

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

# sunday forums

**March 2012**  
**Sundays at 11:00a.m.**

**March 4th -- BRAZILIAN IMMIGRANT CENTER**

**"Building the Domestic Workers Rights Movement in Massachusetts"**

Following in the steps of California and New York, the Brazilian Immigrant Center of Boston has been heading the fight to secure a bill of rights for domestic workers in Massachusetts. Domestic workers are largely from the Brazilian immigrant community so it was natural that the Center is interested in ensuring they are respected and protected as all workers. Too often domestic workers are exploited by their bosses, forced to work in slave-like conditions, sexually harassed, and denied simple human rights. Organizing, education, and policy change are all part of the movement to protect Domestic Workers.

**March 11th -- Marking International Women's Day**  
**SUSAN McLUCAS, A.K.A. MARIAM SACKO**

**"Working to Stop Female Genital Mutilation" (with special music and dance of Mali)**

Sini Sanuman is a Malian NGO dedicated to eradicating female genital mutilation. In Mali, they started the Pledge Against Excision. They have music videos on television by famous Malian artists. They've organized a growing number of villages that have decided together to stop excising and keep a list of other such villages to work together.

Susan McLucas is director Healthy Tomorrow, a Boston group that helps Sini Sanuman.

**March 18th -- St. Patrick's Day weekend**  
**EDWARD CHILDS & JAN CANAVAN**

**"The Legacy of Ireland's Struggle from the Past until Today"**

The Irish struggle has been inspired by--and has in turn inspired--many struggles around the world. In Asia, Africa and South America, the Irish connections are deep and well-known. The ties in the U.S.A. are less well-known, but also run deep in the Labor Movement here. It has touched even more deeply the historic black Civil Rights struggle, from Frederick Douglass to Marcus Garvey and from Martin Luther King to Chuck Turner.

Ed Childs and Jan Canavan are long-time activists focused on Ireland and its troubles; each has spoken on these issues at Community Church before.

**March 25th -- EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS ABORTION FUND**

**"The Fight to Make Abortion Available to All"**

Women's bodies are constantly the target of political debate whether it's access to contraception, access to abortion, or simply having basic control over their own choices. National attention was recently given to the congressional hearing on contraception that had an overwhelming lack of women's voices.

The EMA Fund is an all-volunteer group of fifty people who want to make sure that women and girls in eastern Massachusetts have access to abortion. We know that if you don't have money, abortion might as well be illegal. For us, access to abortion is a matter of social justice, reproductive justice, economic justice, fairness, and human rights.

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