

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

March 2010
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

March 7th -- International Women's Day

LEBOGANG RAMAFOKO

"The Challenges of Women Today: A Voice from the South"

Lebogang Ramafoko is Senior Executive of Media at Soul City, a world renowned South African-based not for profit that harnesses the power of media for health promotion and social justice. On a more personal level, Lebo is a single mother of two children and a survivor of emotional domestic abuse. She spoke out about it in 2008, during the "16 days of no violence against women and children" celebrations on national TV.

This forum is co-sponsored with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

March 14th -- JAN CANNAVAN

"Centuries of Irish Revolutionary Women"

From the time of the prehistoric Celts to the present, Irish women have struggled for national freedom and defended their rights to equality as women. Much of this history has been erased by conservative Catholic sexism, until recent years when Irish Republican feminists have begun to restore women to their rightful place in the historical record. Our speaker will give an overview of some of the women who have worked to liberate Ireland from British (and American!) imperialism.

Jan Cannavan has been an active supporter of the Irish Republican movement for over 30 years, beginning with Sinn Fein in Dublin in the '80s. For six years she worked in New York with the Irish Women's Studies Group. Her primary research interest is the intersection of gender, class and national identity, particularly as these are manifested in Irish history.

March 21st -- LANI BLECHMAN

"Reproductive Justice and the Debate Over Women's Bodies"

What do abortion rights have to do with disability, economic, environmental, gender, and racial justice? How do abortion rights fit into queer liberation and youth empowerment? What's the connection between the right to have children, the right to not have children, and the right to healthy families and communities? Lani Blechman will join us in exploring these questions through a Reproductive Justice framework, by examining our values, and beginning to translate them into action.

Lani is a collective member of Translate Gender, on the advisory board of The Prison Birth Project, and Operations Assistant at the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program (CLPP).

March 28th -- LEE FICH

"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. 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.

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