

The 24th Annual Peace, Justice, & Environmental Conference



Is dedicated to the memory of
Martin Luther King, Jr.
and founding MUPJ member
Esther Webb

Peace Means Taking Care of Ourselves, Each Other and the Earth

Friday evening, April 3rd &
Saturday, April 4th, 2009

The Church of the Resurrection,
3315 Greencastle Rd
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Sponsored by:

**Pax Christi, Metro DC and Baltimore
and**

Maryland United for Peace and Justice/Institute for Positive Action

Purpose: This conference will explore the various ways that peace can be promoted within ourselves, with each other and with the earth. In addition, we will hear from high school students about some of the ways that they are doing this, or strategies that they would like to implement to promote peace in their lives, their community and on earth.

Conference Schedule

Friday, April 3

6:30 - 7:30 pm **Pot Luck Dinner**, home hospitality arrangements

7:30 - 9pm **Networking & Conference set-up**

Saturday, April 4

8:30 **Registration** (on site okay) Table set up, bagels, cream cheese, coffee, tea

9 am: **Welcome**

9 :15- 10:15 am: **Keynote: YES! WE CAN BE THE CHANGE WE SEEK: The Rev. Richard Deats, PhD.**, educator and author, (includes Q & A) <http://deatspeace.tripod.com/>

10:25 - 11:25am: **WORKSHOPS I**

11:35 – 1:00 pm Vegetarian LUNCH provided by Sunrise Caterers

Concurrent: **Maryland United for Peace and Justice, Inc. Business meeting
Entertainment by Margot McDonald**

<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewProfile&friendID=33522630>

1:10 – 1:40 pm Benjamin Peace Awards

1:40 - 2:40 pm: **WORKSHOPS II**

2:50 - 3:50 pm: **WORKSHOPS III**

4:00 – 4:15 pm: **Announcements and Closing**

WORKSHOPS

1. How to help the president rein in the generals: Ray McGovern
2. Witness Against Torture/TASSC: Matt Daloisio, Demissie Abebe and Scott Wright
3. Failure of Free-Market Capitalism: Next Steps Toward Peace: David Hilfiker
4. Let's Plant Peace in our Papers: Daniel Frasier
5. Organizing a Local month for Peace: MJ and Jerry Park, Joyce Lang, Marj Donn
6. Nuts and bolts on how to organize people: Alisa Glassman
7. Truth in Recruiting - Challenging the Militarization of Our Schools: John Judge and Pat Elder
8. Palestine Today: Facts on the Ground: Jean Athey and Pam Rasmussen
9. Panel discussion on Gaza: Susan Kerin, Sr. Anne Montgomery, Huwaidi Arraf
10. Network of Spiritual Progressives' Proposal for a Global Marshall Plan
11. Effective Media Advocacy: Chuck Woolery, NSP
12. How to Take Care of Each Other Through Universal Health Care: Jim Fite
13. Make Peace With Fear: Heidi Thompson
14. Nonviolence: The Means and the End: The Rev. Deats, PhD
15. Paying for Peace - War Tax Resistance & the Peace Tax Fund Bill: Ronnie Lowell
16. Caring for Creation and each other in the face of the Climate Crisis: Alison Fisher
17. Peace Means Resisting the Buildup to War in Africa: The Pentagon, Peak Oil, and Obama's Choice: Eda and Mike Uca-Dorn

18. US Trade Policy and the Effects on Migration: Jack McHale, Amanda Martin & Claudia Rodriguez
19. Peace Begins With Me - The Wellness Wheel: MJ Park
20. Bankers, Brokers, Bubbles and Bailouts: Steve Schnapp
21. Non-Violent Communication & Healthy Relationships:: HawaH
22. Circle of Life: HawaH
23. Challenge to Civil Liberties: David Rocah
24. Maryland Environmental Legislation Update: Jen Brock-Cancelieri

All presenters confirmed at press time, but program is subject to last minute adjustments and changes as necessary

MARYLAND UNITED FOR PEACE & JUSTICE, Inc.

In a statewide meeting of Maryland activists, agreement was reached to present a yearly peace and justice conference. MUPJ was started following the first statewide conference in April, 1986 to assist networking and to organize the annual conference.

Pax Christi, Metro D.C. and Baltimore

Pax Christi Metro DC and Baltimore holds an annual spring assembly each year. This year, we are very happy to join with our fellow activists from Maryland United For Peace and Justice/Institute for Positive Action in holding a joint annual conference with them.

MUPJ/INSTITUTE FOR POSITIVE ACTION

The IPA is the 501(c)(3)tax-exempt affiliate of MUPJ, dedicated to promoting nonviolence and peace education

FRED BENJAMIN PEACE AWARDS

Open to all public, private, and home-schooled high school students throughout Maryland, and this year in the District of Columbia, entries can be literary, artistic, or music. There are usually three topics based on the conference theme.

INFORMATION TABLES

Tables will be provided for those who would like to distribute or sell literature or other materials. Please so indicate on the registration form.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The premises are smoke-free. Please help us keep them scent-free as well by not wearing perfume, cologne, or after-shave.

CO-SPONSORS (at press time):

Adelphi Friends Meeting
Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (ASTT)
Baltimore Coalition Against the Death Penalty
Bethesda Friends Meeting
Citizens for Global Solution (Baltimore Chapter)
Fellowship of Reconciliation-DC Chapter
Generations for Peace and Democracy
Greenbelt Press

Howard County Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation
Little Friends for Peace
Maryland Conservation Council
Maryland Grandmothers and Other for Peace
Maryland Green Party

(Maryland) Interfaith Coalition for the Environment
Maryland League of Conservation Voters
Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Howard County
National Organization for Women, Baltimore Chapter
Network of Spiritual Progressives
One Common Unity
Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
Peace & Social Justice Committee
Peace Action Montgomery County
Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition
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St. Vincent de Paul Peace and Justice Committee
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Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville
Women in Black, Baltimore
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We also thank the following for their generous support:

Bill Wilson, Phil & Mary Chenoweth, Bob Cooke, Arthur Milholland, M.D. & Luann Mostello, M.D. and Ray Watts

Thank you all for making this conference possible!



DIRECTIONS TO

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 3315 GREENCASTLE ROAD BURTONSVILLE, MD 20866

From the Washington Beltway - Outer Loop

Exit at New Hampshire Ave. North, and continue 3 miles to Rt. 29. Take Rt. 29 five miles North of New Hampshire Avenue and the White Oak area to Greencastle Road.

From the Washington Beltway - Inner Loop

Exit at Colesville Rd/Columbia (Rt. 29 North). Take Rt. 29 five miles North of New Hampshire Avenue and the White Oak area to Greencastle Road. Turn left at the light. The Church will be on the left at the next intersection.

From Columbia, MD

Take Rt. 29 South, one-half mile South of Rt. 198, to Greencastle Road. Turn right. The Church will be on the left at the next intersection.

From Baltimore

Take Rt. 95 South to Rt. 198-West to Burtonsville. Go west approximately 7 miles, and turn left at Rt. 29. Turn right at the next traffic light (Greencastle Road). The Church will be on the left at the next intersection.



REGISTRATION FORM

Before March 25th, cost is \$25; after, \$30. Students/seniors: \$10

Registration includes vegetarian option lunch.

Note: **You may register later or on-site**, but please RSVP so we can order enough food.

Clip this coupon & send with payment to:

"MUPJ-IPA",
Paulette Hammond,
401 Westshire Rd.,
Baltimore, MD 21229

Info Paulette (410-747-3811) phamm001@earthlink.net
or Tony (301-390-9684)

Make check payable to: MUPJ-IPA
(Scholarships available — no one turned away for lack of money)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip _____

Phone number (s): _____

email: _____

Organization: _____

Do you plan to set up a literature table?

Yes No

Group: _____

Let us know the following by March 25th:

Need transportation? Yes No

Can provide ___ Need ___ Home Hospitality:

Fri. night Sat. night