

25th Annual Peace, Justice, & Environment Conference

Connecting to Create the Change We Seek – Creating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Beloved Community

Friday evening, April 16 &

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Owen Brown Interfaith Center

7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD, 21045

Sponsored by:

**Maryland United for Peace and Justice/Institute for Positive Action
and the
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of Columbia**

Purpose: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke of “beloved community” ...as the ultimate goal of nonviolent activism for peace and justice-- a global community of caring where poverty, hunger and injustice are no more. How can we put that into action today?

Conference Schedule

Friday, April 16

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

7:30 – 8:30 pm **MUPJ Business meeting**

8:30-9:00 pm **Networking & Conference set-up**

Saturday, April 17

8:00- 8:40 am **Registration** (on site okay) Table set up, bagels, cream cheese, coffee, tea

8:45-8:55 am: **Welcome**

9:00 – 9:30 **MD State Legislative Session Wrap-up:** Del. Elizabeth Bobo & Del. Sheila Hixson

9:35- 10:25 am: **KEYNOTE:** Rev. Graylan Hagler, Pastor, Plymouth Congregational Church, Wash., D.C-**Working for Peace & Justice During the Obama Presidency**

10:25 – 12 noon: **INFORMATION WORKSHOPS**

12 noon – 12:55 **Lunch** , vegetarian option

1:00 – 1:40 pm: **Benjamin Peace Awards**

1:45 - 3:15 pm: **ACTION WORKSHOPS**

3:30 – 4:00 pm **Remarks by Legislators:** Sen. David Harrington & Sen. Jamie Raskin

4:00 – 4:15 pm **Closing**

Informational Workshops (morning)

1. Militarization of America - At What Cost? Jean Athey, Montgomery County Peace Action
2. Where is the Concern for the Environment in the Energy Debate? Norm Meadow, Maryland Conservation Council
3. Israel / Palestine: Gael Murphy, Code Pink & Shelly Fudge, Chair of Jewish Voice for Peace in the DC region
4. Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (Iran and Pakistan, etc.): Ray McGovern, activist
5. The Last Great Epidemic- Nuclear Weapons: Art Milholland, M.D., PSR
6. Torture and Legal Problems of Bush's War on Terror: David Rocah, ACLU
7. Health & the Environment: Brenda Afzal, RN, U of MD School of Nursing Environmental Health Education Center
8. TBA: The Rev. Hagler
9. Cross Roads - Oligarchy or Economic Democracy? David Hilfiker, MD
10. Non-Violent Resistance Training. Max Obuszewski, activist

Action Workshops (afternoon)

1. Dept. of Peace & the Student Peace Alliance: Julia Simon-Mishel & Aaron Voldman; Maryland Youth Leadership Conf.: Josh Stieber, Iraq war veteran & CO
2. Green Bridge - Diversity in the environmental movement: Sen. David Harrington and Katherine Soffer
3. Organizing in Maryland on Israel/Palestine: What You Can Do: Representatives of J Street, Friends of Sabeel and Marylanders for Peace and Justice in Israel/Palestine
4. Grass Roots Action to End the Wars: Peter Lems, AFSC
5. Working to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons in 2010: Art Milholland, M.D. and Sr. Ardeth Platte, Jonah House
6. State Legislative Approaches to Peace Making: Pat Elder, Student Privacy Protection Coalition
7. Actions to Improve the Environment & Human Health: Brenda Afzal, RN
8. Claiming People Power and Not Corporate Power: Joe Adams, Fair & Clean Elections, and Sen. Jamie Raskin
9. Resistance Opportunities: Max Obuszewski
10. A Campaign for a Democratic Military - Countering Militarism, the Permanent War, the Poverty Draft and the End of Democracy: John Judge

All presenters confirmed at press time, but program is subject to last minute changes

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 promote networking and to organize the annual conference.

MUPJ/INSTITUTE FOR POSITIVE ACTION, Inc.

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, entries can be literary, artistic, or musical. Prizes are for essay, poetry and other art.

HOME HOSPITALITY

Home hospitality will be offered for out of town attendees. Please so indicate on the registration form if you need or can provide.

INFORMATION TABLES

Please bring your own table for those who would like to distribute or sell literature or other materials. Please so indicate on the registration form if you will be distributing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

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

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Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradle Rock Way, Columbia MD 21045

Take Rt. 95 to Rt. 32 west (towards Columbia). Make the first right onto Broken Land Parkway. Make the second right onto Cradle Rock Way. Make a left into the parking lot of the Owen Brown Interfaith Center.

REGISTRATION FORM

Before April 10th, cost is \$25; after, \$30. Students and retired: \$10 (Scholarships available—no one turned away for lack of funds)

Registration includes vegetarian option lunch.

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

Clip this coupon & Send with payment to:

**“MUPJ-IPA”, C/o Paulette Hammond
401 Westshire Rd.
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Organization: _____

Do you plan to set up a literature table?

Yes No

Group:

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