon-Fri Jan 24-28: 40-Hour training in mediating disputes: Learn powerful skills for helping people to solve conflicts in a healthy way -- skills you can use at home, work or as a volunteer for the Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County (DRC). The DRC offers its 40-hour Mediation Training from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day this week. The training fee is \$625, but less for teens and groups. Pre-registration is required. Info: Margie Schubert at the DRC, 956-1155 mschubert@mediatethurston.org and www.mediatethurston.org (The next 40-hour training will occur in mid-March.)

Wed Jan 26: Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP) (See Wed Jan 12)

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Please participate in this newsletter's many activities –
and try to meet some people you don't already know.

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