

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

November 2008
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

November 2nd -- To Vote, or Not To Vote? (part 2)

JAMES HEROD

"Discrediting Representative Government, Fostering Direct Democracy"

Over and over again elections are stolen by those in power and "the people" are unable to rise up and demand accountability. With each bill, act, and executive order that gets passed we watch our ability to control our lives disintegrate. In a global context the G8, WTO, IMF, and others have more control over our lives as those in elected power represent the interests of government. James will look at a broad historical and global perspective to remind us that, "voting just encourages them."

James Herod is a long-time activist/organizer in anarchist communities and author of *Getting Free: Creating an Association of Democratic Autonomous Neighborhoods* as well as a number of other papers on anarchist praxis.

November 9th -- Honoring Veterans for Peace

JOHN SCHUCHARDT

"War: The Bridge to Nowhere"

John Schuchardt was co-founder in 1990, with his wife (Carrie), of The House of Peace in Ipswich, MA--to care for victims of war. An attorney and former Marine officer, he has been active in the Plowshares nuclear abolition movement, Veterans for Peace and peace initiatives in Viet Nam, Nicaragua, Japan, Yugoslavia & Iraq.

November 16th -- SURESH NAIDU

"The \$700 Billion Question: What is Going on with the Economy?"

Over the past 45 days the stock market has plummeted, gone back up, gone down, and so on. The U.S. government bought approximately \$250 billion in bank shares (with no voting power). Homes are being foreclosed on. What is going on with our economy? The talk will focus on the political economy of the financial crisis, how the Fed and the Treasury bailout package could work, and the implications for those of us without gigantic asset portfolios.

November 23rd -- The THEATRE of RELATIVITY

"Two Doors", a play by John O'Brien

Actor/director Jason Taylor has written, "Last year, being a part of John O'Brien's last staged reading was a joy beyond imagination for me. As the event was coming to a close, I asked him if he believed in an afterlife. His reply: 'I'll soon find out'. I am sure that John will be taking a break from his heavenly duties to join us on Sunday, November 23rd."

John's special skill as a playwright was always to find humor in the darkest of places. Atypically, "Two Doors" takes his characters to a place where even he could find little humor--a marriage on the rocks. The Theatre of Relativity reunites to perform this staged reading with Joseph Garland, Jason Taylor and Celeste Oliva.

November 30th -- World AIDS Day

TONIA HINES

"Health Care Access in Communities of Color"

Tonia Hines is affiliated with Healing Our Land and has been involved in the struggle against HIV/AIDS for over ten years. Ms. Hines will discuss the barriers to health care and the extreme disparities that inhibit black women from accessing these needed services.

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