

**Community Church of Boston**  
*A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920*

# sunday forums

**December 2010**  
**Sundays at 11:00a.m.**

**December 5th -- Marking World AIDS Day**

**MORRIGAN PHILLIPS**

**"The Unspoken Connection Between Incarceration and AIDS"**

Oprah and others continuously blame Black men who are "on the down low" for the rates of HIV/AIDS in Black communities. This story that has been created simply builds upon homophobia and forces men of color deeper into the closet. Not only is this insinuation homophobic, it is also not accurate. Incarceration is one of the highest contributors to the rise of HIV/AIDS in Black communities and it continues to do so with no accountability. We will discuss the realities of AIDS in our culture, the benefits and negatives of a "World AIDS Day," and what must be done to stop the increasing rates of HIV/AIDS in marginalized communities.

**December 12th -- GUNTRAM MUELLER**

**"Starting with START, Can We Think Outside the Bomb?"**

Guntram Mueller is convener of the United for Justice with Peace task force on Nuclear Abolition. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Peace Action board and very familiar with both the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the New START Treaty. Guntram will give an up-to-date report on New START ratification and an overview of plans for getting to "zero nuclear weapons" in the future.

The new treaty between Russia and the U.S. is a follow-on to the original START Treaty, which cut nuclear weapons and initiated an inspection regime so each side could monitor the other. That treaty expired last year. The New START Treaty would reduce nuclear weapons somewhat, but more importantly will again allow inspections, which reduce uncertainty and suspicion and make for a more stable situation.

**December 19th -- MUSLIM AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON**

**"Confronting Islamophobia: The Realities of Muslim Life in Boston"**

We will explore Muslim traditions and practices together while learning about the ways Islamophobia impacts the lives of Muslim people. We will learn how Islam calls Muslims to do justice and how that work happens locally and internationally.

The Muslim American Society (MAS Boston) is committed to providing a broad range of social services for the local Muslim and non-Muslim community. Successful projects in the recent past include the diversity training of hundreds of police officers and law enforcement officials, the distribution of 'udhiya meat to local Muslims and non-Muslims, reaching hundreds of youth with leadership and spiritual development programs, mobilizing Muslims to become civically and politically active, establishing a Speakers Bureau to address hundreds of requests for speakers on Islam, and initiating interfaith projects with local Christian and Jewish communities.

**December 26th -- Rev. JASON LYDON**

**"HOPE: The Story of Christmas from the Perspective of the Angels"**

This year the Theatre of Relativity brings to life another morality play by our late friend John O'Brien: two teachers, one bad student, a thorny situation. What's the right thing to do? It's an ethical dilemma! The cast will be made up of Jason Taylor and Jim Loutzenhiser. This staged reading is being directed by Michelle Markarian.

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