

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 several times every week for the entire month on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for Thurston County's cable TV subscribers. You can see TCTV's schedule at [www.tctv.net](http://www.tctv.net).

You can also watch the program described below (and more than 90 of our previous interview programs and special programs) at the Olympia FOR's website, [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org). Simply click the TV programs link to reach [www.olympiafor.org/tv\\_programs.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm), scroll down, and click the program you want to watch.

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# "STARTING TO UNDERSTAND AFRICA"

by GLEN ANDERSON, PRODUCER AND HOST OF THIS TV SERIES

Africa is a gigantic continent with a rich history. Africa's creative and adaptive cultures have sustained themselves for thousands of years in a vast variety of climates and ecosystems, ranging from harsh deserts to dense jungles.

Our school systems and mainstream media have failed to inform Americans about Africa. Much of what Americans think we know about Africa is simplistic, distorted, or not true.

Three guests share their experiences, information and insights:

- Jens-Dieter Stahmer is well known and well respected in the greater Thurston County area and beyond. He has a long-standing passion for helping people understand Africa and helping African people connect with each other.
- Emil Muta is a lawyer who practiced law in his home country of Tanzania. His first language was Swahili, and he interprets five languages from the countries in southeastern Africa.
- Rebecca Chol spent her early years in Sudan, which has suffered terrible violence for several decades. She came to the U.S. as a child refugee and now attends college here.

This is the Olympia FOR's first TV program exclusively about Africa. This episode's modest title is "Starting to Understand Africa." We'll produce more programs about Africa in the future.