



ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS

FOR GLOBAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Jesus Weeps

Resisting Violence, Building Peace

March 21-24, 2014

Welcome to EAD 2014! — the 12th annual national gathering of men and women of faith who want to be a force for change for the betterment of all. This high impact weekend, sponsored by the ecumenical Christian community, is grounded in biblical witness and shared traditions of justice, peace and integrity of creation. Our goal is to strengthen the Christian voice and mobilize for advocacy on specific U.S. domestic and international policy issues.

This weekend, we will explore together, *Resisting Violence, Building Peace* — joining nearly a thousand other Christian advocates! Through prayer, worship, speakers, and advocacy training, we will discover a faith-based vision for national policies that "guide our feet into the path of peace," all culminating with Monday's Congressional Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. Monday's Lobby Day will be a critical time to raise our voices that "Our Nation can and must do more to nurture a culture of peace."

Guided by the image of Jesus weeping over a capital city that turned from the true way of peace, we will expose the violence that pervades our culture and world: Nearly 3,000 children in the U.S. killed by guns each year; A quarter of U.S. women experiencing domestic abuse at some point in their lives; A decade of war, nearly 1,000 civilians killed by drones, and Pentagon spending dominating our federal budget over poverty protections, healthy job creation, economic revitalization and true international human security; More than 45 million people worldwide uprooted from their homes by persecution and armed conflict; and Deadly conflicts over natural resources erupting around the world.

As people of hope, we are consoled by the promise that "justice and peace shall embrace," and are reminded that justice requires peace-making and that peace requires justice-making. We will confront and imagine how to transform the violence in our world, and together will seek a vision of *peace in the community, peace among the peoples, peace in the marketplace, and peace with the earth.*

In this program book, you will find the agenda for this year's EAD gathering. Be sure to take a look at the exciting opportunities throughout the next four days. You will find descriptions about EAD's expert speakers and preachers, along with descriptions of more than fifty workshop opportunities, film screenings, breakfast briefings, exhibitors, book signings, denominational gatherings and organizing for Monday's Lobby Day! May your experience at EAD 2014 be filled with stimulation, joy and hope.

EAD 2014 Leadership Team

Friday, March 21, 2014

Noon - 6:45 pm	Registration Open	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
3:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Young Adult Welcome and Hospitality	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
3:00 - 5:00 pm	The Rev. John Dear Book Signing — “<i>The Nonviolent Life</i>”	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
4:00 - 5:00 pm	EAD Pre-Gathering Time: “<i>Your EAD Orientation</i>” Is this your first time at Ecumenical Advocacy Days? Feeling a bit overwhelmed by the Congressional “Ask” or the weekend of events? EAD offers this orientation to help participants understand the gathering schedule, the Congressional “Ask”, and what to expect on Capitol Hill. Information provided during this session will be especially valuable for first-time participants, as well as the seasoned advocate!	<i>Crystal C</i>
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Optional Dinner Buffett (<i>Must purchase ticket at registration</i>)	<i>Commonwealth</i>
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Exhibitor Meet & Greet	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
6:30 - 7:00 pm	A Prelude of Music by The Glocal Musicians	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
7:00 - 8:30 pm	Opening Celebration: “<i>Jesus Weeps: Resisting Violence, Building Peace</i>” Welcome: <i>Rev. John McCullough, Church World Service</i> <i>Sister Dianna Ortiz, OSU, Center of Concern</i> <i>Douglas G. Grace, M.Div., S.T.M., Ecumenical Advocacy Days</i> Keynote: <i>Rev. John Dear, Peace Activist, Author, Organizer, Lecturer, and Outreach Coordinator for Pace E Bene</i>	
8:30 - 10:00pm	Exhibitor Meet & Greet <i>Light Snacks Provided</i>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
9:00 - 11:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	<i>Jefferson</i>

Saturday, March 22, 2014

7:00 - 8:30 am	Registration Open	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 - 10:30 am	EAD 2014 Policy Plenary: “<i>Justice and Peace Shall Embrace</i>” <i>Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love, Professor of International Relations, Catholic University of America and Core Group Member, Department of State’s Working Group on Religion and Foreign Policy</i> <i>Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Director of Public Witness, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
10:30 - 11:00 am	Coffee & Exhibit Break	<i>Washington Ballroom</i>
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Issue Workshops Session I	<i>Various Locations (See p 14)</i>
12:30 - 2:30 pm	Lunch Policy Plenary: “<i>Gun Violence, The American Politic and Faith’s Response</i>” Sponsored by Heading God’s Call <i>Rev. Dr. James E. Atwood, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Ret.)</i> <i>Motiva Johnson, M.S.W., Executive Director, MECA, Inc.</i> <i>Eugenio Weigend, Ph.D. Candidate, EGAP Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico</i> <i>Bryan Miller, Executive Director, Heading God’s Call</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>

Saturday, March 22, 2014

- 2:45 - 4:15 pm **Issue Workshops Session II** *Various Locations (See p. 14)*
- 4:15 - 4:45 pm **Exhibit Break** *Washington Ballroom*
- 4:45 - 6:30 pm **Denominational & EAD Sponsor Gatherings**
 Baptist, *Monroe*
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: *Wilson/Harrison*
 Peace Churches: *Madison*
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), *Crystal A*
 Roman Catholic, *Crystal C*
 United Methodist Church, *Lincoln Hall*
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm **Disciples of Christ & United Church of Christ Reception** *Potomac View*
- 6:30 pm **Catholic Mass — When Francis Meets Barack: A Kairos Moment?** *Crystal B*
 Learn what issues are in play when our President and Pope meet next week, then shape the public narrative by crafting a letter to the editor or an op ed. After, we will gather for Mass and a reflection on moving from Just War to Just Peace by Marie Dennis. A cash bar and light snacks will be available after Mass.
- 7:00 pm **Free Time & EAD Sponsor Events, Receptions and Dinners**
 - Church World Service Staff Dinner, *Pentagon I & II*
 - Disciples of Christ & UCC, Presentation by Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock, *"Veterans, Soul Repair, and Building a Just Peace Church," Jackson*
 - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Dessert Reception, *Jefferson*
- 8:00 pm **Trade Simulation Game — Survive or Thrive** *Wilson/Harrison*
 Have you ever wondered how we apply our Christian principles of justice and peace to the ways that trade agreements work? Does the topic seem too big, too far away and too complicated? The Trade Simulation Game is designed to bring these issues to life through stories from our global partners. Each participant assumes a character in four trade stories loosely based on real scenarios. The characters share their realities with others and work together to understand the role of trade agreements and the people impacted by these agreements. Discussion focuses on how Christians can respond on behalf of the poor and the environment. The game is an interactive, fun way to learn about this important issue. Gina Chamberlain, Presbyterian Hunger Program, created the game and will facilitate.
- 8:30 pm **Young Adult Gathering** *Commonwealth*
- 8:30 pm **EAD Film Festival I — “Pray the Devil Back to Hell”** *Lincoln Hall*
 Discussion Led by Rev. Ann Tiemeyer, National Council of Churches
- Pray the Devil Back to Hell* chronicles the remarkable story of the courageous Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country. Thousands of women — ordinary mothers, grandmothers, aunts and daughters, both Christian and Muslim — came together to pray for peace and then staged a silent protest outside of the Presidential Palace. Armed only with white T-shirts and the courage of their convictions, they demanded a resolution to the country’s civil war. Their actions were a critical element in bringing about a agreement during the stalled peace talks. A story of sacrifice, unity and transcendence, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* honors the strength and perseverance of the women of Liberia. Inspiring, uplifting, and most of all motivating, it is a compelling testimony of how grassroots activism can alter the history of nations.

Sunday, March 23, 2014

7:00 - 8:30 am	Registration Open	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 - 9:30 am	Interdenominational Worship <i>James E. Winkler, President & General Secretary, National Council of Churches</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
9:30 - 10:00 am	Coffee & Exhibit Break	<i>Washington Ballroom</i>
9:30 am	Sister Simone Campbell Book Signing — “A Nun On the Bus”	<i>Hotel Lobby</i>
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	EAD Response Plenary: “Guide Our Feet into the Path of Peace” Moderator: <i>Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Executive Director The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis</i> Panelists: <i>Holly Maassarani, Prince George’s County Restorative Justice Program Alissa Wilson, Public Education and Advocacy Coordinator for Africa at the American Friends Service Committee Herman Kumara, Convener of the National Fisheries Solidarity Movement (Sri Lanka) and Chair of Praja Abhilasha Rev. Dr. Michael James Oleksa, Pastor and Professor</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch Plenary: “Taking the Christian Message to The Hill”	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Issue Workshops Session III	<i>Various Locations (see p.15)</i>
3:00 –3:15 pm	Break	
3:15 – 4:00 pm	Advocacy Skills Workshops Session I	<i>Various Locations (see p. 15)</i>
4:00 – 4:15 pm	Break	
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Advocacy Skills Workshops Session II	<i>Various Locations (see p. 15)</i>
5:00 – 5:15 pm	Break	
5:15 – 6:30 pm	EAD Organizing for Lobby Day (Breakout by state)	
	<i>NC, VA, & WV.....Wilson CT, DE, ME, MA, &RI....Harrison MD & DC.....Jackson WI, MI, & MN.....Madison PA.....Monroe IN, & KY.....Van Buren OH & CA.....Commonwealth IL.....Potomac View NJ.....Windows Over Washington</i>	<i>KS,MO & SD.....Pentagon I&II UT, AZ, NM, & CO.....Parlor 1428 SC, GA & FL.....Parlor 1430 WA, OR & ID.....Parlor 1432 TX &OK.....Parlor 1426 NY.....Lincoln IA & NE.....Congress AL, AR, MS, LA & TN.....Senate</i>
7:00 – 9:00 pm	EAD 2014 Dinner Banquet	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
9:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	<i>Jefferson</i>

9:00 pm **EAD Film Festival II—TRIGGER: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence”** *Lincoln Hall*
Discussion Led by The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

In the United States more than 30,000 people are killed every year by gun violence; many more are wounded. The disaster caused by gun violence is seen in almost every community. We may hear briefly about the victims and survivors of these shootings, but what happens after the media attention moves on and the wider public becomes numb to “just another shooting?” The *Trigger* documentary frames gun violence as a “disaster” and “public health” issue. It examines how one shooting impacts individuals, families and communities and gives voice to the questions and insights that arise. In the documentary, all those scarred by gun violence arrived at the question, “Why did this happen to us?” After looking at these in depth experiences of gun violence, *Trigger* turns its attention to the question, “What can we do to prevent gun violence?”

Monday, March 24, 2014

7:30 am **First Buses Depart for Capitol Hill** *Lower Lobby Outside Lincoln Hall*

8:00 am **Continental Breakfast Begins** *Fellowship Hall, Church of the Reformation*

8:00 am - 5:00 pm ***A Place to Rest between Lobby Visits*** *Fellowship Hall, Church of the Reformation*

9:00 am **Second Buses Depart for Capitol Hill** *Lower Lobby Outside Lincoln Hall*

9:00 am – 5:00 pm **Lobby Visits on Capitol Hill** *(See your Lobby Day Schedule)*

Noon **Lunch (On Your Own)** *Capital Hill Area*

5:00 pm **EAD ADJOURNS** *(Church of the Reformation CLOSED)*

Additional “Unofficial” Activities Happening Around EAD:

Thursday, March 20, 2014

8:30 am - 7:00 pm **United Methodist Peace and Justice Coordinators** *Jefferson*

Friday, March 21, 2014

8:30 am - 5:00 pm **United Methodist Peace and Justice Coordinators** *Wilson*

8:30 am - 5:00 pm **Presbyterian CP&J Training** *Offsite - NY Ave. Pres. Church*

2:00 - 4:00 pm **National Religious Campaign Against Torture Strategy Session** *Madison/Monroe*

Saturday, March 22, 2014

7:00 - 8:15 am **LGBT Briefing Breakfast (All Invited)** *Windows Over Washington*
Hosted by UCC HIV & AIDS Network

Sunday, March 23, 2014

7:00 - 8:15 am **Israel/Palestine Briefing Breakfast (All Invited)** *Windows Over Washington*
“Non Violent Economic Resistance: From Consumer to the Corporation.” Hosted by
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the UMC General Board of Church and Society
and General Board of Global Missions, American Friends Service Committee

Tuesday, March 24-25, 2014

8:00 am - 4:30 pm **Working Group of the Ecumenical Poverty Initiative** *Madison*

EAD’s National Gathering Moderators



Sister Marge Clark, BVM, Ed.D.

*Lobbyist
NETWORK: A National Catholic Social
Justice Lobby*

education, teaching teachers. This follows some years in elementary school teaching. She is also actively engaged in work to close the School of the Americas, and in her Congregation’s work with the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility.

Sister Marge Clark works as a lobbyist on domestic human needs at NETWORK. A member of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM), she has over thirty years experience in higher

Michael is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and serves as the Policy Advocate for International Issues in the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries’ office in Washington DC. Prior to joining the staff

Rev. Michael Neuroth

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of the UCC, Michael worked with various ecumenical and interfaith organizations including the World Council of Churches, Church World Service, Ecumenical Advocacy Days, and the Parliament of the World’s Religions. His current work on international justice focuses on coordinating the UCC’s work and witness as a Just Peace church and related international peace, human rights, and economic justice issues reflected in UCC policy. He also currently serves as the co-chair for the board of Jubilee USA. Michael holds master’s degrees in divinity, theology, and social work from Princeton Seminary and Rutgers University. He currently resides in Washington D.C. with his wife, Amber, and their two boys.



EAD’s Music Ministers

The ELCA Glocal Musicians

Music and worship leadership during this year’s EAD National Gathering is provided by the Glocal Musicians of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The musicians were formed by the Global Formation Team in

ELCA Global Mission to provide musical leadership for the Glocal Gatherings hosted by congregations and other Christian communities throughout North America and the Caribbean. Through its intentional diversity—including representation from many countries, denominations, and several cultures—the group embodies ways to stand in mutual solidarity while amplifying marginalized voices.

In addition to offering musical worship that includes global voices, the musicians are committed to forming local leaders seeking to introduce global themes in their communities. The songs they teach are grounded in the community stories that raise awareness and inspire advocacy. The musicians embody what it means to be “Glocal”—simultaneously global and local—so we can accompany one another across cultures, even in our own neighborhoods.

Opening Celebration: “*Jesus Weeps: Resisting Violence, Building Peace*”



Rev. John Dear

Peace Activist, Author, Organizer, Lecturer and Outreach Coordinator for Pace E Bene

“John Dear is the embodiment of a peacemaker,” Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote a few years ago when he nominated John for the Nobel Peace Prize. “He has led by example through his actions and in his writings and in numerous sermons, speeches and demonstrations. He believes that peace is not something static, but rather to make peace is to be engaged, mind, body and spirit. His teaching is to love yourself, to love your neighbor, your enemy, and to love the world and to understand the profound responsibility in doing all of these. He is a man who has the courage of his convictions and who speaks out and acts against war, the manufacture of weapons and any situation where a human being might be at risk through violence. For evil to prevail requires only that good people sit on the sidelines and do nothing. John Dear is compelling all of us to stand up and take responsibility for the suffering of humanity so often caused through selfishness and greed.”

Rev. John Dear has spent over three decades speaking to people around the world about the Gospel of Jesus, the way of nonviolence and the call to make peace. He has served as the director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the largest interfaith peace organization in the United States, and after September 11, 2001, as one of the Red Cross coordinators of chaplains at the Family Assistance Center, and counseled thousands of relatives and rescue workers. He has worked in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and community centers; traveled in warzones around the world, including Iraq, Palestine, Nicaragua, Afghanistan, and Colombia; lived in El Salvador, Guatemala and Northern Ireland; been arrested over 75 times in acts of civil disobedience against war; and spent eight months in prison for a Plowshares disarmament action. In the 1990s, he arranged for Mother Teresa to speak to various governors to stop the death penalty. He has two Master’s Degrees in Theology from the Graduate Theological Union in California, and has taught theology at Fordham University.

His many books include *The Nonviolent Life*; *Lazarus Come Forth!*; *Mohandas Gandhi: Essential Writings*; *Living Peace*; *The Questions of Jesus*; *The God of Peace*; *Disarming the Heart*; *You Will Be My Witnesses*; *Jesus the Rebel*; *Transfiguration*; *Seeds of Nonviolence*; and *A Persistent Peace*, his autobiography.

John Dear has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *National Public Radio*’s “All Things Considered” and elsewhere. He writes a weekly blog for the *National Catholic Reporter* and is featured regularly on the national radio show, “Democracy Now!” and *The Huffington Post*. He is the subject of the DVD documentary, *The Narrow Path* (with music by Joan Baez and Jackson Browne). He is profiled in *John Dear On Peace*, by Patti Normile (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2009). His thirty books have been translated into ten languages. John Dear is on the staff of Pace e Bene.

EAD 2014 Policy Plenary

“People of Hope: Justice and Peace Shall Embrace”



Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love

Professor of International Relations, The Catholic University of America; Core Group Member, Department of State’s Working Group on Religion and Foreign Policy

Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love is a tenured Associate Professor of International Relations in the Politics Department of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She is on the Core Group for the Department of State’s working group on Religion and Foreign Policy, charged with making recommendations to the Secretary of State and the Federal Advisory Commission on how the US government can better engage with civil society and religious actors in foreign policy.

She served as a Fellow at the Commission on International Religious Freedom, where she is working with the Foreign Service Institute in creating new training and education materials on religion and foreign policy. USCIRF was created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to monitor the status of freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief abroad, and to give independent policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State, and the Congress.

She teaches graduate and undergraduate International Relations courses at Catholic University and the Pentagon, such as “Security, Peace Studies, Just Peace, U.S. Foreign Policy, Terrorism, Globalization,” and “The Problem of Sovereignty.” Her recent International Relations publications include *Beyond Sovereignty: Issues for a Global Agenda* (4th Edition, 2011), *Morality Matters: Ethics and the War on Terrorism* (forthcoming at Cornell University Press), “What Kind of Peace Do We Seek?” a book chapter on peacebuilding, in Notre Dame University’s volume on *The Ethics and Theology of Peacebuilding* (Orbis 2011), “The Church and Global Governance” chapter for a Vatican book volume on *Pacem in Terris*, and “Women, Religion, and Peace” chapter for a U.S. Institute of Peace book *Exploring the Invisible*.

She serves on the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ International Justice and Peace Committee, where she advises the bishops on international affairs and U.S. foreign policy, and engages in advocacy with the U.S. government; the Advisory Board of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, a network of practitioners, academics, clergy, and laity from around the world in the field of Catholic peacebuilding; and the board and Communications Committee of Jesuit Refugee Services, an international refugee relief and advocacy group active in over 60 countries.

An alumna of the Johns Hopkins University (Ph.D.), the University of Texas at Austin (M.A.), and St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia (B.A.), Dr. Love is a frequent speaker on international affairs issues, as when she spoke on “Religious Peacebuilding” at the Vatican and at the United Nations. She is a columnist for *America Magazine* and a recipient of the 2009 Best Columnist Catholic Press Award. As a former Pew Faculty Fellow and a current consultant for Georgetown’s Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Dr. Love regularly gives faculty development workshops on religion and world politics, and case and participatory teaching techniques.

She serves on the editorial board of Rowman & Littlefield’s New Millennium book series. She was a fellow at the U.S. Naval Academy’s Center for Military Ethics 2002-2003, is a former governing board member of Women in International Security, and is the founder of the Political Psychology Section of the American Political Science Association.

Maryann Cusimano Love lives on the Chesapeake Bay outside of Washington, D.C., with her husband Richard and three young children, Maria, Ricky, and Ava, who inspired her *New York Times* best-selling children’s books, *You Are My I Love You*, *You Are My Miracle*, *You Are My Wish*, *You Are My Wonders*, and *Sleep, Baby, Sleep*.

EAD 2014 Policy Plenary

“People of Hope: Justice and Peace Shall Embrace”

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson

*Director of Public Witness
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*



Reverend Dr. J. Herbert

Nelson, II, serves as Director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness (OPW) in Washington, DC. The Office of Public Witness is a prophetic office of the denomination and implements the social justice agenda of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through advocacy with the executive and legislative branches of the federal government. The OPW also engages in a broad range of activities with Presbyterian congregations and structures, providing constituency education materials and arranging briefings and conferences. Nelson believes that grassroots organizing within the denomination is a major key to impacting the prophetic witness and political sphere in today's globalized culture.

Engaging in ecumenical leadership and advocacy, Dr. J. Herbert, together with nearly a dozen other national religious leaders, was arrested in July of 2012 in the U.S. Capitol Building while engaging in prayer and civil disobedience in the Capitol Rotunda. Frustrated that their pleas to the Administration and Congress to protect funding for the nation's most vulnerable people are being ignored, the leaders refused to end their public prayers for an equitable resolution to the debt ceiling debate, despite repeated warnings from the U.S. Capitol Police.

Dr. Nelson is married to the Reverend Gail Porter Nelson and the father of an 18 year old daughter, Alycia Yvette Nelson. He is a third generation Presbyterian Pastor, who, before coming to Washington, served as Founder/Pastor of Liberation Community Presbyterian Church (LCC) in Memphis, Tennessee. LCC was chartered on April 11, 1999 and was the first African-American Church developed in the Presbytery of Memphis in forty-six years. The ministry received the prestigious Walton Grant, which is awarded by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for outstanding work in New Church Development. Liberation Community is an African-centered congregation committed to evangelizing the poor to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

As an extension to his community-based ministry, Dr. Nelson served as Associate Director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis. As a consultant, he provided staff development training for Teacher Specialists, Curriculum Specialists and Principal Leaders who provide assistance for low-performing schools.

Before going to Liberation Community Church, Dr. Nelson served as Pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church, a redeveloping congregation located in a thriving, middle-class area in Greensboro, North Carolina, ultimately leaving there to go to Memphis to be more actively involved in social justice work. During his eleven year tenure as Pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church, Nelson began the Doctor of Ministry Program at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. His dissertation, "A Community Based Model of An African American New Church Development in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)," focused on the educational needs of poor African American children. He graduated with distinction in May 2002.

A third generation graduate of Johnson C. Smith University (Presbyterian University founded in 1865), Dr. Nelson earlier earned a B.A. in Political Science/Urban Studies in 1981. In 1985, he earned the Master of Divinity degree from Johnson C. Smith Seminary (third generation graduate) at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

J. Herbert, as he is commonly known, serves as preacher, workshop leader, consultant and writer. He is a featured conference preacher at Montreat, Mo Ranch, Highlands-Colorado, and Massanetta Springs Conference Centers in the Presbyterian Church. His writings have appeared in *Presbyterians Today* and *The Outlook*. He is a member of several boards and professional organizations. Nelson has traveled to South Africa (1983), Geneva, Switzerland (1992), Montego Bay, Jamaica (1993, 2007), and Havana, Cuba (1999 and 2000) on behalf of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and is now devoting considerable time to meeting with congregations and presbyteries throughout the United States.



Gun Violence, The American Politic and Faith's Response

Heeding God's Call is a faith-based movement to prevent gun violence that unites people of faith in the sacred responsibility to protect our brothers, sisters and children: Helping local faith communities organize advocacy campaigns to encourage gun shops to adopt a code of conduct to deter illegal purchasing and trafficking of handguns; Providing support and resources for faith communities to form multi-racial, ecumenical and interfaith partnerships working together, on both social and legislative levels, to prevent gun violence; Serving as a 'connection point' for congregations and partnerships to connect with, learn from and support the work of gun violence prevention organizations and efforts already in place; and Advocating for faith communities to make commitments to raise voices and take action to prevent gun violence.

Keynote Address:



Rev. Dr. James Atwood, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Ret.)

Jim Atwood was the Pastor of The Wallace Presbyterian Church, Wallace, NC for five years before he and his wife, Roxana went to Japan as missionaries with the United Church of Christ in Japan where Jim was the Director of the Student Christian Fellowship in Tokyo. After nine years in Japan, he returned to the States as the Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church of Springfield, VA. In 1984, he became Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian in Arlington, VA from which he retired in 1999.

Shortly after moving to Springfield, a charter member of Grace Church was shot and killed by a teenager who went to the local bowling alley complaining that he had no money. His friend reached in his jacket and gave him a Saturday Night Special saying, "Here, go get yourself some money. When you get some give me 20 bucks and you can keep the gun." The young man made his way to a local motel where he robbed and killed the owner, Herb Hunter. The next day Jim volunteered his services to the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence.

For the next 38 years he has been a member of their Board, serving two terms as Chair; he was Interfaith Chair of The Million Mom March in 2000; he wrote three resolutions on gun violence which became policy for the Presbyterian Church; and more recently was a member of the writing team for the denomination's comprehensive study on *Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call* which was adopted unanimously by the PCUSA General Assembly in 2010. He is also a member of the National Committee of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and Heeding God's Call of Greater Washington.

He regularly teaches in Presbyterian and ecumenical settings and is a frequent speaker at clergy and civic forums throughout the country. In June of 2012, he published *America and Its Guns: A Theological Expose* which has been widely acclaimed. Although he has been an avid deer hunter for over 50 years, his book graphically shows how an absolute, unwarranted fascination with guns and violence can easily morph into idolatry. His book which contains specific suggestions for action is a clear wake up call to the faith community which he believes is the nation's best hope to unmask the extremism of the Gun Empire.

Jim lives in Harrisonburg, Va. with his wife, Roxana who is also a retired Presbyterian Pastor. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Gun Violence, The American Politic and Faith's Response



Panel Speakers:

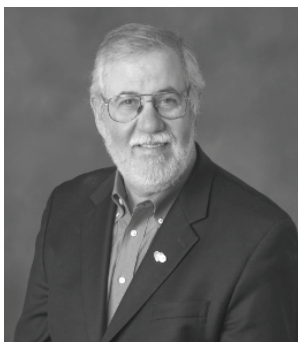


Movita Johnson, M.S.W., Executive Director, MECA, Inc.

Movita Johnson-Harrell is a wife, mother and grandmother. She graduated in May of 2004 from the University of Pennsylvania with her Masters of Social Work. As the executive director of MECA, Inc. for almost two decades, she has advocated and cared for disenfranchised groups that include the chronically mentally ill, dually diagnosed (mental illness and substance abuse disorders), and the homeless. She is a Department of Public Welfare approved trainer and administrator. In April of 2011 she created the CHARLES Foundation, (Creating Healthy Alternatives Results in Less Emotional Suffering) after her 18-year-old son, Charles Johnson, was murdered in a case of mistaken identity on January 13, 2011. Since implementing the foundation Movita has worked with Heeding God's Call, The Focused Deterrence Strategy, The District Attorney's Office, CeaseFire PA and Delco United and many other initiatives to eliminate gun violence in Pennsylvania.

Eugenio Weigend, Ph.D. Cand., EGAP Tecnologico de Monterrey

Eugenio Weigend is currently a visiting scholar at Georgetown University. He is a PhD candidate from EGAP Tecnologico de Monterrey and has focused his work on Public Security and National Security in Mexico. His work includes violence in democracy, arms trafficking, organized crime and police reform. He is co-author of the *Security Index of Mexican States* and Tecnologico de Monterrey's manifesto for public security. He has a Master's Degree in Public Policy from EGAP Tecnologico de Monterrey and a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from Brown University.



Bryan Miller, Executive Director, Heeding God's Call

Bryan Miller is Executive Director of Heeding God's Call, the faith-based and grassroots movement to prevent gun violence. Bryan left a twenty-five year career in international business to devote his life to gun violence prevention after his brother was one of three law enforcement officers killed in a massacre at Washington, D.C. police headquarters by a lone gunman wielding a concealed assault pistol. Bryan was Executive Director of New Jersey's leading organization devoted to reducing gun violence, Ceasefire NJ, for fifteen years, during which tenure the state gained one of the country's most effective systems of gun regulation and become one of the safest from gun violence. Bryan chaired the Presbyterian Church USA Study Team that drafted and promoted the 'Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call' Overture adopted unanimously at the 2010 PCUSA General Assembly. Under Bryan's leadership, Heeding God's Call was instrumental in the shuttering of a notorious Philadelphia gun shop by federal authorities and has established volunteer chapters in Philadelphia and environs, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Heeding God's Call seeks to get people of faith out of the pews and into 'living their faith on their feet' through gun violence prevention activism. Bryan worships at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in the Philadelphia suburbs.

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Sunday Interdenominational Worship Preacher



James E. Winkler
President and General Secretary
National Council of the Churches of Christ in
the USA

James E. Winkler is the newly elected General Secretary and President of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. Beginning in January, Jim succeeded Peg Birk, who served as Transitional General Secretary of the Council since July 2012. Previously, he served as general secretary of the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS), the international public policy and social justice agency of The United Methodist Church, for thirteen years.

As the chief executive of the UMC General Board, Jim led a staff of 22 who seek the implementation of the Church's Social Principles through education, witness, and advocacy. The board carries out a wide-ranging ministry of peace and justice

throughout the world with offices in Washington and New York.

Jim has led delegations to the Middle East, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq and Germany seeking peaceful solutions to global conflict and has traveled throughout the world to support the justice work of the United Methodist Church in Africa, Asia and Europe. Winkler has preached and led workshops and training events in Russia, Nigeria, and the Philippines, and has been a frequent spokesperson for the justice work of The United Methodist Church to the national and international media.

Sunday Response Plenary

“Transforming Violence: Guide Our Feet into the Path of Peace”

Moderator:



Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Executive Director,
The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis

The Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is a television personality, journalist, preacher and speaker, author, prison chaplain, church executive-minister-pastor, wife and mother. Currently, Walker-Smith serves as the Executive Director/Minister of The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, one of the oldest Council of Churches in the world founded in 1912. She is the first African American and first woman to serve in that position. The Federation coordinates the work of denominations, congregations and religious organizations, building bridges between these faith groups that enable them to better serve the community. She is regularly called on to speak, teach and preach in this diverse setting of ministry locally, nationally and internationally. She has

traveled and lived extensively globally promoting faith, mission, peace and reconciliation with faith partners, rural and urban communities as well as governments. She was recently re-elected to serve on the top governing body of the World Council of Churches (WCC) based in Geneva, Switzerland which is composed of Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic bodies such as the Vatican where she has also been received. Previously she served as the Co-Chair of the WCC Decade to Overcome Violence in the USA and the International Reference Group of the DOV that planned the WCC International Ecumenical Peace Convocation in Jamaica. She currently serves as Vice Chair of Home Mission and Ecumenical Liaison with the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. She has also been associated with Christian Churches Together, the American Bible Society, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association as a Vice Chair of the Indiana Billy Graham Crusade in 1999. Her book, *Faith in the City*, was released in 2012 with ten other scholars in the Centennial of The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Her research projects, including her doctoral studies, have focused on women who are returning citizens from prison, Pan-African women and Christian unity and multi-faith relations with Christians. She is working on two books related to her research and work in these areas.

Sunday Response Plenary
“Transforming Violence: Guide Our Feet into the Path of Peace”

Panelists:



Holly Maassarani, Prince George’s County Restorative Justice Program

Holly currently coordinates a juvenile diversion program in Prince George’s County, Maryland utilizing the restorative dialogue process Community Conferencing. Former Director of the Youth Restorative Justice Initiative at the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County, she also oversaw the Dialogue Circle program there which utilized peacemaking circles in the context of public schools. She is a graduate of American University’s School of International Service, with a master’s degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. Her graduate studies focused on reconciliation, and community-based forms of justice.

Alissa Wilson, Public Education and Advocacy Coordinator for Africa at the American Friends Service Committee

Alissa S. Wilson is Public Education and Advocacy Coordinator for Africa at the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), where she brings the lessons learned from AFSC’s work in Africa to the Washington DC policy community and liaises with the Quaker United Nations Office. Before this position, she spent two years with the National Democratic Institute (NDI), in South Sudan, where she created and managed a community organizing program implemented in all 10 states. Alissa has also served as the AFSC Policy Associate for Peace and Security, an Obama organizing fellow, an accredited election observer in Nigeria, a Jane Addams–Andrew Carnegie Fellow at the Center on Philanthropy at IU and an AmeriCorps member. Alissa is co-author of *Practical Idealists: Changing the World and Getting Paid*. She holds a MALD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and a B.A. in Political Science from Amherst College.



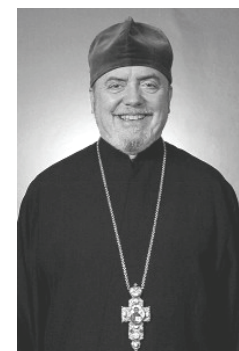
Herman Kumara, Convener of the National Fisheries Solidarity Movement (Sri Lanka) and Chair of Praja Abhilasha

Herman Kumara, a Roman Catholic, is an internationally recognized organizer in the fisheries sector and a prominent voice for human rights in Sri Lanka. He is the convener of the National Fisheries Solidarity Movement, which works to protect fishing communities facing displacement by tourist hotels along Sri Lanka’s beachfront and fragile inland waterways. The organization also works on behalf of small artisanal fishers competing against growing industrial models of fishing and farming. Kumara’s life has been threatened for his human rights and environmental work. He is the chair of

Praja Abhilasha, a network of non-government agencies formed after the 2004 tsunami, which escalated the presence of multi-national investors in the region. Praja Abhilasha is linked to the Joining Hands networks of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Rev. Dr. Michael James Oleksa, Pastor and Professor

The Reverend Dr. Michael James Oleksa has spent the last 35 years in Alaska, serving as village priest, university professor, consultant on intercultural relations and communications, and authoring several books on Alaska Native cultures and history. A 1969 graduate of Georgetown University and of St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Father Oleksa earned his doctoral degree in Presov, Slovakia, in 1988. His four-part PBS television series, *Communicating Across Cultures*, has been widely acclaimed. The recipient of numerous awards from local, state and federal agencies, as well as the Alaska Federation of Natives, Father Michael has taught on all three main campuses of the University of Alaska system and at Alaska Pacific University as well. He currently resides in Anchorage with his Yup’ik wife, Xenia, his daughter Anastasia and one of his three grandsons.



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- Enhancing Unarmed Civilian Peacemaking: Nonviolent Peaceforce in South Sudan	<i>Jackson</i>
Asia Pacific	
- Costs, Dangers and Alternatives: Military and Economic Competition in Asia and the Pacific	<i>Harrison</i>
Domestic U.S.	
- How Corporations Are Re-Writing the Rules of the Economy and What We Can Do about It	<i>Crystal A</i>
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Eco-Justice	
- Bristol Bay and the Proposed Pebble Mine: Seeking Peace in Livelihoods, Culture and Salmon	<i>Wilson</i>
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- Climate, Conflict, and Development: Part 1	<i>Crystal C</i>
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- Peace Walks and Peace Talks: Building Peace in Colombia from the Ground Up	<i>Madison</i>
Middle East	
- Seeking an End to Violence in Syria	<i>Crystal B</i>
Peace & Global Security	
- Shared Security: A Faithful Approach to Reimagining U.S. Foreign Policy	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>

Workshop Session II

Saturday, March 22, 2014, 2:45– 4:15 pm

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- Restorative Justice Learnings and Opportunities	<i>Harrison</i>
- The G8 New Alliance, Herakles Farms & Land Grabbing: Stopping Conflicts before They Start	<i>Wilson</i>
- Irresponsible Corporate Investors: How Tax Aversion and Trade Rules Harm Communities	<i>Potomac View</i>
Asia Pacific	
- The Philippines...Enviro. Catastrophes, Human Rights Violations and Long Term Conflicts	<i>Pentagon I & II</i>
Domestic U.S.	
- Communities of Faith Uniting to Reduce Gun Violence in the U.S. and Mexico	<i>Crystal A</i>
- Restorative Justice Lens and Core Practices	<i>Commonwealth</i>
- Community Safety, Racial Profiling and Immigrants' Rights	<i>Crystal B</i>
Eco-Justice	
- Climate, Conflict and Development: Part 2	<i>Crystal C</i>
Global Economic Justice	
- Irresponsible Corporate Investors: How Tax Aversion and Trade Rules Harm Communities	<i>Potomac View</i>
Latin America & Caribbean	
- Communities of Faith Uniting to Reduce Gun Violence in the U.S. and Mexico	<i>Crystal A</i>
- Exploration and Migration in Haiti and the Dominican Republic	<i>Madison</i>
Middle East	
- Military Aid to The Middle East: An Investment in Injustice	<i>Monroe</i>
- Protecting the Path to Peace with Iran	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
Peace & Global Security	
- Protecting the Path to Peace with Iran	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
- Sowing Seeds of Shalom: Congregations Building Peace and Working for Justice	<i>Van Buren</i>

Workshop Session III
Sunday, March 23, 2014, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

	<u>LOCATION</u>
Africa	
- Roots of African Conflicts: What Role Can Americans and Faith Communities Play?	<i>Jackson</i>
Asia Pacific	
- Ending the Korean War: Prospects for a Just, Durable and Lasting Peace	<i>Monroe</i>
Domestic U.S.	
- The Real Violence Behind Sequestration	<i>Commonwealth</i>
- Converting a Militarized Economy and Alternative for Reducing Violence	<i>Crystal C</i>
- How Faith Communities Resist Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence	<i>Crystal B</i>
- Violence Interrupters, Local Peace Teams, and Peace Education Programs	<i>Pentagon I&II</i>
Eco-Justice	
- Water, Holy Water — Earth Day 2014	<i>Harrison</i>
Global Economic Justice	
- Responsible Lending and Borrowing	<i>Jackson</i>
- Seeking Solutions to the Violence of Global Hunger	<i>Potomac View</i>
Latin America & Caribbean	
- U.S. Militarization of the Drug War in Mexico and Central America	<i>Van Buren</i>
Middle East	
- Non-Violent Movements for Justice, Peace and Democracy in the Middle East	<i>Wilson</i>
- Israel/Palestine Negotiations: A Path to Peace?	<i>Crystal A</i>
Peace & Global Security	
- Not In Our Name: Contemporary Issues of War	<i>Madison</i>
- Beyond "Support the Troops:" How Congregations Can...Welcome...Those Returning from War	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>

Advocacy Skills Training Workshops Session I & II
Sunday, March 23, 2014, 3:15-4:00 pm & 4:15-5:00 pm

(Workshops are repeated at both sessions unless otherwise noted.)

<u>Training Workshops</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Introduction to Organizing for Social Change <i>(Part I during Session I only)</i>	<i>Crystal C</i>
Organizing for Social Change <i>(Part II during Session II only)</i>	<i>Crystal C</i>
Peacebuilding and Worship	<i>Crystal B</i>
Music that Includes Global Voices	<i>Crystal A</i>
Advocacy 101: Control the Jitters and Your Meeting from Start to Finish	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
Introduction to Social Media for Change	<i>Van Buren</i>
Community Organizing: A Peer to Peer Conversation with Young Adults	<i>Potomac View</i>
Harnessing the Power of Local Media for Social Justice	<i>Jackson</i>
Organizing and Mobilizing the Faith Community for Action and Change	<i>Commonwealth</i>
Peace Education	<i>Harrison</i>
Power, Love and Empathy for Advocacy: An Introduction to Non Violent Communication	<i>Wilson</i>
State Level Organizing	<i>Jefferson</i>
The Power of the Pen: Advocacy through Letter-Writing	<i>Madison</i>
You Aren't Dangerous Until you Can Speak Powerfully: Using Story Telling and Laser Talks	<i>Monroe</i>

Workshop Session I

Saturday, March 22, 2014, 11:00 – 12:30 pm

Drones: Remotely Operated Armed Foreign Relations (Moved from Saturday Workshop II) *Pentagon I&II*
 This workshop will focus on the United States' militarization of Africa, particularly via the proliferation of drones. How will drones, both armed and surveillance, change the way the US operates militarily in Africa? Who is ultimately benefitting and profiting? As the US increases its presence and training, we will examine ways to promote genuine human security and advocate for non-military solutions. *Speaker: Medea Benjamin, Co-Founder CODEPINK; Moderator: Melaura Homan-Smith, AFJN*

Enhancing Unarmed Civilian Peacekeeping: Nonviolent Peaceforce in South Sudan *Jackson*
 This workshop will focus on the cutting edge developments in a “just peace” approach to engaging conflict in the form of unarmed civilian peacekeeping. The Nonviolent Peaceforce has been successfully experimenting with this practice for over 10 years. They’ve been in South Sudan since 2010. They’ve trained local Sudanese and have empowered a women-based peace team. We'll take lessons from this team, which the UN relies on, and see how far a force for peace can go. *Speakers: Mel Duncan, Co-founder & Director of Special Projects, Nonviolent Peaceforce; Moderator: Eli S. McCarthy, Director, CMSM Justice and Peace Office*

Costs, Dangers and Alternatives: Military and Economic Competition in Asia and the Pacific *Harrison*
 This workshop will address the following themes: The Pivot and China’s Rise, The Trans-Pacific Partnership and Its Impacts and Strategic Dimensions, Northeast Asian Dangers and Opportunities, and Southeast Asian Dangers and Opportunities. As we approach the centenary of World War I, figures as diverse as Joseph Nye, Henry Kissinger and Japan’s Prime Minister Abe warn that the tensions in East Asia are reminiscent of 1914 Europe. Rising and declining powers—China and the U.S.—are locked in military and economic competition. Territorial disputes from Northeast to Southeast Asia are becoming dangerously militarized. Nationalism is growing force across a region caught up in multiple arms races. Interlocking alliance systems could transform a minor incident in the East or South China Seas into a catastrophic global war. At the same time, growing international trade results simultaneously in economic interdependence and intense competition. Globalization is on the march with new communications technologies. While many argue that war is unthinkable, others warn that a general war could end civilization as we know it. *Speakers: Joseph Gerson, American Friends Service Committee, Chloe Schwabe, Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach*

How Corporations Are Writing and Re-writing the Rules of the Economy and What We Can Do About It *Crystal A*
 For decades, people of conscience have pushed Congress to enact laws that constrain corporate power and behavior, and ease the violence that accompanies unfettered capitalism. Now these protections are rapidly being dismantled and replaced by others more favorable to corporate interests. Speakers will describe how the activities of the American Legislative Exchange Council (where corporations have "a voice and a vote" on proposed state legislation), and corporate influence on the federal judicial system including the Supreme Court (also called “the Corporate Court”), and on political, legislative, and regulatory processes are rolling back decades of progress and giving corporations expanded powers. Speakers will also discuss ways we can push back, restore needed protections, and strengthen our democracy. *Speakers: Sheila Krumholz, Executive Director, Center for Responsive Politics; Brendan Fischer, General Counsel, Center for Media and Democracy, and ALEC Exposed; Michelle Schwartz, Director of Justice Programs, Alliance for Justice*

Legislative and Corporate Attacks on Workers and Wages *Potomac View*
 This interactive workshop will explore state and federal legislative threats to workers and their wages. Attacks on efforts to raise the minimum wage, paid sick days, and wage theft, and as well corporate strategies designed to profit employers and violate labor standards and protections are forms of violence against workers. *Speakers: Rev. Michael Livingston, National Public Policy Director, IWJ, Thom Shellabarger, IWJ Policy Associate, Sung-Yeon Choi-Morrow, IWJ National Organizing Director, and other invited guests*

The Moral Costs of War: Alternatives to Fighting in and Paying for War *Commonwealth*
 This workshop will focus on the true costs of war for society and individuals. It will present both cases of men and women who volunteered to serve in the Armed Forces and, following a crisis of conscience, are seeking discharge as conscientious objectors, and cases of civilians seeking relief from paying for war. Presenters will engage workshop participants in discussion of the philosophy of noncooperation, religious responses to the organized violence of war and resistance to war as a human right, and will offer resources for further action to support and enable participants to address these issues in their home communities. *Speakers: Jack Payden-Travers, National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund and Maria Santelli, Center on Conscience & War*

Workshop Session I, Continued

Bristol Bay and the Proposed Pebble Mine: Seeking Peace and Protection for Salmon and a Way of Life *Wilson*
 Putting North America's largest open pit mine at the head waters of the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery is just a bad idea. Alaskan Natives know it, Orthodox Christians know it, commercial fishermen know it. Come learn about their effort to stop the mine, care for God's Creation, and what you can do to ensure we can all enjoy wild sockeye salmon in the future! *Speakers: Father Michael Oleksa, Orthodox Church in America. Moderator: Tricia Bruckbauer, Creation Justice Ministries*

Energy Development – Its impact on communities, creation, and culture *Van Buren*
 Energy and resource development brings both benefits and challenges to the surrounding communities, creation, and the world. This workshop will explore the recent energy boom here in the U.S. as well as emerging energy needs (such as the copper needed for renewable energy devices) and the impacts our personal and systemic choices are having on all of God's creation. *Presenter: Tyler Edgar, Creation Justice Ministries*

Climate, Conflict, and Development *Crystal C*
 Resource based conflict is one negative effect of climate change already being felt across the world, particularly in the Global South. Climate change has also posed an immense challenge to people's livelihoods. These challenges call for a paradigm shift in development approaches. Donor governments and development agencies need to see the linkages in livelihoods, climate, and conflict and provide for short term coping and longer term adaptation strategies. Two speakers, one from Kenya and the other from Sri Lanka, will explore these challenges and suggest alternatives to the current development model. *Speakers: Mrs. Everlyne Nairesiae, Regional Program Coordinator, Giving Hope Program, Church World Service, East Africa and Herman Kumara is the Convener of the National Fisheries Solidarity Movement in Sri Lanka.*

Economic Violence in the Guise of a Trans-Pacific Partnership *Commonwealth*
 Twenty years after the U.S. negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement, the U.S. is pushing forward its largest trade partnership yet that will incorporate at least twelve countries on four continents and represents about 40 per cent of the global economy. Will this partnership create more jobs for women, rural communities, and industrial workers and go further to protect the environment as the partnership promises? Or will the agreement protect corporate profit over the rights of workers, God's Earth and people? A panel of civil society experts will share with us just what the Trans-Pacific Partnership has to offer and suggestions for action in your community. *Presenters: Melinda St. Louis is International Campaigns Director with Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, Christina Cobourn Herman is the Associate Director of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate US Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Office, Jesse Prentice-Dunn, Representative of Sierra Club's Responsible Trade Program.*

Perilous Journey: An Epidemic of Violence against Central American Migrants in Transit through Mexico *Monroe*
 Every year, hundreds of thousands of Central American migrants travel through Mexico on their way to the U.S. border, fleeing spiraling violence and poverty in their home countries. Many are left with few options other than to travel clandestinely through regions dominated by criminal groups and corrupt officials who target migrants because they can be exploited with impunity. Advocates estimate that kidnapping, robbery, assault and extortion of migrants generates tens of millions of dollars each year for organized crime, funds that are fed back into organized crime's infrastructure, strengthening its ability to commit violence against both Mexicans and migrants. Brave human rights defenders and faith communities provide humanitarian assistance and work to protect and defend migrants, but consequently fall victim to targeted attacks from both organized crime and corrupt officials. Join us to learn more about the current situation and what strategies for solidarity are likely to be most effective in this challenging context. *Speakers: Jenny Johnson, Senior Associate for Mexico and Border Policy, Latin America Working Group Education Fund and Mary Small, Assistant Director for Policy, Jesuit Refugee Services/USA. Moderator: Ruth I. Turaew, Program Associate, Latin America Working Group Education Fund*

Peace Walks and Peace Talks: Building Peace in Colombia from the Ground Up *Madison*
 With the Colombian government and the FARC guerrilla group at the negotiating table, there is real hope for an end to the war in Colombia. After fifty years of unspeakable violence, peace in Colombia shimmers on the horizon. But peace must be built from the ground up. This workshop will bring visionary peacebuilders from Colombia to talk with you about the peace process and how respect for the rights of victims of violence to truth and justice are essential in order to construct a just and lasting peace. *Speakers: Andres Alba, Director, Justicia y Vida human rights office, Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia and Ricardo Pinzón Contreras, Executive Director, MENCOLDES*

Workshop Session I, Continued

Seeking an End to Violence in Syria

Crystal B

The ongoing civil war in Syria is causing death to thousands and displacement to millions. The influx of military support on all sides continues to fuel this unfolding disaster. Faith groups are responding with a range of tools, from providing support to refugees to creating political space and support for Syrians who believe in nonviolence as a means of achieving freedom, equality, dignity, and mutual coexistence. Panelists with experience working on and in the conflict in Syria will provide a window into current developments, evolving regional factors, challenges facing Syrian refugees, and ways you can help support steps toward peace. *Speakers: Shane Bristow, Director of St. Andrew's Refugee Services in Cairo, Marie Dennis, Co-President, Pax Christi International, Rev. Robert O. Smith, Area Program Director for the Middle East and North Africa, ELCA Global Mission and Razek Siriani, Syrian, former Ecumenical and International Relations Office, Syrian Orthodox Bishopric.*

Shared Security: A Faithful Approach to Reimagining U.S. Foreign Policy

Lincoln Hall

What's your vision for the U.S. role in the world? Are there approaches that could ensure the wellbeing of Creation more effectively than the militarized and polarized policies of the present and past? Building on a platform for inspiration, critical thinking, and action developed by the American Friends Service Committee and the Friends Committee on National Legislation, this workshop will offer opportunities for people of all faiths to explore the possibilities for new approaches to U.S. foreign policy grounded in our shared security as a global community. *Speakers: Bridget Moix, Research Fellow, George Mason University; Ruth Flower, Legislative Director, Friends Committee on National Legislation; Aura Kanegis, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, American Friends Service Committee; Alissa Wilson, Public Education and Advocacy Coordinator for Africa, American Friends Service Committee*

Workshop Session II

Saturday, March 22, 2014, 2:45- 4:15 pm

Restorative Justice Learnings and Opportunities

Harrison

This workshop will focus on the great contributions Africa has made to the development of restorative (as opposed to punitive, as in the US) justice practices. Another key component of a "just peace" lens, these practices have notable impact in South Africa with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Rwanda with the *gacaca* approach, and in Sierra Leone with *fambul tok*. What can we learn from these RJ strategies, and what opportunities are there today for advancing RJ practices in spaces of conflict in Africa? *Speaker: Carl S Stauffer, Co-Director, Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice Center for Justice & Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University*

The G8 New Alliance, Herakles Farms, & Land-Grabbing: Stopping Conflicts Before They Start

Wilson

As land-grabbing has gained notoriety over the past decade, land grabbers have gotten more sophisticated in their methods of sweeping up key resources and forcing conflict. In Tanzania and Mozambique, the World Economic Forum has held up land in agricultural growth corridors as a prime opportunity for international investors. This initiative gave rise to the G8's New Alliance, led by the Obama Administration, which pays lip-service to the UN's land tenure guidelines while creating incentives for large scale mechanized agriculture in the style of land-grabbing. What would Africa look like under the New Alliance? What can we do to prevent resource-scarcity related violence? *Speakers: Doug Hertzler, Senior Policy Analyst ActionAid USA, Jacques Bahati, Policy Analyst, Africa Faith & Justice Network (AFJN), Godfrey Eliseus Massay, HAKIARDHI, Tanzania*

And Jesus Weeps: The Philippines in the Vortex of Complex Environmental Catastrophes, Human Rights Violations and Long Term Conflicts

Pentagon I & II

This workshop will address how catastrophes like Typhoon Haiyan (called in the Philippines Typhoon Yolanda) are considered complex emergencies, where humanitarian intervention is militarized, contributing to and reflective of the aggravating human rights situation in the Philippines. Like other catastrophes such as the tsunami of 2004, Typhoon Haiyan has revealed government incompetency and may exacerbate (as in Sri Lanka) or mitigate (as in Aceh), entrenched conflicts. As such, the typhoon offers opportunities for either the worsening of the long-time civil war or advancing imaginative solutions to the conflict in the Philippines. This workshop will look into why climate justice is a crucial component of social Justice in a country like the Philippines. The panel will also address the necessity and crucial role of civil society and non-governmental groups in pressuring the Philippine government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines to

Workshop Session II, Continued

return to the negotiating table to address the roots of the ongoing conflict, including the worsening human rights situation in the country. U.S. and Philippine policies will be examined to achieve a just, durable and lasting peace; climate justice; and sustainable development in the Philippines. *Speakers: Prof. Kathryn Poethig, California State University, Monterey Bay; Brian Campbell International Labor Rights Forum; and Zarah Vinola, National Alliance for Filipino Concerns*

Communities of Faith Uniting to Reduce Gun Violence in the U.S. and Mexico*Crystal A*

Across the country, faith leaders are playing a critical role in raising public awareness of the horrific impact that gun violence has on our families and building support for common-sense policies that can save lives from gun violence, including background checks and fingerprint licensing of handgun purchasers. The harms of existing lax U.S. gun regulations extend well beyond our borders, enabling traffickers to stream weapons across our southern border, fueling the violence that has killed tens of thousands in Mexico in recent years. In this workshop, panelists will discuss what communities of faith and conscience are doing to advance this bi-national issue. Vincent DeMarco will describe Faiths United To Prevent Gun Violence, a coalition of over 50 national faith groups working on this issue. Eugenio Weigend will discuss the impact of US gun policies in Mexico. Rev. Jim Atwood, with 39 years of working in this arena, will focus on ways to encourage participation in the *local* faith community. Bob Baskin of the Peace Alliance will describe the Youth Promise Act (HR 1318), which makes an unprecedented investment in evidence-based, locally run prevention & intervention practices that engage and divert at-risk youth proactively, before they slip into a costly cycle of delinquency, crime, violence and incarceration.

Restorative Justice Lens and Core Practices*Commonwealth*

Exploring another key component of a “just peace” approach to engaging conflict, this workshop would focus on the transformative shift to a restorative justice lens and core restorative practices in our religious communities and broader society. Such a lens calls into question the practice of mass criminalization of communities of color in the U.S. who are disproportionately subject to police surveillance, incarceration and torture. Too often our notion of “justice” revolves around a mis-guided attempt to change behavior *primarily* by instilling fear, suffering, and even death. For instance, this has led the U.S. to having one of the highest recidivism rates in the world (60%) as well as the world’s highest incarceration rate. However, God has offered us an alternative, more truthful and transformative way of creating justice which has revelatory implications for various areas of our life. A restorative justice lens and practices are being used with great success in schools, criminal justice system, families, workplaces, and religious communities. We will hear from a survivor of torture in U.S. prisons, and discover in contrast, transformative practices and alternatives, particularly circle processes; get some clarity on the restorative lens; and explore ways to advance restorative justice in our communities and in public policy. *Speakers: Jenn Bricker, Key Bridge Foundation Community Conferencing Program; Five Mualimmak (on behalf of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture); Eli McCarthy, Professor*

Community Safety, Racial Profiling and Immigrants’ Rights*Crystal B*

The U.S. has deported nearly two million undocumented immigrants in the last five years, largely through a program known as "Secure Communities" or "S-COM" which encourages local police to detain immigrants, something historically under federal jurisdiction. Around the country, this has eroded trust between local police and communities, as many are afraid to report crime for fear of deportation and thus become targets of theft, violent crime, employer exploitation, human trafficking, and domestic abuse due to their immigration status. People of faith have worked with immigrants' rights groups and local, county and state officials to stop the detrimental effects of S-COM. Join this workshop with Salvador Sarmiento of the National Day Laborers Organizing Network (NDLON); Gabriel Camacho of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in Massachusetts; and Jen Smyers of Church World Service (CWS) to discuss successful best practices and brainstorm about how people of faith can promote better community safety policies that build welcoming communities.

Climate, Conflict, and Development: Part II*Crystal C*

Join us to learn how you can help families and communities in Kenya and Sri Lanka (and all around the world) without even leaving the US. Faith communities in the U.S. have an important role to play in ensuring climate justice for all of God’s people. This workshop will build off of the previous workshop (Climate, Conflict, and Development) but all are welcome. *Speaker: Father Sean McDonagh, Columban Priest*

Irresponsible Corporate Investors: How Tax Aversion and Trade Rules Harm Communities*Potomac View*

Corporations are rewriting the rules from international trade to taxes. For every \$10 that a country receives in aid, it loses \$15 as a result of corporate tax aversion. The reliance of corporations upon corporate tax loopholes and offshore tax havens deprives developed and developing countries alike the resources they need to bring people out of poverty. Tax shifting is

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estimated to cost the U.S. and Europe approximately \$100 billion per year in lost tax revenue. Additionally, we find these same corporations included in the decision making for international trade agreements that impact the lives of millions of people. Is this the kind of power people of faith want to see corporations wield? *Speakers: Celeste Drake (invited) is the Trade and Policy Specialist at the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Lori Wallach (invited) is a trade lawyer by training, author and Director of Global Trade Watch at Public Citizen.*

Exploitation and Migration in Haiti and the Dominican Republic

Madison

Haiti and the Dominican Republic are uneasy neighbors, and the disparities between them create tensions and conflicts that manifest in many forms: trafficking, forced repatriations, labor exploitation, xenophobic violence, denationalization and statelessness. Dominican and Haitian civil society, mobilized affected people, international organizations and institutions, and faith based organizations have all worked to resist these expressions of interpersonal and systemic violence, but while some transformative peace-building has taken place at the community level and between some groups, comprehensive solutions to these deep rooted problems have proven elusive. Come join this conversation to learn more about the current situation within and between these two countries, and how different peace-building strategies might be applied to this complex context. *Speakers: Jasmine Huggins, Church World Service and Mary Small, Jesuit Refugee Service/USA*

Military Aid to the Middle East: An Investment in Injustice

Monroe

The lion's share of U.S. military assistance flows to the Middle East – but has that aid brought stability or greater conflict? Panelists will discuss the overall picture of U.S. military aid to countries in the Middle East, the impacts of a generation of militarized investment in the region, and what the faith community can do to advocate for conditioning or reducing military aid and investing instead in true human security for the region. *Moderator: Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach, Director, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office*

Protecting the Path to Peace with Iran

Lincoln Hall

A series of historic diplomatic steps are underway to peacefully resolve the standoff over Iran's nuclear program. But some in Congress have sought to undermine negotiators and take the United States and Iran off the path to a final diplomatic solution. Expert panelists will provide an update on the state of negotiations, the potential impacts of steps taken so far, and ways members of the faith community can help to support meaningful, effective diplomacy. *Speakers: Negar Mortazavi, Director of Persian and New Media, National Iranian American Council and Stephen Miles, Coalition Coordinator, Win Without War. Moderator: Mark Harrison, Director, Peace with Justice Program, United Methodist General Board of Church and Society*

Sowing Seeds of Shalom: Congregations Building Peace and Working for Justice

Van Buren

Many local congregations have engaged in inspiring efforts to integrate justice and peacemaking through frameworks such as Just Peace on both the local and global level. Come and hear more about these efforts and related resources and see how your congregation can get involved. *Speakers: Marie Dennis, Co-President, Pax Christi International; Rev. Chip Jahn, United Church of Christ pastor, Lamar, Indiana; Nate Hosler, Advocacy Officer, Church of the Brethren; Moderator: Rev. Michael Neuroth, Policy Advocate, United Church of Christ*

Workshop Session III**Sunday, March 23, 2014, 1:30 – 3:00 pm****Roots of African Conflicts: What Role can Americans and Faith Communities play?**

Jackson

"Oh, Africa has so much conflict!" is an often-heard phrase, but why do Africans fight? What creates these cycles of violence? The workshop will examine the root causes of war in Africa and examine peace-making roles that regular American citizens and faith communities can play. *Speakers: Nii Akuetteh, Independent Analyst of US-Africa relations; Moderator: Aniedi Okure, AFJN Executive Director*

Ending the Korean War: Prospects for a Just, Durable and Lasting Peace

Monroe

It has been over 60 years since the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement. This armistice agreement 1953 only temporarily halted the war that claimed 4 million lives and divided 10 million families. "This lingering state of war on the Korean peninsula is a major contributor to tension and instability, both regionally and globally, and contravenes the spirit of

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the United Nations Resolution 39/11 which recognizes a people's right to peace." The agreement's main aim was to "insure a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea until a final peaceful settlement is achieved". That final peaceful settlement has not been achieved. To the contrary, the tension and conflict in the Korean Peninsula continues today. Consequently, the people of the divided peninsula, and of Koreans around the world, continues today to pay the devastating human cost for this *unended* war. This workshop will look at US and Korea policies and the history of this unjust and unnecessary tension and identify effective ways to promote what makes for a just, lasting and durable peace in the peninsula. The workshop will prepare participants for advocacy on Capitol Hill during EAD, and also around the time of the anniversary of the armistice agreement on July 27. *Speaker: Prof. Suh Jae Jung (J.J. Suh), Korea Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies*

The Real Violence Behind Sequestration*Commonwealth*

The latest budget deal provided some necessary (albeit temporary) relief from sequestration. But anti-poverty programs weren't overflowing with funds before sequestration began. Even with the deal that replaced most of sequestration for two years, competition for federal funding remains fierce. Additional cuts could devastate critical programs, but dollars are scarce. This is a new budgetary environment. Yet, there's hope. The anniversary of the War on Poverty lifted the issue into prominence within the national dialogue. Learn how you can adapt your advocacy to take advantage of the growing conversation around poverty. Hear new techniques to ensure anti-poverty programs secure adequate funding. What are ways we can make anti-poverty programs stronger and more effective? How do we transform the violence of sequestration into the promise of a sustained and national commitment to end poverty?

Converting a Militarized Economy and Alternatives for Reducing Violence*Crystal C*

This workshop will look at military spending as a part of the Federal Budget, and shifts toward reducing violence. Miriam Pemberton is an expert on Department of Defense funding and conversion to a peace economy. She will contextualize U.S. military spending globally and in relation to non-defense spending. Then she will lay out a comprehensive strategy for linking action at the federal, state and local levels to build an economic foundation that is not dependent on producing weapon systems we don't need. The School of the Americas Watch (SOAW) continues to reduce the impact of U.S. on violence in Central and South America. Arturo Viscarra will address the work to close the Western Hemispheric Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), through legislation, vigils, and work with Southern leaders to withdraw their military from the school.

How Faith Communities Resist Domestic, Sexual, and Gender-Based Violence*Crystal B*

This interactive workshop will provide participants with information about domestic, sexual and gender-based violence on a national and international basis. Presenters will share applications from faith communities to eliminate roadblocks to safety and promote resources which resist violence. The workshop will conclude with participants identifying tangible steps they can take back to their own churches and communities to work against these forms of violence. *Speakers: Rev. Maxine Lloyd Ball, MDiv, President and Founder, Isaac Ministries, Inc.; John Chapman, Survivor/Activist and former law enforcement officer; Emily Esworthy, Marketing and Communications Manager, IMA World Health; Leila Nimatallah, Director of External Relations and Advocacy, IMA World Health; Julie Taylor, Executive Secretary for Spiritual Growth, United Methodist Women*

Violence Interrupters, Local Peace Teams, and Peace Education Programs*Pentagon I & II*

Exploring other key components of a "just peace" approach to engaging conflict, this workshop will focus on cutting edge developments in local security, peacekeeping and peacebuilding initiatives. The U.S. society continues to struggle with bullying, assaults, gang violence, guns, and even abuse by police officers. The U.S. has the highest rate of youth homicide among the 26 wealthiest countries. Our schools are increasingly being filled with armed guards and police are increasingly taking on more military weapons, hiring more military trained officers, and growing their SWAT teams. But there are proven, effective alternatives to these patterns much more in accord with Jesus' way of love of enemies and peacemaking. We will discover approaches that have effectively reduced shootings and homicides, as well as those which offer trainings in nonviolent conflict intervention and restorative justice, provide street monitoring, and offer peace education, etc. There is a national network of peace teams called the Shenti Sena Network, which you will also learn about. Come and explore the remarkable in-breaking of Jesus' way through these initiatives, and what might be possible for your local communities. *Speakers: Karen Volker, Cure Violence, Chicago, IL; MJ Park, Little Friends for Peace; Cortez McDaniel, DC Peace Team*

Workshop Session III, Continued**Water, Holy Water – Earth Day 2014***Harrison*

As water becomes the cause of more and more conflicts around the world, it is important that we understand our connection to water and the impact we are having on water resources in our communities and regions. Come explore Creation Justice Ministries' 2014 Earth Day Resource "Water, Holy Water" and learn how you can use this resource in your congregation and community. *Speakers: Mary Minette, Director of Environmental Education and Advocacy, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Moderator: Tyler Edgar, Creation Justice Ministries*

Responsible Lending and Borrowing*Jackson*

For more than two decades the international community has implemented a series of measures to address unsustainable debt burdens on loan agreements and international financing. Join us as we explore how the U.S. government can implement responsible lending and borrowing principles that promote democracy and bring people out of poverty in countries around the world. *Speakers: Aldo Caliarì, Director of the Rethinking Bretton Woods Project at the Center of Concern, Eric LeCompte is the Executive Director of Jubilee USA Network.*

Seeking Solutions to the Violence of Global Hunger*Potomac View*

This workshop will focus on the need to reform our climate, foreign aid, and trade policies to support a transition to innovative approaches to food security built on traditional knowledge and enhanced by scientific innovations. Agroecology, a combination of the sciences of ecology and agronomy, promises an alternative, integrated approach that is garnering the support of local farmers and practitioners around the world. Learn and share ways to build support for agroecology locally, nationally and globally. *Speakers: Karen Hansen-Kuhn, Director of the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy's International Program in Washington, D.C.; Fr. Sean McDonagh, SSC, Columban priest and author from Ireland.*

U.S. Militarization of the Drug War in Mexico and Central America*Van Buren*

For the past several years, the U.S. war on drugs has included a militarized approach to trafficking in Mexico and Central America. These policies have led to an increase in the use of torture, violence against women, human rights violations and extrajudicial executions. In addition, by every conceivable measure (reducing availability of drugs, decreasing crime and the power of drug cartels, increasing public security, effective use of taxes), they have been an abject and costly failure. We will outline current U.S. policies and open up a discussion around alternatives focused on prevention, rule of law and human rights. *Speakers: Laura Carlsen, CIP Americas Program; Michael Collins, Drug Policy Alliance; Kathryn Johnson, Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA; Alex Main, Center for Economic and Policy Research*

Non-Violent Movements for Justice, Peace and Democracy in the Middle East*Wilson*

This workshop will provide an overview of non-violent movements in Israel and Palestine and throughout the Middle East focused on challenging oppression, advancing democracy, and securing human rights. Through information-sharing and personal narrative panelists will offer updates on how the Arab Spring and its unfolding aftermath are affecting the region, explore research assessing the success of non-violent vs. violent movements, and share ways the faith community can support non-violent movements for change in the region. *Speakers: Tarek Abuata, Palestine Director, Christian Peacemaker Teams and Co-founder, Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace; Fatma (Huda) Almaghour, Libyan graduate student with the School for International Training (SIT) Graduate Institute. Moderator: R. Aura Kanegis, Director, Office of Public Policy and Advocacy, American Friends Service Committee*

Israel/Palestine Negotiations: A Path to Peace?*Crystal A*

20 years after the Oslo Agreement set a "roadmap" for peace, land and resource confiscation have advanced unchecked, settlements have boomed, freedom of movement for Palestinians has been deeply restricted, and a peace ensuring the wellbeing of all in the region is far from sight. Can current negotiations avoid the failures of past processes and cut a path toward meaningful and lasting peace? Panelists will discuss the status of negotiations, prospective outcomes, implications for the situation on the ground, and how the faith community can support a lasting peace for Israeli and Palestinian people. *Moderator: Dennis W. Frado, Director, Lutheran Office for World Community, ELCA & Main Representative at UN Headquarters, The Lutheran World Federation*

Not in our name: Contemporary Issues of War*Madison*

The United States' national security programs and policies have drastically changed in the post-9/11 era, but do we understand the full depth of what our country is doing in our name? And is all of it legal or ethical? This workshop will seek to answer these questions by exploring the policies and ethics surrounding issues such as drones, surveillance, Guantanamo, torture, and the terrorist watchlist. We will look at how these issues relate to national and international law, conscience,

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ethics, and moral law. *Speakers:* Nate Hosler, *Advocacy Officer, Church of the Brethren*; Ron Stief, *Executive Director, National Religious Campaign Against Torture*; Christina Warner, *Campaign Director, Shoulder-to-Shoulder: Standing with American Muslims, Upholding American Values*

Moving beyond "Support the Troops": How congregations can offer healing and compassionate welcome to those returning from the trauma of war. *Lincoln Hall*

As the war in Afghanistan continues to wind down, thousands of people will return to our communities and congregations from war. Come and hear how your church can extend a compassionate welcome to those returning from war in ways that addresses the trauma and moral injury of war experienced by many. *Speakers:* Rev. Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock, *Co-Director, Soul Repair Center at Brite Divinity School*; Rev. Stephen Boyd, *Minister for Chaplains and Specialized Ministers, United Church of Christ*; Moderator: Rev. Michael Neuroth, *Policy Advocate, United Church of Christ*

Advocacy Skills Training Workshops Session I & II **Sunday, March 23, 2014, 3:15-4:00 pm & 4:15-5:00 pm**

(Workshops are repeated at both sessions unless otherwise noted.)

Advocacy 101: Control the Jitters and Your Meeting from Start to Finish *Lincoln Hall*

This interactive workshop will help ease the nerves of first-time lobbyists and refresh those who want to brush up on their skills. Participants will learn the basic "how-to's" of setting up a meeting with Congressional staff, what materials to prepare and bring to a visit, and appropriate steps for follow-up after a meeting. They will also learn how to clearly and effectively communicate a specific "ask," and hear suggestions of ways to stay focused while a visit is veering off course. Finally, participants will have the opportunity to put their skills to the test by practicing their own mock lobby visits with this year's asks and talking points. *Speakers:* Eric Mitchell, *Director of Government Relations, Bread for the World*; Chloe Schwabe, *Advocacy Associate, Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach*

Community Organizing: A Peer to Peer Conversation with Young Adults *Potomac View*

A peer to peer conversation about how young adults around the country are organizing for justice and peace. Come share and learn best practices. *Speakers:* *The 99 Collective*

Effective Advocacy with State Government *Pentagon I&II*

State-based legislative victories can fuel momentum for national change. Learn how to make an impact on public policy in your state. *Speakers:* Rebecca Cole, *Organizing Program Coordinator, United Methodist General Board of Church & Society*; Laura Markle Downton, *Director of U.S. Prisons Policy & Program, National Religious Campaign Against Torture*

Harnessing the Power of Local Media for Social Justice *Jackson*

The media can serve as a powerful tool for promoting important issues. This workshop will help attendees raise media awareness of their issues in their own communities. Learn tips on how to get Letters to the Editor, Op-Ed pieces, and more published to advocate for justice for people living in poverty using examples of media generated by RESULTS activists. Then we'll draft letters you can submit to media back home. *Speaker:* Lisa Treumuth Peters, *Volunteer and Leader of Metro DC Chapter, RESULTS*

Intro to Organizing for Social Change (Part I) *Crystal C*

This workshop will give an introduction to community organizing methodology with discussion of the continuum of action and how to integrate organizing models to your current work. The fundamentals of organizing for social change cut across all issues and can help organization and congregations be more effective in building local power to change social policy. There will be specific attention to the importance of the role of faith in building social movements. *Speaker:* Kristin Kumpf, *Director of Organizing, General Board of Church and Society (UMC)*

Organizing for Social Change (Part II) *Crystal C*

This will follow the Intro to Organizing workshop and focus on the importance of strategic relationship- building in community organizing work. The workshop will provide new tools in recruitment, team building, and leadership development addressing the importance of one-to-ones as an essential piece to building collective power to win concrete

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improvements in people's lives. *Speaker: Kristin Kumpf, Director of Organizing, General Board of Church and Society (UMC)*

Introduction to Social Media for Change

Van Buren

This workshop will introduce the novice to the concept of using social media in advocacy. How does someone get started? What social media platforms have the greatest potential impact on advocacy? This workshop will give basic steps to get started. *Speakers: Matt Smith and Marc DelMonico, Perisphere Media*

Music That Includes Global Voices

Crystal A

Songs, story, and beats provide the soundtrack for the work of peace and justice. Come explore singing the story with people from here and around the world as a prophetic act of solidarity. *Speakers: Glocal Musicians*

Organizing and Mobilizing the Faith Community for Action and Change

Commonwealth

We will learn how to make initial approaches to congregations to gain involvement in advocacy for a social cause, using gun violence prevention as a model. We will learn how to spread such commitment to nearby congregations to build local faith-based and grassroots activist coalitions united by purpose. Emphasis will be on interfaith "out-of-the-pews" activism and public pressure for change. *Speaker: Bryan Miller, Executive Director, Heeding God's Call*

Peace Education 101

Harrison

This interactive workshop will engage participants in identifying seeds of peace planted in the culture of violence and give them tools to nurture those seeds in their own hearts, in their families, in their churches and schools, and in their communities. Participants will take home resources that will enhance their ability to engage others in peace-making. *Speaker: MJ Park, Peace Educator in the Washington, DC, area.*

Peacebuilding and Worship

Crystal B

This skills workshop will engage participants to explore ways that our worship services can resist violence and build peace. Participants will examine violence and peace in prayer, liturgy, sermons, and communion, leaving the session with both concrete ideas for worship and tools to ask larger questions about violence and peace in their own communities. *Speaker: Rev. Meagan Manas, Program Coordinator, World Day of Prayer USA Committee*

Power, Love and Empathy for Advocacy: An Introduction to Nonviolent Communication

Wilson

Using Marshall Rosenberg's practical wisdom and deep spirituality from his book Nonviolent Communication, we will practice: 1) clarifying/empathizing with the humanizing feelings and universal needs/core values both we and our opponents have; 2) making bridge-building concrete and in-the-moment observations; and 3) creating and persisting with positive, doable, timely, concrete requests that move both our relationships and our work for peace and right relations (justice) along. These simple skills of authentic and connecting "power with" others will deepen, heal, and transform our own hearts, our advocacy work, and our communities of faith and support. *Speaker: Louisa Davis, M.Div, PhD, Certified Trainer Candidate, Center for Nonviolent Communication*

The Power of the Pen: Advocacy through Letter-Writing

Madison

Bread for the World organizers will introduce their 2014 Offering of Letters Campaign, examine how the violence of hunger impacts the international community, and show how better food aid policies contribute to lasting and sustainable peace. Participants will learn the effectiveness of letter-writing in advocacy and how to leverage their voice to influence their elected officials. The workshop will conclude with an opportunity for participants to write letters to our nation's leaders. *Speakers: Rev. LaMarco Cable, Deputy Director of Organizing, Bread for the World*
Sheena Meade, Regional Organizer, Bread for the World

"You Aren't Dangerous Until You Can Speak Powerfully:" Using Storytelling and 'Laser Talks' to Be an Effective Advocate

Monroe

Telling your own story and using stories to make your causes "real" is key to being an effective advocate. This workshop empowers participants to speak effectively about social justice issues to politicians, the media, and peers by reviewing what makes an effective "public narrative". Then, we'll do a train-the-trainer session on how to develop powerful speaking skills by creating a "laser talk" to advocate on an issue. *Speaker: Meredith Dodson, Director of U.S. Poverty Campaigns,*

RESULTS

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Equal Exchange
 Heeding God's Call
 NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Young Adult Volunteer Program

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Action Aid
 Agricultural Missions, Inc.
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 Bread for the World
 Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc
 Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Death Penalty
 Catholic Volunteer Network
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 Center for Global Education
 Christian Connections for International Health
 Church World Service
 Coexist Campaign
 Conference of Major Superiors of Men
 Creation Justice Ministries
 Disciples of Christ
 Ecumenical Poverty Initiative
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Washington Office
 FracTracker Alliance
 Franciscan Action Network
 Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ
 Iliff School of Theology
 IMA World Health
 Jubilee USA Network
 Latin America Working Group
 Medji Tours
 Mennonite Central Committee, US
 National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund/Center on Conscience and War
 National Religious Campaign Against Torture
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 Plough Publishing House
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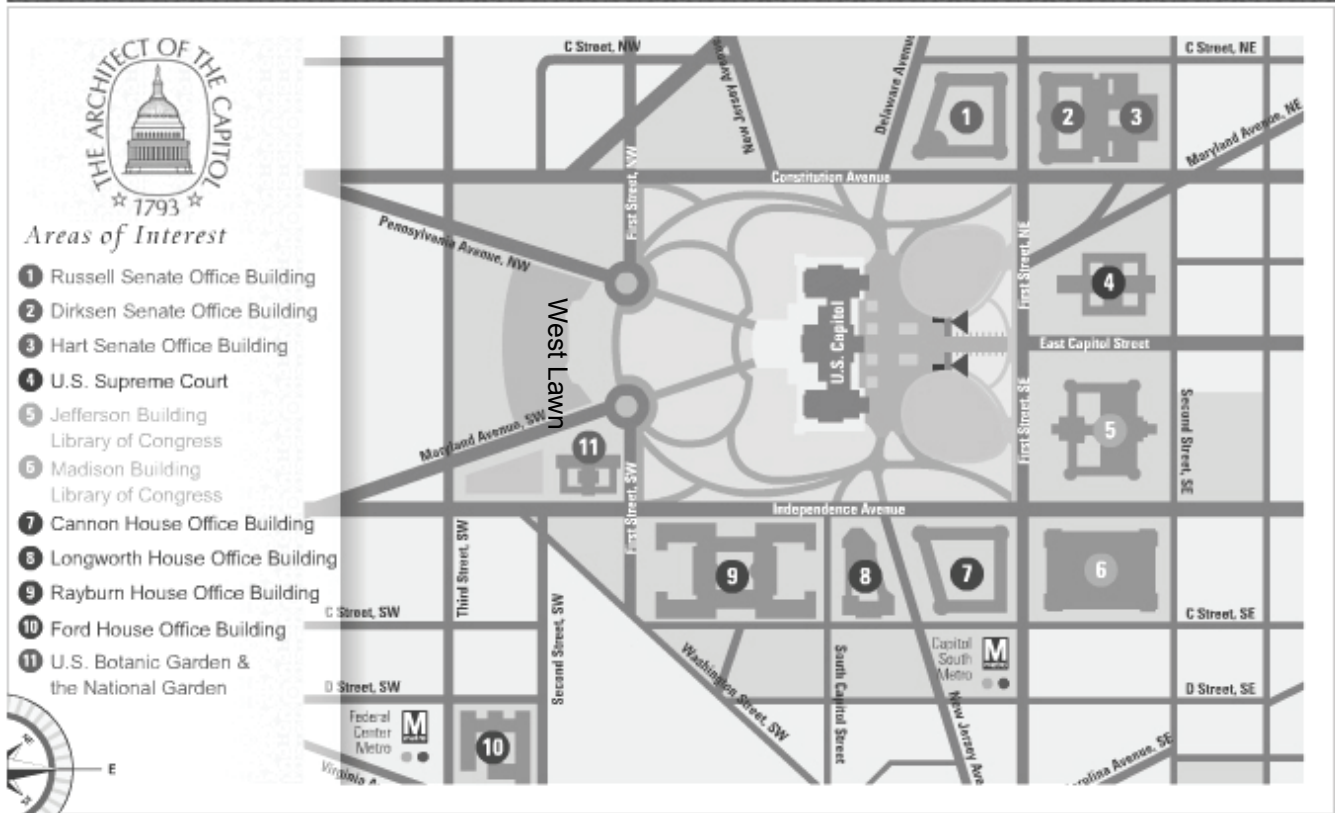
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U.S. Capitol Complex Map



Capitol Hill Area Restaurants

HOUSE AND SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Longworth House Office Building Cafeteria
Dirksen Senate Office Building Cafeteria
Russell – “Cups” Coffee plus

UNION STATION

Center Café, Thunder Grill, Uno’s Pizzeria, American Café, East Street Café .

The lower level has a food court with a variety of options. Capitol Brewery is across 1st St. from Union Station.

On the House side of the Capitol, is Pennsylvania Ave which offers a wide variety of eateries beginning in the 200 Block

NORTH CAPITOL STREET

Taqueria Nationale, behind the Half Shell, across from the fountain.

F Street , west of North Capitol

Phillips, Irish Times, The Dubliner, Quiznos

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Kabob Palace - 2315 S Eads St, Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 486-3535
Charlie Chang’s - 320 23rd St S, Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 413-3440
Ted’s Montana Grill - 2200 Crystal Dr, Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 416-8337
Jaleo - 2250 Crystal Dr, Arlington, VA 22202	(202) 628-7949
Crystal City Sports Pub - 529 23rd St S, Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 521-8215
Lebanese Taverna - 1101 S Joyce St, Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 415-8681
Legal Sea Foods - 2301 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 415-1200
Siné Irish Pub - 1301 S Joyce St, Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 415-4420
California Pizza Kitchen - 1201 S Hayes St, Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 412-4900

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