

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

April 2009

Sundays at 11:00a.m.

April 5th -- RISING TIDE BOSTON

"Mobilizing for Climate Justice"

December 7-18, 2009 is the United Nation's 15th Round of Climate talks known as COP 15. No one knows what COP 15 is, just like no one knew what the WTO was before Seattle. Because the talk falls near the 10th anniversary of the WTO Shutdown in Seattle it seems a great moment to honor by rebuilding a grassroots nonviolent direct action movement that can influence the Obama Administration prior to COP 15.

Rising Tide Boston is a local climate justice group that uses popular education and direct action to address the climate crisis, not just as an issue of carbon in the atmosphere, but as a symptom of colonialism, capitalism, patriarchy, and other systems of oppression.

April 12th -- JASON LYDON

"Another Easter Story: Resisting Collaboration with Empire"

In the Christian tradition, Good Friday often presents itself as an anti-Jewish celebration blaming "the Jews" for the crucifixion of Jesus. Verses from the Book of John are taken out of context and spewed like hatred into religious services. We will re-read the Biblical story, challenge the anti-Jewish language, and hold those who collaborate with empire accountable for their choices.

Jason Lydon is our Congregational Director.

April 19th -- LEE FICH

"Annual Liberation Seder"

In celebration and honor of Passover we will gather for our annual Liberation Seder. This is the time when we remember the Jewish story of resistance and come together as a community to celebrate the timeless story of overcoming injustice and choosing to remember the connection to all struggles for liberation. Please remember to bring a potluck dish to share. Dean Stevens will lead us in song through the story telling together. This is an especially good Sunday to bring friends and family!

Lee Fich is a long time friend of the church who has led the Passover Seder for many years now.

April 26th -- International Workers' Day (part 1)

ANTHONY ZUBA

"Fighting for the Employee Free Choice Act"

Anthony Zuba, lead organizer of the Mass Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, comes to the job with a background in theology. Founded in 1996, Interfaith Worker Justice educates, organizes & mobilizes the religious community nationally on issues and campaigns to improve wages, benefits & working conditions for all low-wage workers.

Zuba considers the Employee Free Choice Act one of the most important civil rights bills of our time. It would ensure that when a majority of employees in a workplace decide to form a union, they could do so without the harassment, intimidation, illegal firings & other tactics employers now use to prevent workers' free choice. Both our faith-based and secular civic traditions affirm the right of workers to form and join unions. However, corporations have launched a massive, well-funded but undemocratic campaign to fight the Act and the unionization efforts it would surely spark.

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