



# ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS

FOR GLOBAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE

## Lift Every Voice! Racism, Class and Power

April 15-18, 2016

**W**elcome to EAD 2016! — the 14th 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 *Racism, Class and Power* together. In a major U.S. election year when lives, votes and the global economy are at stake, followers of Christ ask, “Who has a voice?” The response is, “Everyone!” But in our neighborhoods, cities, and around the world, the voices of too many people are silenced. For generations in this country, social, economic, corporate and political powers have colluded to reduce and eliminate access to voting. Historically, systemic injustice has been carried out through poll taxes, unreasonable and egregious voter requirements and violent opposition to calls for justice and change. Today, we are experiencing injustice through not only an attempt for voter suppression, but police brutality, detention and mass incarceration. In the U.S. and around the world, communities whose health, water, air and land are threatened by corporate greed, voices for justice are often curbed through extreme violence, intimidation and murder.

In this country, communities of color are under siege: named and unnamed black lives are killed each year by police; immigrants are detained and scapegoated; and public displays of discontent and calls for solidarity have too often been met with disregard, suppression or violence. Around the world, decisions that affect the well-being of lives and the entire global economy - one based on continued growth despite the limits to earth’s natural resources and capacity to absorb such growth - are often made in closed boardrooms and in great secrecy.

But as Christians, we believe that leaders and policy makers are called to act and to govern in fairness and with justice for all! Like the persistent widow who demands that the judge hear her plea (Luke 18:1-8), at EAD 2016, we will bring our petitions for justice to Capitol Hill. Like the persistent widow, we will not be silenced. A people of faith we will speak truth to power concerning the suppression of political and economic rights, and the corporate undermining of the local voice of ordinary people in the U.S. and around the world. Through prayer, worship, advocacy training, networking and mobilization with other Christians, we will face the reality of racism, class and power impacting politics and policies and advocate for the liberty of “Every Voice!” - 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 screening, breakfast briefings, exhibitors, denominational gatherings and organizing for Monday’s Lobby Day! May your experience at EAD 2016 be filled with stimulation, joy and hope.

— EAD 2016 Leadership Team

**Friday, April 15**

1:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
1:00 pm	<b>Exhibits Open</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
1:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Exploring Theology Behind Fight Against Racism</b>	<i>Wilson-Harrison</i>

Ecumenical Advocacy Days will be lifting their voices in support of those who are oppressed and marginalized because of racism and classism. We only have to be familiar with the headlines of the past two years to know that these two ills are realities in our society, and on the hearts and minds of candidates and voters alike as we head toward the November election. But what is the theological basis for our message when it comes to fairness and justice? This workshop will analyze the Christian foundations of faith when it comes to affirming the political and economic rights of all, so that when we speak truth to power, we can know why our voice can be more than a whisper in the cacophony of voices seeking to influence policy. This session is open to all EAD participants at no charge. Presenters: Dr. Doug Foster, *Professor of Church History, Abilene Christian University*; Rev. Joyce Shin, *Pastor, Swarthmore Presbyterian Church*; Rev. Dr. Kenneth James, *Pastor, Memorial AME Zion Church*; Dr. Agnes Abuom, *Moderator, World Council of Churches Central Committee*; Rev. Dr. Felicia Y. Thomas, *Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Morgan State University*; Moderator, Dr. Greg Carey, *Professor of New Testament, Lancaster Theological Seminary*

4:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>EAD Pre-Gathering Time: “Your EAD Orientation”</b>	<i>Van Buren</i>
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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 particularly valuable for first-time participants.

5:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Optional Dinner Buffett</b> ( <i>Must purchase ticket at registration table</i> )	<i>Commonwealth</i>
6:45 - 7:00 pm	<b>Prelude of Music by The Glocal Musicians</b>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Opening Celebration: “Lift Every Voice”</b> Welcome: Rev. John McCullough, <i>President &amp; CEO, Church World Service</i> Sr. Marie Lucey, <i>OSM, Director of Advocacy &amp; Member Relations, Franciscan Action Network</i> Douglas G. Grace, <i>Director, Ecumenical Advocacy Days</i> Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit, <i>General Secretary, World Council of Churches</i> Preacher: Rev. Dr. William Barber, <i>President, North Carolina NAACP; Convener, Forward Together Moral Movement</i>	
8:30 - 9:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>	
8:30 - 10:00 pm	<b>Exhibitor Meet &amp; Greet</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby; Light Snacks Provided</i>
9:00 pm	<b>Informal Young Adult Gathering</b>	<i>Hotel lobby</i>

**Saturday, April 16**

7:30 - 8:30 am	<b>Registration Open</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 - 10:30 am	<b>Opening Policy Plenary: “Racism, Class &amp; Power”</b> Ashindi Maxton, <i>Independent Strategist in Democracy Reform, Racial Justice and Education</i> Sandy Sorenson, <i>Director of the Washington Office, Justice and Witness Ministries, The United Church of Christ</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
10:30 - 11:00 am	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Exhibits</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom</i>

11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>State Breakout Sessions</b>	<i>Various Locations</i>
DC, VA.....	<i>Crystal A</i>	MT, ID, WY, ND, SD, MN, WI.....
FL, GA, AR.....	<i>Crystal B</i>	WA, OR, AK.....
NC, SC.....	<i>Crystal C</i>	AZ, NM, CO, NV, UT.....
LA, TX, AL, MS.....	<i>Liberty</i>	KY, TN, IN.....
CA, HI.....	<i>Van Buren</i>	RI, MA, ME.....
PA.....	<i>Lincoln</i>	IL.....
NY.....	<i>Commonwealth</i>	OH.....
NH, VT, CT.....	<i>Victory</i>	MD, WV.....
KS, OK, NE.....	<i>Harrison</i>	NJ, DE.....
MI.....	<i>Jefferson</i>	IA, MO.....

12:00 - 1:30 pm **Lunch Plenary: “The Cradle to Prison Pipeline”** *Crystal Ballroom*  
 Speaker: Marian Wright Edelman, *Founder & President, Children’s Defense Fund*

1:30 – 1:45 pm **Break & Exhibits** *Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby*

1:45 - 3:15 pm **Issue Workshops Session I** *Various Locations*

3:15 - 3:30 pm **Break & Exhibits**

3:45 - 5:15 pm **Issue Workshops Session II** *Various Locations*

5:15 - 5:30 pm **Break**

5:30 - 7:00 pm **Denominational Gatherings**

- Baptist, *Monroe*
- Disciples of Christ & United Church of Christ: *Jefferson*
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: *Wilson/Harrison*
- Peace Churches: *Madison*
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), *Crystal A*
- Roman Catholic Mass, *Crystal C*
- United Methodist Church, *Lincoln Hall*

7:00 pm **Free Time & Additional EAD Sponsor Events, Receptions and Dinners**  
*See advertisement flyers at registration table for denominational events for the evening.*

8:30 pm **Film: “Dream On”** *Lincoln Hall*  
 9:00 pm **Informal Young Adult Gathering** *Lobby*

**Sunday, April 17, 2016**

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

8:30 - 9:30 am **Interdenominational**  
**Worship** *Crystal Ballroom*  
 Preacher: Rev. Amy Gopp, *Vice President of External Relations, IMF World Health*

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

10:00 am - 12:00 pm **International Plenary: “People Power around the World”** *Crystal Ballroom*

Moderator: Rev. Traci Blackmon, *Acting Executive Minister, United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries*  
 Panelists: Esam Boraey, *Human Rights Activist*  
 Frances Bagotlo Laminero, *Executive Director, InPeace, Philippines*  
 Samantha Master, *#BlackLivesMatter Movement Activist*  
 Conrado Olivera, *Director, Joining Hands Peru*

12:15 - 1:30 pm	<b>State Break Out Lunch</b>	<i>Various Locations</i>
DC, VA.....	<i>Crystal A</i>	<i>MT, ID, WY, ND, SD, MN, WI.....Pentagon I</i>
FL, GA, AR.....	<i>Crystal B</i>	<i>WA, OR, AK.....Monument View</i>
NC, SC.....	<i>Crystal C</i>	<i>AZ, NM, CO, NV, UT.....Valor</i>
LA, TX, AL, MS.....	<i>Liberty</i>	<i>KY, TN, IN.....Monroe</i>
CA, HI.....	<i>Van Buren</i>	<i>RI, MA, ME.....Pentagon II</i>
PA.....	<i>Lincoln</i>	<i>IL.....Capitol View</i>
NY.....	<i>Commonwealth</i>	<i>OH.....Jackson</i>
NH, VT, CT.....	<i>Victory</i>	<i>MD, WV.....Wilson</i>
KS, OK, NE.....	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>NJ, DE.....Potomac View</i>
MI.....	<i>Jefferson</i>	<i>IA, MO.....Madison</i>
1:30 – 2:00 pm	<b>Exhibits Break</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
2:00 - 3:30 pm	<b>Issue Workshops Session III</b>	<i>Various Locations (see p.15)</i>
3:30 - 4:00 pm	<b>Exhibit Break</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
4:00 - 5:30 pm	<b>Advocacy Skills Workshops Session I</b>	<i>Various Locations (see p. 15)</i>
5:30 - 7:00 pm	<b>Exhibit Break</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
7:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>EAD 2016 Dinner Banquet</b>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
9:00 pm	<b>Film Festival: “Dream On” Informal Young Adult Gathering</b>	<i>Lincoln Hall Lobby</i>

**Monday, April 18, 2016**

7:30 am	<b>First Buses Depart for Capitol Hill</b>	<i>Lower Lobby Outside Lincoln Hall</i>
8:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast Begins</b>	<i>Fellowship Hall, Church of the Reformation</i>
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>A Place to Rest between Lobby Visits</b>	<i>Fellowship Hall, Church of the Reformation</i>
9:00 am	<b>Second Buses Depart for Capitol Hill Joint Sending Forth with Democracy Awakening</b>	<i>Lower Lobby Outside Lincoln Hall Park by Capitol Visitor Center</i>
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Lobby Visits on Capitol Hill (Lunch on your own) (See your Lobby Day Schedule)</b>	
5:00 pm	<b>EAD ADJOURNS (Church of the Reformation CLOSED)</b> <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 16**

7:00 - 8:15 am **LGBT Briefing Breakfast (All Invited)** *Monument View Room*

**Sunday, April 17**

7:00 - 8:15 am **Israel/Palestine Briefing Breakfast (All Invited)** *Monument View Room*

## National Gathering Moderators



### **Rev. Aundreia Alexander**

*Associate General Secretary for Justice and Peace*

Rev. Alexander leads the organization on its initiative to reverse the rising trend of mass incarceration in the United States. Before her move to the NCC Rev. Alexander served as the National Coordinator for The Office of Immigration and Refugee Services with the American Baptist Home Mission Societies of American Baptist Churches, USA. She led the

denominational efforts to advocate for a comprehensive humane immigration reform and addressed human rights and religious liberty issues related to the diaspora of the ethnic peoples of Burma.

Rev. Alexander has a history of working with ecumenical, interfaith, government and grassroots entities such as the United Nations, World Council of Churches, Church World Service and others, on a variety of justice issues. She has preached, lectured and facilitated workshops throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Turkey, Mexico, and South Korea.

Advocating for justice and systemic change has always been important to Rev. Alexander and she is serious about being where she feels God is calling her. She believes that God has called her to serve as a prophetic voice that challenges structures and systems that diminishes and dehumanizes others.

Rev. Alexander is also a workshop facilitator and trainer in the areas of Conflict Transformation/Mediation skills and speaks at conferences and churches on spiritual nurturing for those living with cancer. She serves as the minister for Social Justice at the St. Pauls' Baptist Church in West Chester, PA and the chaplain for the Valley Forge Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is from Missouri where she practiced law with the Missouri Attorney General's office before moving to the east coast to attend seminary. She has a B.S. in Accountancy and a J.D. both from the University of Missouri in Columbia and a M. Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary.



### **Joshua Russell**

*Legislative Assistant and Communications Coordinator, Washington Office of Mennonite Central Committee, U.S.*

Joshua Russell's policy work focuses on criminal justice reform, lethal drones, and militarism. Born and raised in South Carolina, he is a graduate of Furman University in Greenville, SC. Prior to coming to Washington, Joshua served with Mennonite Central Committee in KwaZulu-

Natal, South Africa. He is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, DC.



## **Music Ministers The ELCA Glocal Musicians**

Worship leadership this year 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: “Lift Every Voice”



**Rev. Dr. William Barber** *President, North Carolina NAACP & Convener, Forward Together Moral Movement*

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II serves as President of the North Carolina NAACP and convener of the Forward Together Moral Movement, an alliance of more than 200 progressive organizations in North Carolina. Rev. Dr. Barber and this coalition have been at the forefront of justice work in the state and have inspired organizing on a national level.

The Forward Together Moral Movement, better known as “Moral Monday,” is a multi-racial, multi-generational movement to battle immoral, extreme policies adopted by the governor and state legislature. These wrongs include draconian cuts to public education, Medicaid, and unemployment benefits.

They also encompass attacks on labor rights, voting rights, women’s rights, the environment, and immigrants. Moral Monday rallies have engaged thousands of North Carolinians throughout the state. Since the first Moral Monday rally on April 29, 2013, over 1000 people have been arrested in non-violent civil disobedience.

On February 8, 2014, a crowd estimated by USA Today at 80,000 participated in the Mass Moral March on Raleigh, the largest march of its kind in the South since Selma 1965. The North Carolina NAACP and the Forward Together Moral Movement are now engaged in litigation to reverse the worst voter suppression laws in the country.

Rev. Dr. Barber is the 2015 recipient of the Congressional Black Caucus Chair’s Phoenix Award presented at the 45th Annual Legislative Conference. Rev. Barber also is the 2015 recipient of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt, FDR Freedom of Worship Award presented by Roosevelt Institute.

Barber graduated from North Carolina Central University and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University. He earned his doctoral degree from Drew University. Barber is a member of the NAACP National Board of Directors and serves as the National NAACP Chair of the Legislative Political Action Committee. Dr. Barber served as the Executive Director of the North Carolina Human Relations Commission and has taught at Duke Divinity School, North Carolina Central University, and North Carolina Wesleyan College. He is a Mel King Community Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has lectured at the Harvard School of Government, and recently completed a sabbatical fellowship at Union Theological Seminary.

Barber is the author of three books: *Forward Together: A Moral Vision for the Nation*, *Preaching Through Unexpected Pain*, and *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics and the Rise of a New Justice Movement*, forthcoming in January 2016 with Beacon Press.

Rev. Dr. Barber lives in Goldsboro, North Carolina, where he has pastored Greenleaf Christian Church for 24 years. In 1995, his modest congregation invested \$1.5 million into community development, which has since resulted in more than \$12 million of development, with sixty homes for low to moderate income families, a 41-unit senior citizens’ home, and a 90-student pre-school academy.

## Policy Plenary “*Racism, Class & Power*”



### **Ashindi Maxton**

*Independent Strategist in Democracy Reform, Racial Justice and Education*

Ashindi Maxton is an independent strategist and donor advisor in democracy reform, racial justice, and education. She has developed funding strategy informing more than \$100 million in investments from some of the largest foundations and individual donors in the United States including the Democracy Alliance, the Ford Foundation, The Women Donors Network, and PowerPAC.

In addition to her work in philanthropy, Ashindi has served as the National Policy Director of the NAACP and the National Director of Political Partnerships for SEIU, the largest labor union in the United States. She has established the strategy for multiple donor alliances including an Election Administration Fund, Youth Engagement Fund, New Media Ventures Fund, the Black Civic Engagement Initiative and a Reflective Democracy project (geared towards structural reforms to elect more women and people of color to political office).

She also piloted projects which helped double voter turn out for Asian-American voters in key areas, registered tens of thousands of voters in community health clinics, and which won critical legal victories for voter protection. Prior to this, Ashindi worked in education including time as the principal of an elementary arts charter school, a Spanish bilingual fifth grade teacher, a policy fellow to the United States Senate Subcommittee on Education, and the National Policy Director of Teach For America. She was also a Fulbright Scholar to the Dominican Republic where she published the first national study on race consciousness in Dominican children.

Ashindi serves on the Board of the Texas Organizing Project and recently completed three years as Board Chair of Free Speech TV during a time that the network audience-reach and viewer support were doubled. She has been listed three times to Washington Magazine’s “Young and the Guest List” of “forty and under geniuses, visionaries, crusaders and innovators shaping Washington’s future” in addition to the “NAACP Power 40” list of most influential African-Americans under forty.

Ms. Maxton is a Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude graduate of Vassar College and has a Master’s degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.

### **Sandy Sorenson**

*Director of Washington Office, Justice and Witness Ministries, The United Church of Christ*

Sandy Sorensen currently serves as Director of the United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries, Washington, D.C. office. Sandy has served in a variety of capacities in over 20 years of experience in the national setting of the United Church of the Christ, including work in communications and policy advocacy on civil rights, justice for women, and media access. Sandy received a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from Grinnell College and went on to earn her Master of Divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School in 1990.





## Saturday Lunch Plenary

### “The Cradle to Prison Pipeline”



#### Marian Wright Edelman

*Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF)*

Marian Wright Edelman has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional life. Under her leadership, CDF has become the nation's strongest voice for children and families. The Children's Defense Fund's *Leave No Child Behind* mission is to ensure every child a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start*, and a *Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

Mrs. Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-60s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. began organizing before his death. She founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund. For two years she served as the Director of the

Center for Law and Education at Harvard University and in 1973 began CDF.

Mrs. Edelman served on the Board of Trustees of Spelman College which she chaired from 1976 to 1987 and was the first woman elected by alumni as a member of the Yale University Corporation on which she served from 1971 to 1977. She has received over a hundred honorary degrees and many awards including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings which include: *Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change*; *The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours*; *Guide My Feet: Meditations and Prayers on Loving and Working for Children*; *Stand for Children*; *Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors*; *Hold My Hand: Prayers for Building a Movement to Leave No Child Behind*; *I'm Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children*; *I Can Make a Difference: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children*; and *The Sea Is So Wide and My Boat Is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation*.

She is a board member of the Robin Hood Foundation and the Association to Benefit Children, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Marian Wright Edelman is married to Peter Edelman, a Professor at Georgetown University Law Center. They have three sons and four grandchildren.

## Sunday Interdenominational Worship Preacher



### Rev. Amy Gopp

*Vice President of External Relations, IMA World Health*

The Rev. Amy Gopp is the Vice President of External Relations for IMA World Health, a global and ecumenical public health organization. Gopp is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with two decades of experience in faith-based relief and development. Previously, she served as the Director of Member Relations and Pastoral Care at Church World Service and as Executive Director of Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Disciples of Christ. A passionate global activist for girls and women's rights, education and empowerment, Rev. Gopp is one of the key leaders of the interfaith "We Will Speak Out" U.S. coalition and campaign to end sexual and gender-based violence.

Through dynamic preaching, creative teaching and strategic leadership, Gopp urges God's people to engage in compassionate service that imbues hope and empowerment for all. She received her BA in International Relations at the American University School of International Service in Washington, D.C. For many years she lived in the war-ridden former Yugoslavia with Mennonite Central Committee, serving as a peace activist aiming to relieve refugee concerns; to promote interfaith dialogue; and to provide education toward conflict resolution. Additionally, Gopp coordinated the award-winning *Pontanima* Interfaith Choir, based in Sarajevo, Bosnia. Gopp completed an M.A. in Conflict Resolution at Antioch University and an M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 2005. She served as Associate Minister for Outreach at Manhattan's Park Avenue Christian Church and as the United Nations liaison for Wider Church Ministries. She co-founded the Poverty Initiative, a New York City-based program equipping faith leaders to challenge oppressive economic structures that contribute to poverty in America. She serves her *alma mater* as Vice Chair of the Union Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Amy is a contributor and co-editor of *Split Ticket: Independent Faith in a Time of Partisan Politics* and *Help and Hope: Disaster Preparedness and Response Tools for Congregations* and the author of numerous articles and devotionals. She and her husband, eco-activist and artist Frédéric Vigne, live in Kent, Ohio, although they are frequently found traveling the world, singing in their living room, or cooking French meals.

## INTERNATIONAL PLENARY

### "People Power Around the World"

#### Panelists



### Esam Boraey

*Human Rights Activist*

Esam Boraey is a human rights activist working for freedom and democracy in the Middle East. This passion led him to play a key role in the Egyptian revolution of 2011, which helped overthrow dictator Hosni Mubarak. Esam taught classes and studied for his Master's degree in international relations at Cairo University. During the Mohamed Morsi presidency, Esam worked for USAID and later left the country after being sentenced in Egypt's criminal court to two years in prison for his work for human rights and democratization in the Middle East. Esam then moved to Washington D.C. where he continued his work for human rights, working for USIP.

Having worked over the years with a number of Civil Society organizations (CSOs) in both the Middle East and the U.S., fostered close professional relationships with political leaders throughout the region, and advised policy makers in the U.S. and European Union, Esam brings a nuanced perspective to an understanding of Egyptian, Middle Eastern, and Islamic affairs that takes into account the concerns of stakeholders at various levels, both in the Middle East and beyond its borders.



## Frances Bagotlo Laminero,

*Executive Director, InPeace, Philippines*

Frances Bagotlo Laminero is the Executive Director of Initiatives for Peace in Mindanao (InPeace), Philippines. He has held this position since the organization's founding in 2003. InPeace was founded as a response to heightened "war on terror" rhetoric in the southern Philippines, which is home to the majority of the country's Muslim population. Under Frances's leadership, the organization has grown into an important and leading voice for genuine peace based on justice and human rights across the Philippine archipelago. Frances has been instrumental in the creation of numerous advocacy organizations addressing the root causes of conflict in the country, including the formation of the Union of Peoples Lawyers in Mindanao, Barug Katungod (Stand Up for Rights) human rights defenders network, Panalipdan! Mindanao (Defend! Mindanao) Environmental Alliance, Kalumaran Indigenous Peoples' Alliance in Mindanao, and BALS Mindanao Citizen's Disaster Response Network.

In his decades of organizing and advocacy for indigenous communities in the Philippines, Frances has developed extensive knowledge about the impacts of globalization on indigenous people, peasants and agricultural workers, and on the environment. Most recently, Frances and InPeace have been instrumental in mobilizing indigenous peoples in efforts to oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) and attempts by the administration of President Benigno Aquino III to change the Philippines' constitution so that the country may be included in the TPP. With its central focus on the Asia Pacific, the TPP, which includes some of the Philippines' largest trading partners and neighboring countries, has the disproportionate potential to destroy the indigenous Lumad populations through a combination of the massive take-over of land, unbridled extraction of natural resources, and environmental destruction rendering their communities more vulnerable to disasters like super-typhoon Haiyan.



## Samantha Master

*#BlackLivesMatter Movement Activist*

Samantha Master is a Black, queer, feminist activist, advocate and educator. She is a prominent voice in the multifaceted and national Black Lives Matter Movement. Samantha is a member of the Black Youth Project 100 whose policy agenda, The Agenda to Keep Us Safe, provides restorative and transformative justice solutions to facilitate prison abolition and end mass incarceration.

Samantha has worked extensively within communities of color to organize and build analyses around LGBT and gender justice issues. As an undergraduate student at Morgan State University, she was a lead organizer in creating Pride and Soul Week, the first LGBTQ history and awareness week at a historically Black college or university. Her work at the intersections of racial, gender and LGBTQ justice has been chronicled in several publications including TheRoot, Swerv Magazine, Diverse Issues in Higher Education, HBCU Digest, and most recently in the multi-award winning film, The New Black. She has also been named a National Black Justice Coalition Emerging Leader.

Samantha is currently the African American Leadership and Engagement Specialist at Planned Parenthood Federation of America where she works to build organizational and institutional capacity to engage racial and reproductive justice partnerships.



## **Conrado Olivera**

*Director, Joining Hands Peru*

Conrado Olivera is the Director of Presbyterian Hunger Program's Joining Hands Peru (JH-PERU). The mission of JH-PERU is to improve the quality of life of the most economically disadvantaged and vulnerable sectors of society. They do this by identifying root causes of poverty and injustice and addressing them through advocacy campaigns and the promotion of human and environmental rights. And, in the context of a widening gap between the wealthy and the poor, and a growing number of social conflicts in the country, JH-PERU also envisions itself to be a network which contributes to the construction of alternative models for sustainable and harmonious development and to the empowerment of civil society, as they work together globalizing their solidarity.



## **Moderator: Rev. Traci D. Blackmon**

*Acting Executive Minister, UCC Justice and Witness Ministries*

The Rev. Traci D. Blackmon is Acting Executive Minister of the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries, having been appointed to the position by unanimous vote of the UCC Board in October 2015.

Blackmon also is the 18th installed and first woman pastor of the 156-year-old Christ the King United Church of Christ in Ferguson, Mo. She became nationally recognized as a prominent voice for social change when Michael Brown was shot in Ferguson, just miles from her church. She immediately worked to help organize the Black Lives Matter movement, effectively assisting and collaborating with people in the community working for justice.

The committed civic leader, gifted preacher, and much-loved pastor is the founder of the Sista SOS Summit, an intergenerational symposium designed to assist women toward spiritual and sexual wholeness. She also co-founded "When Women Gather . . .," a monthly ecumenical gathering committed to facilitating the spiritual growth and development of women by studying the Word of God through the unique lens that is womanhood.

Initially ordained in the AME Church, Blackmon holds a B.S. degree in nursing from Birmingham-Southern College (1985) and a Masters of Divinity degree from UCC-related Eden Theological Seminary (2009). She is a graduate of Leadership St. Louis, and has served on numerous boards, including the St. Louis Effort for AIDS, The Kidney Foundation, Magdalene House St. Louis, St. Louis Minority Business Council, and Planned Parenthood St. Louis, among others.

Blackmon "treasures the privilege" of being mother to Kortni, Harold II, and Tyler Blackmon.

## Workshop Session I

### Saturday, April 16, 2016, 1:45 3:15 pm

	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>Africa</b>	
- Rights, Development and Democracy	<i>Jackson</i>
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	
- Identities, Ideologies and the Consequence Exclusions and Challenges in Southern Asia	<i>Pentagon I&amp;II</i>
<b>Domestic U.S.</b>	
- Christian and Muslim Communities Moving Forward Together	<i>Crystal C</i>
- Immigration and Racism: Changing Narratives, Changing Systems	<i>Crystal A</i>
- Lift Every Voice? The Struggle for Voting Rights	<i>Crystal B</i>
- One Human Family: Bridging the Racial Divide	<i>Wilson</i>
<b>Eco-Justice</b>	
- Border and Trade Justice in the Americas	<i>Van Buren</i>
- Rights, Development and Democracy	<i>Jackson</i>
<b>Global Economic Justice</b>	
- Building Transparency in the World's Second-Most Powerful Institutions	<i>Monroe</i>
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<b>Latin American &amp; Caribbean</b>	
- Border and Trade Justice in the Americas	<i>Van Buren</i>
- Nationality, Power and Statelessness in the Dominican Republic	<i>Madison</i>
<b>Middle East</b>	
- Intersectional Movements for Liberation and Co-resistance to Militarized Systems of Oppression: from the U.S. to Palestine	<i>Harrison</i>
<b>Peace &amp; Global Security</b>	
- Advancing Human Rights in a Time of Fear	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>

## Workshop Session II

### Saturday, April 16, 2016, 3:30– 5:50 pm

	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>Africa</b>	
- The Politics of Pineapple: Impact of AGOA on African Farmers and Business	<i>Jackson</i>
<b>Arts &amp; Advocacy</b>	
- Connecting Advocacy to Art	<i>Crystal A</i>
<b>Domestic U.S.</b>	
- Answering the Pope's Call to Encounter: Bridging Divides with Nuns on the Bus	<i>Commonwealth</i>
- Feeding Others While Going Hungry: Economic Exploitation of Workers in the Food Service Industry	<i>Monroe</i>
- One Dollar, One Vote? Organizing People to #FightBigMoney	<i>Van Buren</i>
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<b>Eco-Justice</b>	
- Environmental Justice & Voting Rights	<i>Madison</i>
- Global Climate Justice: Ensuring the Wealthiest Countries are Doing Their Share	<i>Wilson</i>
<b>Global Economic Justice</b>	
- Corporate Tax Avoidance: How Global Tax Rules Steal from the Poorest	<i>Potomac View</i>
- The Trans-Pacific Partnership: ...What You Can Do to Defeat It	<i>Crystal B</i>
<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>	
- Prophetic Voices against Drug War and Border Militarism	<i>Pentagon I&amp;II</i>
- Proposals for Sustainable Development [Left out of] Northern Triangle Plan for Prosperity	<i>Monument View</i>
<b>Middle East</b>	
- Discriminatory Practices Against Palestinians in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza	<i>Harrison</i>
<b>Peace &amp; Global Security</b>	
- Raising the Voices of those Impacted by U.S. Drone Warfare	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>

**Workshop Session III**  
**Sunday, April 17, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

<b>Africa</b>	
- Preying on Borrowers: Foreign Aid, Corporate Greed and Africa's Rising Debt	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b> <i>Jackson</i>
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	
- The Massacre of our Parents & Leaders, the Rape of our Sisters, and the Brutal Attacks on Our Schools and Communities: Indigenous Lumad Children, Youth, Women, Men and Leaders of Mindanao Speak Truth to Power	<i>Pentagon I&amp;II</i>
<b>Domestic U.S.</b>	
- The Black Lives Matter Movement and the Church	<i>Crystal A</i>
- Face to Face with Racism	<i>Crystal B</i>
- Faith in Action: Ending the Criminalization of Communities of Color from the Inside Out	<i>Crystal C</i>
- Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Towards Right Relationship with America's Native People	<i>Wilson</i>
<b>Eco-Justice</b>	
- Living <i>Laudato Si</i> : Pathways Toward Courageous Action for a Culture of Care	<i>Harrison</i>
- The Clean Power Plan: Advocating for Race and Class Equity in Your State	<i>Van Buren</i>
<b>Global Economic Justice</b>	
- Building an Economy of Inclusion: Lifting all Voices in the Marketplace	<i>Monroe</i>
<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>	
- A Plan for Peace: Need for Afro-Colombian, Indigenous Voices in Colombian's Peace Process	<i>Commonwealth</i>
<b>Middle East</b>	
- The Crisis in Syria and Iraq: How Do We Achieve a Diplomatic Solution?	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
<b>Peace &amp; Global Security</b>	
- A Plan for Peace: Need for Afro-Colombian, Indigenous Voices in Colombian's Peace Process	<i>Commonwealth</i>
- The Crisis in Syria and Iraq: How Do We Achieve a Diplomatic Solution?	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>

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

<b><u>Training Workshops</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>Strategic Faith Coalition Building: Best Practices, Power Mapping, Optimizing Collaboration</b>	<i>Jackson</i>
<b>Media Fundamentals, Strategies, and Tactics</b>	<i>Van Buren</i>
<b>Running a Digital Campaign: How to Create, Manage and Optimize Online Advocacy Efforts</b>	<i>Harrison</i>
<b>One-to-One: The First Building Block to Building Power</b>	<i>Wilson</i>
<b>How to Lobby 101</b>	<i>Monroe</i>
<b>Advocacy and Subsidiarity: Radical Empowerment</b>	<i>Madison</i>
<b>How to Change Systems and Attitudes: Breaking Down Barriers to Immigration Reform</b>	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
<b>Election Opportunities: Empowering Voices Around Race, Class &amp; Power</b>	<i>Commonwealth</i>
<b>The Spiritual Leadership of Advocacy: Sustaining Ourselves &amp; Our Communities</b>	<i>Potomac View</i>
<b>Powerful Speaking: Using Stories to End Poverty</b>	<i>Monument View</i>
<b>Taking Your Advocacy to the Next Level</b>	<i>Capital View</i>

## **Workshop Session I**

### **Saturday, April 16, 1:45 - 3:15 pm**

#### **Advancing Human Rights in a Time of Fear** (*Lincoln Hall*)

Following the attacks in Paris, France implemented and then extended a state of emergency which raised concerns about practices that are a step backwards for human rights norms. This is a pattern seen from attempts to combat Boko Haram to parts of U.S. foreign policy and domestic policy to address apparent threats. This workshop will consider several cases while exploring theological, ethical, and human rights to challenge fear and build a just peace. *Speakers: Nathan Hosler, Church of the Brethren's Office of Public Witness; Matt Hawthorne, National Religious Campaign Against Torture*

#### **Border and Trade Justice in the Americas** (*Van Buren*)

This workshop will help connect the dots between U.S. imports of bio-fuels, GMOs, the drug war, hunger, and migration. *Moderator: Chloe Schwabe, Maryknoll. Speakers: Luis Cabrales, ActionAid, Stephen Bartlett, Agricultural Missions and Phil Dahl-Bredine, Center for Integral Campesino Development of the Mixteca and the Collective for the Defense of Indigenous Territories*

#### **Building Transparency in the World's Second-Most Powerful Institution** (*Monroe*)

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is one of the most influential institutions in the world, but few Americans know what it does or how it works. Transparency at the IMF is critical. In some of the world's poorest countries, not only does the public not know the details of loan contracts - that may contain harmful austerity measures - often even the country's parliament doesn't have the details. We can build transparency in the international financial system and the IMF can help lead the way. "Let There Be Light." *Speaker: Eric LeCompte - Executive Director, Jubilee USA*

#### **Christian and Muslim Communities Moving Forward Together** (*Crystal C*)

In the midst of rising Islamophobia and an unprecedented spike in anti-Muslim incidents nationwide, exacerbated by inflammatory statements by public figures and candidates for office, debate over the resettlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees, and acts of terrorism committed by Daesh (ISIS), there is a vital need for Christians and Muslims to build stronger relationships, working together to support and empower each other's communities. In this workshop, we will hear from Muslims and Christians about how they are proactively creating opportunities for mutual dialog and then moving forward together to build a more resilient and welcoming nation. *Speakers: Yolanda Randon, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee; Ron Steif, Shoulder-to-Shoulder and National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT); Corey Saylor, Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR). Moderator: Yasmine Taeb, Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)*

#### **Identities, Ideologies and the Consequent Exclusions and Challenges in Southern Asia** (*Pentagon I&II*)

This workshop will explore the new challenges faced by the Dalits, tribals and similarly marginalized groups and the human rights defenders in the wake of right-wing religious resurgence in Southern Asia. These range from denial of basic rights and needs to a seemingly concerted effort to further impoverish, disempower and violate these communities for the prosperity of a few. This workshop, through the stories of the Dalits, religious and ethnic minorities and the displaced communities will attempt to engage with some moral challenges that faith communities alone can and must address. Organized by the ecumenical Asia-Pacific Forum. *Speakers: Rev. Dr. Deenabandhu Manchala, Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Father Tomás King, SSC, Columban Priest.*

#### **Immigration and Racism: Changing Narratives, Changing Systems** (*Crystal A*)

Our current immigration system is broken and biased toward class and race. We've heard the phrase "get in line" but what does the road to citizenship look like for immigrants? Where do our Presidential candidates stand on immigration issues? There are many misconceptions about immigrants in the US. but who are they really? Join us in learning about the people who are directly affected by immigration policies and how your voice can be part of the national immigration movement. Together, we can change the narrative and bring systematic change. *Speakers: Diana Pliego Padilla, NETWORK Government Relations Associate; Monsieree de Castro, NETWORK Grassroots Mobilization Associate*

#### **Intersectional Movements for Liberation and Co-resistance to Militarized Systems of Oppression, From the U.S. to Palestine** (*Harrison*)

Communities across contexts are impacted by militarized systems of oppression that share common roots and drivers, from the similar fear-based narratives used to justify state violence, to common suppliers of equipment, funding, and training. This panel will explore common dimensions of struggle between movements for Black and Palestinian liberation, as well as "co-resistance" movements in Israel. *Speakers will include Kamau Franklin, community organizer and racial justice advocate; Andrew Kadi, human rights activist and digital media specialist; and Sahar Vardi, peace activist.*

### **Lift Every Voice? The Struggle for Voting Rights** (*Crystal B*)

If voting is at the heart of the democratic process, the way in which each person has a voice in shaping the policies of our government, we face a time of serious challenge. In 2016, voters will face a pivotal presidential election year without the protection of the hard-fought 1965 Voting Rights Act, the largest rollback to voting rights in 50 years. Threats to voting rights and voter participation on multiple fronts are drowning out the voices of the many for the benefit of the few. This workshop will take a look at the history and context of the voting rights struggle in light of current obstacles to voting rights and voter participation, and consider why and how people of faith can respond. *Speakers: Ellen Buchman, Executive Vice President for Field and Communications, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Invited but not yet confirmed: Arielle Gingold, Associate Director, Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice; Marcia Johnson-Blanco, Co-Director, Voting Rights Project, Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights*

### **Nationality, Power, and Statelessness in the Dominican Republic** (*Madison*)

As the government of the Dominican Republic promotes increasingly anti-immigrant policies, Haitian immigrants and Dominican citizens of Haitian descent are being stripped of their citizenship, and the many basic rights that come with it. Panelists will discuss the evolution of various discriminatory policies in recent years, the impacts and threats they've had in people's everyday lives. For example, what does it mean for the next generation when children are denied access to school because they have not been issued a birth certificate or identity card? They will discuss actions to be taken on a local and international level. *Speakers: Marselha Gonçalves Margerin, Amnesty International USA; Shaw Drake, Equal Justice Works Fellow at Human Rights First, former Georgetown Law Human Rights Institute; and (tentative) Arelis Figueroa, Latinos/as @ Riverside Church, New York City*

### **One Human Family: Bridging the Racial Divide** (*Wilson*)

Each of us is challenged to look within ourselves and ask, "What am I doing to build up the human family?" "Am I called to be the "bridge"?" This workshop will discuss the challenges we face as we engage in meaningful conversations to close the growing "racial divide." It will explore the tools needed to effectively cross cultural boundaries to break the negative and destructive cycles that reinforce the divisions among and between our communities. The gospel mandates call us to see in each person we encounter the face of our "brother" or "sister." *Speaker: Sr. Gwynette Proctor, SNDdeN, Director, Office of Black Catholics, Archdiocese of Baltimore.*

### **Rights, Development and Democracy** (*Jackson*)

Many countries have looked to extractive industries and large-scale investment projects as economic drivers of development. But many times this "development" locks out the voices and development benefits for low-income residents and communities of color and leaves large scars on the face of the earth. Hear stories from activists globally and in the U.S. who are opposing large scale investment projects and working for democratic solutions and a rights-based approach to development that serves God's people and Creation. *Speakers: Conrado Oliviera, Joining Hands Against Hunger Network in Peru; Sister Mary Pendergast, RSM, Ecology Director for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas' Northeast Community; Carla Garcia Zendejas, Director of People, Land & Resources Program at the Center for International Environmental Law Moderator: Marianne Comfort, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas*

## **Workshop Session II** **Saturday, April 16, 3:30 - 5:00 pm**

### **Answering the Pope's Call to Encounter: Bridging Divides with Nuns on the Bus** (*Commonwealth*)

Every community experiences divides—racial, socioeconomic, political, and more—in a unique way, but there are similarities among how we can encounter and understand these divides to create community. Join us for an interactive workshop sharing themes and stories from the 2015 Nuns on the Bus trip, as well as practical understanding of what we all can do to have this dialogue in our home churches and communities. *Speakers: Sr. Richelle Friedman, PBVM; Ashley Wilson, Network*

### **Connecting Advocacy to Art** (*Crystal A*)

This workshop will explore the power of narrative and art-based approaches to open people up in new and inspiring ways to the very concrete work of advocacy in our world today. We will use music to draw out worldviews that shape our relationships with our neighbors. Participants will learn practical ways of connecting story and song to advocacy issues. *Speakers: Sunitha Mortha & the Global Musicians*



**Corporate Tax Avoidance- How Global Tax Rules Steal from the Poorest** (*Potomac View*)

Each year, the US loses tens of billions of dollars to corporate tax avoidance, and the world's poorest countries lose hundreds of billions more. This loss is a theft from the poorest and most vulnerable communities, paid for through decreased services and even increased taxes on the poor. Learn more about how we can stop offshore tax haven abuse; how religious communities in the Caribbean are preventing both corporate tax avoidance and austerity; and how you can get involved. *Speakers: Andrew Hanauer, - Campaigns Director, Jubilee USA; Stefanie Ostfeld, - Deputy Director, US Office, Global Witness; Ken Zinn, Political Director, National Nurses United*

**Discriminatory Practices against Palestinians in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza** (*Harrison*)

This workshop will look at the Israeli practices and policies that discriminate against the minority population inside Israel. It will also look at the practices and policies of the occupying power in the West Bank and Gaza, as well as discriminatory practices imposed by the Palestinian Authority on the local population. *Speakers: Nadia Ben-Youssef, Esq., USA Representative for Adalah: The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel; Zeina Azzam, Executive Director of The Jerusalem Fund and Palestine Center; and Khaled Farrag, a Palestinian Druze conscientious objector from Rama village in the Upper Galilee*

**Environmental Justice & Voting Rights** (*Madison*)

How do racial justice and environmental issues intersect? The speakers in this workshop will tell you: everywhere. Join this workshop to learn some fundamental principles of an environmental justice lens. We'll unveil some of the systems that suppress democratic participation by communities disproportionately burdened by pollution. You'll also hear from a Michigan pastor about being an environmental justice ally by fostering sacred conversations on race. *Moderator: Shantha Ready Alonso, Creation Justice Ministries. Speakers: Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness; Jacqui Patterson, NAACP; and Rev. Dr. Terry Gallagher, United Church of Christ*

**Feeding Others While Going Hungry: Economic Exploitation of Workers in the Food Service Industry** (*Monroe*)

This workshop will explore three main problem areas that food service workers experience. Wage theft, low wages and lack of fair scheduling. These all contribute to food service workers making so little and struggle to survive on their wages. We will also explore how the tax payers are subsidizing large corporations and the U.S. Federal government when their workers rely on public aid because of their low wages. We will discuss some solutions and how everyone at EAD can participate. *Speakers: Sung Yeon Choimorrow, Interfaith Worker Justice; Travis Dupree, Fight for Fifteen*

**Global Climate Justice: Ensuring the Wealthiest Countries are Doing Their Share** (*Wilson*)

In 2015, 190 nations gathered at the COP 21 international climate negotiations brokering the Paris Agreement. The process was not easy. Learn from faith advocates who were present in Paris. They will share what is at stake for some of the countries with the fewest financial resources and the most severe climate damage. Learn how to stand for climate justice by supporting climate finance policies such as the Green Climate Fund. *Moderator: Rev. Rebecca Barnes, Presbyterian Church (USA). Speakers: John Hill, General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church, Global South speaker to be confirmed; and Kara Ball, Blessed Tomorrow / EcoAmerica*

**One Dollar, One Vote?: Organizing People to #FightBigMoney** (*Van Buren*)

The 2010 Citizens United decision has greatly impacted national legislation (or lack thereof) on a variety of issues that we advocate for in the faith community including poverty, immigration, and the environment. Due to this obstruction of democracy it is up to advocates to remove the roadblock of money in politics that exists on Capitol Hill. This workshop will focus on strategies that can help bring us together to fight one of the most pressing issues of our time: unchecked money in politics. *Speakers: Doug Hughes, "The Gyrocopter Guy" and Olivia Zink, American Friends Service Committee "Governing Under the Influence" Project*

**Police Demilitarization and Reform** (*Crystal C*)

One key to ending mass incarceration is improving how police interact with the communities they are charged with protecting. Positive police interactions can help short circuit the school to prison pipeline and enable communities to feel protected and valued. In this workshop you will be given an overview of the recommendations from the President's Taskforce on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing and how you can advocate for your community to access resources to help your local police department implement the best practices noted in the report. *Speakers: TBA*

### **The Politics of Pineapple: Impact of AGOA on African Farmers and Business** (*Jackson*)

Who really benefits from AGOA? This workshop will explore impact of Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) on local African Farmers and business over the past 15 years. Exports from Africa have largely been oil and gas – accounting for approximately 95% of Africa export to the US. With the falling oil prices, the major export of Africa to the US, what infrastructures are put in place to address the lopsided US-Africa Trade? How do we prevent corporate dominance of local African farmers and business and tax evasion? *Speaker: John A. Hosinski, Senior Program Officer, Africa Department Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO; Moderator: Fr. David Schwinghamer, MM, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns*

### **Prophetic Voices against Drug War and Border Militarism** (*Pentagon I&II*)

Migration to the United States from Central America and Mexico in recent years has included people fleeing spiraling violence and poverty with serious protection needs. As the U.S. has done with the War on Drugs, it is now exporting a model of militarized immigration and border enforcement to the region, especially at Mexico's southern border and into the Northern Triangle. Speakers will discuss the harmful effects in the region and how civil society and faith leaders can help protect the human rights of vulnerable migrants and refugees. *Speakers: Vitalino Similox, Ecumenical Christian Council of Guatemala; Caravan for Peace, Life, and Justice, Bishop Martin Barahona, Anglican Church El Salvador; Caravan for Peace, Life, and Justice, Suyapa Ucles, Mennonite Social Action Committee in Honduras, and Alaide Vilchis Ibarra, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

### **Proposals for Sustainable Development [Left out of] Northern Triangle Plan for Prosperity** (*Monument View*)

The Alliance for Prosperity Plan for the Northern Triangle of Central America is being marketed as the solution to the development needs and the recent surge of migration from the region. But we should ask, the solution for whom? The plan includes large-scale development projects that exclude the poor and indigenous population and threaten to leave them more marginalized and vulnerable. This workshop will discuss how instead of using its foreign aid to fund such projects, the United States can work to support human-centered, sustainable, long-term development that addresses the concerns of local civil society organizations. *Speakers Kelsey Alford-Jones, Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA, Sister Ann Braudis, M.M., Miriam Miranda, Fraternal Black Organization of Honduras (OFRANEH); Caravan for Peace, Life, and Justice and Invited: Member of the Caravan for Peace, Life, and Justice*

### **Raising the Voices of those Impacted by U.S. Drone Warfare: An Examination of the Legal, Ethical, and Policy**

#### **Impacts of Drone Strikes and Endless War** (*Lincoln Hall*)

As a result of an increasingly militarized U.S. foreign policy, the U.S. drones program is one of the most secretive and expansive programs today resulting in a high number of civilian casualties, which is left unreported and uninvestigated. This workshop will bring together advocates from faith, legal, and human rights backgrounds who share common concerns about the targeted killing program's lack of transparency, oversight, and high civilian casualties. Panelists will discuss policy recommendations, such as calling for greater transparency of the program and uplifting the voices of civilians impacted by drone strikes. *Speakers: Rita Siemion, Human Rights First; Naureen Shah, Amnesty International USA; Moderator: Yasmine Taeb, Friends Committee on National Legislation*

### **The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Another Trade Agreement that Promotes an Economy of Exclusion & What You Can Do to Defeat It** (*Crystal B*)

In November 2015, the Obama Administration reached an agreement on a new trade pact, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), involving twelve countries, representing about 40% of the world's economy. The agreement, negotiated in secret, will be voted on by Congress later this year. While the Administration has touted it as the "most progressive" trade agreement in history, the text reflects a different, darker reality. The TPP agreement - like its predecessors the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) – reveals that the central interest promoted in the negotiations are those of large multinational corporations, not civil society. Join us to hear first-hand testimony about how U.S. trade policy has impacted vulnerable communities, learn critical information about the agreement, and share ways the faith community can work with environmental, labor and other civil society leaders to stop Congress from passing the TPP. *Speakers: Stephanie Burgos, Economic Justice Policy Director, Oxfam; Conrado Oliviera, Joining Hands Against Hunger Network in Peru; Phil Dahl-Bredine, Center for Integral Campesino Development of the Mixteca and the Collective for the Defense of Indigenous Territories*

## **Workshop Session III Sunday, April 17 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

### **A Plan for Peace for All: Need for Afro-Colombian and Indigenous Voices in Colombia's Peace Process** (*Commonwealth*)

This year Colombia stands on the brink of reaching peace accords to end a fifty-year war that has left 220,000 dead. Yet for peace to truly be lasting, Colombia's leaders and the international community must recognize and listen to the voices of all victims of the conflict, particularly Afro-Colombian and indigenous communities that

have suffered disproportionately. While Plan Colombia is touted as a success in the United States, for these communities it is synonymous with war and human rights violations. Speakers will discuss the concerns of Afro-Colombian and indigenous communities and how the international faith and civil society community can support the way forward toward lasting peace. *Speakers: Father Sterlin Londoño, Pastoral Afro-Colombiana, Diocese de Yuto and CONPA, Yvonne Caicedo, Foro-Inter Etnico Solidaridad Choco (FISCH) and CONPA, Marino Cordoba, AFRODES and CONPA*

### **The Black Lives Matter Movement and the Church** (*Crystal A*)

The Black Lives Matter Movement was founded in the wake of the killing of Trayvon Martin and burst into public consciousness after the killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO. It is a broad based movement of mostly young people who feel disenfranchised by institutional systems, including the institutional church. However, many of the young people on the frontlines are people of faith. This workshop will explore the role of the faith community and how “church” is defined on the frontlines of an activist movement. *Speakers: TBA*

### **Building an Economy of Inclusion: Lifting all Voices in the Marketplace** (*Monroe*)

A movement is building in cities and towns in the U.S. and around the world to counter a growth-driven model of development that exploits people and God’s Earth for the profits of a few. This economy of inclusion is driven by workers, residents of marginalized communities, and people of faith seeking to apply their values to the marketplace. Hear about worker cooperatives, financial institutions serving low-income neighborhoods and locally-driven renewable energy projects, and leave with ideas about how you can get involved through policy or practice in your own community. *Speakers: Nicole Barden, National Community Reinvestment Coalition; John Duda, Democracy Collaborative and Baltimore Activating Solidarity Economies; Phil Dahl-Bredine, Center for Integral Campesino Development of the Mixteca and the Collective for the Defense of Indigenous Territories (Moderated by Chloe Schwabe, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns)*

### **The Clean Power Plan: Advocating for Race and Class Equity in Your State** (*Van Buren*)

At the 2015 COP 21 international climate summit in Paris, for the first time in world history, 190 nations came to an agreement to reduce pollution that damages our climate. The main tool for the United States to keep our pollution-cutting commitments is the Clean Power Plan. This year, the Clean Power Plan became mired in controversy, but in many places, it is still moving forward. The way states implement the Clean Power Plan could do a lot for race and class equity. Learn how you can impact the process. *Moderator: Shantha Ready Alonso, Creation Justice Ministries. Speakers: Ruth Ivory-Moore, Creation Justice Ministries and Rev. Leo Woodberry, Kingdom Living Temple in South Carolina, Environmental Justice Leadership Forum member*

### **The Crisis in Syria and Iraq: How Do We Achieve a Diplomatic Solution?** (*Lincoln Hall*)

Since the start of the civil war in Syria in 2011, over 200,000 people have died at the hands of the Assad regime, foreign governments, and non-state violent groups. While a political solution was successful in dismantling Syria’s chemical weapons arsenal, diplomatic efforts have yet to secure an end to hostilities. Bringing in experts of the region and attention to the refugee crisis, this workshop will think through how the Vienna process and broader nonviolent, reconciliation, and just peace efforts can be most successful in transforming the conflict. *Speakers: Ibrahim Al-Assil, Middle East Institute and Yasmine Taeb, Friends Committee on National Legislation. Moderator: Eli McCarthy, Conference of Major Superiors of Men.*

### **Face to Face with Racism** (*Crystal B*)

Description: This 90 minute introductory workshop will guide participants into a deeper understanding of racism and white supremacy, how they were established and how they impact both people of color and white people. We will conclude by examining a story from the Gospel as a resource for understanding our positions relative to power and what Jesus has to say about that. *Facilitators: Yvonne Platts and Pam Nath.*

### **Faith in Action: Ending the Criminalization of Communities of Color from the Inside Out** (*Crystal C*)

Our country incarcerates more people than any other nation in the world, tearing down the dignity of individuals, families, and communities. As people of faith, we are called to walk in solidarity with those experiencing the effects of imprisonment and to work together towards a justice system that restores rather than destroys. Join us (National Religious Campaign Against Torture, National Council of Churches, Catholic Mobilizing Network, and United Methodist Women) in learning how to engage with the movement to end mass incarceration led by those most impacted by the criminal justice system. *Speakers: Ms. Teresa Hodge, Mission Launch; Dr. Harold Dean Trulear, Healing Communities; Rev. Dr. Donald Morton of Wilmington DE based Complexities of Color*

### **Living *Laudato Si'*: Pathways Toward Courageous Action for a Culture of Care** (*Harrison*)

We will explore Pope Francis’ call for “courageous actions and strategies, aimed at implementing a “culture of care” and “an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.” Join us for a discussion on how to incorporate these values into our own lives and communities to build an economy of inclusion that respects all of creation, including the most vulnerable. *Moderator: Rhett Engelking, Franciscan Earth Corps. Speakers: Sister Ann Braudis, MM, Maryknoll Sisters, Fr. Michael Crosby OFM Cap, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility and Janet Redmon, Institute for*

**“The Massacre of our Parents & Leaders, the Rape of our Sisters, and the Brutal Attacks on Our Schools and Communities”: Indigenous Lumad Children, Youth, Women, Men Leaders of Mindanao Speak Truth to Power** (*Pentagon I&II*)

This workshop focuses on the escalation of politically motivated repression in the Philippines and its links to U.S. foreign policy in the region, with a particular focus on the violence and displacement of Lumad people in Mindanao, especially children, youth, and women. Co-organized by the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines-US (ICHRP- US) Network and the United Methodist Women, this delegation is participating in a national tour to raise awareness about the situation of the Lumad and other indigenous communities in the Philippines. *Speakers: Lumad survivors from Mindanao, Philippines; Representative of Kalumaran indigenous coalition.*

**Preying on Borrowers: Foreign Aid, Corporate Greed and Africa’s Rising Debt** (*Jackson*)

In July 2014, Jubilee USA reported that two hedge funds successfully sued the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for \$68 million, of which \$50 million (73.53%) of the amount was interest on the loans dating back to the early 1980’s.” Money lenders are crafting loopholes to prey on poor borrowers, depriving hundreds of millions around the world, especially children, of resources that could provide them the basic necessities of life. Find out how you can tackle exploitative “Foreign Aid” that contributes to impoverishing local communities in developing countries. *Speakers: Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA and Andrew Hanauer, Campaigns Director, Jubilee USA. Moderator: Aniedi Okure, OP, Executive Director, Africa Faith & Justice Network*

## **Advocacy Skills Training Workshops**

**Sunday, April 17, 4:00-5:30 pm**

**Strategic faith coalition building - best practices, power mapping, optimizing collaboration** (*Jackson*)

This workshop will focus on efficiently building the coalition you need for issue advocacy in any context. Tapping into strategic networks, facilitating collaboration between like-minded groups, building power. This workshop will cite state case studies + strongly encourage opportunities for potential collaboration. *Speaker: Ria Riesner, Senior Organizer, Faith in Public Life*

**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 coverage media coverage of your campaigns, events and spokespeople -- as well as messaging and writing tips for op-eds, letters to the editor, and social media. *Speaker: Dan Neifelt, Messaging and Trainings Manager, Faith in Public Life*

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

(*Harrison*)

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. *Speakers: Marc DelMonico, Ph.D., Matt Smith, and Diana LeRoi-Schmidt, Partners, Perisphere Media*

**One-on-Ones: The First Building Block to Building Power** (*Wilson*)

As organizers, it’s crucial for our movement to always remember to build and strengthen our base. ‘One-on-ones’ is our best tool to do just that. One-on-ones are used to build relationships, uncover self-interest, develop clarity, and gather information, and they eventually lead to stronger, more accountable, more powerful organizations. In this workshop, you will learn how to conduct a one-on-one, get a chance to practice, and leave with some tools to continue your power-building back home. *Speaker: Meg Olson, Grassroots Mobilization Coordinator, NETWORK*

**How to Lobby 101** (*Monroe*)

Description: This interactive session is designed to help new lobbyists prepare an effective meeting for their upcoming trip to the Hill. Beginners will come to understand the ins-and-outs of running impactful lobby visits as we explain all of the necessary steps in the lobbying process. Newcomers will also learn about the “secret ingredient” of lobbying—personal stories—that has been key in NETWORK’s lobbying successes. The session will also include space to practice lobbying with fellow participants. Participants will leave with the confidence and knowledge to conduct strategic visits both on Capitol Hill and in-district on issues about which they are passionate. *Speakers: Bethan Johnson, Grassroots Mobilization Associate & Mary McClure, Government Relations Associate, NETWORK*

**Advocacy and Subsidiarity: Radical Empowerment** (*Madison*)

Advocacy is often understood as raising a voice on behalf of others, but by integrating the values of subsidiarity into advocacy we can empower others to be agents of transformation for their own communities. Water With Blessings integrates subsidiarity, solidarity, sustainability and spirituality into a distinctive model for global water solutions, in which women are empowered as leaders, and mothers are raised up as advocates and agents for compassion and clean water. In this workshop, participants will encounter the key precepts of Water With Blessings, and be led to creative consideration of how the WWB model might inform other aid intervention programs for similar outcomes. *Speaker: Lorraine Lauter OSU, Executive Director, Water With Blessings, Inc.*

**How to Change Systems and Attitudes: Breaking Down Barriers to Immigration Reform** (*Lincoln Hall*)

Myths and sound bytes are drowning out the true story of our broken immigration system and the blessings immigrants bring to the US. Join us in learning how our current immigration system functions through a simulation where you will receive a new identity of an individual wishing to immigrate to the US and try to navigate the US immigration system. Advocates must understand how our legal immigration system works to be able to change it. Learn how to answer the question, "Why don't they just get in line?" and how to help change the conversation so that 12 million voices can be heard. After we learn how it works, we can then discuss how to work towards a more just system. *Speakers: Kelsey Herbert, Immigration Coordinator for the Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and Kris Van Engen, Congressional Mobilizer for the Office of Social Justice and World Renew, CRCNA*

**Election Opportunities: Empowering Voices around Race, Class & Power** (*Commonwealth*)

The state of hunger facing millions of people across the United States relates to race, class and power. It's election season; a time when our elected officials are making promises, priorities and plans. Let's seize the incredible opportunity elections present us to highlight how race, class and power contribute to hunger. Join in this dynamic discussion about the church's role in elections, political campaigns and town hall gatherings and our Christian witness. What basic legal issues must congregations understand around elections? Hear best practices that get the attention of candidates at forums and debates. How is the Vote to End Hunger campaign influencing the 2016 presidential candidates to end hunger, alleviating poverty, and opening discussions around class, race and power in the United States? Come learn, share and prepare together! *Speakers: Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, Senior Associate National Catholic Engagement and LaVida Davis, Director of Organizing and Grassroots Capacity Building, Bread for the World*

**The Spiritual Leadership of Advocacy: Sustaining Ourselves & Our Communities** (*Potomac View*)

This highly interactive workshop is geared towards clergy, adjudicatory staff, lay leaders and activists (desperately) seeking balance, inspiration and best practices in leadership, advocacy and congregational development. The goal of this workshop is for participants to reflect on, share and learn about the intersections of powerful leadership practices, dynamic activism and building our spiritual communities. *Speaker: Diane J. Johnson, PhD, Center for Progressive Renewal, Mmapetu Management Consulting*

**Powerful Speaking: Using Stories to End Poverty** (*Monument View*)

While statistics and fact sheets are powerful tools, a personal story really has the power to transform a policymaker's perspective and inspire them to make a difference. Last summer, RESULTS launched our Experts on Poverty project, bringing a cohort of fifteen participants to Washington for training on telling their own stories in various advocacy settings. They have been working hard to share their own critically important perspectives on nutrition programs and poverty in America back home in the media, with elected officials, and in community events with tremendous success. This session will share some of the best practices from the Experts on Poverty as participants develop their own story using the Self/Us/Now framework for conversation with politicians, the media, and in community outreach. We'll also review how to adapt your advocacy pitch for brief opportunities using a "laser talk" – perfect for those heading to Capitol Hill. *Speaker: Meredith Dodson, RESULTS: The Power to End Poverty*

**Taking your advocacy to the next level** (*Capital View*)

Description: Have you already done some advocacy with your members of Congress and want to take it to the next level? Join us for this workshop! We will look at more advanced advocacy strategies, including how to develop ongoing relationships with congressional offices, how to use the media to get policymakers' attention and how to build effective, diverse coalitions in your local area. There will be plenty of time for discussion, so come ready to hear from other experienced advocates and to share about what has worked well for you. *Speakers: Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach, Director, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office*

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The Potter's House

**PRESIDENTIAL HALLWAY**

ActionAid USA

Campaign for Youth Justice

The Center - where compassion meets justice

ecoAmerica

Judson Press

Mary's Pence

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

On Earth Peace

Opportunity Palestine

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Agricultural Mission, Inc.

Catholic Mobilizing Network

Church World Service

Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach

Community of Christ Open Table

Creation Justice Ministries

Critical Issues of Ecological Justice

Episcopal Networks for Economic Justice

Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Franciscan Action Network

Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church

Hudson River Presbytery Prison Ministry

IMA World Health

Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare

Latin America Working Group Education Fund

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Lutheran Volunteer Corps

Mennonite Central Committee U.S.

National Advocacy Center - Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund / Center for Conscience & War

National Council of Churches

National Religious Campaign Against Torture

NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby

Plough Publishing

Presbyterian Peace Fellowship / Community of Living Traditions

The Silk Road Fair Trade Market

Sojourners

THREEafrica

United Church of Christ, Global Ministries

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United Methodist Women

USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development

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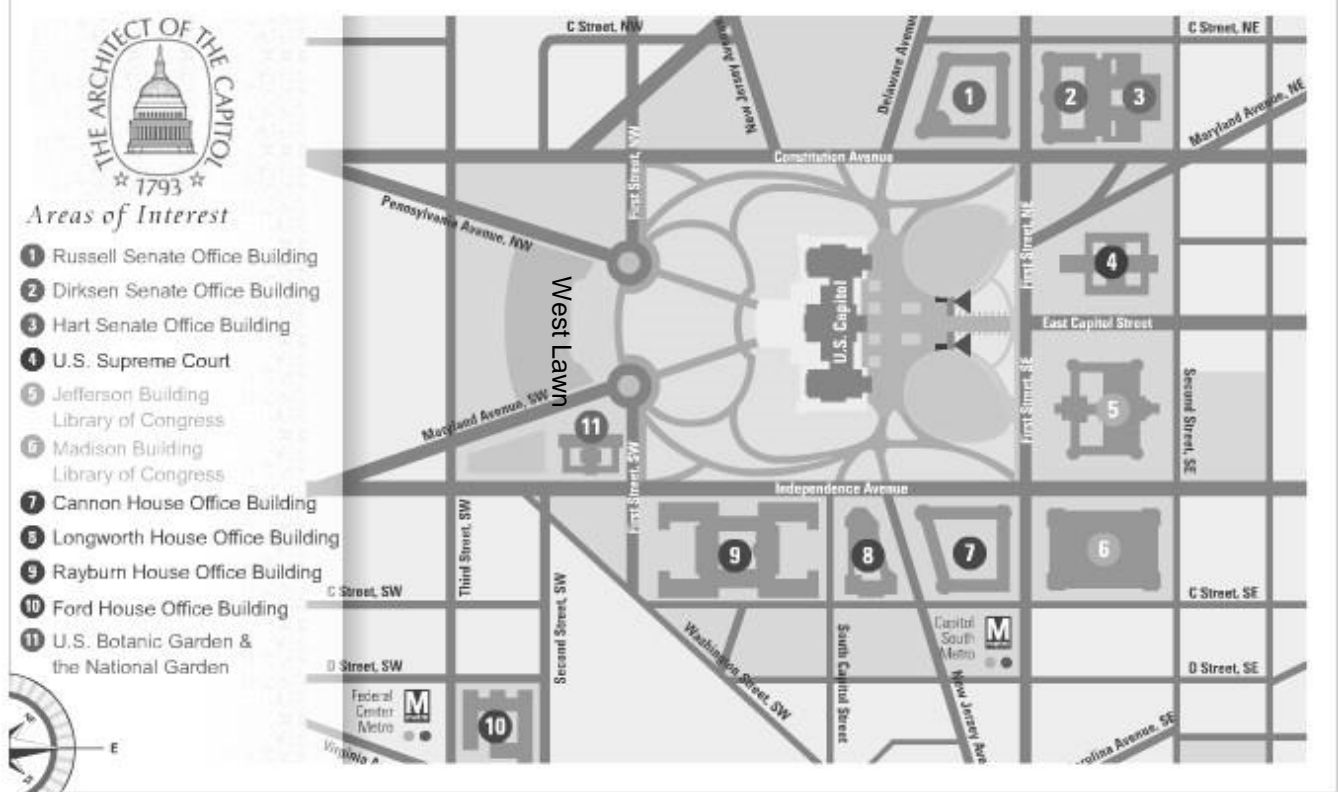
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Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

(703) 412-4900

For more information on area restaurants, please inquire with DoubleTree Crystal City Hotel Concierge.