



# ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS

FOR GLOBAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE

## Confronting Chaos, Forging Community

*Challenging Racism, Materialism and Militarism*

April 21-24, 2017

**W**elcome to EAD 2017! — the 15th 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.

When Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. posed the question, “Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?” in his book of the same title 50 years ago, no one could have imagined that we would still be wrestling with this question today. In that same year on April 4, 1967, a year to the day before Dr. King was assassinated, he spoke at Riverside Church in New York addressing the intersectionality of “*the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism*” as the principal challenges of the time. Five decades later, Dr. King’s prophetic insights and challenges – and the stark choice between chaos and community -- are incredibly current.

Sadly, we have witnessed chaos in many of our communities, challenging us as people of faith to speak and act boldly and courageously to end racism, materialism and militarism.

Over the past year, our nation has experienced a divisive election in which racism, xenophobia, and religious bigotry were a constant. We still find *racism* an open wound in our nation, resulting in the disproportionate killing of black and brown bodies and stunting their lives through unjust economic and social structures. The militarization of our police is a reflection not only of broken communal values, but also a lopsided foreign policy that spends drastically more on defense than diplomacy or development. *Militarism* continues to be our overriding approach to resolving conflict, despite studies that show the effectiveness of peacebuilding and the power of non-violence. *Extreme materialism* threatens our souls and our very planet, as prosperity narratives and unchecked capitalism spreads despite overwhelming scientific evidence that our current path is unsustainable. As in Dr. King’s time, we teeter precariously between chaos and community.

A new time calls for new strategies. The dynamic movement of people of faith and conscience today to challenge these “giant triplets” of chaos is taking different forms from those of the civil rights era. But the same courage and commitment to bring about national and social transformation animates the new generation of activists. This year’s EAD gathering will address racism/white privilege, economic injustice and militarization at home and abroad.

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, a film screening, breakfast briefings, exhibitors, denominational gatherings and organizing for Monday’s Lobby Day! May your experience at EAD 2017 be filled with stimulation, joy and hope.

— EAD 2017 Leadership Team

## Friday, April 21, 2017

Noon - 6:30 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
Noon	<b>Exhibits Open</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>A Time to Break Silence</b>	<i>Wilson/Harrison</i>
<p>Christians gathering at the 2017 Ecumenical Advocacy Days will be lifting their voices in response to what Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called the three triplets of Materialism, Militarism, and Racism. What is the theological basis for this message when it comes to the struggle against these evils? Sponsored by the National Council of Churches, this pre-event will analyze the Christian foundations of our common work to create the “Beloved Community” where the social, political, and economic rights of all are respected and people are able to realize their full potential as children of God. <i>Presenters: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Q. James, Pastor, Memorial AME Zion Church (Rochester, NY); Rev. Dr. Reginald D. Broadnax, Pastor, Mt. Olive AME Zion Church (Durham, NC), Professor and Chair of Religion, Clinton College (Rock Hill, SC); Rev. Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell, Professor of Theology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; Rev. Dr. Leslie Dawn Callahan, Pastor, St. Paul’s Baptist Church (Philadelphia, PA).</i></p>		
4:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>EAD Pre-Gathering Time: “Your EAD Orientation”</b>	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
<p>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!</p>		
5:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Optional Dinner Buffet</b> <i>(Must purchase ticket at registration)</i>	<i>Commonwealth</i>
6:30 - 7:00 pm	<b>A Prelude of Music by Restoration Village Arts</b>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Opening Celebration: “Where Are We Now? Chaos or Community?”</b>	
	<p>Welcome: Jim Winkler, <i>President and GS, National Council of Churches</i>  Sr. Marge Clark, <i>BVM, Lobbyist, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice</i>  Douglas G. Grace, <i>M.Div., S.T.M., Director, Ecumenical Advocacy Days</i></p> <p>Speaker: Tamika D. Mallory, <i>Co-Chair, National Women’s March, and President, Mallory Consulting</i></p>	
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</i>
	<i>Light Snacks Provided</i>	
9:00 - 11:00 pm	<b>Young Adult Gathering</b>	<i>Monument View</i>
	<i>Join the EAD young adult committee in the evening for some community time and skills building.</i>	

## Saturday, April 22, 2017

7:30 - 8:30 am	<b>Registration Open</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 - 10:30 am	<b>Plenary: “Intersection between Racism, Materialism and Militarism”</b>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
	<p>Speakers: Ellen Nissenbaum, <i>Senior Vice President for Government Affairs, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities</i>  Eric Mitchell, <i>Director of Government Relations, Bread for the World</i></p>	
10:30 - 11:00 am	<b>Coffee &amp; Exhibit Break</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom</i>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>State Breakout Sessions</b>	<i>Various Locations</i>
	Crystal A	MI
	Crystal B	NY
	Crystal C	OK, TX
	Pentagon I	ME, MN, NH
	Pentagon II	AL, AR, ND, SD, VT, WV

Lincoln Hall	PA
Valor	MD, DC
Victory	NJ, DE
Liberty	CO, WA, ID, MT, NM, UT
Potomac View	CA, HI, NV
Capital View	AK, AZ, LA, OR, WI, WY
Monument View	OH
Commonwealth	IL
Van Buren	CT, MA, RI
Wilson	KS, MO
Harrison	VA
Jackson	IN, KY, TN
Madison	FL, GA, MS
Monroe	NC, SC
Jefferson	NE, IA

12:00 - 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch Plenary: "Overcoming America's Possessive Investment in Whiteness."</b> <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
	Speaker: Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, <i>General Minister and President, United Church of Christ.</i>
1:30 - 2:00 pm	<b>Exhibit Break</b> <i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
2:00 - 3:30 pm	<b>Issue Workshops Session I</b> <i>Various Locations (See p. 12)</i>
3:30 - 3:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:45 - 5:15 pm	<b>Issue Workshops Session II</b> <i>Various Locations (See p. 12)</i>
5:15 - 5:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
5:30 - 7:00 pm	<b>Denominational Gatherings</b> Christian Reformed Church, <i>Monroe</i> Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: <i>Wilson/Harrison</i> Anabaptists /Peace Churches: <i>Madison</i> Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), <i>Crystal A</i> United Methodist Church, <i>Lincoln Hall</i> The Episcopal Church, <i>Jackson</i> Roman Catholic Mass, <i>Crystal C</i> Baptist, <i>Van Buran</i>
7:00 pm	<b>Sisters of Mercy &amp; Church World Service Dinners</b> <i>Pentagon I and II</i>
7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Disciples of Christ &amp; United Church of Christ Reception</b> <i>Monument View</i> "Sharing Stories from the Struggle: Listening to Voices of Intersectionality and Hope" Join us for a time of storytelling and conversation focused on the challenges and opportunities we face in a time of great insecurity. Four powerful speakers will share short stories of challenge and hope, followed by a time of conversation on our shared work ahead. <i>Moderator: Diane Johnson</i>
7:00 pm	<b>Free Time &amp; Additional EAD Sponsor Events, Receptions and Dinners</b> <i>See advertisement flyers at registration table for denominational events for the evening.</i>

7:00 - 9:30 pm	<b>Young Adult Gathering</b>	<i>Capital View</i>
8:30 pm	<b>EAD Film Festival</b>	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
<p><i>"National Bird"</i> follows the dramatic journey of three whistleblowers who are determined to break the silence around one of the most controversial current affairs issues of our time: the secret U.S. drone war. At the center of the film are three U.S. military veterans. <i>National Bird</i> gives rare insight into the U.S. drone program through the eyes of veterans and survivors, connecting their stories as never seen before in a documentary. Its images haunt the audience and bring a faraway issue close to home.</p>		

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

8:00 - 8:30 am	<b>Registration Open</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 - 9:30 am	<b>Interdenominational Worship</b> Preacher: Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
9:30 - 10:00 am	<b>Coffee &amp; Exhibit Break</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom</i>
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Plenary: "Global Impact of U.S. Militarization"</b>  Moderator: Raed Jarrar, <i>Policy Impact Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee</i> Panelists: Amal Nassar, <i>West Bank Farmer &amp; Peace Advocate</i> Ezekial Gebissa, <i>Professor of History &amp; African Studies, Kettering University</i> Father Pat Cunningham, SSC, Missionary Society of Columban	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
12:15 - 1:30 pm	<b>State Break Out Lunch</b> Crystal A MI Crystal B NY Crystal C OK, TX Pentagon I ME, MN, NH Pentagon II AL, AR, ND, SD, VT, WV Lincoln Hall PA Valor MD, DC Victory NJ, DE Liberty CO, WA, ID, MT, NM, UT Potomac View CA, HI, NV Capital View AK, AZ, LA, OR, WI, WY Monument View OH Commonwealth IL Van Buren CT, MA, RI Wilson KS, MO Harrison VA Jackson IN, KY, TN Madison FL, GA, MS Monroe NC, SC Jefferson NE, IA	<i>Various Locations</i>
1:30 - 2:00 pm	<b>Exhibitor Break</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Hotel Lobby</i>
2:00 - 3:30 pm	<b>Issue Workshops Session III</b>	<i>Various Locations (see p.13)</i>
3:30 - 4:00 pm	<b>Exhibit Break</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Hotel Lobby</i>
4:00 - 5:30 pm	<b>Closing Plenary</b>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
5:30 pm	<b>EAD Prayer Vigil at the Pentagon</b> Join a solemn walk and prayer vigil at the Pentagon Sunday night. Participants will gather in the foyer of the Lincoln ballroom just following the closing plenary at 5:30pm. Join us as we lift up prayers for a shift in U.S. policy away from unrestrained militarism.	
6:30 pm	<b>Free Time</b>	

**Monday, April 24, 2017**

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</b>	<i>Lower Lobby Outside Lincoln Hall</i>
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Lobby Visits on Capitol Hill</b>	<i>(See your Lobby Day Schedule)</i>
Noon	<b>Prayer Vigil, Walk and Public Witness</b>	

Join EAD participants, faith leaders and other advocates for a prayer vigil in front of the United Methodist Building (First St. and Maryland Avenue NE, next to The Supreme Court) followed by a faith walk to and a public witness in the atrium of the Senate Hart Building (Constitution Avenue, across the street from the United Methodist Building).

**5:00 pm**                      **EAD ADJOURNS** *(Church of the Reformation CLOSED)*  
*Be sure and pick-up your luggage and return lobby visit reports before 5 pm.*

**Additional Activities Happening Around EAD:****Saturday, April 22, 2017**

7:00 - 8:15 am	<b>LGBT Briefing Breakfast</b> <i>(All Invited)</i> <i>Hosted by UCC HIV &amp; AIDS Network</i>	<i>Monument View</i>
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This year's EAD LGBTQ Briefing Breakfast will address EAD theme, "Confronting Chaos, Forging Community," and its deep intersections with the lived experience of LGBTQ people. Racism, materialism and militarism especially impact the lives of queer people of color. Join us for breakfast and a rich, impactful program engaging these issues from a queer inclusive justice perspective.

7:00 - 8:15 am	<b>Faith at the People's Climate March Breakfast</b>	<i>Capital View</i>
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More than ever, it's vital that people of faith speak out for climate action that creates jobs, cleaner air, and resilient communities. The Peoples Climate Movement's March for Climate, Jobs and Justice represents a critically important opportunity to show that we care about this issue – whether we take part in the April 29 march in Washington DC or in any of the 200+ sister marches around the country. Join us for breakfast to hear from the lead faith organizers for the march – including GreenFaith, Greater Washington IPL, Sojourners, Franciscan Action Network, and others. You'll hear about logistics for the march, and how to get your congregation involved. This breakfast is free and open to the public.

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

7:00 - 8:15 am	<b>Standing Up for Human Rights: Protecting Freedom of Speech on Palestine &amp; Israel</b>	<i>Monument View</i>
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Sponsored by the General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries; United Church of Christ, Global Ministries; Pax Christi International; and others.

## EAD's National Gathering Moderators



### Emma Tacke

*Grassroots Mobilization Associate  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice*

graduated in 2015 from the College of Saint Benedict with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Gender Studies. After graduation, she lived in Seattle for a year as a Jesuit Volunteer with the Jesuit Volunteers. Emma served under the Providence Hospice of Seattle in the palliative care program.

At NETWORK, Emma's focus is to reach out to members and grassroots contacts to work with them on advocating for policies motivated by principles of Catholic Social Justice. Emma

### Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune

*Director  
Ecumenical Poverty Initiative*



Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune is the director of the Ecumenical Poverty Initiative, an anti-poverty ministry led by an active partnership of denominational leaders which adds a prophetic voice and collective action to the fight to end poverty. A chapter she wrote on Christian leadership, "The Heart of the Matter," is included in the book, *The Church on Purpose: Reinventing Discipleship, Community & Justice*, which was edited by Dr. Adam L. Bond and Rev. Laura Mariko Cheifetz. Previously, she was the Director of Communications & Resource Development for the D.C. Baptist Convention. She also served as Assistant Director of Justice and Advocacy for the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.

A consultant, strategist, writer and advocate, Dr. Copeland-Tune has also worked on a number of other issues including environmental stewardship, racial reconciliation, domestic violence, human trafficking, education and health care. During her career, Dr. Copeland-Tune has also served as a communications and marketing professional for non-profit organizations and corporations.

Dr. Copeland-Tune, who is an ordained Baptist minister, was born and raised in Mt. Vernon, NY. She has a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, master's degrees from the University of Maryland and Duke University, and a doctorate from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. In addition, she attended Oxford University's Summer Theology Program in England, where the focus of her study was on religion, ethics and public theology. Dr. Copeland-Tune is blessed to have two wonderful children.

## EAD 2017 Music Technician

**Rev. Tracy Howe-Wispelwey***Director, Restoration Village Arts*

Tracy has been a touring artist creating music at the intersections of faith and justice. She and her

family live in Charlottesville, Va. An ordained United Church of Christ minister leading university students and justice ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church PC(USA), Tracy works to build up capacity for justice movements in Charlottesville and all over the world through support for the arts and especially through Restoration Village Arts, which she founded in 2000. It presently facilitates local and international collaboration with artists, communities and organizations to produce music, liturgy and advocacy resources in support of peace, love and justice work

**Opening Celebration: “Where Are We Now? Chaos or Community?”****Tamika D. Mallory**

*National Co-Chair, Women’s March on Washington;  
President, Mallory Consulting*

Tamika D. Mallory, age 36 and the mother of a teenage son, is a nationally recognized

leader, currently being heralded as a champion of the civil rights movement. A fiery and outspoken advocate for social justice, Tamika has been publicly applauded as a leader by President Obama’s White House administration. President of Mallory Consulting, a strategic planning and event management firm based in New York City, Tamika has led flagship projects for Fortune 500 corporations and organizations, like her work with Amnesty International on human rights causes including mass incarceration, gun violence and police brutality. Tamika was one of four national co-chairs of the Women’s March on Washington, organizing over 1 million people at the nation’s capital, and a total of 5 million people worldwide.

A well-known organizer in New York City, Tamika is the former Executive Director of the National Action Network. Selected to serve on the transition committee of New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Tamika was instrumental in helping to create the NYC Crisis Management System, an official gun violence prevention program that awards nearly \$20 million annually to innovative violence intervention

organizations. A board member of The Gathering for Justice, Ms. Mallory has been supporting the efforts of Justice League NYC, leading marchers over 250 miles from Staten Island, NY to Washington, DC to reduce racial disparities in policing on a national level. She is featured in the media on the intersection of civil rights, social justice and the new wave of feminism.



## EAD 2017 Policy Plenary

### *“Interconnections Between Racism, Materialism and Militarism”*



### **Ellen Nissenbaum**

*Senior Vice President for Government Affairs  
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*

Ellen is the Senior Vice President for Government Affairs for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Since 1984, she has directed the Center's work with

federal policymakers and with other national organizations on a broad range of policy issues. These include federal budget and tax issues (with a particular focus on refundable tax credits for low-income working families), Medicaid and health care, nutrition programs, and other critical policies.

Regarded as one of the leading legislative directors among non-profit organizations in Washington, Ellen assists a broad array of both national and state organizations and coalitions, providing information on key policy developments in Congress and the Executive Branch, strategic guidance, and communications planning for their work on key federal policies. She also gives speeches regularly at conferences and conducts briefings for policymakers.

Ellen is frequently sought out by journalists at prominent news outlets covering legislative and budget developments for analysis and commentary on congressional developments.

### **Eric Mitchell**

*Director of Government Relations  
Bread for the World*

Eric leads efforts at Bread for the World developing and articulating Bread's positions on policy, legislative goals, and lobbying strategies for achieving its goals with Congress and the administration.

Eric formerly served as vice president of government relations at Russ Reid, a marketing and communications firm serving nonprofit organizations.

He also previously served as senior policy advisor to U.S. Congressman John Lewis.

Eric holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Howard University





## EAD 2017 Lunch Plenary

### *“Overcoming America's Possessive Investment in Whiteness.”*



### **Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer** ***General Minister and President*** ***United Church of Christ***

The Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, author and theologian, currently serves as ninth General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

Previously, John served as the Conference Minister of the Southwest Conference of the UCC. Prior to his role at the Southwest Conference, Dorhauer served as Associate Conference Minister in the Missouri Mid-South Conference, and also served First Congregational United Church of Christ and Zion United Church of Christ, in rural Missouri.

Dorhauer received a B.A. in Philosophy from Cardinal Glennon College (1983), and has a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary (1988), the same year he was ordained in the United Church of Christ. He received a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary (2004), where he studied white privilege and its effects on the church.

John is passionate about justice. Two statements that shape his theology are: “God is love. God is just.” Throughout his ministry, John has embodied the UCC’s vision to create “A just world for all.” On October 17, 2014, Dorhauer conducted the first legal same sex wedding in the state of Arizona when he performed the wedding service of David Laurence and Kevin Patterson. More recently, John initiated the creation of the White Privilege curriculum, which has been downloaded more than 4000 times.

Under his leadership, the UCC has adopted a new Purpose, Mission, Vision Statement centered on seeking justice for everyone, highlighting the UCC’s core values of Extravagant Welcome, Continuing Testament, and Changing Lives.

John insists “that the Holy Spirit envisions a future in which the United Church of Christ matters.” During his tenure, he is calling on the denomination to rethink itself and to consider new ways of “being church” in light of institutional religion’s changing landscape and emerging shifts in the generational populations – believing that an emergent church is already coming alongside the institutional church.

John is the author of, *Beyond Resistance: The Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World* (2015) and *Steeplejacking: How the Christian Right is Hijacking Mainstream Religion* (2007), co-authored with Sheldon Culver.

Along with his passion for justice, Dorhauer has a love of baseball – specifically the St. Louis Cardinals – music, literature and poetry. He has been married to his wife, Mimi, for nearly 31 years and they have three children.

## Sunday Interdenominational Worship

### *“The Perfection of Perseverance” (Isaiah 41:1-10; James 1:2-8)*



**Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson**  
***Stated Clerk of the General Assembly***  
***Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)***

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II serves as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the largest Reformed denomination in the United States. He was elected at the 222nd General Assembly (2016) in Portland, Oregon.

The son, grandson, and nephew of Presbyterian pastors, Nelson is the first African American to lead the denomination, which has a 300-year history in the U.S. As Stated Clerk his duties include interpreting assembly actions, representing the church on various denominational and ecumenical councils, witnessing on behalf of the church to social justice issues, and making statements as directed by an assembly.

Prior to becoming Stated Clerk, Nelson served as director of the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. His service to the denomination also includes calls as pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, and organizing pastor of Liberation Community Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

As an extension to his ministry in the PC(USA), Nelson served as associate director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis. As a consultant, he provided staff development training for teacher specialists, curriculum specialists, and principal leaders who provide assistance for low-performing schools.

Nelson holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; a Master of Divinity degree from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/Urban Studies from Johnson C. Smith University.

He is a featured conference preacher and writer, and serves on various boards and professional organizations. His international travel includes trips to South Africa, Geneva, Switzerland, Montego Bay, Jamaica, and Havana, Cuba, on behalf of the PC(USA). Nelson is married to the Reverend Gail Porter Nelson, and they have one adult daughter, Alycia Yvette Nelson.

## *Sunday Policy Plenary: “Global Impact of U.S. Militarism”*

Moderator and Panelists:

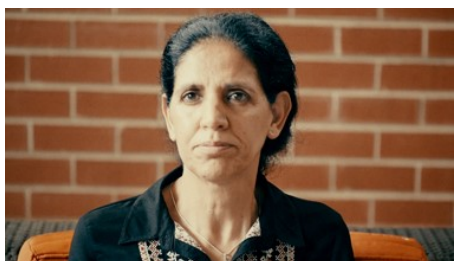


**Raed Jarrar, Policy Impact Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee (Moderator)**

Since his immigration to the U.S. in 2005, Raed 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.

**Fr. Pat Cunningham, SSC, Missionary Society of St. Columban**

Fr. Cunningham is a member of a Catholic order of missionary priests located in 15 countries around the world. He has lived and served in South Korea for many years, and is an active member of the movement for peace and nonviolence to save Jeju Island. The South Korean government has begun construction of a naval base on Jeju Island, which threatens the peace of the region, contaminating the water sources and destroying the biodiversity of God’s Creation. Last year, Fr. Pat shared the story of Jeju Island at a conference in Rome on “Nonviolence and Just Peace,” convened by Pax Christi International and the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace.



**Amal Nassar, West Bank Farmer and Peace Advocate**

Amal Nassar and her family cultivate peace and reconciliation through children’s summer camps, education for women, and inviting visitors to their West Bank farm called the Tent of Nations. Guided by their desire for bridge-building, the Nassar family has spent 20 years welcoming people from all over the world and teaching those around them in the West Bank about nonviolence, love of the land, and reconciliation, saying boldly, “We refuse to be enemies.”

**Ezekiel Gebissa, Professor of History & African Studies, Kettering University**

Ezekiel B. Gebissa, Ph.D. is Professor of History and African Studies at Kettering University, Michigan. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including Outstanding Researcher Award, and author of numerous articles, book chapters, encyclopedia entries, and book, including *Leaf of Allah: Khat and the Transformation of Agriculture in Harerge Ethiopia, 1875–1991*, *Contested Terrain: Essays on Oromo Studies and Politically Engaged Scholarship*. Dr. Gebissa’s research which spans across Africa, Asia and the United States focuses on investigating and understanding chains of historical, political and economic forces that shape global discourses on human security, sustainability in development, and social movements and the broader implications for exploring people’s response to incentives, decision-making processes based on indigenous knowledge systems, and the political, cultural, and socioeconomic transformations (state-society or church-society relations). He is the translator and editor of *Evangelical Faith Movement in Ethiopia: The Origins and Establishment of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church* and the former editor of the Journal of Oromo Studies. He is the Current President of the Oromo Studies Association and a frequent guest on TV and radio on social protest movement. His media appearances include Al-Jazeera, TRT Word (Turkey), Sputnik Radio (Russia), Polish National Radio, Oromia News Network TV, Ethiopian Satellite Television and the Voice of America (VOA) TV.



### Workshop Session I

Saturday, April 22, 2017: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

*Note: Workshops are listed by primary workshop planning team, though many of the workshops cross geographic and topical area and were planned collaboratively. Full workshop descriptions follow.*

	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>Africa</b>	
- The Next African Economic Crisis	<i>Jackson</i>
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	
- “Rise and Rebuild”: Confronting the Roots of Armed Conflict in the Philippines, Building the Foundations for Development and Healing, towards a Just and Lasting Peace	<i>Pentagon I&amp;II</i>
<b>Domestic U.S.</b>	
- Proposals to Dismantle the Safety Net – and the Potential Impact on People of Color	<i>Crystal A</i>
- Racial Reconciliation: Forging Community between Black/White/Latino/Asian Churches	<i>Crystal B</i>
- Solidarity with Refugees: Countering Nationalism and Fear	<i>Crystal C</i>
<b>Eco-Justice</b>	
- A Landscape for Change: Creating & Sustaining Eco-Justice Ministries in Local Congregations and Communities	<i>Potomac View</i>
- More than Water: Lessons from Standing Rock	<i>Wilson</i>
<b>Global Economic Justice</b>	
- Promoting an Anti-Racist, Creation-Friendly Vision of Trade	<i>Monroe</i>
- Militarism, Materialism & Racism in our Food and Finances +Tools for Resistance	<i>Monument View</i>
<b>Latin American &amp; Caribbean</b>	
- Colombia: Towards Peace at Last?	<i>Van Buren</i>
<b>Middle East</b>	
- Resisting Rising Militarism across the Middle East: A Humanitarian Imperative	<i>Harrison</i>
<b>Peace &amp; Global Security</b>	
- Drones: Challenging Notions of Unlimited Power	<i>Madison</i>
- Move the Money! Understanding Pentagon Spending and Budget as a Moral Document	<i>Lincoln Hall</i>
<b>Skills</b>	
- Empowering Conversations: Building Capacity to Dialogue Across Difference	<i>Commonwealth</i>
- Providing Sanctuary: Why, How, If not us, Who?	<i>Capital View</i>

### Workshop Session II

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## Workshop Session I

Saturday, April 22, 2017: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

### Colombia: Towards Peace at Last?

Van Buren

In 2016, the Colombian government and FARC guerrillas signed a peace accord to end fifty years of conflict. In January 2017, talks officially launched between the Colombian government and the last remaining major guerrilla group, the ELN. Yet the situation remains dangerous for many communities in the countryside, for demobilized combatants, and especially for human rights defenders and Afro-Colombian and indigenous leaders. Will the Trump Administration support efforts to consolidate peace in Colombia? What are the challenges to ensure a just and lasting peace? Come hear U.S. and Colombian advocates discuss the opportunities and risks ahead. *Speakers: Luis Gerardo Acero Barrios, Corporación Acción Humanitaria por la Convivencia y la Paz Del Nordeste Antioqueno; Cristina Espinel, Colombia Human Rights Committee; Lisa Haugaard, Latin America Working Group; Andrea Fernandez Aponte, Latin America Working Group. With support from Mennonite Central Committee and Peace Brigades International.*

### Drones: Challenging Notions of Unlimited Power

Madison

Despite their small size, armed drones have greatly increased the capacity of a few to control, monitor, and kill people across the globe. Through the worship of "security" and the nearly unwavering belief in the effectiveness of violence we have let the lethal use of drones become the norm in U.S. foreign policy. This workshop will explore the theological and ethical implications of those decisions as well as frameworks such as just peace to assess and construct resistance to systems that enable people to be killed at the press of a button. Ms. Ismail will share her experience of living under drones in Pakistan.

*Speaker: Saba Ismail, Aware Girls; Dr. Eli S. McCarthy, Conference of Major Superiors of Men; Jesse Winter, Church of the Brethren Office of Public Witness.*

### Empowering Conversations: Building Capacity to Dialogue Across Difference

Commonwealth

Heightened global conflicts, challenges to human and civil rights, and deep divisions in our public life call us to tap the power of our spiritual practices and strengthen our capacity to hold conversations and dialogue across the many differences of our experiences. In order for us to continue the work of creating Beloved Community, we must increase our ability to listen, understand, analyze and empathize with those who have different social identities and worldviews. This highly interactive and dynamic workshop is designed to provide not only practical tools but opportunities for self-reflection about the barriers that prevent us from having courageous conversations. Be ready to listen, share, and to be challenged and inspired! *Presenter: Rev. Dr. Diane J. Johnson, Ph.D, Mmapau Management Consulting*

### A Landscape for Change: Creating & Sustaining Eco-Justice Ministries in Local Congregations and Communities

Potomac View

Join us as we tackle this guiding question: How to develop a local eco-justice ministry? This workshop will provide tools, strategies, skills and connections for church and community leaders to create eco-justice ministries. The session is designed to be conversational and interactive. Divided in groups, participants will address a specific question on how they may create a landscape for justice within various ministry and community contexts. This will be accomplished by facilitating three different table discussions around the following focus questions: 1. How might we green our local congregation? 2. What are the ways we may create and sustain partnerships around environmental justice? 3. In what ways may we plug into social change movements (faith and otherwise) to support broader systems change? *Speakers: Rev. Drew Giddings, The Carver Project; Rev. Dawrell Rich, PhD student, Drew University – School of Theology & The Carver Project.*

### Militarism, Materialism and Racism in our Food and Finances - and Tools for Resistance

Monument View

Large-scale land investments, driven by the products in our pantries, the fuel in our gas tank, and the money in our retirement accounts, are causing deforestation and conflict in indigenous communities. Learn about a grassroots campaign targeting TIAA-CREF retirement funds that fuel illegal land grabs in Brazil, palm oil plantations in Guatemala, and soaring land prices in the United States. Workshop participants will also learn about and try out tools needed to build effective strategies for tackling this or other challenging crises facing our world. We will together explore how developing a Theory of Change and doing power mapping can be foundations for success. Participants will be offered resources to take concrete anti-land grab action and to build effective strategies on the issues that most concern them. *Speakers: Maria Luisa Mendonça, Network for Social Justice and Human Rights, Brazil; Tristan Quinn-Thibodeau, ActionAid USA; Moderator: Andrew Kang Bartlett, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Hunger Program.*

### More than Water: Lessons from Standing Rock

Wilson

This workshop will lift up key issues of racism, corporate power, and militarism in the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline against the will of the Standing Rock Nation and the allied water protectors defending the Missouri River. This dynamic workshop will provide a brief background about the #NoDAPL campaign and offer a timely update of related advocacy actions. Native Americans and clergy active in this movement will share insights. With a lens toward matters of race, environment, and the militarized response of law enforcement, the workshop will delve into the deeper lessons to be learned from this historic, international, and indigenous-led movement. The workshop will also stimulate provocative questions for reflection related to other communities in considering climate justice advocacy today. *Speakers: Rev. Deacon Brandon Maui, Episcopal Deacon at Standing Rock, Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, United Church of Christ; Elona Street-Stewart, Presbyterian Synod of Lakes and Prairies.*

## **Move the Money! Understanding Pentagon Spending and the Budget as a Moral Document**

**Lincoln Hall**

Join an interactive session on the federal budget and how Pentagon spending and money spent on nuclear weapons impacts our local communities and ultimately makes us less secure. Come hear from budget and defense spending experts on where our federal spending goes, and how we can “Move the Money” to those areas that can create jobs, ensure livelihoods for all, and build true human security in the U.S. and abroad. Join Us! *Speakers: Devan Kerley, Pentagon Budget Campaign; Erica Fein, Women’s Action for New Directions; Moderator: Rev. Michael Neuroth, United Church of Christ’s Justice and Witness Ministries.*

## **The Next African Economic Crisis**

**Jackson**

Ten years after debt relief initiatives wiped out billions of dollars in African debt and fueled economic growth and humanitarian development gains across the continent, debt crises are back. The global economic recession and increased borrowing along with debt and corruption scandals have pushed countries like Mozambique and Ghana back into crisis. What is the international response to renewed economic crisis in Africa? How can trade, tax, anti-corruption and responsible lending and borrowing reforms shift the international financial system to stop financial crisis and fight poverty and inequality? *Speakers: Eric LeCompte, Jubilee USA Network; Stefanie Ostfeld, Global Witness; Brian Adebaba, Enough/Sentry Project.*

## **Promoting an Anti-Racist, Creation-Friendly Vision of Trade**

**Monroe**

While much of the narrative in the media on the impacts of trade agreement has focused on the devastating harm on white, working class industrial workers, trade has also harmed people of color in the U.S., our neighbors in the global south, and creation. As President Trump seeks a renegotiation of NAFTA, who stands to benefit and who stands to lose? Will a renegotiation be based on a foundation of xenophobia, exclusion, and corporate deals? Or will we have a future trade model that protects and benefits communities of color and low-income communities throughout North America? Join us to hear about these legacy trade impacts and hear proposals for an alternative vision that puts human dignity and creation above a racist, xenophobic, and fossil-fuel-friendly trade agenda. *Speakers: Ben Beachy, Sierra Club’s Responsible Trade Program; Manuel Perez-Rocha, Institute for Policy Studies; Representative of Movement for Black Lives; Moderator: Chloe Schwabe, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns and the Interfaith Working Group on Trade and Investment.*

## **Proposals to Dismantle the Safety Net – and the Potential Impact on People of Color**

**Crystal A**

This interactive workshop will focus on the impact that dismantling safety net programs (i.e. SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) and Medicaid will have on communities of color. We will review specific proposals, the timelines of these threats, and discuss ways to protect core safety net programs. This workshop includes group discussion and a train-the-trainer exercise, where participants will create their own “laser talk” (a short elevator pitch to use with a policymaker) for their own advocacy efforts and learn how to train others back home to do the same. Participants will learn how to adapt this into different advocacy strategies, including emails and longer in-person meetings with congressional members. *Speakers: Meredith Dodson, RESULTS; Yolanda Gordon, RESULTS; Marlysa Gamblin, Bread for the World; Jane Adams, Bread for the World*

## **Providing Sanctuary: Why, How, If not us, Who?**

**Capital View**

In this workshop, we will offer tangible skills and organizing tools for congregants to become Sanctuary Churches. We will share a history of the movement, equip you to take action in an urgent moment, and provide you with any needed strategic or spiritual support along the way. Learn how to host an individual seeking Sanctuary, but also how to transform this prophetic act to build political power. We will connect you with other Christians regionally as well as in the national movement. These relationships will help us to carry out the work collectively throughout the year. *Presenter: Nora Leccese, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

## **Racial Reconciliation: Forging Community between Black/White/Latino/Asian Churches**

**Crystal B**

This workshop will be informed by the recent racial reconciliation consultation between the Conference of National Black Churches (CNBC) and national mainline churches in Charleston, South Carolina during the trial of Dylan Roof in December 2016. Roof was convicted of murdering nine faithful church members, including the pastor, during a bible study at Mother Emanuel AME Church, reminding us all that the hard work of racial reconciliation is not yet over. The workshop will engage an informative and interactive process that seeks to foster follow up engagement at home with sacred conversations, corporate worship, fellowship and collaborative ministry efforts that will address racial reconciliation between churches and their communities; advocacy for public policies that reflect values of racial justice and reconciliation; and, accompaniment and support for younger generations of leadership in the promotion of these values. *Speakers: Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Ecumenical Poverty Initiative; Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World; Hannah McMahan, National Director of New Baptist Covenant.*

## **Resisting Rising Militarism across the Middle East: A Humanitarian Imperative**

**Harrison**

Fifty years after MLK warned of the dangers of militarism, we face escalating conflicts in Syria, Yemen, Iraq and across the region. How can we draw on King’s prophetic urging to go beyond today’s wars to resist the militarization of US and other governments’ foreign policies? *Speakers: Raed Jarrar, American Friends Service Committee; Phyllis Bennis, Institute for Policy Studies; Moderator: David Wildman, Global Ministries, United Methodist Church.*



**“Rise and Rebuild”: Confronting the Roots of Armed Conflict in the Philippines, Building the Foundations for Development and Healing, towards a Just and Lasting Peace** *Pentagon I & II*

In these trying times for the peoples throughout the world, the Lumad of the Philippines, defying all odds, uncertainties, and dangers, call on all God’s people in America, “Let us rise [from chaos] and rebuild!” (Nehemiah 2: 18). Indigenous leaders experienced in building grassroots movements among the Lumad communities most impacted by militarization and aggressive development like large mining, logging and agricultural corporations, will speak about the indigenous communities’ steadfast, courageous defense of their rights to land and ancestral domain, and how grassroots communities, particularly women, contribute in naming the concrete and radical reforms their communities need and in building what to them is just and lasting peace. They will be joined by a legal consultant in the peace negotiations between the Philippine Government (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), who will address the historic social, economic and political issues behind the civil war in the Philippines, and speak about the current stage of the peace negotiations, which are now in peril as the Duterte administration made declarations to terminate the government’s peace talks with the NDFP. *Speakers: Josephine Engyo Pagalan, Kasalo; Dulphing Bayang Oga, Kalumaran; Cristina Palabay, Karapatan; Atty. Edre Olalia, legal consultant to Philippines peace negotiations.*

**Solidarity with Refugees: Countering Nationalism and Fear** *Crystal C*

The world is simultaneously experiencing the largest displacement crisis in recorded history and the politicization and dehumanization of refugees. The executive order suspending refugee resettlement and banning travel for individuals from some Muslim-majority countries is having a major impact. Anti-refugee, anti-immigrant, and anti-Muslim groups have joined forces to advance national, state, and local administrative and legislative proposals to deny safety to refugees based on their nationality and religion, place refugees under continual surveillance, and divide communities. This strategy session will help participants plan concrete ways to counter hate, educate communities, and urge their policy makers to affirm the importance of refugee resettlement and declare that their communities are welcome to all. *Speakers: Mustafa Nuur, Deputy Chairman, Somali Community of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Yasmine Taeb, Friends Committee on National Legislation; Jen Smyers, Church World Service.*

**Workshop Session II**  
**Saturday, April 22, 2017: 3:45 - 5:15 pm**

**Christian Leadership for Climate Action** *Pentagon I & II*

With an Administration and Congress hostile to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, it is incumbent on all of us to engage at every level of society to still reach and exceed our goals for a safer climate. Learn about innovative policy and energy stewardship work happening across the country, and how you can get involved. *Panelists: Ruth Ivory-Moore, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, John Hill, United Methodist Church, Brooks Berndt, United Church of Christ.*

**Climate Justice Simulation Experience** *Wilson*

This new role-playing exercise helps us understand some of the concerns of an environmentally degraded community. The climate justice simulation experience is based on real situations faced by three U.S. communities in their struggles to contend with and organize around environmental injustices. Through the course of the role-playing simulation, participants will: 1. Gain knowledge about the local conditions that aggravate climate change; 2. Move toward more informed advocacy in solidarity with local communities; 3. Be introduced to the work of three community organizations addressing these particular climate justice issues. *Description of the Zones: The simulation includes three zones. Each zone represents one community. The Industrial Zone depicts an urban neighborhood that is dealing with the effects of many toxin-producing plants. The Indigenous Zone describes a Native American community that is facing the results of resource extraction. The Mountaintop Removal Zone portrays a community in Appalachia that is experiencing the negative health and environmental impacts of mountaintop removal. You may use one zone only or all three zones. Facilitators: Kirsten Rumsey and Mollie Vickery, United Methodist Women.*

**Community Driven Development I: A Just Transition to Clean Energy in the Global South** *Potomac View*

For centuries, countless communities in Asia, Africa, and Latin America have suffered the consequences of top down development driven by colonialism and the energy and resource needs of developed countries. These consequences include theft of territory, destruction of livelihoods, human rights violations, and extermination. How can we change this broken development model to both address energy poverty in poor communities and ensure that they have agency in the process? Hear from a Kenyan activist working with displaced Masai communities on the devastating impacts of a large-scale geothermal energy project. Brandon Wu from Action Aid USA will share about new and exciting development alternatives to create small scale, decentralized, and community-driven renewable energy projects. This strategy will ensure communities maintain land rights, create sustainable livelihoods, encourage community ownership, and protect creation. *Speakers: Brandon Wu, Action Aid USA; Jackson Shaa, Narasha Community Development Group, Kenya; Moderator: Chloe Schwabe, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns.*

**Confronting the Triple Threat in Ethiopia: The Role of Faith-Based Reconciliation in the Conflict and Protest Against Land Grab in Oromia and Amhara Regions** *Monument View*

A roundtable will highlight the impact of Land Grab on major populations and communities in Ethiopia, and discuss the reconciliation efforts of faith based communities –Christian, Muslim, and Traditional Oromo Spiritual Values with a strong

Creation Care practices –in light of militarized government response to non-violent protests against Land Grab in Oromia and Amhara Regions of Ethiopia. It will explore new strategies for moving the parties and the reconciliation process forward. *Panelists: Rev. Etafa Gobena, Former President of Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus; Dr. Ezekiel Gebissa, Kettering University; Rev. Dr. Gemechu Olana, United Oromo Evangelical Churches Advocacy Commission; Sheik Abdurhim A Doyo, Towhid Islamic Center, St. Paul, MN; Moderator: Bonnie Holcomb, Anthropologist of the Oromo in Ethiopia and Diaspora.*

### **Fleeing Central America: The Root Causes and Protection Needs of Migrants and Asylum Seekers**

*Van Buren*

This workshop will examine the increase in migration and individuals and families seeking asylum from the Northern Triangle of Central America. Speakers will discuss the root causes and influence of U.S. security policy in Central America and Mexico. They will also present the abuses migrants and asylum seekers face in their journey for protection, particularly in Mexico, and the role of the U.S. in exporting militarized border enforcement policies. Finally, they will discuss how the United States should work to address protection needs at our own border and throughout the region. *Speakers: Mary Campbell, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Alaide Vilchis Ibarra, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Claudia Lucero, Chicago Religious Leadership Network; Daniella Burgi-Palomino, Latin America Working Group. With support from Alianza Americas.*

### **The Lived Experiences of Poverty and Racism: Using Your Story to Shape Policy**

*Crystal A*

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. We'll hear from several powerful storytellers, part of RESULTS Experts on Poverty network, about their lived experience of poverty and racism. They will share how they developed their own story, and how you can draw from your own experiences to speak powerfully about poverty. In addition, we'll review data on poverty and racism and why stories that interweave data and personal experiences truly matter. There will be group activities to help participants interweave data and personal stories into their respective advocacy efforts. *Speakers: Tianna Gaines-Turner, RESULTS Expert on Poverty; Yolanda Gordon, RESULTS Expert on Poverty; Angela Sutton, RESULTS Expert on Poverty; Meredith Dodson, RESULTS; Marlysa Gamblin, Bread for the World.*

### **Militarism, Materialism, & Racism in Israel/Palestine**

*Capital View*

The mission of Tent of Nations is to build bridges between people and between people and the land. Organizers bring different cultures together to develop understanding and promote respect for each other and their shared environment in the hopes of laying the groundwork for peace for both Palestinians and Israelis. Come listen to representatives from Tent of Nations as well as Friends of the Tent of Nations North America as they discuss how they are confronting militarism, materialism, and racism in their attempts to forge community and build peace in their countries and the world. Learn concrete ways that you can take action in your church and community as well. *Workshop Leaders: Amal Nassar, Tent of Nations, West Bank; Bill Plitt, Friends of the Tent of Nations North America; Catherine Gordon, Office of Public Witness, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

### **From Militarism to Sustainable Security: Changing the Narrative in Northeast Nigeria**

*Jackson*

Boko Haram insurgency has caused years of displacement, infrastructure destruction, and insecurity in Northeast Nigeria. The Nigerian military and other armed actors, with support from the U.S. government, have been at the forefront of the response in addressing humanitarian concerns. Join us to discuss current conditions in the Northeast and efforts by local humanitarian actors to address ongoing issues of food insecurity, interfaith tensions, and underlying drivers of Boko Haram recruitment. Explore steps that the US and international community can take to support existing responses and meet emerging gaps. *Speakers: Omolola Adele-Oso, Act 4 Accountability; Nathan Wineinger, 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative; Charles Kwuelum, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office.*

### **Getting Your Moral Message in the Media**

*Commonwealth*

Speaking out in the media at the right moment with a clear, strategic, moral message can exponentially increase the impact of your advocacy. Join us for a workshop that will help you hone the skills necessary to get covered, get published and be heard in the halls of power. Led by veteran trainers with professional journalism experience, we will explore strategic best practices of messaging, opinion writing, interview skills, and use of social media. *Presenters: Dan Neffelt, Faith in Public Life; Jessie Palatucci, United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries.*

### **One State, Two State, Red State, Blue State: Beyond Politics and Toward Equality in Palestine and Israel**

*Harrison*

2017 marks 50 years since Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza and 24 years since the signing of the Oslo Accords. Over the last 50 years, but particularly since the signing of the Oslo accords in 1993, there have been significant changes on the ground in the occupied Palestinian territories that have negatively impacted efforts to achieve peace with justice. With Israeli settlements now controlling approximately 42% of all West Bank Land, freedom of movement severely restricted for Palestinians, and a range of human rights violations carried out routinely without consequence, many faith groups are shifting from an advocacy framework that focuses on state structures and toward a call for equal rights for all people in Israel and Palestine regardless of the governance systems in place. In this roundtable discussion participants will have an opportunity to consider the implications of such a shift in focus, what it might mean for them as advocates, and the structures, systems, and practices that would need to change in order for equality to become a reality for both Palestinians and Israelis. *Moderator: David Wildman, Global Ministries, United Methodist Church.*

## **Puerto Rico's Debt and Humanitarian Crisis**

*Monroe*

Puerto Rico is home to 3.5 million American citizens and a deepening debt and humanitarian crisis with profound implications for its people and for who we are as a country. Nearly 60% of Puerto Rico's kids live in poverty. Thousands of Puerto Ricans flee for the mainland each year in search of a better life, breaking apart communities and families and further eroding the tax base and the pool of doctors and other professionals willing to work on the island. In response, Puerto Rico's religious leaders are working with U.S. religious communities and the interfaith non-profit Jubilee USA to win solutions to the crisis. Their partnership pushed Washington to act to avoid catastrophe - and now the next few months are critical to resolve the crisis. Learn more about Puerto Rico and its crisis and what you can do to help. *Speaker: Eric LeCompte, Jubilee USA Network.*

## **Shareholder Engagement as a Tool for Social Change**

*Crystal B*

Shareholder engagement can be a powerful tool to press corporations on the environmental and social impacts of their operations, from climate change, to human rights and labor, to food and water, to access to affordable health care. Learn about strategies that faith- and values-based investors have developed to convince companies that ethical business practices -- and a concern for all stakeholders, including employees, customers, and communities -- are in the long-term interest of both companies and investors. *Speaker: Josh Zinner, Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility.*

## **Transforming Policing and Violence: Toward Nonviolent Protection Approaches and Community Safety**

*Crystal C*

As Dr. Martin Luther King called us to move away from the idea that violence or "war is just," we will explore effective methods for moving away from police violence. One resource person will address and facilitate conversation about various structural elements needed for a safer community including examples of police reforms. A second resource person will address and facilitate attendee stories about unarmed civilian protection initiatives, including examples of unarmed policing. These will lead to deeper discussion in pairs, small groups, and large group; where we will discuss some of the advocacy options and how U.S. churches can help to scale up nonviolent practices in regards to policing and community safety issues. *Speakers: Aaron Goggans, Movement for Black Lives in DC; Rev. Waltrina Middleton, United Church of Christ and Associate Dean of the Chapel at Howard University.*

## **White Folk Work: Tools for White People to Engage in Courageous Conversations on Racism**

*Lincoln Hall*

In this workshop, we will discuss the specific work that white people need to do with one another to dismantle racism and white supremacy, and how to leverage our social capital to have difficult but necessary conversations. All white folks need to talk about racial justice this year, including those of us who already consider ourselves allies in the movement. Those conversations are opportunities to discuss what we can do to address racism in ourselves and our communities, and to challenge the scapegoating of "other" White people- especially working class White folks and/or White folks living in rural or rust belt towns. We will discuss the historic precedent of white Christians organizing in the Civil Rights movement, and make connections to current movement building work. There will be opportunity for role play and discussion. *Speakers: Mark Koenig, Presbyterian Church (USA); Nora Leccese, Presbyterian Church (USA).*

## **Workshop Session III** **Sunday, April 23, 2017: 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

### **Africa, the U.S. & the International Criminal Court: How Important is ICC in U.S.-Africa relations**

*Jackson*

The International Criminal Court (ICC) seems a most viable forum for holding Africa's leaders to accountability regarding atrocities and mass crimes. Recently, however, some African countries have withdrawn from the ICC and others threaten to withdraw. A panel will shine the spotlight on current challenges facing the ICC, highlight the impact of countries withdrawing from the ICC, identify promising possible solutions, and recommend positive roles that African and American actors could play to improve official attitudes towards the ICC. *Speakers: Akwe Amosu, Open Society Foundations, NYC; Bonnie Holcomb, ADNA; Nii Akuetteh, ADNA; and Alex Carnes, Sen. Leahy's office.*

### **Analyze the Impact of White Privilege and Racism on Poverty and Hunger within our Communities**

*Crystal A*

Explore the impact that White Privilege and Racism has had on poverty and hunger within our communities. As a result of racial policies and laws within our country that date back to colonial times, our communities have developed to the detriment of people of color. Although there have been improvements over time, many of our communities remain racially segregated. We will engage workshop participants on how White Privilege and bias influences policies and decisions within their communities and other areas in our country regarding: housing, education and economic opportunities. The goal of the workshop is for the participants to have a greater understanding of White Privilege, the influence it can have on creating racial disparities in communities and how we can respond on both an individual and policy level. *Speakers: Jeff Nelson, Bread for the World; Minister David Streets, Bread for the World.*

### **Art for Activism**

*Commonwealth*

As we seek to counter all the modern day manifestations of racism, materialism, and militarism, we have the opportunity to tap into creative strategies for social change. The workshop will be led by The Sanctuaries, a young adult, ethnically and spiritually diverse arts collective in Washington, D.C. making soulful art for social change. From guerrilla art to performance art, we can tell our faithful story to move hearts and minds into action. Hear about and experience how you can integrate art into your own movement. Presenter: *Members of The Sanctuaries DC- A young adult, interfaith arts community bringing together people across Washington, D.C. to make art for social change.*

**Bridges to Peace in the Korean Peninsula: Humanitarian and Policy Options in a Time of Great Division***Pentagon I & II*

Tensions have escalated sharply between the United States and North Korea since January 2016 and the current presidential transitions in the U.S. and South Korea are creating a climate of uncertainty in North East Asia. As provocative actions continue from both sides, risk of miscalculation or military action is increasing. However, too often we hear of calculated strategy and not the human toll of the ongoing division of Korea. This workshop will explore the human side of the conflict through current civil society programs on the ground in North Korea as well as opportunities that exist to use humanitarian issues as bridges to higher level dialogue. *Speakers: Daniel Jasper, American Friends Service Committee; Fr. Pat Cunningham, Missionary Society of St. Columban; Dr. Ki Ho Yi, Hanshin University, part of National Council of Churches in Korea delegation.*

**Building Inner Resilience and Sacred Restoration for the Journey***Monument View*

What are sacred tools that can energize us to be advocates for public policy? What are diverse streams of spiritual practice to sustain us during difficult and hopeful seasons of contextual challenge? This workshop will present and engage spiritual tools and practices to strengthen us for the present divisive season of advocacy and public engagement from varying spiritual traditions. Small groups will engage in samples of these tools and practices after a presentation of related spiritual principles and practices. *Presenter: Bishop Jose Garcia, Bread for the World; The Rev. Waltrina Middleton, Associate Dean of the Chapel, Howard University.*

**Community Driven Development II: Building Just, Equitable, and Sustainable Communities***Wilson*

Urban and rural communities across the country struggling with under-employment, rapid gentrification and/or environmental injustices are experimenting with creative strategies for development that can create jobs, protect creation, and build peace. Through organizing, advocacy, and self-determination, communities of color and low-income communities are transforming systems to ensure healthy food, sustainable housing, worker-owned co-ops, clean energy, and a healthy environment to play and pray. Hear about both the challenges and successes of just transition initiatives in Washington, D.C. Learn how your faith community could start or partner with a similar effort in your own community. *Speakers: Brandy Brooks, Dreaming Out Loud; Kari Fulton, Empower DC; Representative from Cooperation D.C.; Moderator: Marianne Comfort, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.*

**Cuba: Where Are We Now?***Van Buren*

This workshop will examine the impact of the ongoing U.S. embargo on Cuba for the people of both countries. Speakers will discuss the efforts made by the Obama Administration to move toward normalization and the possible ramifications for those efforts under the Trump Administration. *Speakers: Gail Walker, Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization/Pastors for Peace Spring Caravan; Representative from the Cuban Embassy (invited); Mavis Anderson, Latin America Working Group.*

**Encountering Chaos: The Power of Nonviolence in the Era of Trump***Madison*

Utilizing small groups and interactive discussion we will identify new strategies for disarming violence in our families, our communities and in our politics based in the insights of Kingian Nonviolence and the rich international experience of effective practices proven in global conflict zones. We will also discuss emerging research about the effectiveness of nonviolent resistance and the exciting ecumenical trends around active nonviolence and a just peace approach. *Speakers: Gerry Lee, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns; Dr. Eli S. McCarthy, Conference of Major Superiors of Men.*

**Environmental Justice: Transforming from a Thing-Oriented to Person-Oriented Society***Capital View*

Since the United States was colonized and established, commoditization of land and people has profoundly harmed our relationship with God's creation and one another. In this workshop, our panel will critically examine the ideological origins of our thing-oriented society and our modern concepts of property. We will look at the Doctrine of Discovery, Manifest Destiny, and the slave trade. We will also examine how patterns of greed and racism play out in local communities fighting environmental injustice. We will conclude with a group discussion to explore Christian faith-rooted pathways for moving beyond a society shaped by what Dr. King called "extreme materialism." All participants in this workshop will receive a copy of Creation Justice Ministries' 2017 Christian education resource "Environmental Justice with Indigenous Peoples." *Facilitators: Rev. Thomas Bowen, Progressive National Baptist Convention and Shantha Ready Alonso, Creation Justice Ministries.*

**Faith-Based Non-Violent Civil Resistance****Lincoln Hall**

“Civil Disobedience” refers to the breaking of an unjust law with the hope of changing that specific law. For example, members of faith groups have long been among those to protest the School of the Americas – in hope of defunding and eventually eliminating that school of assassins. Those who “cross the line” risking arrest engage in civil disobedience, preceded by prayer and deep reflection on the impact both on themselves and on the legislation to be accomplished. Similarly, religious activists have also been involved in faith-based “Civil Resistance” or “Divine Obedience” actions to oppose war, nuclear weapons, killer drones, torture, capital punishment, and environmental destruction. The intent of these actions are not to change a particular law, but rather to uphold God's law and Nuremberg Accords and to prevent crimes against humanity from occurring. During this time, seasoned resisters will share the critical spiritual preparation for, stories of and results of some actions.

**Forging Community Through Alternative Trade****Monroe**

In conventional trade and commerce, small handicraft producers sell their crafts for peanuts to aggregators who supply tourist or foreign markets and turn carefully crafted products into commodities. Similarly, small farmers, who produce coffee, cacao, or other cash crops, have traditionally been victimized by commercial buyers who monopolize purchasing and pricing in a “take it, or leave it” world. Alternative trade organizations, in solidarity with farming and handicraft communities, offer an alternative trade paradigm. This paradigm involves long-term, direct, respectful trade partnerships that promote global solidarity. Local churches and national faith-based organizations are active and critical partners in these projects. Come hear stories of how these projects have changed lives, how you can start a project in your own faith community, and other ways you can get involved in promoting an alternative trade vision that serves the most vulnerable. *Speakers: Peter Buck, Equal Exchange; Eliza Strobe, A Thread of Hope Guatemalan Fair Trade; Moderator: Catherine Gordon, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

**Gaza Unlocked: Stories from Gaza and the Blockade in Context****Harrison**

This workshop will look at what life is like for Palestinians in Gaza after ten years living under a crippling military blockade. It will explore the impacts of the blockade policy on people and institutions in Gaza and why current policy must change. It will also look at how U.S. and international policies and actions contribute to the continuation of the status quo in Gaza and what can be done to encourage change. *Speakers: Laila El-Haddad, co-editor, Gaza Unsilenced, author, Gaza Mom, and co-author, The Gaza Kitchen; Mati Gomis-Perez, AFSC Country Representative for Israel and Palestine.*

**Impunity and Destruction of Border Militarization****Crystal B**

Over the past two decades, the U.S. government has built hundreds of miles of fencing and deployed a massive enforcement regime on our southern border. Communities on both sides of the border and migrants have endured the painful reality of unchecked and unaccountable enforcement in the region, including cross-border shootings and abuses that remain in impunity. In this workshop, we will discuss the harmful impacts of militarization of the border region, as well as how faith communities and allies can advocate to ensure that the rights and dignity of those who live, travel through and seek safety in the border region are protected. *Moderator: Rebecca Eastwood, Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach; Speakers: Jennifer Johnson, Southern Border Communities Coalition; Hannah Evans, Friends Committee on National Legislation.*

**Interfaith Response to Islamophobia****Crystal C**

This session will cover a brief history of Islamophobia in the U.S., its negative effects on Muslims and people perceived to be Muslims, and how interfaith allies can proactively respond to stand in solidarity and protect their sisters and brothers of the Islamic faith. Presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. *Moderator: Larry Couch, National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; Presenters: Wardah Khalid, Church World Service; Catherine Orsborn, Shoulder to Shoulder.*

**The Racial Wealth and Income Gap****Potomac View**

This workshop will provide the history of what created, and what is sustaining, the racial wealth divides in our country, and provide the policy solutions that will tackle this divide. During the workshop, participant will play an interactive game that provides the historical context for how wealth was created for some communities and how wealth was stripped or denied from others. After, participants will have a chance to reflect and facilitators will walk participants through next steps in policy and advocacy to achieve racial wealth and income equity. *Speakers: Emma Tacke, NETWORK; Catherine Guerrier, NETWORK; Marlysa Gamblin, Bread for the World.*

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 Bread for the World  
 Campaign for Youth Justice  
 Church World Service  
 Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)  
 Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach  
 Creation Justice Ministries  
 Disciples Center for Public Witness / Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
 Episcopal Networks Collaborative  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 Franciscan Action Network  
 Friends Committee on National Legislation  
 Global Ministries (UCC & Disciples of Christ)  
 Global Ministries – The United Methodist Church  
 IMA World Health / We Will Speak Out  
 Interfaith Action for Human Rights  
 Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare  
 Jubilee USA Network  
 Latin America Working Group  
 Louisville Seminary  
 Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns  
 Mary's Pence  
 Mennonite Central Committee U.S.  
 National Council of Churches  
 National Religious Campaign Against Torture  
 NETWORK Lobby  
 Pax Christi International / Pax Christi USA  
 Peace Tax Fund / Center on Conscience and War  
 Sojourners  
 Spiritual Alliance to Stop Intimate Violence  
 The Carver Project  
 The Pilgrimage  
 THREEAfrica  
 United Church of Christ  
 United Methodist Women  
 USCCB Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development  
 World Renew/ Christian Reformed Church's Office of Social Justice  
 World Student Christian Federation

**CRYSTAL BALLROOM FOYER**

A Thread of Hope  
 Equal Exchange  
 National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Compassion, Peace and Justice  
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness  
 Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries (PCUSA)

## Onsite at the DoubleTree

Lobby Level Coffee Shop Serving Breakfast & Luncheon Sandwiches, Fruit and Starbucks and Sodas  
**Café** Serving Breakfast Buffett, Full Lunch Options, and Occasional Dinner Buffet  
 Lobby Bar Serving Sandwiches and Bar Type Food (Beginning in the Afternoon.)  
**Skydome** on the top floor of the North Tower — Revolving Floor with a Panoramic View of  
 Metro Washington, Finer Dining Option

## Crystal City Area Restaurants

<b>Café Pizzaiolo</b> - S. 507 23rd St., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 894-2250
<b>Kabob Palace</b> - 2315 S Eads St., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 486-3535
<b>Charlie Chang's</b> - 320 S. 23rd St., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 413-3440
<b>Freddie's Beach Bar (LGBTQ)</b> - 555 S. 23rd St, Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 685-0555
<b>Ted's Montana Grill</b> - 2200 Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 416-8337
<b>Jaleo</b> - 2250 Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 413-8181
<b>Cystal City Sports Pub</b> - 529 S. 23rd St., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 521-8215
<b>Lebanese Taverna</b> - 1101 S Joyce St., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 415-8681
<b>Legal Sea Foods</b> - 2301 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 415-1200
<b>Siné Irish Pub</b> - 1301 S Joyce St., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 415-4420
<b>California Pizza Kitchen</b> - 1201 S Hayes St., Arlington, VA 22202	(703) 412-4900

*For more information on area restaurants, please inquire with the DoubleTree Concierge.*

## Capitol Hill Area Restaurants

<p><b>HOUSE AND SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS</b>          Longworth House Office Building Cafeteria          Dirksen Senate Office Building Cafeteria          Russell – “Cups” Coffee Plus</p> <p><b>UNION STATION</b>          Center Café, Thunder Grill, Au Bon Pan, East Street          Café, McDonalds, Johnny Rockets</p> <p>The lower level has a food court with a variety of options. Capitol Brewery is across 1<sup>st</sup> St. from Union Station.</p>	<p>On the House side of the Capitol, is Pennsylvania Ave which offers a wide variety of eateries beginning in the 200 Block</p> <p><b>NORTH CAPITOL STREET</b>          Taqueria Nationale, behind the Half Shell, across from the fountain.</p> <p><b>F Street , west of North Capitol</b>          Phillips, Irish Times, The Dubliner, Quiznos</p>
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