Since 2015, the Saudi-led coalition bombing campaign to dislodge the Houthis has created a humanitarian catastrophe for the Yemeni people and an international headache for Saudi allies. Is an end in sight? The presentation will provide a brief historical overview and a description of the local, regional, and international actors involved and complicit.

Val Moghadam is Professor of Sociology and International Affairs at Northeastern University. She has previously held posts at Purdue University and Illinois State University, and at the WIDER Institute in Helsinki and UNESCO in Paris. Born in Iran and the author of many books and journal articles, her geographic area of specialization is the Middle East and North Africa. Prof. Moghadam is a board member of Massachusetts Peace Action and a member of the Boston branch of WILPF.

Upcoming CCB Speakers and Musicians!

Cindy Sheehan, Byron Rushing, Jean Trounstine, Godfrey Muwulya

Tem Blessed, Cosy Sheridan

CBB HIGHLIGHTS

September
The Board voted to endorse two film events: Jews Step Forward, recommended by Ellen Mass and the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and the showing of We Did For You: Women’s Journey Through History, recommended by Virginia Pratt.

The Church architect presented a report on the building. He stated that construction costs including labor and materials were increasing between seven and nine percent annually. He stressed the need for CCB to engage in various construction projects.

November
The Board voted to support the Massachusetts Peace Action organization conference, held on November 17, at Simmons College, with a contribution of one-hundred dollars.

The report of the Building Committee (11-13-2018) consists of detailed items pertaining to the “CCB fire escape”, “fourth and fifth floor sprinklers”, and “cleanup of furnace room”.

October
The proposal to grant special recognition to the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice was passed with unanimous approval with a congratulatory note to the executive director Iván Espinoza-Madrigal.

Dick Keshishian, Clerk

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Padraig O’Malley is the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at UMass Boston’s the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies and author on topics related to divided societies. Born in Dublin, Ireland, O’Malley is an award-winning author and expert on democratic transitions and divided societies, with special expertise on Northern Ireland, South Africa, and Iraq. O’Malley was educated at University College, Dublin, and at Yale, Tufts and Harvard universities. His life as an international peacemaker is portrayed in the award-winning documentary “The Peacemaker”. O’Malley is the author of a number of prize winning books on Northern Ireland and he is also the founding editor of the New England Journal of Public Policy, a publication of UMass Boston’s John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies.

2018 Peace Abbey Courage of Conscience Award presented to Padraig O’Malley by Founder Lewis M. Randa

The mission of the Peace Abbey Foundation is to create and install public works of art that promote peace and nonviolence; and to administer and care for Abbey Interfaith Peace Chaplaincy, The Pacifist Memorial, The Animal Rights Memorial, Abbey Cremation Cemetery for Conscientious Objectors and the National Registry for Conscientious Objectors. Throughout the year, the Foundation presents the Int’l Courage of Conscience Award at conferences and peace ceremonies and extends the impact of the Peace Seeds interfaith prayers for peace through their dissemination worldwide. For information visit their website.

December 23 at 11:00 AM

“Embrace the Dark; Reach for the Light!: Solstice Magic” featuring Lorraine and Bennett Hammond & CommUnity Voices

Join Boston’s legendary musicians, wise and beloved sage/bards and community builders Bennett and Lorraine Hammond, as they take us through a journey through the solstice and its variety of meanings in the rainbow of cultures on this planet. Accompanied by CommUNITY Voices! Bring your best potluck holiday offering and holiday stories to share. Tamaleis by Luis Alonso Guzman!

December 30 at 3:00 PM

“Singing in the New Year” singalong with CommUNITY Voices & Constellations

Ring it in. Ring Them Bells. Forever Young: Julian of Norwich; Get Together; When the Revolution Comes; Swimming to the Other Side; New Long Sync; Give Light; Teach Peace; By the Rivers of Babylon; Side by Side. Ours is a Simple Faith: God Bless the Grass; How can I Keep From Singing; ....AND WHATVER OTHER SONG YOU WANT TO SING WITH US (let us know, we’ll learn it!) Singing at Community Church of Boston with CommUNITY Voices, Constellations and you!! Your holiday potluck offerings will augment Luis’ dishes. Adult beverages/libations allowed just this once.

January 6 at 11:00 AM

“#DeeperThanWater: Toxic Prisons & Abolition” with Adrian Coleman and Elizabeth Rucker

#DeeperThanWater works to hold the state accountable for the toxic environments and inhumane practices of MA prisons. We will discuss our work to uplift the voices of current and former prisoners while tackling the issue of toxic prisons from an abolitionist perspective.

Adrian Coleman is a member of the #DeeperThanWater core team and brother to Wayland “X” Coleman, a founding incarcerated member of DTFW. Adrian has been organizing and advocating for Wayland’s fair treatment and release for 20 years. Elizabeth “Ruckus” Rucker is a member of #DeeperThanWater core team, representing SURJ Boston (a multiracial organization mobilizing white people against white supremacy).

rockin’ blues by Chris James

January 20 at 11:00 AM

“From the N Word to Colored to Negro to Black to Afro then African-American and right back to the N Word or how we made Blackness so irresistible that they tried to take it away from us: A Cultural Reflection on Living The Dream” with Harold Steward

“Africa is my flesh: The Peacemaker” by Padraig O’Malley

Harold Steward is the Co-founder and Executive Director of Thinking Like A Black Galaxy, a Queer & Trans Theater based in Boston, MA. Most recently, Steward served as the Interim Executive Director of The Theater Offensive, a Queer and Trans Theater based in Boston, MA. In 2009, Steward founded Fahari Arts Institute in Dallas after recognizing a gap in the landscape for local LGBTQ artists of color in Dallas. Fahari Institute celebrates, displays and produces the work of queer artists from the African Diaspora.

February 3 at 11:00 AM

“TBA” with Khury Petersen-Smith

Khury Petersen-Smith is an activist and geographer who lives in Boston. He is a postdoctoral scholar at Tufts University, where he studies empire. Khury is an activist in the International Socialist Organization and has written and organized particularly on US empire, solidarity with the Palestinian struggle, and Black liberation. He co-organized the 2015 Black-Palestine Solidarity Statement, which was signed by over 1,100 Black scholars, activists, and artists.