

Community Church of Boston
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sunday forums

May 2008

Sundays at 11:00a.m.

May 4th -- Marking the International Workers' holiday

SANDY EATON, RN

"Support Safe Staffing at Our Acute-Care Hospitals"

Sandy Eaton has labored in the field of hospital-based patient care in Mass for nearly 45 years. With the corporatization of health care picking up steam, he organized the first demonstration for patient safety on the steps of the State House in 1993, uniting RNs, LPNs & student nurses. Still fighting the transformation of health care into an assembly-line, just-in-time industry, he is a vice-chair of Mass Care and sits on the statewide board of the Mass. Nurses Association. Sandy has helped build the Coalition to Protect Massachusetts Patients (www.protectmasspatients.org), now 125 organizations strong (including CCB), pressing for passage of H.2059 to set a limit to the number of patients a nurse must care for at one time. With 2000 patients dying every year in this state from hospital-acquired infections and injuries, urgent intervention is needed!



May 11th -- JOO YOUNG CHOI

"Understanding Trans-Racial Adoption Through Art and Experience"

"So you found your real parents? How did it feel to go back home?" These phrases are ones I have encountered as a Korean adoptee who has had the privilege to travel to the place of my birth and reunite with my birth family. Today I will discuss the trouble with these comments and the complicated and beautiful life I have led as a Korean adoptee who has met her birth family. Beyond giving my own take on Trans-Racial Adoption 101, I will share how art has been my method to understand what being adopted has meant to me.

JooYoung Choi is a student at Massachusetts College of Art and the director of our Justice School. She is also a professional painter and Korean-american transracial adoptee. JooYoung has been speaking about her experience as a Korean adoptee for several years and has reunited with her birth parents. Currently, JooYoung focuses her artist talks on her actual art, transracial adoptee culture and her reunion experience.

May 18th -- CITY LIFE/VIDA URBANA

"From Tenant Organizing to Eviction Blockades: Building a Grassroots Movement for Community Control of community Resources"

Since 1973 City Life/Vida Urbana, based in Jamaica Plain, has been organizing tenants and community members primarily around issues of housing with ongoing support of labor struggles, public education issues, anti-racism, and more. Most recently City Life/Vida Urbana has been getting attention for the ongoing tenant organizing as banks attempt to evict homeowners and renters. Join us as we discuss the rising threat on homeowners in Boston and the ways communities have come together to fight back.

May 25th -- Memorial Day weekend

ALAA MAJEED

"An Iraqi Woman's Courage in Journalism"

Alaa Majeed, now residing and working in the U.S., was a reporter in Iraq for McClatchy News. In the midst of war, the women of McClatchy's Baghdad bureau risked their lives just to do their jobs. They've been targeted for their work; they've lost family members and friends; their homes have been destroyed. Driven by a desire to report to the world about the true situation in their country, six women were the backbone of the bureau. Since the war began in 2003, Iraq has become the deadliest country in the world for journalists. This conflict is the bloodiest for journalists since World War II.



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