



ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS

FOR GLOBAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Breaking the Chains

Mass Incarceration & Systems of Exploitation

April 17-20, 2015

Welcome to EAD 2015! — the 13th 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 *Mass Incarceration & Systems of Exploitation* together. You are joining nearly a thousand other Christian advocates who have come to further the building of a movement to shake the foundations of systems of human exploitation (Acts 16:16-40), including a prison-industrial system that incarcerates millions of people in the U.S. and abroad. A world that incarcerates so many and allows some to profit from the exploitation of slave, trafficked and forced labor remains far from the “beloved community” which we are all called to seek.

The U.S. makes up only five percent of the world's population yet holds nearly a quarter of the world's prisoners. Still, “imprisonment” is a worldwide problem and takes various forms, as everywhere people around the world remain trapped in detention centers, prisons, factories and drug wars that bind and dehumanize individuals for political or economic profit.

Lamentations asks, “When all the prisoners of the land are crushed under foot, when human rights are perverted in the presence of the Most High, when one’s case is subverted – does the Lord not see it?” (Lam. 3:34-36). Do we?

As people of faith, we denounce the elements in our world that justify such systems of exploitation and mass incarceration. At EAD we will confess our personal and corporate failure to break the chains of poverty, racism, and greed institutionalized in our laws, economy and social behaviors that collude to perpetuate such human exploitation and strip civil and human rights.

As people of Hope, we are reminded that Jesus' radical message was one of liberation for all and restoration of right relationships. Through prayer, worship, advocacy training, networking and mobilization with other Christians, we will face the reality of mass incarceration and corporate exploitation and call for national policies that bring liberation both to the prisoner and to a world in need of restoration – all culminating with EAD’s Congressional Lobby Day on Capitol Hill.

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, denominational gatherings and organizing for Monday’s Lobby Day! May your experience at EAD 2015 be filled with stimulation, joy and hope.

— EAD 2015 Leadership Team

Friday, April 17, 2015

1:00 - 6:30 pm	Registration Open	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
1:00 pm	Exhibits Open	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Theological Foundation for Our Work on Mass Incarceration	<i>Jackson</i>

The National Council of Churches Convening Table on Theological Dialogue and Matters of Faith and Order is presenting a pre-EAD session on the core theological matters relating to mass incarceration, as an issue that relates to Christian unity as well as to the pursuit of a common witness for justice. Presentations will identify the biblical foundations for this work, theological points that inform faith's understanding of this as a critical social and ethical issue, and justice considerations that inform the churches' theological thinking on this issue. These three tasks together help to provide a fundamental understanding of mass incarceration as an issue before the churches, and likewise, to help to guide the churches' advocacy on matters related to it. This session is open to all EAD participants at no charge.

2:30 - 5:30 pm	National Religious Campaign Against Torture Interfaith Gathering	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
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All are invited. Participants will hear an issues update from NRCAT staff, hear from advocates from across the country on their local and state work; and there will be time to experience a replica solitary confinement cell.

3:00 - 4:00 pm	Young Adult Orientation and Meet and Great	<i>Wilson/Harrison</i>
4:00 - 5:00 pm	EAD Pre-Gathering Time: "Your EAD Orientation"	<i>Van Buren</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!

5:00 - 6:30 pm	Optional Dinner Buffett <i>(Must purchase ticket at registration)</i>	<i>Commonwealth</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: "Breaking the Chains" Welcome: Jim Winkler, <i>President and General Secretary, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA</i> Sister Patricia Chappell, <i>SNDdeN, Executive Director, Pax Christi USA</i> Douglas G. Grace, <i>Director, Ecumenical Advocacy Days</i> Preacher: Rev. Traci Blackmon, <i>Pastor, Christ the King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO</i>	
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8:30 - 9:00 pm	Registration Open	
8:30 - 10:00 pm	Exhibitor Meet & Greet <i>Light Snacks Provided</i>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
8:30 pm	Young Adult Gathering	<i>Commonwealth</i>

Saturday, April 18, 2015

7:30 - 8:30 am	Registration Open	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 - 10:30 am	Plenary: "Mass Incarceration & Systems of Exploitation" Dr. Iva Carruthers, <i>General Secretary of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference</i> Dr. Bill Mefford, <i>Director for Civil and Human Rights, The United Methodist Church General Board of Church & Society</i>	

10:30 - 11:00 am	Coffee & Exhibit Break	<i>Washington Ballroom</i>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	State Breakout Sessions	<i>Various Locations</i>
	DC, VA..... <i>Crystal A</i>	MT, ID, WY..... <i>Pentagon I</i>
	FL, AR, GA..... <i>Crystal B</i>	WA, OR, AK..... <i>Parlor 1426</i>
	NC, SC..... <i>Crystal C</i>	AZ & NM..... <i>Parlor 1430</i>
	ND, SC..... <i>Office</i>	LA, TX, AL & MS..... <i>Parlor 1432</i>
	KY, TN & IN..... <i>Monroe</i>	CO, NV, UT..... <i>Parlor 1434</i>
	CA, HI..... <i>Van Buren</i>	PA..... <i>Lincoln Hall</i>
	NY..... <i>Commonwealth</i>	NH, VT, CT..... <i>Congress</i>
	OH..... <i>Wilson</i>	KS, OK, NE..... <i>Harrison</i>
	NJ, DE..... <i>Potomac View</i>	RI, ME, MS..... <i>Senate</i>
	MI..... <i>Jefferson</i>	IA, MS..... <i>Madison</i>
	MD, WV..... <i>Jackson</i>	IL..... <i>Windows Over Washington</i>
	MN, WI..... <i>Pentagon II</i>	
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch Plenary: “The Role of the Church in the ‘War on Drugs’” <i>Crystal Ballroom</i> Co-Sponsored by the United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society, the Drug Policy Alliance and Open Society Policy Center.	
	Moderator:	Douglas Walker, M.Div., <i>National Coordinator for Criminal Justice Reform, UMC General Board of Church & Society</i>
	Panelists:	Ethan Nadelmann, <i>Founder & Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance</i> The Rev. Edwin C. Sanders, II, <i>Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville, TN</i> Jasmine Tyler, <i>Senior Policy Analyst for Global Health and Drug Policy, Open Society Foundations</i> David Mineta, <i>Deputy Director of Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, The White House (invited)</i>
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Exhibit Break	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Issue Workshops Session I	<i>Various Locations (See p. 14)</i>
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Break	
3:45 - 5:15 pm	Issue Workshops Session II	<i>Various Locations (See p. 14)</i>
5:15 - 5:30 pm	Break	
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Denominational Gatherings Baptist, <i>Monroe</i> Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: <i>Wilson/Harrison</i> Peace Churches: <i>Madison</i> Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), <i>Crystal A</i> Roman Catholic Mass, <i>Crystal C</i> United Methodist Church, <i>Lincoln Hall</i>	
5:45 - 6:45 pm	Disciples of Christ & United Church of Christ Reception	<i>Potomac View</i>
6:30 pm	Catholic Panel on Restorative Justice	<i>Crystal B</i>
6:45 pm	“Reducing Recidivism: The Church Responds to Mass Incarceration” <i>Van Buren</i> Sponsor: National Benevolent Association and The Disciple Center for Public Witness	
7:00 pm	Free Time & Additional EAD Sponsor Events, Receptions and Dinners <i>See advertisement flyers at registration table for denominational events for the evening.</i>	

8:30 pm **Young Adult Gathering** *Commonwealth*

8:30 pm **EAD Film Festival**

In Lincoln Hall: “No Sanctuary: Big Business and Family Detention” gives a brief history of family detention and the coalition that brought it to an end at the T. Don Hutto family detention center. It also follows a mother, Sara, who together with her 7-year-old daughter was detained in the newly opened Karnes Family Detention Center. Sara and her daughter, Nayely, won freedom from Karnes after their lawyer took their story to Grassroots Leadership and the media. Nayely has brain cancer and was not receiving medical treatment inside the Karnes County family detention center, which is operated by the GEO Group.

“Redemption of the Prosecutor” tells the story of a former prosecutor and devout Christian, Preston Shipp, who forges a friendship with one young prisoner which puts his faith in the justice system—and in Jesus—to the ultimate test.

In The Potomac View Room: “The House I Live In”

From the dealer to the grieving mother, the narcotics officer to the senator, the inmate to the federal judge, the film offers a penetrating look inside the ‘war on drugs,’ and America’s criminal justice system. It reveals the profound human rights implications and examines how political and economic corruption have fueled the war for forty years, despite persistent evidence of its moral, economic, and practical failures.

Sunday, April 19, 2015

8:00 - 8:30 am **Registration Open** *Washington Ballroom Foyer*

8:30 - 9:30 am **Interdenominational Worship** *Crystal Ballroom*
Preacher: Bishop José García, *Director of Church Relations, Bread for the World*

9:30 - 10:00 am **Coffee & Exhibit Break** *Washington Ballroom*

10:00 am - 12:00 pm **Plenary: “The Churches’ Response to Systems of Exploitation”** *Crystal Ballroom*

Moderator: David Schilling, *Senior Program Director for Human Rights & Resources, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility*

Panelists:

Emira Woods, *Global Client Principal for Social Impact Programs at ThoughtWorks*
Father Shay Cullen, *Founder, People Recovery Empowerment and Development Assistance Foundation (Philippines)*
Joanne Blaney, *Maryknoll Lay Missioner (Brazil)*
Father Valdir João Silveira, *National Coordinator of the Prison Ministry Pastoral (Brazil)*
Raed Jarrar, *Policy Impact Coordinator for American Friends Service Committee, Washington, DC*

12:15 - 1:30 pm **State Break Out Lunch** *Various Locations*

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1:30 – 2:00 pm	Exhibitor Break	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Issue Workshops Session III	<i>Various Locations (see p.15)</i>
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Exhibit Break	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
4:00 - 5:30 pm	Advocacy Skills Workshops Session I	<i>Various Locations (see p. 15)</i>
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Exhibit Break	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
7:00 - 9:00 pm	EAD 2015 Dinner Banquet	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
9:00 pm	EAD Film Festival	

In Lincoln Hall: “Up the Ridge” Through the lens of Wallens Ridge State Prison in Virginia, the documentary offers an in-depth look at the United States prison industry, exploring competing political agendas that align government policy with human rights violations.

In The Potomac View Room: “Broken on all Sides”

Since the rise of the drug war and the explosion of the prison population, and because discretion within the system allows for arrest and prosecution of people of color at alarmingly higher rates than whites, prisons and criminal penalties have become a new version of Jim Crow. This documentary addresses the racial inequities within our criminal justice system and its devastating collateral consequences.

Monday, April 20, 2015

7:30 am	First Buses Depart for Capitol Hill	<i>Lower Lobby Outside Lincoln Hall</i>
8:00 am	Continental Breakfast Begins	<i>Fellowship Hall, Church of the Reformation</i>
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	A Place to Rest between Lobby Visits	<i>Fellowship Hall, Church of the Reformation</i>
9:00 am	Second Buses Depart for Capitol Hill	<i>Lower Lobby Outside Lincoln Hall</i>
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Lobby Visits on Capitol Hill	<i>(See your Lobby Day Schedule)</i>
Noon	Lunch (On Your Own)	<i>Capital Hill Area</i>
5:00 pm	EAD ADJOURNS <i>(Church of the Reformation CLOSED)</i> <i>Be sure and pick-up your luggage and return lobby visit reports before 5 pm.</i>	

Additional “Unofficial” Activities Happening Around EAD:

Saturday, April 18, 2015

7:00 - 8:15 am	LGBT Briefing Breakfast <i>(All Invited)</i> <i>Hosted by UCC HIV & AIDS Network</i>	<i>Windows Over Washington</i>
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Sunday, April 19, 2015

7:00 - 8:15 am	Israel/Palestine Briefing Breakfast <i>(All Invited)</i> <i>“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</i>	<i>Windows Over Washington</i>
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EAD's National Gathering Moderators



Judy Coode

*Communications Director
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns*

Judy Coode is the communications director for the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. She spent six years on the national council of Pax Christi USA, and served on the Global Solidarity Committee for the Archdiocese of Washington. A contributing writer to Sojourners magazine, she lives in the Columbia Heights neighborhood in Washington, DC, where she volunteers as an ESL instructor and with the neighborhood farmers' market.

Kristen grew up in Shaker Heights, OH and has been a lifelong member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She earned her B.A. in International Studies with an emphasis on African Studies and Peace and

Conflict Resolution from American University in Washington, DC. After college, she spent two years working in Madagascar as a Community Health Extension Advisor for the Peace Corps, focusing on maternal and child health, girls' empowerment, and HIV/AIDS prevention. In 2013 she joined the United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries office in Washington, D.C as the Justice and Peace Policy Fellow. She covers policy issues related to domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence; reproductive health and rights; poverty and low-wage workers; and economic inequality.

Kristen Walling

*Justice and Peace Fellow
Justice and Witness Ministries
United Church of Christ*



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: *“Breaking the Chains”*



Rev. Traci deVon Blackmon

*Pastor and Teacher
Christ the King United Church of Christ
Florissant, MO*

Reverend Traci deVon Blackmon is the proud Pastor and Teacher of Christ the King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO. Initially ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Blackmon served in various capacities of ministry for 9 years, prior to becoming the 18th installed and first woman pastor in the 159 year history of Christ The King United Church of Christ. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Birmingham – Southern College (1985) and a Master of Divinity degree (2009), with coursework emphasis in Womanist Liberation Theology, from Eden Theological Seminary.

Additionally, Rev Traci serves as Coordinator of Healthy Mind, Body, Spirit for BJC HealthCare. Healthy Mind, Body, Spirit is a faith-based outreach program designed to impact health outcomes in zip code areas with large health disparities through collaboration with community and faith-based outreach programs. As a

licensed Registered Nurse with over 35 years’ experience in health care, Reverend Blackmon has served the community in a variety of professional positions.

In collaboration with The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Rev. Blackmon has developed an outreach initiative designed to reach the uninsured and underinsured members of our community who are most in need of preventative health services. She is the founder of the Sista SOS Summit, an annual intergenerational symposium designed to assist women and girls toward spiritual and sexual wholeness, and Sacred Conversations on Solomon’s Porch, quarterly clergy in-services designed to better equip local clergy to identify physical and spiritual health concerns within in their congregations and themselves.

Reverend Blackmon was the lead organizer of Souls to the Polls, an ecumenical transportation outreach that was successful in providing over 1,800 rides to the polls during the Presidential Election. As a certified diversity trainer for National Conference for Community and Justice, The Anti-Defamation League and The Praxis Group LLC, an organizational development company, she has created and facilitated capacity building workshops on such complicated issues as racism; sexism; heterosexism; classism; interfaith dialogue; congregational and communal grief.

Reverend Blackmon is a graduate of Leadership St. Louis and has served on several local boards such as St Louis Effort for AIDS; The Kidney Foundation; The Minority Business Council; and The St. Louis Black Rep. Currently, she serves on the founding Board of Directors for Magdalene House St. Louis, and the Advisory Board of The Behavioral Health Network. Her early and prominent response to racial tensions in the aftermath of the killing of Michael Brown, Jr, earned Rev. Blackmon an appointment to the Ferguson Commission. She is also the recipient of The President’s Volunteer Service Award from the White House, St. Louis University Community Leader of the Year, Drum Major Award from The Coalition of Black Trade Unionist, NAACP St. Louis County Rosa Parks Award and several others from local organizations.

Reverend Blackmon is the proud mother of three adult children: Kortni Devon; Harold II; and Tyler Wayne Blackmon. She currently resides in Florissant, MO.

EAD 2015 Policy Plenary

“Mass Incarceration & Systems of Exploitation”



Dr. Iva E. Carruthers

General Secretary

Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference

Dr. Iva E. Carruthers is General Secretary of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (SDPC), an interdenominational organization within the African American faith tradition focused on social justice issues. SDPC is both a 501(c3) and United Nations Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). As founding CEO and a trustee of SDPC, she has steered the organization as a unique, influential and esteemed network of faith based advocates and activists, clergy and lay. Former director of the Black Theology Project, Dr. Carruthers has a long history of engagement in community development initiatives and social justice ministry, fostering interdenominational and interfaith dialogue in the United States, Caribbean, South America and Africa. She is also founder of Lois House, an urban retreat center in Chicago, Illinois. She currently serves as a Life Time Trustee for the Chicago Theological Seminary and trustee for The Kwame Nkrumah Academy, Chicago; American Baptist College, Nashville; Shared

Interest, New York; Bread for the World, Washington, DC.

Dr. Carruthers is co-editor of *Blow the Trumpet in Zion: Global Vision and Action for the 21st Century Black Church* and has authored and edited a number of articles and publications, including fifteen study guides on African American & African history as co-producer of an educational television program. She was a delegate to the 2001 UN World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and her publication, *The Church and Reparations*, was distributed by her denomination in several languages.

Dr. Carruthers is Professor Emeritus and former Chairperson of the Sociology Department at Northeastern Illinois University and was founding President of Nexus Unlimited, an information and educational technology firm. She was appointed to the White House Advisory Council on the Internet, “National Information Infrastructure,” Mega Project and the educational software she developed was awarded a ComputerWorld Smithsonian Award.

Her many awards and appointments include the 1999 Life Achievement Award by Northeastern Illinois University and “Year 2000 Woman Entrepreneur of the Year” award, given by the National Foundation of Women Legislators and the Small Business Administration. She was inducted into the National History Makers; was a recipient of Ebony Magazine’s year 2001 Outstanding Mother Award for Mentoring; and noted as a Chicago area social justice pioneer in the “Women Alive! A Legacy of Social Justice” Exhibit.

Dr. Carruthers is a frequent guest speaker before various national and international forums and has served as a consultant and delegate to many organizations in the public and private sectors. She has led study tours for the university and church throughout Africa and the Diaspora.

She received the B.A. degree from the University of Illinois; the M.A. and the Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University; a Master in Theological Studies degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Humane Letters, Meadville Lombard Theological School. Awards and postdoctoral fellowships received by Dr. Carruthers include Northwestern University Center for Urban Affairs, The Russell Sage Foundation, University of Chicago, Adlai Stevenson Institute for International Affairs and The National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dr. Carruthers is the mother of two sons.

EAD 2015 Policy Plenary

“Mass Incarceration & Systems of Exploitation”

Dr. Bill Mefford serves on the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church as the Director of Civil and Human Rights. He helps to build movements among United Methodists to defend the rights of immigrants as well as to end mass incarceration. He also directs the work of the board on issues that include ending gun violence, religious freedom, and abolition of the death penalty.

Dr. Bill Mefford
Director of Civil and Human Rights
General Board of Church and Society
United Methodist Church



Bill has served the United Methodist Church in various positions, including youth pastor, pastor, Wesley Foundation Director, and an urban missionary in several cities including Chicago, Cleveland and Waco, Texas.

Bill graduated from McMurry University in Abilene, Texas in 1990. He graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1998 and a Doctor of Missiology, also from Asbury, in 2008. The title of Bill's dissertation is *To Set Free the Affluent: Liberating the North American Church in Captivity through Solidarity with Refugees*. Bill is also the co-author of *The Christian Companion to Not on Our Watch*. (2008).

Related Art Exhibits at EAD 2015

Solitary Confinement Prison Cell Replica (*Lincoln Hall*)

The National Religious Campaign Against Torture invites you to visit Lincoln Hall (downstairs from the Crystal Ballroom) to experience the Solitary Confinement Prison Cell Replica, on display throughout the gathering. The cell is constructed to make visible the hidden torture of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons, jails and detention centers and includes audio from a maximum security prison in Maine. When you visit the cell, take time to write a note of connection or prayer for someone currently enduring solitary, made possible by Solitary Watch News and NRCAT through the Lifelines to Solitary project. Design and construction of the prison cell is made possible through partnership with The Prison Ministry Project, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Madison, WI and WISDOM Wisconsin. St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. donated their sanctuary space for construction of the cell. It will be available for future display in houses of worship.

American Friends Service Committee Art Show, “All of Us or None of Us” (*Lincoln Hall*)

While attending Ecumenical Advocacy Days you are invited to reflect on mass incarceration and criminal justice reform through the medium of art. This exhibit, curated by the American Friends Service Committee, includes law enforcement-influenced selections from the poster exhibit, *“All of Us or None: Responses and Resistance to Militarism”*, interspersed with collages by solitary confinement survivor Ojore Lutalo. Please be sure to make room in your schedule to experience this art instillation.

Mary Button’s “Stations of the Cross” on Mass Incarceration (*Senate*)

Traditionally, the Stations of the Cross are a series of 14 paintings or carvings representing successive incidents during Jesus' progress from his condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and burial. In this adaptation, the artist Mary Button invites viewers to see Jesus' suffering in light of our modern practice of incarceration and imprisonment. Particular stations address: the War on Drugs, mandatory minimums, 3 strikes legislation, racial disparities in sentencing, the violence endemic in American prisons, the privatization of prison labor, and more. Come to the “Senate” room downstairs below the Crystal Ball room for a meditation room where the stations will be displayed. Print copies of Mary's work will also be on sale throughout the EAD gathering.

The Role of the Church in the “War on Drugs”

Co-Sponsored by the United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society, the Drug Policy Alliance and Open Society Policy Center

During the last 40 years the United States, under Presidents from both parties, has fought a War on Drugs. The number of people incarcerated has risen exponentially as has the number of people, families and communities that have been devastated because of long periods of incarceration. Addiction has continued largely unabated as drug possession and usage have been addressed with criminalization and incarceration, rather than as a public health crisis. Thus, the War on Drugs is an abysmal failure.

Therefore, what should the faith community be doing to stop the War on Drugs? What policies should we be advocating for and what grassroots movements should we be building to ensure that this war is stopped once and for all?

Moderator:



Douglas Walker, M.Div.
National Coordinator for Criminal Justice Reform, United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society

Panelists:



Ethan Nadelmann, Founder and Executive Director
Drug Policy Alliance

Described by Rolling Stone as "the point man" for drug policy reform efforts, Ethan Nadelmann is widely regarded as the outstanding proponent of drug policy reform both in the United States and abroad. Nadelmann is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, the leading organization in the United States promoting alternatives to the war on drugs. Nadelmann received his B.A., J.D., and Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard as well as a Masters' degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics, and taught at Princeton University for seven years. He has authored two books – *Cops Across Borders* and (with Peter Andreas) *Policing The Globe* – and his writings have appeared in most major media outlets in the U.S. as well as top academic journals (e.g., *Science*, *International Organization*), policy journals (*Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Washington Quarterly*, *Public Interest*) and political publications from the right (*National Review*) to the left (*The Nation*). He is interviewed frequently by media, including *The Colbert Report*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, and news programs on all the major U.S. networks as well as dozens of networks elsewhere.

Nadelmann and his colleagues have played pivotal roles in most of the major drug policy reform ballot initiative campaigns in the United States on issues ranging from medical marijuana and marijuana legalization to prison reform, drug treatment and reform of asset forfeiture laws. They also have reformed state and federal laws involving drug sentencing, access to sterile syringes to reduce HIV/AIDS, access to drug treatment, prevention of overdose fatalities and all aspects of marijuana policy. Nadelmann also plays a key role as drug policy advisor to George Soros and other prominent philanthropists as well as elected officials ranging from mayors, governors and state and federal legislators in the U.S. to presidents and cabinet ministers outside the U.S.

The Role of the Church in the “War on Drugs”



**The Reverend Edwin C. Sanders, II, Senior Servant and Founder
Metropolitan Interdenominational Church in Nashville, Tennessee.**

Metropolitan attracts a broad cross-section of people with the mission of being “inclusive of all and alienating to none. Metropolitan has outreach ministries in the areas of substance abuse, advocacy for children, sexual violence, and harm reduction, in addition to providing services to persons infected with, and affected by, HIV/AIDS through the First Response Center, which Rev. Sanders founded in 1992.

Rev. Sanders is a graduate of Wesleyan University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology in 1969. He specialized in Cultural Anthropology, and his thesis was entitled, “The Black Church as a Revolutionary Institution.” Rev. Sanders’ professional life also began at Wesleyan, as Co-Director of the African American Institute, and he is a former member of the Wesleyan University Board of Trustees. He has done graduate study at Yale University Divinity School and as a special student at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe and Africa was afforded Rev. Sanders as one of the first fellows of the Thomas J. Watson Foundation.



**Jasmine L. Tyler
Senior Policy Analyst for Global Health and Drug Policy
Open Society Foundations**

Jasmine L. Tyler is the Senior Policy Analyst for global health and drug policy in the Washington, DC office of the Open Society Foundations, where she work closely with Congress, the Administration, and the advocacy community to effectively shape domestic and international policy. Prior to joining OSF, Jasmine was Deputy Director of National Affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance, and helped lead reform efforts to address the sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine which culminated in the passage of the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010. Jasmine also worked as Research Director for the Justice Policy Institute, contributing to innovative research on the criminal justice system and juvenile justice reinvestment. She is a sought-after public speaker and has contributed to several publications on mass incarceration, racial justice, juvenile justice,

health and human rights, and the drug war. Jasmine earned an M.A. from Brown University and a B.S. from James Madison University, both in Sociology.



**David K. Mineta
Deputy Director of Demand Reduction
Office of National Drug Control Policy**

David K. Mineta (*invited*) was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on June 22, 2010 to be the Deputy Director of Demand Reduction for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. In this position, Mr. Mineta oversees ONDCP Office of Demand Reduction which focuses on promoting drug prevention and drug treatment programs, as well as the agency’s newly created focus on programs for individuals in recovery from addiction.

Mr. Mineta’s focus on drug prevention and treatment services has been longstanding. Since 1996, Mr. Mineta has worked with Asian American Recovery Services (AARS) throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. He started as a manager of a youth prevention program, but rose quickly to associate director and, since 2007, deputy director. As deputy director, he oversaw all agency grant writing and institutional technology departments and assisted in strategic planning, community consortiums and other necessary functions. Before joining AARS, Mr. Mineta was a counselor in the San Jose Unified School District and later in Santa Clara’s Alcohol and Drug Department.

Sunday Interdenominational Worship Preacher



Bishop José García

*Director of Church Relations
Bread for the World*

Bishop José García, Director of Church Relations, joined Bread for the World in August of 2014. He plays a key role in carrying out Bread's Long-Term Plan and the newly-adopted Three-Year plan,

emphasizing grounding our work in God's love and becoming a more diverse organization.

Previously, he served for ten years as the Presiding Bishop for the Church of God of Prophecy in California. He was responsible for the organizational structure, implementation, and administration of the total ministries of the church. He has also served as Executive Director of the NHRPCH, a non-profit organization dealing with the numerous disparities in health, social and economic status faced by Hispanics in the US, and in local and national boards such as "La Red," and NALEC, that advocate for immigration reform. Bishop García received a Master

Degree in Public Health Education from the School of Public Health in Puerto Rico, and is pursuing a Master of Arts Degree from Gordon Conwell Seminary.

Sunday Morning Plenary

"The Churches Response to Systems of Exploitation"

"Imprisonment" is a worldwide problem and takes various forms, as people around the world remain trapped in detention centers, prisons, factories and drug wars that bind and dehumanize individuals for political or economic profit. During this plenary, we will face the reality of mass incarceration and corporate exploitation with a particular look at issues affecting Africa, Asia Pacific, Latin America and the Middle East. We will explore national policies that bring liberation both to the prisoner and to a world in need of restoration.

Moderator:



David Schilling is Senior Program Director for Human Rights & Resources at the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. He joined the staff at the ICCR in 1994 and has worked with ICCR members and allies to engage corporations, cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder initiatives on human rights in corporate operations and global supply chains. He has participated in delegations to a number of countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America visiting factories and meeting with workers and non-governmental organizations. For the past ten years, David has provided staff leadership for ICCR's programmatic initiatives to counter human trafficking and modern day slavery in the US and globally.

Panel:

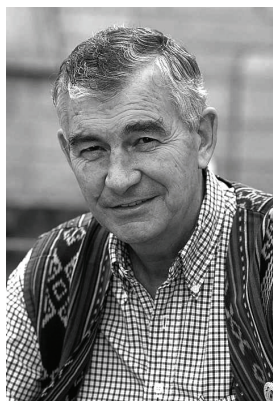


For Africa:

Emira Woods is the Global Client Principal for Social Impact Programs at ThoughtWorks, a technology firm committed to social and economic justice. From 2003 to 2014, she was co-director of Foreign Policy In Focus at the Institute for Policy Studies, and an expert on U.S. foreign policy with a special emphasis on Africa and the developing world. She has written on a range of issues from debt, trade and development to U.S. military policy. Emira serves on the Board of Directors of Africa Action, Just Associates, Global Justice and the Financial Policy Forum. She is also on the Network Council of Jubilee USA.

“The Churches’ Response to Systems of Exploitation”

Panelists:



For Asia-Pacific:

Father Shay Cullen is the founder of People’s Recovery Empowerment and Development Assistance Foundation in the Philippines. He is a Missionary priest from Ireland and a member of the Missionary Society of St. Columban and has worked protecting women and children and human rights in the Philippines since 1969. He has received several human rights awards and has been nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize and other human rights awards. He has testified before the U.S. Congress, The Philippine Senate and is a well known speaker and facilitator at numerous other international conferences.

For Latin America:



Joanne Blaney is a Maryknoll lay missionary, currently serving in Brazil. She lives in the megacity of Sao Paulo and works at the Human Rights and Popular Education Center of Campo Limpo. Her primary ministry is in training educators and leaders of community and church groups in violence prevention and restorative justice practices in order to resolve interpersonal and group conflicts. Joanne and her teammates travel throughout Brazil to teach courses on anger management, forgiveness, non-violent communication, reconciliation, mediation of conflicts and restorative practices. The workshops and courses are given in the popular education-holistic model of Paulo Freire and are accompanied by on-going supervision so that participants become multipliers of the course.



Father Valdir João Silveira is the National Coordinator of the Prison Ministry Pastoral of Brazil. The Pastoral has over 6,000 volunteers. Valdir has participated in the Prison Pastoral since 1996 and recently received the National Medal of Honor from the Ministry of Justice for his untiring efforts to improve the prison system and promote access to justice for all Brazilians, especially regarding the themes of mass incarceration, torture and restorative justice.

For The Middle East:



Raed Jarrar is the Policy Impact Coordinator for American Friends Service Committee in Washington, D.C. Since his immigration to the U.S. in 2005, he has worked on political and cultural issues pertaining to U.S. engagement in the Arab and Muslim worlds. He is widely recognized as an expert on political, social and economic developments in the Middle East. He has testified in numerous Congressional hearings and briefings, and he is also a frequent guest on national and international media outlets in both Arabic and English.

Workshop Session I Saturday, April 18, 2015, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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Domestic U.S.	
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Eco-Justice	
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Global Economic Justice	
- Economics of Exclusion: Imprisonment as a Tool of Exploitation	<i>Potomac View</i>
Latin American & Caribbean	
- Strengthening Law Enforcement Systems in Haiti: Protecting the Rights of Children...	<i>Madison</i>
- Visible and Invisible Consequences of Mass Incarceration in Latin America	<i>Monroe</i>
Middle East	
- Children in Chains: Detention of Palestinian Minors Under Separate Systems of Justice	<i>Harrison</i>
Peace & Global Security	
- Restorative Justice and Community Healing: Experiences in Africa and Latin America	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>

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- U.S. Policy on Human Security and Military Programs in Africa	<i>Jackson</i>
Asia Pacific	
- Human Trafficking and Forced Migration in the Philippines and Southeast Asia	<i>Pentagon I & II</i>
Domestic U.S.	
- Alternatives to Detention: Success in Our Communities	<i>Crystal C</i>
- Equipping All Saints for the Work of Racial Justice (<i>Also in Session III</i>)	<i>Jefferson</i>
- For-Profit Prisons: Exploitation and Immigrant Detention	<i>Crystal A</i>
- Incarcerated Victims/Punished Pain: Opening the Church to “Those People”	<i>Van Buren</i>
- Returning Home After Incarceration: Breaking Down Obstacles for Successful Reintegration	<i>Harrison</i>
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Latin America & Caribbean	
- Failed U.S. War on Drugs:...Abuses and Militarization in C.A., Mexico & Colombia	<i>Commonwealth</i>
- Restorative Justice in Brazil	<i>Madison</i>
Middle East	
- Imprisonment in Gaza	<i>Monroe</i>
Peace & Global Security	
- #BringBackOurGirls: Peacebuilding and Cycles of Violence	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>

Workshop Session III Sunday, April 19, 2015, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

	<u>LOCATION</u>
Africa	
- Prolonged Ebola Crises: The Root of the Matter	<i>Jackson</i>
Asia Pacific	
- Torture, Detention and Killings in the Philippines: ...Tribunal and the End of Impunity	<i>Pentagon I&II</i>
Domestic U.S.	
- A Life-Giving Alternative: Restorative Justice	<i>Van Buren</i>
- Equipping All Saints for the Work of Racial Justice	<i>Jefferson</i>
- Exploitation Through Power: How Citizens United and Corporations Are Drowning Out...People	<i>Crystal A</i>
- No Place for a Child: Youth Incarceration and the Cradle to Prison Pipeline	<i>Crystal B</i>
- Roots of Injustice: Toward Right Relationships with America's Native People	<i>Parlor 1428</i>
Eco-Justice	
- Exploring Equitable Eating: How Corporate Interests Have Exploited Our Food and Farm Workers	<i>Harrison</i>
- Trading Away Creation: Putting Profits before Creation in New Trade Agreements	<i>Wilson</i>
Global Economic Justice	
- How a Renewed Focus on Women and Girls Can Serve as...A Sustainable Development Model	<i>Potomac View</i>
- Trading Away Creation: Putting Profits Before Creation in New Trade Agreements	<i>Wilson</i>
Latin America & Caribbean	
- Destination Lock-Up: The Detention of Migrants in Mexico and the United States	<i>Windows Over Washington</i>
- Workers Resisting Labor Violence and Exploitation in the Americas	<i>Madison</i>
Middle East	
- Occupation as Systemic Exploitation:...the Driving Forces & Effects of Conflict in Israel/Palestine	<i>Monroe</i>
- U.S. Military Assist. to Violators of Human Rights: Prisoners, Torture & Undue Process in ME	<i>Parlor 1430</i>
Peace & Global Security	
-Guantanamo to Rikers Island: Treatment of Prisoners	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
-Ferguson or Fallujah? De-Militarizing Law Enforcement and Disarming U.S. Foreign Policy	<i>Crystal C</i>

Advocacy Skills Training Workshops Sunday, April 19, 2015, 4:00-5:30 pm

<u>Training Workshops</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
How to Speak Powerfully in your Lobby Meeting and Beyond	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
Media Fundamentals, Strategies, and Tactics	<i>Van Buren</i>
Organizing for Social Change	<i>Potomac View</i>
Overcoming Obstacles and Turning Enemies into Friends in Criminal Justice Reform	<i>Jackson</i>
Running a Digital Campaign: How to Create, Manage and Optimize Online Advocacy Effort	<i>Commonwealth</i>
Skills Workshop on America's Vast Immigration Detention System	<i>Wilson/Harrison</i>
The Successful Reentry Project: Working Towards Justice, Dignity, and Redemption	<i>Madison</i>
Theology, Art, and Peacemaking	<i>Monroe</i>

Workshop Session I

Saturday, April 18, 2015, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Big Business: A Boon or a Bust for Small Farmers in Africa? *(Jackson)*

Could current agricultural business methods spell disaster for African communities? This workshop will address small-scale food producers and large contract farming. It will critique the dominant development paradigm of “agricultural value chains” with practical examples from sugar out-growers and oil palm plantations in Africa and their impact on local communities. We will reflect on how poverty is driving this trend and ways to engage in land grab prevention. *Speakers: Doug Hertzler, Senior Policy Analyst, ActionAid; Jacques Bahati, Policy Analyst, Africa Faith & Justice Network.*

Children in Chains: Detention of Palestinian Minors Under Separate Systems of Justice *(Harrison)*

This workshop will present first-hand accounts of Palestinian children held in Israeli detention, a description of the practices used by the Israeli army to arrest and detain Palestinian children under separate rules from those applied to Israeli youth; the impact these policies have on children, their families, and communities; and ways we can advocate for change. *Speakers: Brad Parker, Defense for Children International – Palestine and Jennifer Bing, American Friends Service Committee.*

Consequences of the U.S. War on Drugs *(Crystal A)*

The US policy response to drug abuse and addiction has focused heavily on law enforcement and criminal justice solutions. This policy emphasis has led to an erosion of civil liberties and human rights and jeopardizes public health, especially for low income and minority communities. This workshop will examine new policy approaches and the Church’s critical role in reorienting the public debate on drug use by shifting the focus from punishment to public health. *Speakers: Jasmine Tyler, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundations; Billy Easley, Legislative Counsel for U.S. Senator Rand Paul; Roscoe Jones, Senior Counsel for U.S. Senator Cory Booker and Rev. Edwin Sanders (invited), Senior Servant and Founder of the Metropolitan Interdenominational Church in Nashville, Tennessee.*

Criminalization of Communities of Color: Race & Incarceration *(Crystal B)*

According the Sentencing Project, 60% of the US prison population is disproportionately represented by black and brown people. How did we get here? What can be done to end this trend? How are communities of faith and formerly incarcerated people working to make change? This workshop will identify the policies and practices that drive these statistics and consider actions that can produce racially equitable outcomes within the justice system. *Speakers: Dr. Nazgol Ghandnoosh, The Sentencing Project; Rev Charles Boyer, Pastor, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Lewis Webb, Jr., Campaign to End the New Jim Crow, American Friends Service Committee.*

Economics of Exclusion: Imprisonment as a Tool of Exploitation *(Potomac View)*

Globally, more than 10 million people are imprisoned. Historic patterns of discrimination perpetuate the incarceration of people on the margins of society – those who are impoverished, and members of racial and ethnic minorities. Rather than building an economy of inclusion, governments and elites prevent dissent and difference from being revealed in the everyday imagination. Come hear faith leaders from the Philippines and Brazil engaged in prison ministry share untold stories and realities from the people behind the walls. *Speakers: Fr. Valdir João Silveira, Head of Brazil’s National Prison Ministry Pastoral; Fr. Shay Cullen, SSC, Founder, PREDA Foundation, a Philippine human rights social development organization; and Marlyn Capio-Richter, Social Worker, PREDA Foundation.*

The Face of Modern Day Slavery: Identifying and Responding to Trafficking in America *(Crystal C)*

This workshop will focus on community and service based intervention to human trafficking. It will specifically look how misperceptions of trafficking and who a victim is are barriers to identifying, intervening, or preventing modern day slavery. It will also touch on how current policies and program structures present challenges to serving the unique needs of this vulnerable population. Participants will be presented with how the Catholic and other faith communities are responding, as well as ways in which they can engage with local service providers and their churches to identify and respond to human trafficking. *Moderator: Hillary Chester, Associate Director of Anti-Trafficking Programs, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Panelists: Marissa Castellanos, Human Trafficking Program Manager, Catholic Charities of Louisville; Diane Baird, Program Manager, Refugee Services Division, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan; and a Representative Salvation Army.*

Fossil Fuels, Divestment and Faith *(Van Buren)*

Divestment seems to be everywhere! But what is it? Why is it popping up in our churches, colleges, foundations and among our peers? How does the fossil fuel industry exploit Creation and our fellow humans? Does divesting our interests affect change? Find answers in this workshop where we will explore fossil fuel divestment as an act of stewardship and why people of faith are interested in this movement. *Speaker: Fletcher Harper, GreenFaith.*

How Churches Can Engage to End Mass Incarceration (*Commonwealth*)

The causes of Mass Incarceration are systemic, but individual churches can make a difference. Learn what one community in Trenton, New Jersey, is doing to help citizens returning from prison reintegrate into their communities to help break the cycle of incarceration and poverty. Rev. Toby D. Sanders is the Founding Pastor and Bible Teacher at Beloved Community - a loving and progressive community of faith in Trenton, NJ. He is also an Academic Advisor and Lead Instructor at NJ-STEP (Scholarship Transformative Education in Prison) an association of higher education institutions in New Jersey that works in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Corrections and State Parole Board, to provide higher education courses for all students under the custody of the State of New Jersey while they are incarcerated, and assist in the transition to college life upon their release into the community. *Speaker: Rev. Toby D. Sanders, Founding Pastor and Bible Teacher at Beloved Community.*

Money Talks: How Your Voice in the Budget Debates Can Help Revolutionize Our Mass Incarceration System (*Wilson*)

The U.S. spends tens of billions of dollars a year on our prison system. Many states spend more money on incarceration than on higher education. Could elected officials redirect some of these resources to other priority needs without sacrificing public safety—like education and job training for people in prison, reentry services, neighborhood policing, community building, housing assistance, restoring cuts to critical anti-poverty programs or even deficit reduction? Congressional partisanship appears to be rising to an all-time high, but there's growing bipartisan consensus that our mass incarceration system costs too much, requiring federal dollars that the government doesn't have to spend. Examining our mass incarceration system through the green lens of a budget perspective may be one of the most effective ways of both reducing the prison population and over-criminalization faced by many segments of our society. Learn how to make your voice heard on these issues. Smart budget decisions could propel us towards a more just future.

Restorative Justice and Community Healing: Experiences in Africa and Latin America (*Lincoln Hall*)

Come hear testimonies of marginalized communities in Brazil, Burundi and elsewhere in the Global South where restorative justice practices have brought healing and peace to victims and perpetrators of violence. Learn from practitioners in Brazil on the positive impact of restorative justice practice for inmates, victims and their families. Also, hear how a community can be successfully rebuilt, socially and economically, after a conflict through the documentary "Life after conflict in Burundi: Socio-economics and trauma healing." *Speakers: Maryknoll Lay Missioner Joanne Blaney; Alissa Wilson, American Friends Service Committee.*

Strengthening Law Enforcement Systems in Haiti: Protecting the Rights of Children in Domestic Servitude and of Pre-Trial Detainees (*Madison*)

Over 70 percent of Haitian prisoners languish in prolonged pre-trial detention under deplorable prison conditions; they are victims of Haiti's broken justice system. Meanwhile, thousands of children are sent by their parents to host families in the hope that access to education will improve their life chances, but what started as a traditional cultural practice often turns into a form of forced labor that many consider modern-day slavery. This workshop will provide an overview of the work being done to tackle these issues, and discuss how urgent changes to Haiti's law enforcement system can be made to better protect the rights of victims. *Jasmine Huggins, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer for Haiti at Church World Service; Ted Oswald, Policy Analyst and Advocacy Coordinator, Mennonite Central Committee Haiti.*

U.S. Foreign Military Bases and Trafficking Related Issues in the Asia-Pacific (*Pentagon I&II*)

This workshop will address the impact of the still increasing U.S. militarization in the Asia-Pacific region, and in particular the oppression and systems of trafficking inherent in the presence of the more than 200 U.S. foreign military bases and installations in Asia and the Pacific. *Speakers: Bruce Gagnon, Coordinator, Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space; Joseph Gerson, Director of the American Friends Service Committee's Peace & Economic Security Program; Dr. Dante Simbulan, political scientist imprisoned in the Philippines.*

Visible and Invisible Consequences of Mass Incarceration in Latin America (*Monroe*)

This workshop will provide participants with an overview and analysis on the latest LAC prison population statistics, trends and demographics (the visible consequences); as well as an analysis about the characteristics and challenges faced today by approximately 2,000,000 children whose parents are in prison and their families (the invisible consequences). The workshop will also provide examples of civil society and faith based organizations-led initiatives to support, assist and defend the rights of this population of children and families. *Speakers: Adriana Beltran, Washington Office on Latin America; and Luciano Cadoni, Church World Service and the Latin America & the Caribbean Platform for Children of Incarcerated Parents (NNAPes).*

Workshop Session II
Saturday, April 18, 2015, 3:45 - 5:15 pm

Alternatives to Detention: Success in Our Communities *(Crystal C)*

Recognizing that detention is not appropriate for many persons convicted of crimes and for undocumented immigrants, this workshop will examine policies that promote alternatives to incarceration. We will also describe successful community programs that save money and avoid the challenges of reintegration after imprisonment. *Speakers: Sister JoAnn Persch from the Sisters of Mercy will present on her community-based alternatives to detention program in Illinois which houses and supports undocumented immigrants released from immigration detention; and Nicole D. Porter, Director of Advocacy, for The Sentencing Project.*

Brand H2O: Water Privatization and Clean Water Access *(Crystal B)*

There is plenty of safe, drinkable water for every person on the planet. Yet one in four people worldwide don't have enough safe drinking water. Many private companies, enabled by governments, have successfully exploited the need for safe drinking water and turned a human right into a commodity. Absolving themselves from their duty to provide water access for everyone, local governments have allowed corporations to provide bottled water at a cost and freed themselves from any effort to clean up contaminated local water sources. While corporations profit, people in poverty must choose polluted water at the expense of their health, or divert already sparse resources to purchase wasteful, bottled water. In this interactive workshop we will explore what our faith teaches us about caring for our water sources; ensuring that they remain clean and safe, and available through public water systems. We will connect with water activists and share stories and practices that have been successful in promoting public access to safe drinking water. *Speakers: Bryce Wiebe, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Lauren DeRusha, Corporate Accountability International.*

#BringBackOurGirls: Peacebuilding and Cycles of Violence *(Lincoln Hall)*

In spring 2014 more than 250 school girls were abducted as part of a violent campaign by Boko Haram in northeastern Nigeria. These and other abductions were claimed to be in response to abuses by governmental security forces which were in response to attacks by this group. As well as the perpetuation of violence which devastates communities, abduction and human rights abuses in detention centers contribute to cycles of violence and undermine the possibility of peace. *Speakers: Adotei Akwei, Amnesty International; Kate Edelen, Friends Committee on National Legislation.*

Equipping All Saints for the Work of Racial Justice *(Jefferson) (Repeated in Session III)*

The purpose of this session is to provide background and tools for becoming advocates and allies for racial justice. The workshop presents some biblical aspirations for racial justice work, a timeline of resistance to racism; engages participants experientially through multi-media and exercises to understand racial socialization and whiteness; and shares with one another ways in creating a sense of hope in our institutions and faith communities. *Co-Facilitators: Rev. April G. Johnson, Minister of Reconciliation, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Elizabeth Leung, Minister for Racial Justice, United Church of Christ; and Rev. Brad A. Martell, Peace and Justice Ministries, Community of Christ.*

The Failed U.S. War on Drugs: Human Rights Abuses and Militarization in Central America, Mexico and Colombia *(Commonwealth)*

Latin Americans from all walks of life are calling for a renewed approach to security and drug policy that moves away from the heavy-handed enforcement strategy that has devastated the lives of so many. Yet, Washington lawmakers aren't listening, and U.S. policies often contribute to the problem, not the solution. Join us as we examine how the militarization of the drug war in Mexico, Central America, and Colombia continues to plague communities with violence.

For-Profit Prisons: Exploitation and Immigrant Detention *(Crystal A)*

This workshop will explore the rise of for-profit prisons, how other for-profit companies partner with private detention facilities to exploit detainees for their labor, and the ways this industry tries to influence policies, particularly on immigration, to increase their revenue that result in more and more people put behind bars. While some view mass incarceration and the role of racism with deep concern, for-profit prison corporations view an increase in prisoners as a way to vastly increase their bottom line – especially when it comes to the booming industry of immigrant detention. Upon leaving the workshop attendees will have strategies in hand for how they and their home communities can help disrupt the for-profit prison industry as a driver of incarceration, detention and human suffering. *Speakers: Bob Libal, Executive Director of Grassroots Leadership; Mary Small of Detention Watch Network; and Dave Pierre, Immigrant formerly detained at GEO and CCA.*

Harmful Economic Policies as a “Push Factor” for Migration *(Potomac View)*

The Central American child migrant crisis on the U.S.-Mexico border is only the most recent migration crisis from harmful economic policies that generate income inequalities with our brothers and sisters around the world. Come learn how economic policies contribute to conditions such as violence and poverty, especially among ethnic minorities, and push people to migrate within their own countries and to neighboring countries, including the United States. *Speakers: Celeste Drake, AFL-CIO; Stephanie Burgos, Oxfam; Miriam Miranda, Fraternal Black Organization of Honduras (OFRANEH); and Marek Cabrera, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns.*

Human Trafficking and Forced Migration in the Philippines and Southeast Asia *(Pentagon I&II)*

Poverty is among several factors contributing to the commercial exploitation of people for both cheap labor and the sex/tourism industry in Southeast Asia. This workshop explores the factors contributing to trafficking and migration in the region, the challenges facing migrant workers and trafficking victims and initiatives to oppose forced migration and human trafficking. *Speakers: Fr. Shay Cullen, Founder of PREDA, a Philippine human rights social development organization; Marlyn Capio-Richter, Social Worker with PREDA Foundation.*

Imprisoned in Gaza *(Monroe)*

The population of Gaza, currently 1.8 million but predicted to grow to 2.1 million by 2020, live in what has been described as an open air prison. All movement and access of people and goods is tightly controlled by Israel and by Egypt along the southern border. This workshop will look at the devastating impact of recent wars and the continuing blockade, and will explore long-term remedies that will allow the people of Gaza to live a normal life in peace with their Israeli neighbors. *Speakers: Laila El-Haddad, author from Gaza; Bill Corcoran, President, ANERA; and Pam Bailey, International Director, We Are Not Numbers.*

Incarcerated Victims / Punished Pain: Opening the Church to “Those People” *(Van Buren)*

There is sadly a disconnect between many of our churches and “those people” who have been in prison, or who live with experiences such as abuse, addiction or mental illness that are closely linked to the risk of incarceration. Women at the Well, a church based inside a women’s prison in Mitchellville, Iowa, amplifies some voices that will help us examine that gap and consider how we as churches can bridge it. How have we missed including these sisters (and brothers) within our fellowship? We have viewed these persons, too often, as scary perpetrators from whom we need protection, rather than as precious, often wounded children of God. We will learn more about these friends, and consider how God is calling us to correct the systemic injustices that keep them at the margins of our ministries and institutions. *Speakers: Pastor and members of Women at the Well UMC, a congregation located inside the walls of Mitchellville State Correctional Facility for Women.*

Restorative Justice in Brazil *(Madison)*

The restorative justice approach is an alternative to the prevailing ineffective punitive judicial system. Research into restorative justice indicates that it consistently outperforms other approaches in reducing reoffending. It addresses victim and offender needs, helps to repair harm and works to restore relationships. Maryknoll Missionary Joanne Blaney has worked with restorative justice practices in Brazil for many years, and has experience with juvenile justice, religious and educational groups, neighborhood communities and in prisons. She will illustrate the hopes and lessons that can be drawn from this very Christian approach to social justice and peace. *Speakers: Joanne Blaney, Maryknoll Lay Missionary; and Fr. Valdir João Silveira, Head of Brazil’s National Prison Ministry Pastoral.*

Returning Home after Incarceration: Breaking Down Obstacles for Successful Reintegration *(Harrison)*

Each year 700,000 people are released from prison and millions more cycle in and out of local jails. The transition home is complicated by discrimination against people with criminal records. The American Bar Association has identified 45,000 collateral consequences of incarceration. People leaving prison face restrictions on employment, housing, voting, welfare and food stamp eligibility to name just a few examples. Learn what’s being done to defeat these obstacles and how you can play a powerful role in improving the reentry process for hundreds of thousands of people.

Roots of Injustice: Toward Right Relationship with America’s Native Peoples *(Parlor 1428) (Repeated in Session III)*

This participatory workshop traces the historic and ongoing impacts of the Doctrine of Christian Discovery, the explicit 15th-century justification for European subjugation of non-Christian, non-white peoples. The roots of this doctrine are centuries old, but they still guide government and private decisions about what is acceptable and right action, with respect to Native peoples and their lands, religions, languages, and cultures. *Speaker: Paula Palmer, Activist for human Rights. Participation is limited to 25. You must request a (free) ticket on Friday of EAD at the registration table.*

U.S. Policy on Human Security and Military Programs in Africa *(Jackson)*

Many African nations are beefing up their military spending. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, military spending in Africa increased overall by 8.3 percent in 2013, reaching an estimated \$44.9 billion. Between 2004 and 2013 Algeria's military spending increased by 176% to over \$10 billion; Angola's 36% in 2013 to overtake South Africa as the largest military spender in sub-Saharan Africa. How can we assist African countries to invest their valuable resources in education, health and agriculture and life giving programs rather than on instruments of death?

Speaker: David Wiley, Director Emeritus, African Studies Center, Michigan State University; Moderator: David J. Schwinghamer, MM, Associate for Africa, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns.

Vultures Circling: Stopping Predatory Behavior Against the Poor *(Wilson)*

This year's landmark debt case between Argentina and a group of predatory "vulture funds" brought a critical issue to global prominence. These funds sue poor countries for old debts they buy cheap on the secondary market, often targeting money intended to fund health and education services in the global South. Vultures sued post-conflict Liberia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2nd to last in UN development rankings) and sued Zambia for an amount roughly equivalent to the country's health budget. The faith community is actively involved in this struggle. What's next to stop vulture funds? How can people of faith get involved? *Speaker: Andrew Hanauer, Jubilee USA.*

Workshop Session III **Sunday, April 19, 2015, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Destination Lock-Up: The Detention of Migrants in Mexico and the United States *(Windows Over Washington)*

This past year, the United States saw a surge of children and families from Central America and Mexico arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border. While many of these people migrated in order to flee spiraling violence and poverty, the United States responded with increased efforts to detain and deport and deter future immigration, ramping up enforcement efforts both on the U.S.-Mexico border, and supporting increased enforcement at Mexico's southern border as well. *Speakers will discuss the human rights issues associated with increased immigration enforcement and detention in both Mexico and the United States.*

Equipping All Saints for the Work of Racial Justice *(Jefferson)*

The purpose of this session is to provide background and tools for becoming advocates and allies for racial justice. The workshop presents some biblical aspirations for racial justice work, a timeline of resistance to racism; engages participants experientially through multi-media and exercises to understand racial socialization and whiteness, and shares with one another ways in creating a sense of hope in our institutions and faith communities. *Speaker: Rev. April G. Johnson, Minister of Reconciliation, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Elizabeth Leung, Minister for Racial Justice, United Church of Christ; and Rev. Brad A. Martell, Peace and Justice Ministries, Community of Christ.*

Exploitation Through Power: How Citizens United and Corporations Are Drowning Out the Voice of the American People *(Crystal A)*

This workshop will examine how corporate power erodes our ability to address climate change, prevent gun violence, pass just and humane immigration reform and attend to any number of other justice issues. We will look at the history of corporate power and how recent court decisions such as Citizens United have expanded that power. Finally, the workshop will look at how our faith based advocacy and personal choices can help to dismantle that power. *Speakers: Jason Miller, Franciscan Action Network; Marianne Comfort, Sisters of Mercy; Aquene Freechild, Public Citizen; and Rev. Stacy Martin, ELCA.*

Exploring Equitable Eating – How Corporate Interests Have Exploited Our Food and Farm Workers *(Harrison)*

Many Christian communities are known for their potlucks. We just get food! But are we walking our talk of equity and justice when we purchase and consume that food? In a society where we can access any food at any time of the year, we must be mindful of the growers, harvesters, and transporters that make our delicious dinners possible. Farmworkers labor in often harsh and dangerous environments that have plenty of room for improvement. Corporate interests also treat the food we eat as merely profit and not as gifts from God. Join us for a workshop to learn about a movement toward more equitable food for all and how you and your congregation can get involved! *Speakers: Katie Furrow, Church of the Brethren; and Nico Gumbs, National Farmworker Ministry*

Ferguson or Fallujah? De-militarizing Law Enforcement and Disarming U.S. Foreign Policy *(Crystal C)*

Public outrage over police responses to public protests have highlighted the need to address the transferring to and use of military equipment by local police forces. What impact does this militarization have on law enforcement? On public perception? How is it connected to U.S. foreign policy and defense budgets? Come hear about these issues and what we as a nation can do to change it. *Speakers: Elizabeth Beavers, Friends Committee on National Legislation; Kanya Bennett, American Civil Liberties Union; Cheye M. Calvo, Mayor, Berwyn Heights, Maryland; Rev. Michael Neuroth, United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries.*

Guantanamo to Rikers Island: Treatment of Prisoners *(Lincoln Hall)*

The Senate Intelligence Committee's Torture Report shows the dangers of letting national security concerns trump morals and laws. In the U.S. some 80,000 are held at any given time in solitary confinement cells, as highlighted by recent attention to Rikers Island and Pelican Bay, among other jails and prisons. Learn how you can help to change policies that set aside the basic human dignity in each human being and how you can work with family members and survivors for legislative and cultural change. *Speakers: Dr. Rebecca Gordon, author of "Mainstreaming Torture: Ethical Approaches in the Post-9/11 United States" and survivors of torture or their family members.*

How a Renewed Focus on Women and Girls Can Serve as the Core of a Sustainable Development Model *(Potomac View)*

This workshop will focus on the importance of investing in women and girls, with a special emphasis on the global South. Panelists will address the relationship between women and economics, labor and climate change, among other issues. The significance of placing women and girls at the core of development will be explored by experts in theology and mission, the rural economy, sustainable development, and by those directly affected by said development. *Speakers: Ann Scholz, SSND, PhD, Leadership Conference of Women Religious; and Prof. Patricia Biermayr-Jenzano, PhD, Georgetown School of Foreign Service.*

A Life-Giving Alternative: Restorative Justice *(Van Buren)*

Our retributive criminal justice system feeds a national culture of violence and revenge. Other approaches to justice DO exist. This workshop will provide an overview of the philosophy of restorative justice and how its focus on repairing harm provides a promising answer to the question "How do we fix our broken justice system?" Attend our workshop to learn about successful restorative justice programs and hear the stories of real people whose lives have been touched by the life-giving principles of restorative justice. *Speakers: Hector Verdugo, Associate Executive Director of Homeboy Industries; Rev. Karen Harrison, Reentry Coordinator, Welcome Home Reentry Program, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington; and Scott Paltrowitz, Associate Director of the Prison Visiting Project and Correctional Association of New York.*

No Place for a Child: Youth Incarceration and the Cradle to Prison Pipeline *(Crystal B)*

The rate of incarceration of young people in the U.S. is the highest in the world. More must be done to understand the racial, gender, economic and criminal justice system factors that contribute to these trends, and what must be done as people of faith to end youth incarceration and ultimately save lives. Special attention will be paid to the problem of youth being tried as adults, alternatives to incarceration, and the role that literacy and education have in prevention. Come hear from legal experts, advocates, and individuals who escaped the prison pipeline and now work to end it. Join us! *Speakers: Tania Galloni, Southern Poverty Law Center; Rev. Dr. Russell L. Meyer, Florida Council of Churches; Samantha Simpure and guest, New Beginnings Youth Development Center; Rev. Judith Youngman, United Church of Christ.*

Occupation as Systemic Exploitation: Understanding the Driving Forces and Effects of Conflict in Israel/Palestine *(Monroe)*

This panel will provide a window into the reality of occupation in Palestine, including land confiscation, resource theft, economic isolation, severe restrictions of movement, the separation barrier and a network of discriminatory laws. Expert panelists will provide information from the region as well as opportunity for dialogue with participants on strategies to bring about a just peace. *Panelists: Philip Farah, Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace and Mitchell Plitnick, Program Director, Foundation for Middle East Peace.*

Prolonged Ebola Crises: The Root of the Matter *(Jackson)*

The Ebola epidemic that afflicted some West African countries with great loss of life and economic devastation is symptomatic of a larger problem. The three countries most affected by the epidemic – Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone – lost about \$1.5 billion each year to corporate tax evasion, corruption and external debt payments in the decade preceding the outbreak. Guinea spends more money servicing debt than on public health. How can we tackle the root causes of this affliction and change the economic policies that trap people in cycle of poverty? *Speakers: Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA; Aniedi Okure, OP, Executive Director, Africa Faith & Justice Network.*

Roots of Injustice: Toward Right Relationship with America's Native Peoples *(Parlor 1428)*

This participatory workshop traces the historic and ongoing impacts of the Doctrine of Christian Discovery, the explicit 15th-century justification for European subjugation of non-Christian, non-white peoples. The roots of this doctrine are centuries old, but they still guide government and private decisions about what is acceptable and right action, with respect to Native peoples and their lands, religions, languages and cultures. *Speaker: Paula Palmer, Activist for human Rights.*

Participation is limited to 25. You must request a (free) ticket on Friday of EAD at the registration table.

Trading Away Creation: Putting Profits before Creation in New Trade Agreements *(Wilson)*

Right now trade officials from the United States are meeting behind closed doors with Asian-Pacific, Latin American and European officials to negotiate two trade agreements that together make up 80 percent of the global economy. With corporations representing the majority of informal advisors, who ensures that the integrity of God's Creation comes before corporate profits? Much is at stake in these trade agreements as decisions are made about opportunities and enforcement of illegal logging and fishing, food safety and fracking. Decisions will also determine if investor rights come before land rights of indigenous and other ethnic minorities. In this interactive workshop we will also explore what our faith teaches us about caring for creation and economic equality and what we can do to ensure that all God's Creation, including marginalized communities, benefit from trade agreements. *Speakers: Manuel Pérez-Rocha, Institute for Policy Studies; and Andrew Lindhart, Sierra Club.*

Torture, Detention and Killings in the Philippines: The International People's Tribunal and the End of Impunity *(Pentagon I&II)*

Other human rights violations in the Philippines have been well documented, including enforced disappearances, illegal detention, and torture. In its World Report 2015 Human Rights Watch determined that attacks by state forces against human rights activists, community leaders, indigenous peoples and others are continuing with impunity. This workshop will focus on preparations for an International People's Tribunal (IPT) planned for summer 2015, which will help raise national and international public visibility of the ongoing violation of people's rights in the Philippines, exercise moral suasion and help generate further political pressure on the governments of the Philippines and the US to end impunity. *Speakers: Melissa Roxas, abduction and torture survivor, Habi Arts (Los Angeles); and Paul Quintos, IBON International, Philippine Secretariat of the International People's Tribunal.*

U.S. Military Assistance to Violators of Human Rights: Political Prisoners, Torture and Undue Process in the Middle East *(Parlor 1430)*

The top recipients of U.S. military assistance include numerous countries with well-documented violations of human rights and due process. This workshop will examine how U.S. military aid has helped advance practices that violate U.S. and international law and ways advocates can help to bring about changes in U.S. support for systems of oppression in the Middle East. *Moderator: Raed Jarrar, American Friends Service Committee; Speakers: Colby Goodman, Center for International Policy and Josh Ruebner, U.S. Campaign.*

Workers Resisting Labor Violence and Exploitation in the Americas *(Madison)*

Workers across Latin America face serious challenges – from marginalization in the informal economy to abusive hiring arrangements that deny them basic legal rights in the formal economy. These exploitative working conditions are compounded by targeted harassment and violence against labor rights activists and trade union leaders, who face increasing risks when they speak out against injustice. This workshop will discuss the continuum of labor exploitation and violence against workers in Guatemala, Honduras and Colombia. *Speakers: Luciano Sanin Vasquez, Escuela Nacional Sindical, Colombia; Alexis De Simone, Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO; and Gladys Cisneros, Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO.*

Advocacy Skills Training Workshops Sunday, April 19, 2015, 4:00-5:30 pm

How to Speak Powerfully in your Lobby Meeting and Beyond (*Lincoln Hall*)

In this workshop we will learn how personal narratives can influence policymakers and peers, mobilizing communities and changing the world. We will cover the basics of a lobby meeting and how to organize your time during your meeting. Next we will go in depth into how to craft an effective personal narrative that will move people to action on social justice issues. *Presenters: Carly Pildis, RESULTS.*

Media Fundamentals, Strategies, and Tactics (*Van Buren*)

Getting the right message into the media at the right time amplifies our impact as advocates. This workshop will focus on the why's and how's of earning media coverage of your campaigns, events, and spokespeople—as well as writing tips for op-eds, letters to the editor, and social media. *Presenters: Dan Neffelt, Faith in Public Life; and Sidney Traynham, Church World Service.*

Organizing for Social Change (*Potomac View*)

This workshop will give an introduction to community organizing methodology with discussion of the continuum of action and how to integrate organizing models into your current work. The fundamentals of organizing for social change cut across all issues and can help organizations and congregations be more effective in building local power to change social policy. We will 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 improvements in people's lives. There will be specific attention to the importance of the role of faith in building social movements. *Presenters: Noel Andersen, Church World Service; and Kristin Kumpf, United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society.*

Overcoming Obstacles and Turning Enemies into Friends in Criminal Justice Reform (*Jackson*)

In this workshop, two experts from the trenches will discuss obstacles in and opposition to criminal justice and sentencing reform, including which messages work (and don't), who is still opposing reform (and why), how to build a coalition that wins over lawmakers, why time is on our side, and how we can create a long-term campaign for change. We'll discuss the new coalitions developing on criminal justice and sentencing reform and how local faith groups can bridge the gaps between opponents and supporters of those reforms at home and in Washington. *Presenters: Molly Gill, Families Against Mandatory Minimums; and Ryan Murphy, Sisters of Mercy.*

Running a Digital Campaign: How to Create, Manage and Optimize Online Advocacy Efforts (*Commonwealth*)

This presentation is designed for those who have a general awareness of, interest in or responsibility for the online promotion of advocacy efforts. It will review key strategic decision points in promoting a cause, initiative, campaign or event. It also will address ways various types of content - text, images, videos - can be leveraged for maximum effect, with a focus on websites, blogs and social media. There also will be opportunities to discuss the ongoing management and optimization of these efforts, and how to measure success - as well as to share insights and questions from your own experience. *Presenters: Marc DelMonico and Matt Smith, Perisphere Media.*

Skills Workshop on America's Vast Immigration Detention System (*Wilson/Harrison*)

In this skills workshop, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service's Access to Justice department will walk participants through America's vast immigration detention system and offer skills and opportunities to take action. They will give background on both the migrant adult detention system and the recently revived and inhumane practice of family detention. After providing context for these practices, presenters will offer concrete opportunities to get involved, including LIRS's detention visitation ministry program. *Presenters: Liz Sweet, Episcopal Service Corps Program Fellow for Access to Justice.*

The Successful Reentry Project: Working Towards Justice, Dignity, and Redemption (*Madison*)

Although they have paid their debt and served their time, individuals with a criminal history are too often denied the opportunity at redemption and turned away from legitimate employment, which would help engage them in productive activities that improve the quality of life for everyone and enable them to become productive members of society. In efforts to eliminate employment barriers for formerly incarcerated people, public entities (local municipalities and state governments), as well as corporations and business, must "ban the box" or remove the question about criminal history from the initial job application forms. In this workshop faith communities will learn how they can get involved at the local and national level with the "Ban the Box" Campaign and other reentry initiatives. *Presenters: Aundrea Alexander, Esq., National Council of Churches; and Carlton T. Mayers, II, Esq., National Association for the Advancement of Colored People National Office.*

Advocacy Skill Training Workshops Continued:**Theology, Art, and Peacemaking** (*Monroe*)

Art-making is a powerful way of building community. In this workshop, liturgical artist and activist Mary Button will share ideas and stories for participatory art projects appropriate for faith communities interested in using the creative arts for peace-making. She will also lead participants in contemplative, justice centered art practices that will enrich the prayer lives of individuals and churches. *Presenter: Mary Button, First Congregational Church (UCC) in Memphis, TN.*

Exhibits Available:**CRYSTAL BALLROOM FOYER**

Bread for the World
Equal Exchange
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Compassion, Peace and Justice
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Special Offerings
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Young Adult Volunteers

WASHINGTON BALLROOM

Americans for a Vibrant Palestinian Economy
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
Catholic Mobilizing Network
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Church World Service
Creation Justice Ministries / Church of the Brethren - Going to the Garden
Episcopal Peace Fellowship
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM)
Franciscan Action Network
General Board of Church & Society of the United Methodist Church
Hudson River Presbytery Prison Partnership
IMA World Health / WeWillSpeakOut.US
Interfaith Action for Human Rights
Jubilee USA
Latin America Working Group Education Fund
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
Mennonite Central Committee
National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund / Center on Conscience & War
National Council of Churches
National Religious Campaign Against Torture
Pax Christi International / Pax Christi USA
Perisphere Media
Plough Publishing
The Silk Road Fair Trade Market
THREEafrica
United Church of Christ
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development
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Witness to Innocence
Women of the Cloud Forest
World Student Christian Federation

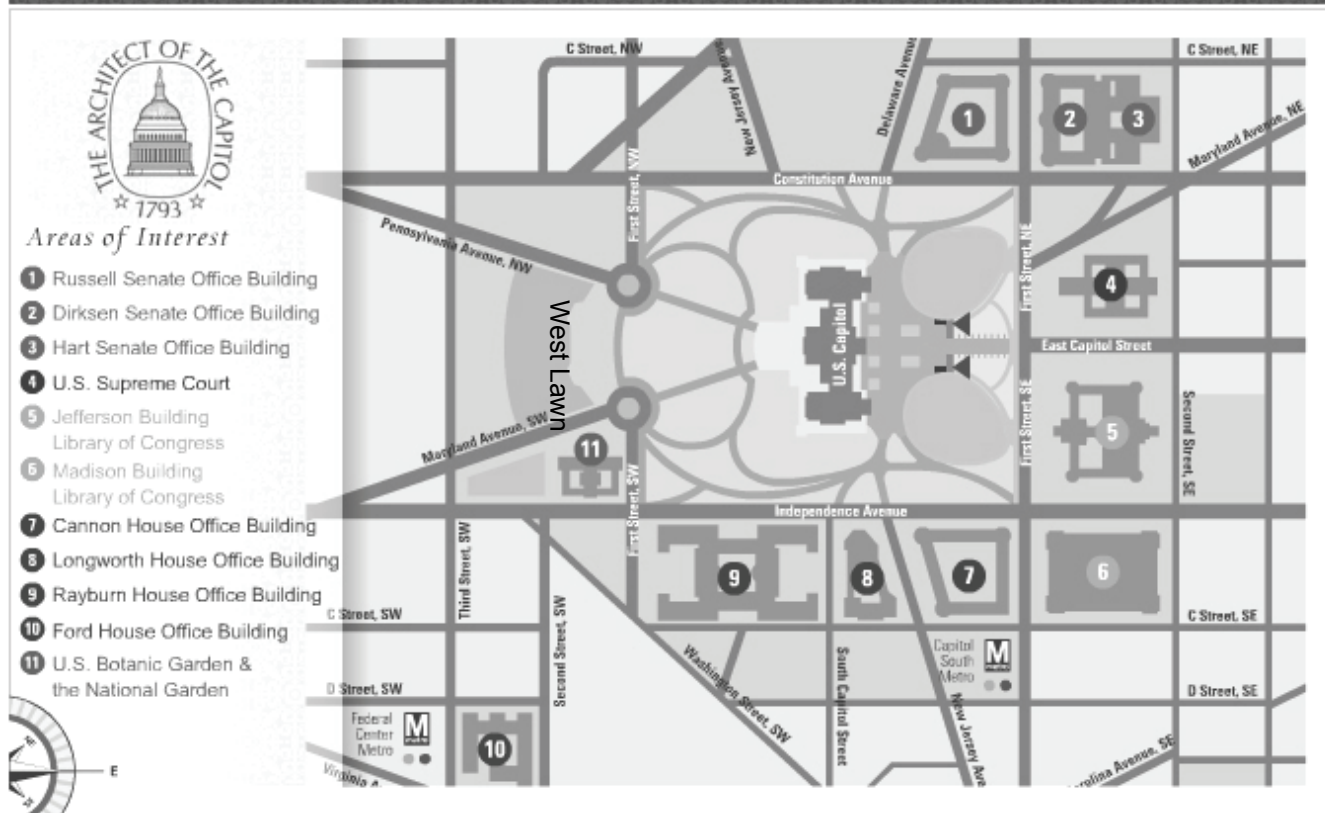
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Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN)
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U.S. Capitol Complex Map



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, Au Bon Pan, East Street Café, McDonalds, Johnny Rockets.

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

Crystal City Area Restaurants

Café Pizzaiolo - 507 23rd St S, Arlington, VA 22202

(703) 894-2250

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

(703) 413-8181

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

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