

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

April 2010
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

April 4th -- Easter Sunday

JASON LYDON

"Did The Resurrection Turn Jesus Gay?"

Theodore Jennings wrote a book, *The Man Jesus Loved*, examining the role of homoerotic relationships within the story of Jesus. He specifically explores the possibility that the historical Jesus figure may have in fact not only been the prince of peace but maybe the queen as well. On Easter the Jesus story culminates in one of the most powerful moments in the story, Jesus' resurrection! There are those who believe that the resurrection was not necessarily of the Jesus figure himself, but the resurrection of his community to move forward and survive in the face of death. Queer theology offers an opportunity to explore all of the complicated border crushing and boundary pushing available to individuals and communities.

April 11th -- MARY ZEPERNICK

"Legalize Democracy"

Mary Zepernick has worked with women's issues and organizations since the 1970s. In 1982, she joined the staff of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, later serving on its U.S. Section board, including two terms as president. In 1986, she founded a WILPF branch on Cape Cod and wrote a political column in the Cape Cod Times for 14 years.

Mary was a founding principal of the Program on Corporations, Law & Democracy in 1995, and chaired WILPF's national "Challenge Corporate Power, Assert the People's Rights" campaign. A former teacher and trainer, she conducts workshops on the "democratic arts" and on dismantling racism, sexism & homophobia.

April 18th -- ELIZABETH SAUNDERS

"Protecting Ourselves from Toxic Chemicals in Our Everyday Lives"

Current government policies allow toxic substances to end up in our bodies without our knowledge or consent. We will discuss how to create proactive policies to prevent harm before the damage is done, and choose the safest alternatives based on: choice, progress and innovation; rigorous science; individual and corporate responsibility; and democracy.

Elizabeth joined Clean Water Action in January of 2001 as a Campaign Organizer working with the New England Zero Mercury Campaign and (shortly thereafter) the Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow a statewide coalition to prevent harm to our health from toxics.

April 25th -- UNITE-HERE

"Hotel Workers Rising - Standing with the Hyatt 100"

On August 31, Hyatt fired its longtime housekeeping staff at its three Boston-area hotels. Many of the fired housekeepers worked for their hotels for over 20 years. The firing of the "Hyatt 100" housekeepers stands as the most dramatic example of Hyatt's contributing to the nation's unemployment problem and healthcare crisis. The incident has drawn the ire of workers and community leaders alike, including Massachusetts Governor, Deval Patrick, who said that he would call on state agencies to boycott the three Boston-area hotels if the housekeepers were not recalled.

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