

Whatcom Peace & Justice Center

Year-In-Review • September 2009-10

EVENTS HOSTED OR CO-SPONSORED BY WPJC

September 2, 2009

Getting to the Heart of Interfaith with the Three Interfaith Amigos
Hosted by TWIG at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

September 21, 2009

International Day of Peace with Rev. John Dear
Co-sponsored by 34 businesses, schools, and congregations

November 4, 2009

Building Interfaith Relationships: Breaking the ice
Hosted by TWIG at First Congregational Church

November 12, 2009

A Woman Among Warlords with Malalai Joya (youngest member of Afghani Parliament)
Co-sponsored with World Issues Forum and Veterans for Peace

December 1, 2010

Protest and March: No troop surge in Afghanistan
Co-sponsored with WWU Socialist Alternative and Veterans for Peace

December 2010

Reasons for Hope Film Series
Hosted at WPJC; organized by volunteer Cheri Baird (3 films shown)

January 9-10, 2010

Dismantling Corporate Power with Paul Cienfuegos
Co-sponsored with People for a Peaceable Planet and Skagit County Green Party

January 18, 2010

A Hunger for Peace: MLK brunch & march
Hosted at St. Paul's Episcopal Church; co-sponsored by Veterans for Peace and the Mission Committee of First Congregational Church

February 23, 2010

Misconceptions & Misunderstandings: An Interfaith Conversation Café
Hosted by TWIG at First Congregational Church

February 26, 2010

VOSN Mid-Year Report to the Community
Presented by Gemma, Evan, and Connor

EVENTS, continued

March 9, 2010

From War Front to Home Front: Faith communities working with veterans

Hosted at First Presbyterian Church, co-sponsored with WA Association of Churches, WA VA & others

March 10, 2010

David Rovics: Concert & Candlelight Vigil for 7th Anniversary of Iraq War

March 29, 2010

Afghanistan: People, Land, War & Peace with Dana Visalli

April 27, 2010

Exploring Suffering & Reconciliation: An Interfaith Conversation Café

Hosted by TWIG at Faith Lutheran Church

May 26, 2010

Serving Our Soldiers: Military and peace communities working together

Co-sponsored with WWU Veterans Outreach Center

May 28, 2010

International Engagement in Afghanistan: Rethinking strategies of intervention

with Corey Levine, Canadian International Development Agency and the United Nations

June 2, 2010

Surviving Pinochet: An evening with Willie Lopez

June 25, 2010

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner with the End of the Road Stringband

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Alternatives to Military Service: 21 tabling events, September 2009-May 2010; including two career fairs.

Nonviolent Leadership: Restoring Community—Assembly presentation at Windward High School, followed by seven interactive workshops.

Peace Art & Presentations in four elementary classrooms at Roosevelt, Happy Valley, and Assumption.

CAMPAIGNS

Our Nation's Checkbook Campaign: Letters to Rick Larsen and Patty Murray, signed by 60 people including four members of the Bellingham City Council, urging them to redirect military funding into social programs and diplomacy.

FAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

April 18, 2010

MLK: The last five years

Hope Lutheran Church in Lynden

May 2010

Becoming a Just Peace Church

Marie facilitated a discussion for First Congregational Church

May 8, 2010

Christian Peacemaking as Radical Discipleship

Women's Intergenerational Breakfast, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Additionally, other WPJC-hosted or co-sponsored events have taken place at the following congregations: Faith Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, and First Presbyterian Church

MEDIA

Day of Peace offers chance to help make world better, by Marie Marchand

The Bellingham Herald—September 14, 2010

Article on Day of Peace, by Sam Taylor

The Bellingham Herald—September 22, 2010

Now is the time for Interfaith Dialogue, by Nick Mele and Dilara Hafiz of TWIG

The Bellingham Herald—November 2, 2009

Anti-war protest at WWU coincides with Obama troop increase announcement, by Sam Taylor

The Bellingham Herald—December 2, 2009

Article on the WWU protest, by reporter

Western Front—December 2009

About SWANK Productions, LTE by Marie Marchand

Cascadia Weekly—December 2009

About Selective Service, by Marie Marchand

Ferndale HS Eagle Eye—December 2009

Less money should be spent on wars, defense, by Marie Marchand

The Bellingham Herald—January 14, 2010

Veterans center supports, educates, LTE by Gemma Veldey

The Western Front—January 8, 2010

MEDIA, continued

Us vs. Them: The perversion of protest, by Marie Marchand
Cascadia Weekly—April 14, 2010

Says guns and money are anti-freedom, LTE by Marie Marchand
The Bellingham Herald—April 26, 2010

Veterans demand peace, by reporter
Western Front—May 18, 2010

Working together, we must serve those who have served, by Gemma Veldey & Paul Wright
The Bellingham Herald—May 19, 2010

Serving Our Soldiers, by reporter
AS Review, WWU—May 24, 2010

Pinochet survivor tells tale, by Sheila Dashtestani, WPJC Intern
Western Front—June 2, 2010

The Dove, WPJC Summer 2010 Newsletter

Applauds peaceful responses to war, LTE by Marie Marchand
The Bellingham Herald—June 20, 2010

Creating Hope: Story of a Guatemalan Peacemaker, by Marie Marchand
El Periodico—July 2010

Fallen Heroes: New program may help soldiers returning home, by Gemma Veldey
Cascadia Weekly—June 30, 2010

OTHER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & OUTREACH

Co-Op Community Shopping Day on October 17, 2009

Rick Steves Event: In February, Gemma spoke at this Village Books event to say ‘thank you’ to Rick and Chuck and Dee for donating the proceeds to WPJC.

International Women’s Day: In March, Gemma gave two presentations on how PTSD affects female veterans.

Project Homeless Connect: In March, Gemma tabled with volunteers for VOSN at the Veterans assistance office.

Tar Sands Community Forum: On May 20, 2010, Marie was the emcee at an event hosted by Fertile Ground and the WWU Environmental Center, featuring speakers Paul Cienfuegos and City Councilman Jack Weiss.

OTHER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & OUTREACH, continued

Ski to Sea: Tabling 10am-6pm at the Fairhaven Festival.

Protests: Supported protests against Israel's attack on the US and Turkish flotillas.

War & Global Health Conference: Anjali represented WPJC in Seattle, followed by a presentation to the WPJC Board.

Progressive Leaders Summit (Whatcom Progressive Grassroots Network): Holly is representing WPJC.