

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

October 2008
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

October 5th -- PAMELA EDWARDS

"Don't Just Take It--Take Charge!"

Massachusetts Senior Action Council (MSAC) was founded in 1981 to promote the rights, well-being and dignity of all people, particularly vulnerable senior citizens. It is a democratically run membership organization, open to people of all ages, with over 2500 members statewide. MSAC has a proud history of effective community organizing and legislative advocacy on health care, housing, transportation and other issues.

Pam Edwards has worked for MSAC since 2005. She is the community organizer for three of its ten active chapters: Cambridge, Metro North and North Shore. Prior to moving to Massachusetts, Pam served for nine years as a local union president. She's enjoyed working in coalition with other progressives on local and state campaigns that have greatly improved people's lives.

October 12th -- Indigenous Peoples' Week I

LEONARD PELTIER DEFENSE COMMITTEE

"Free Leonard Peltier! Free All Political Prisoners!"

Leonard Peltier has been in prison since 1977 as a political prisoner in the United States. Leonard was an active leader in the American Indian Movement (AIM) and was set up by the FBI after a shoot-out at Pine Ridge which left one Indigenous man Joseph Stuntz, dead and 2 FBI agents dead. Leonard's case is internationally recognized as one rooted in racism and political suppression by the U.S. government. The movement to free Leonard is internationally networked and is always gaining more support. Leonard is also a former recipient of the Sacco and Vanzetti Social Justice Award.

October 19th -- Indigenous Peoples' Week II

GLORIA ALBA ANDINO LOPEZ

"Forced from Home: U.S. Policy and the Roots of Migration"

Gloria Alba Andino Lopez from El Regadio, Esteli, Nicaragua is head of a small farmers' association called "La Union". For more than 20 years she has represented organized resistance to the detrimental impacts of neoliberal economic policy, which damages small farming communities such as hers. Gloria is also involved in several women's groups, including micro-financing projects, plus education & training around marginalization, women's rights, the environment and health.

Witness for Peace-New England, sponsors tours of international human rights leaders and activists like Gloria from throughout the Americas. Last fall we hosted a woman from Venezuela. Through these tours, the speakers are able to call upon U.S. citizens to work toward reforming unjust policies that contribute to poverty and oppression.

October 26th -- To Vote, or Not To Vote?

MERELICE & GARY HICKS

"Electoral Politics as Strategic Action for Justice"

The Green-Rainbow Party is rooted in 10 Key values, Grassroots Democracy, Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice and Equal Opportunity, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community Based Economics, Feminism, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus on Sustainability. Our speakers will engage us in a dialogue about the strategic use of voting to make changes in our society.

Merelice is the co-chair of the Massachusetts affiliate of the Green-Rainbow Party. Gary Hicks is a former co-chair. Both are committed organizers in Boston's progressive communities.

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