

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

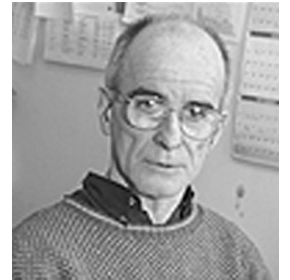
December 2008
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

December 7th -- Join us in Celebration!

2008 Sacco & Vanzetti Social Justice Award Ceremony

Presented to JIM HARNEY

Jim Harney lived with the poor of El Salvador; he lived with the Communities of Population in Resistance in Guatemala; he travelled to Acteal, Chiapas, Mexico to interview survivors of the 1997 massacre; he's travelled to Argentina, Colombia, Iraq and elsewhere to witness and report on the struggles that occur among the most oppressed segments of those societies. The power of the stories he has collected revolves around everyday people engaged in redefining power in their own lives and communities.



Joining in the celebration will be Jeanne Gallo, who has worked with hundreds of individuals and done decades of extensive human rights work in Central America. And we welcome Dean Stevens, singer-songwriter extraordinaire, who'll lead us in jubilant song. Following the program, please join us for a delicious Central American buffet.

December 14th -- Sr. CLARE CARTER and the FOUNDATION MOVEMENT

"The Three-Month Peace Walk from Hiroshima to Tokyo"

Our guests today participated in a walk from February to May of 2008 in support of Article 9 in the Japanese Constitution, which renounces war. The dramatic walk, originating at Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park, also preceded a global conference to abolish war held in Tokyo on May 4.

Sister Clare represented the New England Peace Pagoda, along with six members of its support community (including John & Carrie Schuchardt). The two men we know as the Foundation Movement did the entire walk as well. The Peace Pagoda newsletter described them thusly: "The hip-hop artists from Boston, Erok and Optimus, have amazed everyone--they walk all day and perform at night--rain or shine, wherever they are."

December 21st -- JASON LYDON

"Saturnalia: The Holiday Christmas Desperately Tries to Hide "

Saturnalia—a holiday in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture—was celebrated right around the time Christmas we declared. During the festivals the everyday rules were turned topsy-turvy. The masters waited on the servants. All sexual prohibitions were lifted. It was a time of true good will towards all men. So often only right wing preachers talk about sex and sexuality from the pulpit, we have got to be part of changing that. While many Christians will celebrate the virginity of Mary we will discuss healthy human sexuality and the beauty of the things that often happen in the dark.

December 28th -- Rev. ROBERT MURPHY

"The Green Revolution in Religion"

"Energy justice" and "environmental justice" are new themes that are being raised in many places. Unitarian Universalists and others are connecting economic justice and anti-oppression concerns to environmental protection issues. Today, we'll give special attention to energy issues in Massachusetts.

Rev. Robert Murphy is a former business agent for SEIU, Local 254, who is a leader in the "energy justice" movement. Bob has worked on community health and safety issues for many years and he now serves as the parish minister for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth, on Cape Cod.

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