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## → Olympia FOR Wants Your Feedback and Your Help: Please Reply to the Surveys We'll Send You Online and/or by Postal Mail.

Since 1976 the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation has worked actively for peace, nonviolence and social justice. Throughout our 41-year history we have always been an all-volunteer organization. However, our founder and most active volunteer asserts – and our Steering Committee agrees – that he has been carrying too much of the responsibility and workload.

In order to become a more effective grassroots organization, the Olympia FOR must significantly reorganize responsibilities and workload. Therefore, we are planning how to transition to more broad-based participation.

We want **your feedback** about the Olympia FOR's activities and **your suggestions** for the future. We are sending you a survey (online and/or by postal mail) to complete by June 30. (If possible, use the online version, because the data will be easier for us to compile and analyze.) This summer we'll send you a follow-up survey **inviting your further suggestions** for Olympia FOR's future and **inviting you to volunteer in various ways**.

With your help, the Olympia FOR can become a stronger grassroots organization that will activate more of our members and attract new people to expand our high quality work into the future. **Thank you!**

### **BAD NEWS: NUCLEAR WEAPON DANGERS ESCALATE!**

### **GOOD NEWS: OTHER NATIONS TAKE POSITIVE ACTION!**

Orwellian America has been in the making for many years. For decades the U.S. Air Force – which has dropped bombs on many nations and is always ready to drop nuclear bombs – has used “Peace Is Our Profession” as their official slogan.

Trump has said, “The U.S. must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes.” He also said, “Let it be an arms race. We will outmatch them at every pass and outlast them all.”

Our government persists with Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) and embraces Orwell's dystopian “War is peace” mantra.

→ The nuclear weapons crisis is getting much worse. This newsletter devotes pages 2-5 to bad news – and some good news from non-nuclear nations.

→ Watch Olympia FOR's June TV program through [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org) or on TCTV cable channel 22 for our interview with powerful new information about nuclear weapons. See page 10.

→ Olympia FOR's new nuclear weapons committee will meet Wednesday June 7 at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW. See pages 2-5.

### **TRUMP IS A SYMPTOM OF DEEPER PROBLEMS.**

### **WE MUST RADICALLY CHANGE ENTIRE SYSTEMS.**

Since June 16, 2015, when Trump announced his presidential campaign, everything has always been about him. He used one extreme, inflammatory step after another to capture headlines and be the top news story nearly every day. Even now when many more millions have discovered that he is a psychiatrically disabled flimflam con artist, he still is the lead news item nearly every day. People express shock and horror at his behavior, and people are organizing to remove him from power.

But – despite his own personal dysfunctions – **Trump is really a symptom of deeper problems.** A healthy democracy with a healthy opposition party and healthy news media and a healthy economy that served everyone would never have allowed this tragic farce to occur.

The problem is not just Trump himself, but “Trumpism” – the political, economic, and social powers that he represents and promotes. We must see the big picture(s). We must identify some strategically pivotal systems to organize against, and devise goals and strategies to undermine or topple those specific problems.

→ See pages 6-9 for smart insights and positive ways to organize to solve the real problems.

## **NUCLEAR WEAPONS: CONFRONT THE NEW NUCLEAR ARMS RACE!**

1. **Join** Olympia FOR's NEW COMMITTEE ORGANIZING vs. NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
2. **Watch** Olympia FOR's INTERVIEW ON OUR WEBSITE AND ON TCTV.
3. **Stop** ENORMOUS BUDGET INCREASE FOR ALL NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
4. **Support** Bold INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
5. **Read** ABOUT MORE NEWS, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

by Glen Anderson

### **1. Join Olympia FOR's NEW COMMITTEE ORGANIZING vs. NUCLEAR WEAPONS.**

The Olympia FOR joined a new statewide coalition, the **Washington Coalition to Stop the New Nuclear Arms Race**. The Olympia FOR also created our own local committee to organize here.

Olympia FOR's nuclear weapons committee had our first meeting on May 4. **We'll hold our second meeting on Wednesday June 7 at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water**, in downtown Olympia.

We had already published information about nuclear weapons in previous newsletters, and we had already posted information onto the "Nuclear Weapons" part of Olympia FOR's website, [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)

Please join the Olympia FOR's nuclear weapons committee. Contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 [nuclearweapons@olympiafor.org](mailto:nuclearweapons@olympiafor.org)

The **Washington Coalition to Stop the New Nuclear Arms Race** was created in late 2016 by Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, [www.wpsr.org](http://www.wpsr.org). WPSR did this because WPSR recognized the need to mobilize broad public opposition to the new nuclear arms race. Please contact the coalition through [lilly@wpsr.org](mailto:lilly@wpsr.org) or [www.wpsr.org](http://www.wpsr.org) or (206) 547-2630.

WPSR provided both of the guests for the Olympia FOR's June 2017 TV program about nuclear weapons. See article below and on page 10 of Olympia FOR's June-July 2017 newsletter.

### **2. Olympia FOR's JUNE 2017 INTERVIEW FOCUSES ON "CONFRONTING THE NEW NUCLEAR ARMS RACE." WATCH IT THROUGH [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org) OR ON TCTV CABLE CHANNEL 22.**

See the "TV Programs" part of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org) to watch this and/or read a document (in Word or .pdf format) that thoroughly summarizes what we said. The end of that summary document lists some excellent sources of information. Also see the "TV Programs" article on page 10 of this newsletter for information about watching it on TCTV or through our website.

Our two guests were provided by Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility (WPSR). (See above.) The first four numbered articles you're reading now highlight a very few of our main points, along with additional information. For more information watch the program on TCTV and/or through our website, and read the website's thorough summary.

**Lilly Adams** is WPSR's Security Program Organizer. **Bruce Amundson, MD**, is President of WPSR's Board of Directors. We explain the problems and the new organizing that's underway

worldwide (see below) – and here in Washington State, and right here in Olympia (see above) – to stop the new nuclear arms race and to abolish nuclear weapons altogether.

We discuss the U.S.'s longstanding "first-strike" policy, the fatal flaws in "deterrence" theory, many accidents and near-misses, and other extreme dangers. The rest of the world is increasingly outraged that the nuclear nations have persisted with our global threats. But Congress and news media have been negligent.

Since 1945 – for 72 years – the president has had the sole discretion – the absolute unilateral power – to decide when to launch nuclear weapons. This has been a serious problem for 72 years. But now the crisis is extreme, because the one person with this absolute power and his finger on the button is Trump, who seems to be seriously mentally ill with reckless egotism and almost no impulse control!

Congress could fix this longstanding problem by passing the “Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act.” This would take the president’s finger off the button to prevent a First Strike unless Congress explicitly authorizes it. The bill has 32 co-sponsors in the House (including 1 Republican) and 7 in the Senate. Rep. Ted Lieu is the prime sponsor of this bill in the House (H.R. 669), and Sen. Ted Markey is the prime sponsor of the Senate bill (S. 200). By early May 2017, nearly 500,000 Americans had signed a petition supporting this legislation. See this updated info from early May 2017: [www.tinyurl.com/kovtvz6](http://www.tinyurl.com/kovtvz6)

Our TV guests mentioned some other good congressional legislation to reduce nuclear weapons.

In 1969 the world’s nations took action to stop the spread of nuclear weapons to additional nations. They passed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which went into effect in 1970. The NPT is a grand bargain between the nations **without** nuclear weapons (which agreed **not** to acquire nuclear weapons) and the nations that **did** have nuclear weapons (which agreed to start planning to **get rid of** theirs). This grand bargain went into effect in 1970. Read the NPT’s text at [www.ccnr.org/npt\\_treaty.html](http://www.ccnr.org/npt_treaty.html)

However, the nations with nuclear weapons have utterly failed to uphold their end of the bargain. We’ve been violating the NPT since 1970 and angering the rest of the world!

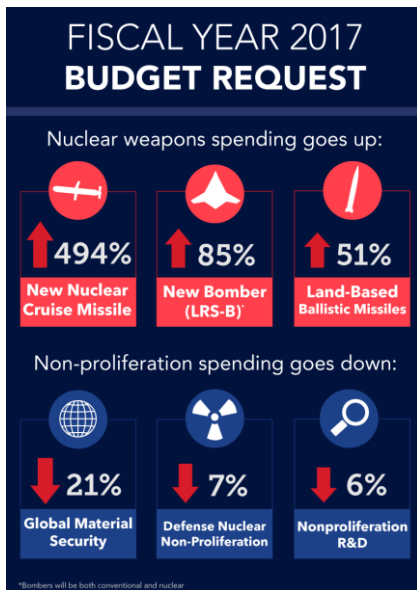
Also, the world is experiencing some geopolitical crises now that are **making nuclear war more likely**:

- Relations between the U.S. and Russia have seriously broken down throughout the entire Obama Administration.
- India and Pakistan have been fighting continuously for many years, and both have nuclear weapons, and both have threatened to actually use their nuclear weapons if they felt sufficiently threatened. The rest of the world has no real control over those nations.
- Now the U.S. has a president who is grossly ignorant and psychologically unstable with poor impulse control.

An amazing number of high quality non-profit organizations have been working for many years to abolish nuclear weapons. See the list at the end of the Word and .pdf documents next to the link for watching our June 2017 program through the “TV Programs” part of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)

The U.S. government and the military-industrial complex are pushing us toward suicide. “We the people” must organize and stop the madness – and prevent this suicide! Please help!

### 3. STOP ENORMOUS BUDGET INCREASE FOR ALL NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS.



Source: [www.armscontrolcenter.org](http://www.armscontrolcenter.org)

in turn – is provoking Russia, China and others to beef up theirs.

Decades after the Cold War ended, the U.S. is recklessly provoking a new nuclear arms race! Congress, Obama and Trump have been planning to **re-build all of the U.S.’s nuclear weapons with horribly expensive new ones.**

Obama and Russia were working for modest reductions through the START II treaty, but in order to get Con-

gress to support this, **Obama committed to replacing all of our nuclear weapons – at a lifetime cost of \$1 TRILLION!**

The FY 2017 budget proposal was bad, but Trump’s budget proposals are much worse.

Congress and mainstream media have failed to discuss this seriously, so the public is almost totally ignorant of this extremely serious threat to our survival. But the rest of the world has been paying attention and they are outraged. (See section 4 below)

The trillion-dollar total rebuild of all U.S. nuclear weapons includes work at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. A very knowledgeable non-profit organization there -- the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA, [www.orepa.org](http://www.orepa.org)) has been documenting and exposing the stupidity, reckless disregard for peace and safety, and the waste of our tax dollars. Reach fascinating, informative reports and news through OREPA’s website and newsletters.

We must demand that Congress **NOT** fund new nuclear weapons! For this purpose, our TV program includes a 1-minute video that uses the classic short video (the “daisy ad”) from the 1964 Johnson/Goldwater campaign. You can watch it through this link: [www.psr.org/chapters/washington/peace-nuclear-weapons](http://www.psr.org/chapters/washington/peace-nuclear-weapons)

Trump’s May 2017 budget proposal would increase the nuclear weapons account by \$1 billion above last year. It would cut \$90 million from the non-proliferation account, impairing our efforts to halt the spread of nuclear weapons and material.

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## 4. Support Bold INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

Non-nuclear nations are organizing for a worldwide ban on nuclear weapons, possibly soon! I have reported on this in previous issues of Olympia FOR newsletters and the “Nuclear Weapons” part of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org).

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) – [www.icanw.org](http://www.icanw.org) – is a coalition of more than 400 organizations based in approximately 80 nations joining together to work for an international treaty to ban nuclear weapons altogether. Their first formal meeting was in late March 2017. They’ll meet again in June. (See June 14 calendar listing on newsletter page 16.)

All of the nations that do have nuclear weapons have refused to participate, with only one exception. **North Korea is the only nuclear nation joining those efforts in seeking to ban all nuclear weapons.** Why don’t mainstream news media or U.S. politicians tell us this?

More than 130 nations are likely to sign on to such a ban, and this super-majority of the world’s nations would put huge pressure on the handful of nuclear nations. This is happening through the UN’s General Assembly, the body of all member nations, and it can happen there because powerful nuclear nations do not have a veto there (only in the Security Council).

See information at <http://thebulletin.org/blog> and this article by Joseph Gerson from the Quaker-based American Friends Service Committee ([www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org)): [www.tinyurl.com/m2kwpph](http://www.tinyurl.com/m2kwpph)

On May 1, 2017, nuclear abolitionists held a worldwide meeting and made progress. The non-profit organization Abolition 2000 held their annual meeting in Vienna and worked toward this international ban. See this information from the United Nations: [www.un.org/disarmament/ptnw](http://www.un.org/disarmament/ptnw) and info at [www.tinyurl.com/mzhucvt](http://www.tinyurl.com/mzhucvt) Another great source of information about this international effort is [www.BaselPeaceOffice.org](http://www.BaselPeaceOffice.org)

## 5. Read ABOUT MORE NEWS, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

### Now we must worry about nuclear weapons again:

For decades Michael Klare has been one of the best informed and most articulate researchers/writers about peace-related matters. Shortly before the 2016 election he wrote an article about why we must start worrying about nuclear weapons again. He was concerned about Hillary Clinton’s hawkishness and Donald Trump’s impulsiveness. He summarized nuclear dangers of the Cold War peak and of the 1980s. He summarized worsening dangers between the U.S. and Russia during the Obama era and the growing dangers on both sides of using “tactical” nuclear weapons to begin a nuclear war. He says this kind of escalation is part of both nations’ “modernization” of their nuclear arsenals, and that China and Pakistan are considering building their own similar weapons too. Read the article at [www.tinyurl.com/mbjpv4f](http://www.tinyurl.com/mbjpv4f)

**Trident nuclear submarines are nearby and horribly destructive:** 25% of all U.S. deployed nuclear weapons are based 60 miles north of Olympia, 20 miles west from downtown Seattle at the Trident nuclear submarine base at Bangor in Kitsap County WA. Eight huge Trident submarines are based there. Each sub carries 24 missiles containing a total of 100 nuclear warheads (assuming 4 warheads per missile). Each warhead has the destructive force of up to 455,000 tons of dynamite. This is about 30 times the power of the 12-15 kiloton Hiroshima bomb that killed 166,000 people and leveled a city larger than Seattle. Source: The Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, [www.gzcenter.org](http://www.gzcenter.org) Read about Trident, Ground Zero’s past and upcoming activities, and GZ’s newsletters through their website.

**Three nonviolent protesters at Trident base were found guilty.** The Olympia FOR’s April-May 2017 newsletter

reported on their action during Mothers’ Day weekend of 2016. On April 12, 2017, a federal court in Tacoma found all three – Larry Kerschner, Bernie Meyer, and Gilberto Perez – guilty. Read peace organizer Leonard Eiger’s summary of their trial at Ground Zero’s website, [www.gzcenter.org/2017/04/15/know-where-you-stand-and-stand-there](http://www.gzcenter.org/2017/04/15/know-where-you-stand-and-stand-there)



**Coming soon to a city near you!**

**Do NOT let politicians get away with saying, “All options are on the table.” That is a THREAT to USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS!** How often do we hear politicians say, “All options are on the table”? This means, “We might nuke you!” The U.S. has always had a “first-strike” policy

and has always refused to rule out escalating a conventional conflict into a nuclear war. Trump is only the most current of a 72-year-long history of presidents willing to launch nuclear weapons against other nations. We must **prohibit** this option instead of letting politicians glibly threaten to destroy the world. Info: [www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/No\\_first\\_use](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/No_first_use)

**Organize with Global Zero to oppose nuclear weapons:** When I listed some good groups at the end of the



summary of what we said during Olympia FOR's June 2017 TV program (posted at [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)), I neglected to list [www.globalzero.org](http://www.globalzero.org) as one of the organizations currently working in practical ways to abolish nuclear weapons. Their resources include some information at [www.globalzero.org/get-the-facts](http://www.globalzero.org/get-the-facts)

**U.S. Representative Denny Heck (D-WA 10) was the ONLY Democrat from Washington State who did NOT vote to reduce funding for a recklessly provocative new cruise missile:**

The military-industrial-congressional complex is pushing ahead with reckless, provocative new weapons and a new nuclear arms race. One of these new weapons is the "Long Range Standoff Weapon," a cruise missile that would recklessly provoke Russia and other nations. This cruise missile would be more precise and could be launched without warning, putting pressure on other nuclear-armed states to keep their arsenals on high alert and increasing the risk of nuclear war. The Pentagon has stated that this weapon would have a role "beyond deterrence." That means it is an aggressive weapon! The missile and its refurbished warhead will reportedly cost between \$20-30 billion over twenty years to build. **Don't we have better uses for this money? Our Rep. Denny Heck thought it was OK to spend this money on this aggressive weapon.** Rep. Mike Quigley introduced an amendment to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, H.Amdt. 1187 to H.R.5293, to reduce funding for the Long Range Standoff Weapon. Denny Heck was the **ONLY** Democrat in WA who did **NOT** vote for Quigley's amendment to reduce funding.

**See information we have been posting on the "Nuclear Weapons" part of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org).** We will post the article you are reading, and we'll continue adding to this part of Olympia FOR's website into the future.

**The U.S.'s weapons in space are part of our nation's aggressive, illegal plan to dominate the world:** The 1967 Outer Space Treaty (which actually has a much longer formal name) prohibits placing weapons of mass destruction in outer space, in orbit around earth, etc. Nevertheless, the U.S. has for many years been militarizing space. For example, see [www.projectcensored.org/8-planned-weapons-in-space-violate-international-treaty](http://www.projectcensored.org/8-planned-weapons-in-space-violate-international-treaty) and much information from the amazingly knowledgeable Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, [www.space4peace.org](http://www.space4peace.org)

**Nuclear weapons information is included in an insightful article about how Americans remember (and forget) our wars:** See [www.tinyurl.com/lom5zjz](http://www.tinyurl.com/lom5zjz)

**Shape the U.S.'s next Nuclear Posture Review away from nuclear war:** Presidents have much control over what the U.S. does about nuclear weapons. Occasionally they conduct a "Nuclear Posture Review" (NPR) to shape their policies. In January 2017 Trump began his NPR. It's expected to be released

by the end of 2017. The previous one was released in 2010 by President Obama. Trump's gross ignorance and recklessness cause many people worldwide to fear what his NPR will promote. Peace supporters want Trump's NPR to reduce nuclear weapons, avoid a new arms race, cut spending, and declare a no-first-use policy. Urge your U.S. Senate and House members to be voices for sanity and disarmament during the Nuclear Posture Review process. Some House members (led by Representatives Barbara Lee, Mike Quigley and Earl Blumenauer) have urged peaceful alternatives to nuclear dangers. Visit [www.tinyurl.com/mg3dfxq](http://www.tinyurl.com/mg3dfxq) to urge your House and Senate members to support peace in the NPR process.



**A new nuclear arms race is underway!** Ground Zero's media & outreach expert Leonard Eiger reports on what the government euphemistically calls a "Life Extension Program" for the W76 thermonuclear warhead deployed on the Trident II D5 submarine-launched ballistic missile. An article in the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists ([www.tinyurl.com/jq9gzxv](http://www.tinyurl.com/jq9gzxv)) explains "how US nuclear force modernization is undermining strategic stability: The burst-height compensating super-fuze." The U.S. "has vastly increased the ability of warheads to detonate closer to their intended targets. Essentially, Trident is now three times deadlier than ever before." Also, the U.S. could have prevented Russia's development of a new kind of nuclear weapon that threatens the U.S., but George W. Bush withdrew the U.S. from the ABM treaty and caused Russia to feel threatened. Bush and Obama have pushed ahead with more nuclear weapons, so Russia is trying to defend itself from U.S. threats. [www.tinyurl.com/kppfwdt](http://www.tinyurl.com/kppfwdt) explains what Russia created in response to U.S. withdrawal from the ABM treaty.

**"Preventing Nuclear War: There's No Cure"** -- Watch the powerfully informative PowerPoint presentation by Dr. David Hall and Mack Johnson at the Pacific Life Community's event on March 6, 2017. Click this link: <https://pacificlifecommunity.files.wordpress.com/2017/03/plc-retreat-3-6-2017.pdf>

# ORGANIZE TO STOP TRUMPISM AND THE UNDERLYING SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS

by Glen Anderson

## Understand what has been happening:

I believe that the United States is experiencing its worst – most existentially dangerous – political crisis since the Civil War.

Since June 16, 2015, when Trump announced his presidential campaign, everything has always been about him. He used one extreme, inflammatory step after another to capture headlines and be the top news story nearly every day. Now many more millions have discovered that he is a psychiatrically disabled flimflam con artist, but he's in the White House with enormous power. People express shock and horror at his behavior, and people are organizing to remove him from power.

But – despite his own personal dysfunctions – **Trump is really a symptom of deeper problems. A healthy democracy with a healthy opposition party and healthy news media would NOT have allowed this tragic farce to occur. Therefore, the problem is not just Trump himself, but the political, economic, and social powers that led to Trumpism and still support it.**

We must see the big picture(s). Then we must identify some strategically pivotal goals and strategies to undermine and remove those specific problems. I wrote some articles about these matters and posted them on the “Nonviolence” part of Olympia FOR’s website, [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org). **Highly recommend:**

- **“How We Got into Our Nation's Political Crisis -- And How to Get Out”** – This 4-page summary lays it out clearly and succinctly. Click either the Word format or the .pdf format.
- **“Our Nation’s Crisis: How We Got into It – And How to Get Out”** – This is a much more thorough version of the 4-page article above. It provides much more substantive information about the causes and solutions. It’s in .pdf format only.

Olympia FOR’s December 2016 TV program (“**Healing from Political Blame, Shame, and Trauma**”) provides useful insights into what people were feeling during the 2016 election season. We developed the interview questions before the election and

found that we did not need to change the questions at all when we actually conducted the interview two days after the election. It provides thoughtful and compassionate ways to help us all understand and cope with the feelings people were experiencing during the campaign season. Visit [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org), click the “TV Programs” link, and scroll down to December 2016. Next to the link for watching the program is a Word document summarizing what our guests said during the interview.

The articles listed in the two bullet points above identify several root causes underlying Trumpism and our nation’s current political crisis. Various writers have examined some of these in depth, including our nation’s history of racism, the abuses of capitalism, the corrupt political parties, and mainstream media’s subservience to political and economic power.

The Deep State, of course, has grown over many decades, regardless of which party is in Congress or the White House. People who blame everything on Trump (or even on Republicans) are missing the big picture.

Removing Trump through impeachment or through the Constitution’s 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment can remove one immediate danger. But let’s not get stuck focusing only on Trump, when he is a symptom – and an end product – of several worsening systemic problems. We see evidence everywhere. For example, during an anti-inaugural rally, Naomi Klein said the Trump regime represents a “corporate coup d’état.” She said, “What is happening under our noses is not a transition; it is a takeover of the federal government by corporatism.” She called for bold action.

We should impeach Trump, but then we’d get Pence. If we impeach Pence we’d get Ryan. The problem is deeper than any of these politicians and deeper than either of the big political parties. In order to solve our nation’s enormous, persistent problems, we must dig down to the roots. We must uproot the abusive, dysfunctional systems and replace them with ethical and sustainable alternatives that are grounded in our best values. Let’s figure out some strategically useful incremental steps to move us ahead.

## People across the political spectrum are angry and afraid. Let’s recognize and manage our emotions and act on our best ones:

A paragraph in the middle of the section above mentions Olympia FOR’s December 2016 TV program, “**Healing from Political Blame, Shame, and Trauma.**” In order to move ahead from our nation’s current crisis, we need to understand our emotions, build upon the ones that will help us move ahead, and deal with the ones that interfere with our moving ahead.

Powerful forces are assaulting us with many horrible things all at once. They are using “Shock and Awe” in order to overwhelm us so we will feel powerless to resist them. (See Naomi Klein’s insightful book *The Shock Doctrine*.) But if we recognize the strategies that the powerful forces are using, we can refuse to be intimidated. Indeed, many people have arisen and are resisting.

In order to prevail we will need **smart goals and strategies**, not frantic reactive activism. (See this article's next three sections.)

Managing our emotions is necessary so we can move ahead and sustain ourselves over the long haul while we radically change the huge, entrenched systems that have been propping up various kinds of oppression and that have led us to Trumpism.

During the 1980s millions of people were scared witless by President Reagan's reckless militarism and especially his cavalier escalation of nuclear weapons and his willingness to use them. Many people asked me whether we were doomed or whether I thought we could survive. I always replied by asking what they

thought. Some people said we were doomed, so I replied that if they thought that, then they were dooming us. But other people said we could organize and stop the nuclear arms race, so I agreed with them that their willingness to work for peace would indeed turn things around. In each case I told the people, **"It's all up for grabs. If we organize smartly and vigorously we can turn things around. But if we give up, it's the giving up that dooms us."** That is precisely our crisis now.

**Instead of being defensive and timid, now is the time to be bold – to demand huge changes now.**

**Ground ourselves in our best values, and work to meet our needs:**



To make progress we must strengthen ourselves by grounding ourselves in our best values, our faith, our truth, our humanity, and our passion for justice and for a livable earth. Compared to the cynical and corrupt status quo, our best values are radical and liberating. Our best values can help us blaze a trail away from the fear, anger, negativity, and other disempowering emotions that have bogged down our nation for many years.

After the Olympia FOR's December 2016 TV program (**"Healing from Political Blame, Shame, and Trauma"**) dealt with feelings people were experiencing during the campaign season, we produced three TV programs to help us move ahead:

- Our January 2017 program (**"Nonviolent Grassroots Remedies for our Current Crisis"**) affirms the power and practicality of grassroots nonviolent organizing to stop oppression and to make positive nonviolent progress.
- Our March 2017 program (**"Protect America's Best Values from Attack"**) helps people do what the title urges.

- Our April 2017 program (**"How to REALLY Make America Great"**) exposes the hypocrisy of Trump's "Make America great" campaign slogan and shows how the new administration is doing the opposite. To really become "great," America would need to reverse Trump's policies and act upon our nation's best values.

To watch these programs, visit [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org), click the "TV Programs" link, scroll down, and click the title of a program you want to watch. Next to the link for watching the program, click the Word and/or .pdf link to read a thorough summary of what our guests said during the interview.

Our best values are absolutely crucial for organizing against Trumpism! People turn out for rally after rally against Trump in a reactive way. **Our nation keeps protesting the symptoms without grappling enough with the underlying causes.** Let's seek the roots – as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King did in his "Beyond Vietnam" speech at Riverside Church in New York City on April 4, 1967. In that speech – now 50 years ago – **King called for a "revolution of values."** We must recapture that spirit and ground ourselves in revolutionary values of nonviolence, peace and social justice. This article is relevant and interesting: [www.tinyurl.com/mu7cohv](http://www.tinyurl.com/mu7cohv)

Now is also a good time to deepen our understanding of the spiritual and practical aspects of nonviolence so we could practice it more effectively. For referrals to websites, books, films, etc. – or if you'd like a 6-session study group on Gandhi (watch the 1982 "Gandhi" movie and read/discuss two excellent books), contact me at (360) 491-9093 [glenanderson@integra.net](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net).

**Instead of being reactive, get proactive! Set bold goals. Act in strategically smart, nonviolent ways:**

Instead of being defensive and timid, **now is the time to be bold – to demand huge immediate changes. Here are two examples of timidity** that limit our ability to promote bold solutions that could actually solve problems:

1. Obama's energy policy was "all of the above." His policy was to promote renewables, but also to support nuclear power, fracking, pipelines, etc. He tried to curry favor with dirty energy industries at the same time as he publicly claimed to care about the climate. Now Trump is in power



and he has entirely focused on only one side. Trump has antagonized people who care about the environment and climate. Climate expert Bill McKibben (founder of 350.org) has written, “Trump has pissed people off, and pissed-off people don’t ask for small and easy progress. They demand the shifts that reality requires.” In contrast to Obama’s “all of the above” energy policy, we must move all to one side.

2. Some Democrats have introduced Congressional legislation to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15, but their legislation would phase it in slowly until 2024. We need a \$15/hour minimum wage **now**, without waiting until 2024. Timidly waiting will not attract people. We need to build a powerful grassroots movement for economic justice **now**. A bold, prompt goal will inspire people to join.

Much of the protest against Trumpism is merely reactive and/or symbolic. We must organize in ways not merely symbolic, but in ways to **build grassroots power for a movement to change power relationships** in our nation.

The article at [www.tinyurl.com/y9sl23kc](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9sl23kc) asserts that we must mobilize in ways that actually **build power** to confront the unjust power. Public opinion polls show that majorities of Americans want progressive goals. We must organize to **build power** to achieve them.

I think of Archimedes, the ancient Greek engineer who said, “Give me a place to stand, and I shall move the world.” That’s how I see political organizing. Let’s see the big picture, devise a big lever, and choose where to place the fulcrum. Actually, to solve the different big problems, we’ll need several different fulcrums and levers. But we can do it! **Here are two examples of what we need:**

1. Recently more people have started to see the bigger picture and think more boldly, as the article you’re reading now urges. For example, Sarah Jaffe interviewed organizer James Hayes for an article she published for Truthout ([www.truth-out.org](http://www.truth-out.org)) on May 26, 2017, titled, “Beyond Reactive Politics: Working Toward the Wholesale Reorganization of Society.” Consider this article: [www.tinyurl.com/ya8mhx7v](http://www.tinyurl.com/ya8mhx7v) This excerpt from the middle of the article says a lot: “After the election it became even harder to

have that space because of how pressing everything was. Then, after the inauguration, Trump starts signing all these executive orders one after the other and we saw people jumping into the streets. ... But this question of ‘How do we actually move forward?’ isn’t really being addressed.” James Hayes works with the Ayni Institute, which conducts savvy trainings in organizing progressive movements. Info: [www.ayni.institute/splash?splash=1#](http://www.ayni.institute/splash?splash=1#)

2. “America Needs a New Poor People’s Campaign.” The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, leader of North Carolina’s progressive “Moral Mondays” movement, wrote an article published May 16, 2017, by ThinkProgress ([www.tinyurl.com/y9be7uvp](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9be7uvp)) and republished by Common Dreams ([www.tinyurl.y7mcxgeo](http://www.tinyurl.y7mcxgeo)). His article said, “Fifty years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King called for a ‘revolution of values’ in America, inviting people who had been divided to stand together against the ‘triplets of evil’ — militarism, racism, and economic injustice — to insist that people need not die from poverty in the richest nation to ever exist. Poor people in communities across America — black, white, brown and Native — responded by building a Poor People’s Campaign that would demand a Marshall Plan for America’s poor.” Rev. Barber is helping to organize a new Poor People’s Campaign.

**His article includes this:** “What began with an outcry in North Carolina became a sustained movement for political change through moral, fusion organizing, led by poor and impacted people. Throughout America’s history – from abolition, to women’s suffrage, to labor and civil rights – real social change has come when impacted people have joined hands with allies of good will to stand together against injustice. These movements did not simply stand against partisan foes. They stood for the deep moral center of our Constitutional and faith traditions. Those deep wells sustained poor and impacted people who knew in their bones both that power concedes nothing without a fight and that, in the end, love is the greatest power to sustain a fight for what is right.”

## **Bold organizing (see above) is what we really need. Removing Trump is only one part of our agenda:**

Many pundits lambaste Trump for hurting our nation in many ways: [www.tinyurl.com/ycltru35](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycltru35)

The British Amnesty International branch lists 10 ways Trump has threatened human rights: [www.tinyurl.com/yvc5fwhf](http://www.tinyurl.com/yvc5fwhf)

Trump repeatedly violates the separation of church and state in his first 100 days: [www.tinyurl.com/y7rv4gse](http://www.tinyurl.com/y7rv4gse)

**The movement to impeach Trump is growing:**

- More than one million persons have signed a petition to impeach Trump.
- See info and organizing resources – including city council resolutions – at [www.impeachdonaldtrumpnow.org](http://www.impeachdonaldtrumpnow.org)
- U.S. Rep. Al Green (D-TX) is the first Member of Congress to speak on the House floor in support of impeachment.



An article promoting impeachment urged us to ground ourselves in opposition to “Trumpism” and the Republican Party’s agenda, not simply focus on impeaching one person. On May 19, 2017, Truthdig ([www.tinyurl.com/y929rgyv](http://www.tinyurl.com/y929rgyv)) posted an article by Sonali Kolhatkar, which Common Dreams picked up too: [tinyurl.com/yckrp4at](http://tinyurl.com/yckrp4at). The article said “Trump is carrying out the GOP’s wish list of cruel policies.” The article urged the impeachment movement to oppose “the Republican Party’s increasing reliance on white supremacy and military supremacy as a framework for its political power.” It opposed “reviving Cold War-era rhetoric against Russia” and said, “What is playing out is an internal battle between various branches of government over a brazen and unpredictable spoiled child with too much power.”

A week before Trump’s May 2017 international trip, the respected German periodical Der Spiegel published an editorial titled, “It’s Time to Get Rid of Donald Trump.” It stated, “Donald Trump has transformed the United States into a laughing stock and he is a danger to the world. He must be removed from the White House before things get even worse.” It’s at [www.tinyurl.com/lnajo6o](http://www.tinyurl.com/lnajo6o). The article identified “five theoretical solutions” to the problem and dismisses the first three as very unlikely and the fourth as too far into the future:

1. Trump resigns: Won’t happen.
2. Impeachment: Won’t happen “because of the Republican thirst for power.”

3. 25th Amendment – cabinet removes Trump: Won’t happen.
4. Democrats take over both houses of Congress and impeach: 18 months away.

The editorial settled upon **the 5<sup>th</sup> theoretical solution**: “[T]he international community wakes up and finds a way to circumvent the White House and free itself of its dependence on the U.S. Unlike the preceding four options, the fifth doesn’t directly solve the Trump problem, but it is nevertheless necessary - and possible.”

Naomi Klein lays out a creative and possibly very effective way to undermine Trump’s power. She suggests that – since everything he does is focused on him and making money – people can take creative actions to undermine those. Watch her 7 ½-minute video at [www.tinyurl.com/kg4mysk](http://www.tinyurl.com/kg4mysk)

Beware of a Deep State “soft coup” against Trump and Russia. Robert Parry has written with great knowledge and insight into the recently worsening relations between the U.S. and Russia. In this article he warns us of the danger of buying into a “soft coup” by the Deep State: [www.tinyurl.com/ycj86kl9](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycj86kl9)

Many petitions opposing Trump and various aspects of Trumpism are available for you to sign at [tinyurl.com/ycfur6do](http://tinyurl.com/ycfur6do)

Wednesday June 14, 2017, is a nationwide day to **BOYCOTT Trump-related businesses**. See <http://bringhimdown.org/>

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## NARCISSISM VS. PEACE

It’s the worst possible combination: A right-wing extremist in the White House does many horrible things that antagonize huge majorities of the population and antagonize the other big political party and antagonize the news media.

But there is **one exception**: He uses extreme military violence by dropping the largest non-nuclear bomb in U.S. history, and he attacks a Syrian airfield on the assumption (with highly disputed evidence) that the Syrian government had used chemical weapons.

Here is what makes that one exception especially dangerous. The extremist in the White House is a psychiatrically disabled narcissist who does everything to build his own ego and wealth. **He has been criticized for everything he has done – except this! Democrats and news media have praised him for his violent**

**military attacks**. This is the **only** thing that has given his sensitive ego any positive reinforcement. People praise him for being “presidential” by using extreme military violence against two weak nations.

**The narcissist has learned his lesson: the way to become popular – and feed his sensitive ego – is to use even more military violence against weak nations.** Why not threaten North Korea with war, including nuclear weapons?

None of this is about a sensible foreign policy. It is all about a psychiatrically disabled narcissist’s tender ego, and the **only** way he gets positive reinforcement.

We need the peace movement now more than ever!

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An ancient Chinese proverb says, “If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are going.” In many ways our nation is heading in the wrong direction. We must urgently organize at the grassroots to change our direction. Such a big radical change will not be a gift from anyone with official power. We must organize from the grassroots -- from the bottom up. In order to be effective, our organizing must be scrupulously nonviolent and strategically savvy.

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## WATCH OUR TV PROGRAMS ON [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org) OR ON TCTV CABLE CHANNEL 22

Every month since February 1987 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 three times every week (Mon. 1:30 pm, Wed. 5:00 pm, Thurs. 9:00 pm)** for the entire month on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for cable TV subscribers in Thurston County. You can see TCTV's schedule at [www.tctv.net](http://www.tctv.net).

You can also watch the programs described below (**and more than 160 of our previous interview programs – and many special programs**) at the Olympia FOR's website, [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org). Simply click the **TV programs** link, scroll down, and click the program you want to watch. Many of our website's TV program listings also include summaries (in Word and/or .pdf format) of what we said during the program, along with links to additional sources of information on the program's topic.

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### JUNE 2017

## “CONFRONTING THE NEW NUCLEAR ARMS RACE”

WE ALREADY POSTED THIS TO THE “TV PROGRAMS” PART OF [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org) ALONG WITH A THOROUGH .pdf SUMMARY OF WHAT OUR GUESTS SAID DURING THIS INTERVIEW, NEXT TO THE LINK FOR WATCHING THE PROGRAM.

This month's TV program focuses on a crisis that Congress and Obama and Trump have been making the crisis much worse. However, the crisis has been largely ignored by news media and the general public.

**Decades after the Cold War ended, the U.S. is recklessly provoking a new nuclear arms race!**

It's bad enough that our government continues its dangerous intentions to use nuclear weapons. But now our government wants to replace all of our thousands of nuclear weapons with new ones! Some are designed to be more usable – **designed to make it easier for the U.S. to start a nuclear war**. The rest of the world is outraged and is taking historically unprecedented action to stop this madness.

Our government says it **can't afford** to provide health care or education or safe drinking water – and **can't afford** to end homelessness or poverty. But it plans to **spend more than one trillion dollars** on these new nuclear weapons!

Fortunately, people are organizing against that! People are organizing globally, nationwide, here in Washington State, and right here in Olympia.

We can solve these extremely serious problems if we get the facts, devise smart strategies, and work hard.

Two guests explore the problems and solutions. Both are from Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, [www.wpsr.org](http://www.wpsr.org), which has worked knowledgeably for decades to stop nuclear weapons. **Lilly Adams** is WPSR's Security Program Organizer. **Bruce Amundson, MD**, is President of WPSR's Board of Directors.

Our guests provide startling information about the worsening dangers of nuclear weapons. They also share some exciting information about the world community's new efforts to abolish nuclear weapons entirely. See information elsewhere in this newsletter and on the “Nuclear Weapons” part of Olympia FOR's website, [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)

**You have two ways to watch this program. See the information at the top of this page.** See the “TV Programs” part of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org) for a link for watching this program. Next to that see a .pdf link for a thorough summary of what our guests said during the interview. The end of that summary includes information resources.

Questions? Contact Glen Anderson, the TV series' producer/host at (360) 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

JULY 2017

## “REFORM ELECTIONS! RESTORE DEMOCRACY!”

By LATE JUNE WE’LL POST ON THE “TV PROGRAMS” PART OF [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org) A THOROUGH SUMMARY OF WHAT OUR GUESTS SAID DURING THIS INTERVIEW. THE END OF THAT SUMMARY WILL INCLUDE LINKS TO SOURCES OF MORE INFORMATION.

Everybody knows that in the U.S., electoral “democracy” has been seriously corrupted and abused in many ways.



Rich persons and corporations dominate elections. Many people are deliberately prevented from voting. Districts’ boundaries are gerrymandered for partisan purposes. Political parties often antagonize rather than represent people. People hate voting for “the lesser of two evils.” The list goes on and on.

The Olympia FOR’s July 2017 TV program will address these kinds of problems and explore solutions that would create more robust democracy. Our guests come from non-profit organizations dedicated to reforming our broken electoral systems: Cindy

Black (Fix Democracy First, [www.fixdemocracyfirst.org](http://www.fixdemocracyfirst.org)), Bre Weider (Washington Voting Justice Coalition, [www.wavottingjustice.org](http://www.wavottingjustice.org)), Colin Cole (FairVote, [www.fairvote.org](http://www.fairvote.org)).

You have two ways to watch this program. See information at the top of this article.

In mid-June we will post to the “TV Programs” part of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org) a link for watching this program. Look next to that link for a thorough summary of what our guests said during the interview. The end of that summary will include some information resources.

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## STRENGTHENING SANCTUARY: LOCAL IMMIGRANT SOLIDARITY EFFORT

**Editor’s note:** Bob Zeigler works actively with Olympia’s Strengthening Sanctuary group, which we featured in our May 2017 TV program. Bob provided this information about the group, their great work, and how you can connect with them. You can watch this program and read a thorough summary of what our guests said through the “TV Programs” part of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)

Strengthening Sanctuary is an ad hoc group of citizens who are concerned about immigration policies of the Trump administration and who supported Olympia’s Sanctuary City Resolution. The group continues to strengthen immigrant protection in Olympia and surrounding communities. They work with an immigration attorney, a former county public defender, a retired county commissioner, Spanish translators, students, teachers, professors and retired faith-based activists. The work with non-profit organizations CIELO and SURJ and with other concerned community members.

The group is building connections with immigrant communities and outreach to listen to their concerns and provide solidarity and accompaniment with them in this difficult

time. It has outreached in Thurston, Lewis and Mason Counties. It is also working with councils and commissions, to adopt sanctuary or immigrant support ordinances and sheriffs and police departments to protect immigrants arrested from minor charges from being picked up by ICE for deportation. Strengthening Sanctuary’s work includes: Know Your Rights Trainings and Advance Family Safety Plans in case of arrest, rapid response network on arrests or raids, and continued interaction with councils, police and sheriffs’ departments. Other efforts include ensuring schools are safe for immigrant youth and outreach to build immigrant support in faith communities. The group is also looking at efforts of other statewide groups such as NWIRP, ACLU, National New Sanctuary Movement, and Immigrant Defense Network.

More help is needed in strengthening immigrant support and creating a climate of safety to the greatest extent possible. New members are welcome. The group meets on alternate Mondays from 6-8 PM at St. John’s Episcopal Church (20<sup>th</sup> SE and Capitol Way Olympia): June 5 and 19, and July 3, 17, and 31. For information contact Joanna Bryan [waves.on.rocks@gmail.com](mailto:waves.on.rocks@gmail.com) or Anne Fischel [annefischel@gmail.com](mailto:annefischel@gmail.com)

# CALENDAR FOR JUNE-July 2017

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TCTV PROGRAMS USE CABLE CHANNEL 22 IN THURSTON COUNTY.

## EVERY WEEK:

**Every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 am: “Democracy Now!” with Amy Goodman** on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. (For many years Olympia FOR has provided financial support for TCTV’s airing of “Democracy Now.”)

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**Every Monday at 5:00 pm: Veterans for Peace** airs a locally produced program on TCTV. Info: Dennis Mills 867-1487 [mills.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:mills.dennis@gmail.com) and [www.vfp109rcc.org](http://www.vfp109rcc.org)

**Every Tuesday through October 10 from 4 to 7 pm: West Olympia Farmers’ Market in West Central Park** (corner of Harrison & Black Lake Blvd). Info: [www.aparkforus.org](http://www.aparkforus.org)

**FOR** Every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: **Peace Vigil** in NW corner of Sylvester Park (at Legion & Capitol Way) has persisted since March 5, 1980. Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Info: [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org) 491-9093 [www.olympiafor.org/vigils.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/vigils.htm)

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**Every Wednesday at 5:00 pm: Hear “Talk Nation Radio” on KAOS-FM 89.3:** This 29-minute radio program offers politically progressive programs through the Pacifica Network. Info: <http://davidswanson.org/talknationradio>

**Every Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm: Kim Dobson’s “Parallel University”** on KAOS 89.3 FM interviews knowledgeable, interesting experts on peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: Kim Dobson. 951-4382, [parralleluniversity@yahoo.com](mailto:parralleluniversity@yahoo.com), [www.facebook.com/pages/Parallel-University-Radio-Show/148750248532028](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parallel-University-Radio-Show/148750248532028)). See list of current and past topics and guests. Listen locally at 89.3 FM or at [www.kaosradio.org](http://www.kaosradio.org)

**Every Thursday from 4 to 5 pm: Cop Watch volunteers invite you to connect with local efforts to monitor police behavior:** Cop Watch’s concerned citizens are available to hear your stories and strengthen local efforts. Come to Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water, Olympia.

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**Every Friday from 8:30 to 10:30 am: The Housing Justice Project can help low-income tenants:** From 8:30 to 10:30 am Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services presents the Housing Justice Project at the Thurston County Superior Courthouse, Bldg. 2, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia. They offer landlord/tenant advice for the tenants, unlawful detainer docket



representation, and help for mobile home owners with complaints about rules violations, notices from landlords or park owners and mobile home eviction cases. Call 705-8194 for information or to schedule an appointment. For immediate legal information call toll-free (888) 201-1014 from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm Mon. through Fri.

**FOR Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm: Peace Vigil** at Percival Landing's south end, 4<sup>th</sup> & Water, downtown. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. The Artesian Rumble Arkestra street band joins us at 5:00 with lively music to support our vigil! The Olympia FOR has sponsored this since November 1998. Info: 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org) and [www.olympiafor.org/vigils.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/vigils.htm) and [www.olympiafor.org/artesianrumble](http://www.olympiafor.org/artesianrumble)

**Every Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm: "Women in Black" Silent Vigil for Peace** on the south side of W 4<sup>th</sup> Ave near the fountain. Women only. Please wear black. They provide signs. Since 1988 "Women in Black" has been a loose network of women worldwide opposed to war and violence. Info: Rosemary Barnhart 866-7589 [rosemary.b@comcast.net](mailto:rosemary.b@comcast.net)

**FOR Every Saturday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Peace Vigil in Centralia** on the edge of Washington Park at Locust & Pearl in downtown Centralia. Sponsor: Lewis County's "Fire Mountain" FOR chapter. Info: June Butler (360) 748-9658 or Larry Kerschner (360) 880-4741 [peacepoet@gmail.com](mailto:peacepoet@gmail.com)

**Every Saturday from 1:00 to 3:30 pm: Vigil for immigrants' rights at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma:** Join with other concerned people for the weekly vigil at the Northwest Detention Center (1623 East J St.) from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. This privately owned, profit-making prison for immigrants provides poor care and is part of the systemic injustice in U.S. immigration policy. Participants bring coffee, sandwiches, juice and special snacks and toys for children. Info: Nancy Farrell [nfarrellwa@gmail.com](mailto:nfarrellwa@gmail.com)

**Every Saturday at 2:00 pm: Veterans for Peace** airs a locally produced program on TCTV. Info: Dennis Mills 867-1487 [mills.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:mills.dennis@gmail.com) and [www.vfp109rcc.org](http://www.vfp109rcc.org)

## SPECIFIC DATES

**Now through 10 a.m. Saturday June 3: Houseless Bill of Rights Convention** on the Washington State Capitol Campus (corner of Capitol Way & 14<sup>th</sup> Ave) is a permitted space 24/7 from 12 noon Wednesday May 31 to 10 a.m. Saturday June 3 to create the first draft of a Houseless Bill of Rights. It will include workshops and discussions. Instead of sleeping there, locations for sleeping and napping will be arranged. Sponsor + info: Just Housing [justhousingoly@gmail.com](mailto:justhousingoly@gmail.com)

**FOR REGISTER NOW! Saturday to Tuesday July 1-4, 2017: "Building Powerful Communities: Shattering Oppressive Systems with Love" -- FOR'S 59<sup>th</sup> annual NW regional conference at Seabeck in Kitsap County WA:** See calendar listing for July 1-4 a few pages below and more at [www.forseabeck.org](http://www.forseabeck.org) – specifically at [www.wfor.org/3499-2](http://www.wfor.org/3499-2)

**Register now for the Wednesday-Sunday August 2-6 Peace and Democracy Conference in Minneapolis:** Peace and democracy are interconnected in many ways, so let's learn and work together to promote both. It's sponsored by an excellent non-profit org, World Beyond War. Their website [www.worldbeyondwar.org](http://www.worldbeyondwar.org) has many good resources. The event's website is [www.DemocracyConvention.org](http://www.DemocracyConvention.org). Pre-register now for a discount.

**Start planning now for local nonviolent actions during Campaign Nonviolence's Week of Nonviolent Actions from Mon. Sept. 18 through Sun. Sept. 24, 2017.** See that calendar listing at the end of this calendar.

**FOR Thursday June 1: "Confronting the New Nuclear Arms Race." -- Olympia FOR's June TV program debuts at 9:00 pm this evening on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. ALSO you can watch it through the "TV Programs" part of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org).** See article on pages 10-11 of our June-July 2017 newsletter. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Friday June 2 to Thursday June 8: Documentary film about Jane Jacobs, a bold urban planner:** Jane Jacobs worked in New York City decades ago with a radical vision for making the city better. See her 1961 book, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, and see the 2-page article in the July 4/11, 2016, issue of *The Nation*. Now there is a documentary film about her and her work: "Citizen Jane: Battle for the City." Olympia Film Society will show this 7 times at Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Olympia. See info about Jane Jacobs and the film at [www.olympiafilmsociety.org](http://www.olympiafilmsociety.org).

**Saturday June 3: Run at Millersylvania Park to support the Interfaith Works Emergency Overnight Shelter:** Today's 50k/30k/10k run benefits the Emergency Overnight Shelter sponsored by Interfaith Works of Thurston County ([www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org)) 357-7224. Gather at Millersylvania State Park, 12245 Tilley Rd SW, 98512. Runners have 3 options: donate \$30 for 10k, \$45 for the 30k or \$60 for the 50k. The fee includes food and drinks after the race for you and your friends or family. 100% of your entry fees will be donated by the race to the shelter. Today's event goes from

7 am to 4 pm. Info: [www.interfaith-works.org/event/millersylvania-50k30k10k-2017](http://www.interfaith-works.org/event/millersylvania-50k30k10k-2017) and [www.outdoorartsandrec.org/m10k-race-info](http://www.outdoorartsandrec.org/m10k-race-info) Register at [www.ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=47676](http://www.ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=47676)

**Saturday June 3: Learn about Washington State's Growth Management Act and how it might affect our local community:** An attorney from Futurewise ([www.futurewise.org](http://www.futurewise.org)) will present at 10 am, with Q&A after in the Tumwater Library meeting room, 415 Tumwater Blvd. SW, Tumwater 98501. Info: Lisa (360) 956-0254.



**Saturday June 3: Gather in Mosier, Oregon, to protect Columbia River and climate from further**

**train wrecks and climate damage:** Mark the one-year anniversary of the frightening, nearly catastrophic oil train derailment, spill, and fire in Mosier, Oregon. Gather in Mosier to make a statement against additional oil trains coming through the Columbia River Gorge. Gather at Mosier Community School, located at 1204 Historic Columbia River Highway, Mosier, Oregon, at 12:00 noon. Bring yourself and friends, a snack, a hat, and good walking shoes. It's sponsored by Columbia Riverkeeper [www.columbiariverkeeper.org](http://www.columbiariverkeeper.org) (541) 387 3030

**Saturday June 3: Garden Party celebration and fundraiser for Interfaith Works:** Honor volunteers and contributors from 6 to 9 pm at the Heritage Room, 604 Water Street SW, Olympia 98501. \$75/person. Reserve your seat at [www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org) or call 360-357-7224.

**Sunday June 4: The New Jim Crow Book Club:** The Black Alliance of Thurston County and Orca Books invite you to join them from 2 to 4 p.m. at Orca Books (509 4th Avenue E, Olympia) to discuss Chapters 5 and 6 of Michelle Alexander's *New York Times* bestseller, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Enjoy great refreshments. Get a 10% discount if you purchase your book at Orca. Info: [blackalliancethurstoncounty@gmail.com](mailto:blackalliancethurstoncounty@gmail.com) 352-0123 [www.orcabooks.com](http://www.orcabooks.com)

**Sunday June 4: South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship** has revived itself and welcomes new people. Meet from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. at the home of Carolyn at 418 Percival NW in Olympia. Info: Robert Lovitt 357-2825 [lovitthere@comcast.net](mailto:lovitthere@comcast.net) [www.ssbpf.net](http://www.ssbpf.net)

**Sunday June 4: Hear David Korten speak at fundraiser in Seattle for "Fix Democracy First," a great**

**statewide non-profit org working to solve problems in our democracy and our electoral systems: This event's theme is "Deep Democracy and the Path to Ecological Civilization."** It runs from 4 to 8 pm at the Centilia Cultural Center, 1660 S. Roberto Maestas Festival Street, Seattle 98144. This event will benefit the pro-democracy movement in Washington State and celebrate the merger of WAmend and Fix Democracy First. Enjoy a delicious Mexican food buffet with wine, beer, Margaritas and soft drinks. Tickets: \$75 in advance from [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2943975](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2943975) or \$85 at the door. Mail checks to: Fix Democracy First, 1402 3rd Ave #201, Seattle WA 98101. Info: Cindy Black (206) 552-3287 [cindy@fixdemocracyfirst.org](mailto:cindy@fixdemocracyfirst.org) Cindy will be a guest on Olympia FOR's July TV program, and we'll feature the work of Fix Democracy First and other non-partisan efforts to reform elections.

**Monday June 5: Hands-on opportunity to survey local beach ecosystems:** Forage fish are a vital part of our ecosystem. You can help local Stream Team folks survey local beaches for surf smelt and sand lance eggs. Gather at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot at Flora Vista Road NE near Priest Point Park. After beach samples are collected, travel to their lab, 2200 Boulevard Road SE, to process the samples and look for eggs. Info: [www.streamteam.info](http://www.streamteam.info)

**Monday June 5: Watch "Race to Nowhere" film with grassroots anti-poverty group POWER:** On the first Monday of each month, connect with Parents Organizing For Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER) for their "POWER Outage" at 309 5th Avenue SE, Olympia. POWER is an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated. Tonight is movie night. The "Race to Nowhere" film challenges current thinking about problems with America's schools. POWER Outage starts with a potluck at 5:30 pm, so you might bring something to share. Bring the kids for onsite childcare. Info: (360) 352-9716 toll free (866) 343-9716 [info@mamapower.org](mailto:info@mamapower.org) [www.mamapower.org](http://www.mamapower.org)

**Monday June 5: Connect with Olympia Indivisible to organize progressive public pressure on Congress:** For several months the "Indivisible" movement ([www.indivisible.us](http://www.indivisible.us)) has been growing to help people organize practical people-based pressure to move Congress toward more politically progressive action. Their "Indivisible Guide" ([www.indivisibleguide.com](http://www.indivisibleguide.com)) provides practical ways to push Congress in better directions. Local "Indivisible" groups have formed in local communities nationwide, including here. Olympia Indivisible invites everyone to an All-Members Meeting from 7:00 to 8:45 pm at the Thurston County Court House Bldg1, Room152, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia. They'll be taking stock, looking forward, taking action as a group and individuals

on health care reform, getting your suggestions for upcoming speakers and issues, and more. Come and share good energy. RSVP to [olyindirsvp@gmail.com](mailto:olyindirsvp@gmail.com). Space will be limited, so sign up today.

**Monday-Saturday June 5-10: Week of Action for Palestinian Rights:** The U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights is organizing this to mark the 50-year anniversary of Israel's brutal military occupation of the Gaza Strip and West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Groups worldwide are planning actions to demand an end to Israel's apartheid and ongoing ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people. See [www.uscpr.org](http://www.uscpr.org)

**FOR Tuesday June 6: Olympia FOR's book group will discuss books written by Malcolm Gladwell:** We choose a different topic for each month. For tonight, read a book by Malcolm Gladwell and come prepared to summarize it. (Several are available through Timberland Regional Library.) At the end of tonight's discussion we'll choose the topic for books to read for our July gathering, which we might schedule for a different date instead of Tuesday July 4. 6:00 pm at 1515 Tullis St. NE, Olympia. Info: Jim Bellinger (360) 359-2212 [jimabellinger@comcast.net](mailto:jimabellinger@comcast.net) Good news: Chris Carson arranged for Olympia FOR's book discussion group to be registered at Orca Books. People can buy a book on the next month's topic, say it's for our book group, and get a 10% discount on it.

**FOR Wednesday June 7: Olympia FOR's Nuclear Weapons Committee holds our second meeting – including a “postcard blitz” to Congress about hot nuclear issues and organizing our local grassroots efforts –** at 7:00 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup>& Water, downtown Olympia. Tonight we'll send a “postcard blitz” to Congress about hot nuclear issues, and we'll start organizing our local grassroots efforts. See page 2 of our June-July 2017 newsletter. Info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 [nuclear-weapons@olympiafor.org](mailto:nuclear-weapons@olympiafor.org)

**Wednesday, June 7: Health Care for All: Resistance and Alternatives to Trumpcare:** Teresa Mosqueda, longtime healthcare organizer and advocate, and candidate for Seattle City Council, and Dr. David McLanahan, Coordinator for the Western Washington Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program ([www.pnhp.org](http://www.pnhp.org)) will be explaining the limitations of the existing Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and the significantly worse proposals of the Trump Administration and the U.S. Congress. Learn about how universal single-payer health care (often called “Medicare for All”) can solve our nation's health care crisis, and the strategy to achieve it nationwide, statewide and locally. There will be plenty of time for discussion at this informative program. Free admission. Health Care is a basic human right! 7:00 pm in Rooms 101-102 of the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St. NW, downtown Olympia.

**Thursday June 8: Food System Equity: Pathfinding for Social & Ecological Change:** This is all-day event features three important leaders presenting on decolonizing food systems, social permaculture, patterns in justice and resistance, and much more. It runs from 9 am to 5 pm at The Evergreen State College, 2700 Evergreen Pkwy NW, Olympia 98505. Free admission for TESC students, staff and faculty, or \$25 for the general public at <http://bit.ly/foodsystemequity> Some scholarships are available. Buy lunch on-site. Facebook event: [www.tinyurl.com/yb535tmk](http://www.tinyurl.com/yb535tmk)

**Friday June 9: Nationwide day to phone Congress members to urge a nationwide fee on carbon fuels:** The Citizens' Climate Lobby is a savvy organization working hard for this strategically useful way to reduce our climate crisis. CCL organized this for a few days before their in-person National Lobby Day on Tuesday June 13. You may use CCL's online method for calling Congress: <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/call-congress-to-act-on-climate/#/38/> It includes a suggested script and we can count the number of calls. Info: [www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)

**Friday June 9: Janis Ian performs in Olympia: “We’re Still Singing: Songs of Peace, Protest and Social Justice” –** 7:30 pm at the Kenneth J. Minnaert Center for the Arts at South Puget Sound Community College, 2011 Mottman Road SW, Olympia 98512. Highly respected folk singer Janis Ian is persisting long past the 1960s. The show will open with the SPSCC College Chorus and SPSCC Chamber Choir performing a varied array of powerful songs by Janis Ian, Bob Dylan, Lady Gaga, Michael Jackson, and more. The second half will feature a solo set by Janis Ian and will conclude as the combined choirs accompany Ian for a shared performance. Tickets \$30. Info: [www.thurstontalk.com/event/were-still-singing/?instance\\_id=33059](http://www.thurstontalk.com/event/were-still-singing/?instance_id=33059)

**Friday-Sunday June 9-11: People's Summit in Chicago:** Many people participated in 2016's People's Summit, and this year's event could be bigger. Major speakers include Bernie Sanders, Naomi Klein, Glenn Greenwald, and Bill McKibben. Info: [www.ThePeoplesSummit.org](http://www.ThePeoplesSummit.org)

**Friday-Monday June 9-12: Cascadia Convergence at Elbe (Mt. Rainier Family Farm) is an opportunity to gather, share, and learn about bioregionalism:** Info + register: <https://www.cascadianow.org/articles/announcing-our-2017-cascadia-convergence>

**Saturday June 10: Nisqually Land Trust Free Bird Walk @ Red Salmon Creek near DuPont:** Everyone is invited to a bird walk at Red Salmon Creek with Donna LaCasse of Tahoma Audubon and Land Trust Outreach Coordinator, Cris Peck, from 8:00 to 10:00 am. These early morning hours are perfect to watch for song birds, birds of prey, and many more species in the reforested pastures and young forest. It is free,



but registration is required. Info: Nisqually Land Trust [www.nisquallylandtrust.org](http://www.nisquallylandtrust.org) (360) 489-3400

**Saturday June 10: Citizens' Climate Lobby – monthly meeting** from 9:30 am to 12 noon at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia Street NW in downtown Olympia. Citizens' Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to relieve the climate crisis, especially by putting a price on carbon-based fuels. They are making progress in Congress with Democrats and Republicans. See the new resolution similar to 2015's but with more co-sponsors: <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-resolution/> Info: [www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org) and [dfoutch@blarg.net](mailto:dfoutch@blarg.net)

**Saturday June 10: Heartsparkle Playback Theatre workshop:** Join the Heartsparkle Players for an afternoon of stories, spontaneity and connection. Practice deep listening and playing wholeheartedly. It will run from 1:00 to 4:30 pm at the Bandha Room, 119 ½ Capitol Way, downtown Olympia. (South from State Ave in the Labor Temple's 3rd floor Room #1). A \$35.00 donation is requested, but nobody will be turned away for lack of funds. Pre-registration is required – Contact Debe at [debek@olywa.net](mailto:debek@olywa.net) or (360) 943-6772.

**Sunday June 11: Olympia's part of a worldwide Equality March for Unity & Pride:** A national organizing group (InterPride, [www.interpride.org](http://www.interpride.org)) is calling for a national LGBTQ March on Washington with solidarity marches in local U.S. communities and worldwide. Olympia's organizers chose today, the weekend before next Saturday's Capital City Pride events ([www.capitalcitypride.net](http://www.capitalcitypride.net)) Gather at Olympia's Sylvester Park, Legion & Capitol Way, at 11:00 am.

**Wednesday June 14: Sierra Club South Sound Meeting** at Mekong Restaurant, 125 Columbia Street (corner of State Ave) in downtown Olympia. Order food at 5:30 pm for meeting at 6:00 pm. Sierra Club South Sound serves members in Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, and Lewis counties. Tonight's meeting features reports on Mt Rainier, Thurston gopher-water-growth management issues, Sierra Club South Sound outings and much more!. Info: Joel Carlson [fox7799@gmail.com](mailto:fox7799@gmail.com) and Phyllis Farrell, Chair [phyllisfarrell681@hotmail.com](mailto:phyllisfarrell681@hotmail.com) and [www.sierraclub.org/washington/south-sound-group](http://www.sierraclub.org/washington/south-sound-group)

**Tuesday June 13: Free Documentary Film: "Kindness is Contagious"** -- 6:30-8:30 pm at Capitol Theater, 206 5th Ave. SE, 98501. Info on the film: [www.kindness-is-contagious.com](http://www.kindness-is-contagious.com)

**Wednesday June 14: Nationwide boycott of Trump-related businesses:** [www.bringhimdown.org](http://www.bringhimdown.org)

**FOR Wednesday June 14: Olympia FOR's Steering Committee meets** at 7:00 pm in NE Olympia. Info: Kerri Griffis [kerrigriffis@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrigriffis@yahoo.com) or Chris Carson 943-2375 or [info@olympiafor.org](mailto:info@olympiafor.org)

**FOR Thursday June 15: Washington Coalition to Stop the New Nuclear Arms Race** meets from 2:30 to 4:00 pm in Seattle, but they invite people to participate by telephone from elsewhere in Washington State. Olympia FOR and several other of our local FOR chapters belong. See info on page 2 of this newsletter. Local info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Thursday June 15: Watch and discuss Part 6 of Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s PBS acclaimed documentary, "The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross"** from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation (OUUC) sanctuary, 2315 Division St NW in Olympia. Free refreshments and parking.

**Thursday June 15 to Friday July 7: United Nations negotiations on the ban of nuclear weapons:** See page 4 of Olympia FOR's June-July 2017 newsletter. More info: [www.icanw.org/campaign-news/negotiations](http://www.icanw.org/campaign-news/negotiations)

**Saturday June 17: Capital City Pride festival** at Heritage Park near 7<sup>th</sup> & Water Streets, downtown from 1 to 6 pm. The parade comes down Capitol Way before then and ends in the park. Look for Olympia FOR's booth focusing on abolishing the death penalty, featuring our popular "Wheel of Misfortune" game, which highlights many of the reasons why innocent people are convicted and sentenced to death. Info: [www.capitalcitypride.net](http://www.capitalcitypride.net) If you can arrange other outreach opportunities for us to present our death penalty information (including our "Wheel of Misfortune" and other informative games), contact Glen Anderson (360) 491 9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**Saturday June 17: "Friendly Waterfest" with Friendly Water for the World** runs from 1 to 5 pm at Olympia Friends Meetinghouse, 3201 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia (just past Priest Point Park and to the left). Enjoy water games, a BioSand Filter demonstration, live music, yummy food, choreographic dance, art sale and face painting. Friendly Water for the World provides resources and training so poor people elsewhere in the world who lack safe drinking water can purify their water with low-tech but very efficient BioSand water filters. \$10 for adults, free for kids under 13. Tickets: [www.friendlywater.net/events](http://www.friendlywater.net/events) or call (360) 918-3642. Info: [www.friendlywater.net](http://www.friendlywater.net)

**Saturday June 17: Labor organizer Jonathan Rosenblum speaks about issues related to his new book, *Beyond \$15: Immigrant Workers, Faith Activists, and the Revival of the Labor Movement*:** He has been a labor, community, and faith organizer for more than thirty years, playing key roles including SeaTac Airport campaign director. Rosenblum says this book and its contents is an "examination of power in our society today – how it got so imbalanced, the devastation this imbalance has wrecked, and what working people can do and must do to reclaim power and voice in our society." This battle between labor and big business



inspired similar \$15/hour fights around the country. Hear him at 6:00 pm at Orca Books, 509 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Olympia. (360) 352-0123 [www.orcabooks.com](http://www.orcabooks.com)

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**Thursday April 20: Race in Film Series: “Race and Its Depiction in Popular Films”** – This series on the third Thursday of every month chronicles the full sweep of African American history, from the origins of slavery on the African continent right up to today. 6:30-9:30 pm in the sanctuary of Olympia Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, 2315 Division St. NW; Olympia. OUUC's Standing Up to Racism, in collaboration with the Black Alliance of Thurston County and The United Churches of Olympia sponsor a monthly film series that explores race and the depiction of race in popular culture. Enjoy a discussion and refreshments. It is free and open to everyone. Info: [www.ouuc.org](http://www.ouuc.org) and [www.blackalliancethurston.org/courageous-conversations.html](http://www.blackalliancethurston.org/courageous-conversations.html)

**FOR Wednesday June 21: Global Days of Listening now starts at 8:30 pm Pacific Time:** The three-hour conversation with peace supporters worldwide starts at 8:30 pm Pacific Time. Sign-up to speak: [globaldaysoflistening@yahoo.com](mailto:globaldaysoflistening@yahoo.com) The opportunity in Olympia is at the home of Chuck Schultz and Rozanne Rants. The call originating in Kabul, Afghanistan, occurs on the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month (their time), and the new starting time means that people in our Pacific time zone participate from 8:30 to 11:30 pm. Info: Doug Mackey (360) 915-6757 [dougwmackey@yahoo.com](mailto:dougwmackey@yahoo.com) Chuck Schultz (360) 705-8520 [chuckschultz3@msn.com](mailto:chuckschultz3@msn.com) and [www.globaldaysoflistening.org](http://www.globaldaysoflistening.org)

**Thursday June 22: Watch John Pilger's powerful new documentary film, “The Coming War on China.”** Many people who wanted to watch it were not available for a recent screening, so now it is back by popular demand. This gripping film documents the U.S.'s largely unreported military mobilization to threaten China and plan for war. Discussion with Bernie Meyer and other folks will follow. Free admission! 7:00-9:30 pm at Traditions Café, 5th Ave SW & Water Street SW, downtown Olympia. Info: Bernie 570-0975 [berniemeyer2001@yahoo.com](mailto:berniemeyer2001@yahoo.com)

**Friday June 23: Learn about bats – and watch them tonight:** Local bat expert Greg Falxa will hold a fun, fact-filled bat talk at 7 pm at Traditions Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water, downtown Olympia, and lead a Bat Walk at Capitol Lake at 9 pm.

**FOR Friday-Sunday June 23-25: Special Training in “Kingian Nonviolence” by Kazu Haga in Seat-**

**tle:** The Western Washington FOR ([www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org)) arranged for an intensive Core Training in “Kingian Nonviolence,” led by Kazu Haga ([www.wagingnonviolence.org/author/kazu Haga](http://www.wagingnonviolence.org/author/kazu Haga)) and Seattle FOR member Mary Lou Finley, both Senior Level Trainers who have been trained by, and are associates of, Rev. Dr. Bernard Lafayette ([www.kingencyclopedia.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/encyclopedia/enc\\_lafayette\\_bernard\\_1940.1.html](http://www.kingencyclopedia.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/encyclopedia/enc_lafayette_bernard_1940.1.html)), who was a part of Martin Luther King's “inner circle” and the main organizer for the Poor People's Campaign. This training is mostly intended for young people participating in WWFOR's Mike Yarrow Peace Fellows program, but – even though space is quite limited – other people of other ages might be able to sign up by contacting Janis Pruitt-Hamm at 206-466-2924. Read a recent article that Kazu Haga published in “Waging Nonviolence,” the online magazine for nonviolent social activists, available at <https://wagingnonviolence.org/feature/moral-nonviolence-healing-king>

**Saturday June 24: Learn about the 12 species of Sharks live in our Salish Sea:** You may be surprised that Puget Sound is home to twelve shark species, from common sharks like the spiny dogfish, to elusive deep-water sharks like the basking shark. Enjoy an engaging 2 pm presentation and all-day art projects. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the WET Science Center, 500 Adams Street NE, near the Hands-On Children's Museum. Info: [www.wetsciencecenter.org](http://www.wetsciencecenter.org) (360) 528-5731

**Saturday June 24: “Hidden Figures” film about black women scientists at NASA leading to John Glenn's orbit:** Three brilliant African-American women at NASA were the mathematical brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. This 2016 feature film will show at 6:30 (doors open 6:00) with Q&A afterward, at Olympia Film Society, Capitol Theater, 206 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, downtown Olympia. \$9 General Admission / \$6 OFS Members. Watch the trailer at [www.olympiafilmsociety.org](http://www.olympiafilmsociety.org)

**FOR Tuesday June 27 (tentative): Olympia FOR's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty** is likely to meet at 7:00 pm at a location to be determined. We'll know a few weeks in advance. Info: Emily Hammargren 352-0695 [deathpenalty@olympiafor.org](mailto:deathpenalty@olympiafor.org) or Glen Anderson 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org). See much information about the death penalty at [www.olympiafor.org/death\\_penalty.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/death_penalty.htm)

**Monday-Friday June 26-30: Holly Gwinn Graham offers Art Day Camp for people aged 6 and up:** Other opportunities are Mon-Fri Aug 7-11 and Mon-Fri Aug 21-25. These camps feature many art forms, including clay, acrylic painting, mosaic, spirit houses, windletters, watercolors, tissue art, collage, oil and chalk pastels, book making, poems, songs, stories and theatre with performances at the end of the week for family and friends. These happen from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm weekdays at Fertile Ground Gardens, 311 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

(south across 9<sup>th</sup> from the Olympia Timberland Library). Field trips on Tuesday and Thursday will visit Heritage Fountain, downtown. Artist and teacher **Holly Gwinn Graham** guides these workshops. The \$220 per week cost includes materials. Camps are limited to six persons ages 6 and up, so please register early at [www.fertileground.org](http://www.fertileground.org)

**Monday July 3 is the last day to register by mail or online for voting in the August 1 primary election**, but you can register in person at the county auditor's office until 4 pm Monday July 24.

**FOR Monday July 3: "Reform Elections! Restore Democracy" – Olympia FOR's July TV program debuts at 1:30 pm this afternoon on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County. ALSO starting in late June you can watch it through the "TV Programs" part of [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org).** See article on pages 10-11 of our June-July 2017 newsletter. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093 [glen@olympiafor.org](mailto:glen@olympiafor.org)

**FOR REGISTER NOW! Saturday to Tuesday July 1-4, 2017: "Building Powerful Communities: Shattering Oppressive Systems with Love" -- FOR'S 59<sup>th</sup> annual NW regional conference at Seabeck in Kitsap County WA:** Enjoy two keynote speakers, many workshops and other activities related to our theme, creating community, working toward racial justice, understanding white privilege, achieving housing for all, supporting immigrants in the community and in detention, honoring indigenous values, fighting climate change, reforming the criminal justice system, defending LGBTQ rights,; opposing the new populist militarism, taking care of our activist selves, and more. Enjoy good company, music, boating, swimming, hiking, meals together, talent show, and special programming. Information: (206) 789-5565 or [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org) and websites: [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org) [www.forseabeck.org](http://www.forseabeck.org) and [www.wwfor.org/3499-2](http://www.wwfor.org/3499-2) Keynote speakers will be:

-- Nikkita Oliver is a Seattle-based creative, teaching artist, and anti-racist organizer. She is an attorney and holds a Masters of Education from the University of Washington, where she studied racial disproportionality and disparate impact in school exclusion.

-- Teresa Raiford is a leader in Portland's police accountability movement, a long-time activist and a former candidate for Portland City Council.

**FOR Tuesday July 4 (perhaps rescheduled because of the holiday, so phone Jim to confirm): Olympia FOR's book discussion group** meets at 6:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month, but tThe first Tuesday of July is the 4<sup>th</sup>, so we might need to reschedule that. Each month we read and discuss books on a different topic. For tonight, read and be ready to summarize any book on whatever

topic we chose for tonight at the end of our June 6 discussion. At the end of tonight's discussion we'll choose a book for Tuesday August 1. Meet at 6:00 pm at the home of Jim Bellinger, 1515 Tullis St NE, just a bit north of San Francisco Street NE. Information: (360) 359-2212, [jimabellinger@comcast.net](mailto:jimabellinger@comcast.net) Chris Carson arranged for Olympia FOR's book discussion group to be registered at Orca Books. People can buy a book on the next month's topic, say it's for our book group, and get a 10% discount on it.

**Thursday July 6 (and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month): Native Plant Walks at McLane Creek Nature Trail:** Enjoy an educational stroll along Olympia's McLane Creek Nature Trail, guided by plant experts from the Native Plant Salvage Foundation. All ages and levels of experience are welcome, so come learn the names of our beautiful northwest native plants, and their ecological and ethnobotanical roles. These Native Plant Walks are a great way to learn plants, botanize with friends, and enjoy an evening outdoors. Plant walks occur on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the McLane Creek Nature Trail, 5044 Delphi Road SW (several miles south of Mud Bay Road), Olympia, WA 98512. Info: 867-2157 [www.nativeplantsalvage.org](http://www.nativeplantsalvage.org)

**Thursday July 13: Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) invites the public to hear Sameer Ranade from the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy at TCAT's forum:** 7:00 pm at Traditions Fair Trade Café, 5<sup>th</sup> & Water SW, Olympia. Info: [www.thurstonclimateaction.org](http://www.thurstonclimateaction.org) and [graeme.sackrison@gmail.com](mailto:graeme.sackrison@gmail.com)

**Monday-Tuesday July 17-18: Learn skills to design and lead productive meetings: Take the "Facilitating Effective Meetings" course offered by the Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County:** Are you tired of leading or attending unproductive or dysfunctional meetings? This two-day (8:30 am to 5:30 pm) training is for anyone who runs or attends meetings in government agencies, businesses, schools, non-profits, civic groups, faith communities or other organizations. This highly-interactive training provides participants with a foundation in the concepts, processes, and skills for designing and facilitating meetings. Info and registration: (360) 956-1155 [jmiller@mediate-thurston.org](mailto:jmiller@mediate-thurston.org) [www.mediatethurston.org](http://www.mediatethurston.org)

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705-8520 chuckschultz3@msn.com and [www.globaldaysof-listening.org](http://www.globaldaysof-listening.org)

**Monday July 24 at 4 pm is the deadline to register in person for voting in the August 1 primary election.**

**Tuesday July 25 to Tuesday August 1: “Localize This! Action Camp” – Powerful and creative non-violent training through the Backbone Campaign on Vashon Island WA:** These savvy folks invite people to come for an exciting, useful week. They say: “As we resist oppression, as we fight for progressive values to win out, we must also raise our collective aspirations. **We want camp participants to design actions that not only earn media attention, but also pressure decision-makers, and invite new people into the movement.** Upon returning to their communities we hope they create actions that reclaim our humanity. We hope their organizing affirms the sacredness of existence in a world where nearly everything has become commodified.” Info: [www.backbonecampaign.org](http://www.backbonecampaign.org). Apply here: [www.backbonecampaign.org/2017actioncamp](http://www.backbonecampaign.org/2017actioncamp)

**Friday-Saturday July 28-29: “Blessed Are the Peacemakers” -- Nonviolence conference and training in Huntington, Indiana, will feature John Dear, Ken Butigan and Kit Evans-Ford:** This event will focus on the Gospel Nonviolence call to be peacemakers. Explore how nonviolence is calling us to action in today’s world. Explore alternative methods of engagement and how to use them. Info: [www.paceebene.org/event/blessed-are-the-peacemakers-conference](http://www.paceebene.org/event/blessed-are-the-peacemakers-conference) Register: [www.victorynollcenter.org/conferenceonnonviolence](http://www.victorynollcenter.org/conferenceonnonviolence)

**FOR Tuesday August 1: Olympia FOR’s book discussion group** meets at 6:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month, with a different topic each month. For tonight, read and be ready to summarize a book about whatever topic we chose in early July to read for tonight. Meet at 6:00 pm at the home of Jim Bellinger, 1515 Tullis St NE, just a bit north of San Francisco Street NE. Info: (360) 359-2212, [jimabelinger@comcast.net](mailto:jimabelinger@comcast.net) Chris Carson arranged for Olympia FOR’s book discussion group to be registered at Orca Books. People can buy a book on the next month’s topic, say it’s for our book group, and get a 10% discount on it.

**Mark your calendars now and plan to attend Wednesday-Sunday August 2-6 Peace and Democracy Conference in Minneapolis:** Peace and democracy are interconnected in many ways, so let’s learn and work together to promote both. It’s sponsored by an excellent non-profit org, World Beyond War. Their website [www.worldbeyondwar.org](http://www.worldbeyondwar.org) has many good resources. The

event’s website is [www.DemocracyConvention.org](http://www.DemocracyConvention.org). Pre-register now for a discount.

**Monday through Friday August 7-11 and 21-25: Holly Gwinn Graham offers Art Day Camp for people aged 6 and up:** Same as the calendar listing for Monday-Friday June 26-30.

**FOR Wednesday August 9 (Nagasaki Day): Olympia FOR’s potluck picnic + jazz concert featuring the Joe Mailhot Quartet playing John Coltrane’s peace-related music:** Our annual potluck picnic at Priest Point Park’s Rose Garden starts at 5:30 pm. Please bring food to share and friends who would enjoy the food and the music and connecting with Olympia FOR. For the concert you might want to bring a blanket or lawn chair. From State & Plum, go north on East Bay Drive to Priest Point Park. Parking is limited, and we expect a good turnout, so please carpool if possible.

Today is Nagasaki Day, so we have arranged for a concert of some of John Coltrane’s music by the Joe Mailhot Quartet. Coltrane had joined the Navy to avoid the draft and was stationed at Pearl Harbor. He turned against war and bombing and later visited Nagasaki, prayed there, and performed a special work he had created (“Peace on Earth”). He said, “I think that music, being an expression of the human heart, or of the human, of being itself, does express what is happening.” He also composed music in Alabama in response to the 1963 bombings in Birmingham. Join us for this evening of music and reflection, along with Olympia FOR’s potluck picnic. Find out about Olympia FOR’s new committee working against nuclear weapons and how you can help abolish them. You are welcome to stay for the Steering Committee meeting. Thanks to Chris Carson for organizing this special jazz feature for Olympia FOR’s annual picnic!

**Monday September 18 to Sunday September 24: Plan one or more activities for the 2017 Campaign Nonviolence Week of Actions:** Since 2014, Campaign Nonviolence ([www.paceebene.org](http://www.paceebene.org) and [www.paceebene.org/programs/campaign-nonviolence](http://www.paceebene.org/programs/campaign-nonviolence)) has organized an annual action week in September, where marches and rallies calling for a culture of peace and nonviolence have taken place in all 50 states and a growing number of countries. The organizers urge:

- **Trainings in nonviolent theory and practice:** See the Nonviolence Training Hub co-sponsored by Campaign Nonviolence and Pace e Bene: <http://nonviolencetraininghub.org/>
- **City-level commitments:** Imagine “Nonviolent Olympia” or “Nonviolent Boston.” Organize your their local community as a “Nonviolent City” ([www.paceebene.org/programs/campaign-nonviolence/the-nonviolent-cities-project](http://www.paceebene.org/programs/campaign-nonviolence/the-nonviolent-cities-project)). So far, 35 cities across the US are exploring this. Imagine your city as a culture of nonviolence – and the concrete, long-term steps it will take to get there.

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Help Olympia FOR organize against nuclear weapons!  
 Meet with us Wed. June 7, 7:00 pm at Traditions Café.  
 The Olympia FOR is an all-volunteer organization.  
 We can accomplish as much as YOU help us accomplish.

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